

MONMOUTH HAS GREAT HISTORY

School for Teachers Established in Early Days By Settlers

MONMOUTH, Ore., Dec. 31.—Eighty years ago, in Monmouth, Ill., a small group of men and women became imbued with an idea to go into the far western frontier and found homes—only personal and individual habitations, but to found a home of education; an establishment of learning, "where men and women alike may become schooled in the science of living, and in the fundamental principles of religion."

They talked the idea over on long, cold winter evenings. They made plans and, as they proceeded, discussed the why's and where-fors, and were ultimately agreed that in going into a new, wild country they must strive not merely to carve a secure place to dwell, to afford protection from the Indians, and to build up a community settlement, but they must go farther. They must provide their posterity with the great blessing of cultural enlightenment.

In 1850, Squire S. Whitman and Thomas H. Lucas, as the vanguard of this enterprising group, came to Polk county and located claims. They were joined a little later by Ira F. M. Butler, Albert W. Lucas, William Murphy, Elijah B. Davidson, and John E. Murphy, who with their wives, made the long arduous journey. At first they were scattered somewhat throughout the valley, studying places and embryonic possibilities for a location. But they did not lose sight of their central aim and purpose, and about 1854 they concentrated in the choice of the territory surrounding and including what became Monmouth, Oregon. Allen Shirley and William Mason were other pioneers who moved their families to the same place later in the year. The first survey of the territory was made in 1855 by T. H. Hutchinson.

In deciding upon a name for the "town" this interesting incident occurred: As the proposed institution of learning received always the first consideration, trustees were chosen before ground was selected or broken for its erection. A tiny group—some authorities say five—as the first organization of any sort to be here, met and voted on "Dover" and "Monmouth," the two names proposed. The vote stood 50-50 for each name, so Ira F. M. Butler, who acted as chairman, was privileged to cast the deciding vote, and as he had formerly been a resident of Monmouth, Ill., he cast his ballot for "Monmouth."

A little grammar school was built in 1856 where the Davidson Photo studio now stands, and Judge Cowls of McMinville, acted as teacher. A Christian church, organized in 1856, held services in the little square schoolhouse with John E. Murphy as first minister. The early books of the church have been carefully preserved, and here is a copy of the first minutes:

"Pursuant to previous notice, the brethren at Monmouth, Polk county, met to elect officers for the government and service of aforesaid church, to wit: Three elders and three deacons, which resulted in the choice of Elijah B. Davidson, John E. Murphy, and William Murphy for elders; William Mason, Elijah B. Davidson and Albert W. Lucas for deacons. (Dated) Monmouth, Polk County, Oregon Territory, Fourth Lord's Day in July, 1856."

Only temporary "shacks" were first built about the town, but in 1857 residence building commenced in earnest. One of the first was the old Ebbert home erected on the corner opposite the tiny schoolhouse. This old dwelling, razed a few years ago, showed evidences of superior workmanship in its staunch walls and framework. Other dwellings went up in slow succession.

In 1858, the building to be known as Monmouth university, was begun. There was no solicitation for money for its erection or its support. Four of the promoters—Thomas H. Lucas, Squire

S. Whitman, Elijah B. Davidson, and Ira F. M. Butler, aided by J. R. Smith and John Harris, furnished it all by donating among themselves 500 acres of land. The university building, completed the next year, was not architecturally attractive—some say it was not even attractive to look at. One of the originators is quoted as remarking at a public gathering: "Our surroundings are new and cruel here. We must control them; not let them control us!"

The membership of the little church and the scholarship in the university was largely concurrent. When the university building was completed it superseded the little grammar school for church gatherings. In time this dual-function building also became inadequate, and the central wing of the brick structure, later to become the nucleus of the Oregon Normal school, was built in 1871. With the Bible alone as their inflexible rule of practice, these pioneers were courageous in the face of superhuman difficulties; optimistic when defeat seemed to start them in the fact. They had come here for a definite purpose and they would not entertain a thought of failure no matter how strenuous the struggle—nor how long and arduous the path to climb.

Other settlers came to swell the community number. Joseph B. V. Butler opened a small store and became the first postmaster. W. Hart also opened a store. A drug store, a harness shop and sash and door factory came with the coming of more settlers to the town. Among the names of early presidents of Monmouth university, or Christian college, as it was called for a time, are found Professor Thomas W. Haley, Professor L. L. Rowland, and Professor A. D. Butler. In 1869, Professor Thomas F. Campbell came from Montana to preside over the college, serving with distinction for 13 years. He laid the foundation for a real college, and was largely influential in promoting the ultimate growth and expansion of the school prior to 1900. It is interesting to note that in addition to his duties as president of the school, he taught the fundamentals of the Bible, preached at regular intervals, and began—about 1870—the publication of the first newspaper in Polk county, known as the Christian Messenger.

Monmouth was known from its beginning as a synonym of chaste morals and earnest Christian character and scholarship, for its citizenry was dedicated to the outlawry of saloons, no lot ever being sold here except with the explicit understanding that the presence of such a scourge should forfeit title.

Eventually the building and grounds were donated to the state of Oregon by the Normal school, such a step being fully in keeping with the progressive educational ideals held by its pioneer founders. Other distinguished presidents who have served the institution were: a son of Thomas F. Campbell, the late Prince L. Campbell, who later went to head the state university as president; and President Rossler, who for 7 years endeared himself to the students of the school and the people of the town. When the state legislature voted no appropriation in support of Normal schools some 20 years ago, President Rossler taught on a Monmouth for many months without salary—as did many of his faithful co-workers—in order that students, who were seeking credentials to enable them to teach, might not be disappointed. And even at that late date many residents of Monmouth, well-wishers of the school who could scarcely bear to see its doors closed, gave freely to keep it in session, many of the women cheerfully wearing calico all one year that they might give to the cause of the school. Local courage and optimism has ever dominated the welfare and progress of this old institution.

J. H. Ackerman, who became president in 1911, when Monmouth Normal again received financial support through action of the state legislature, was one of the outstandingly active educators of the state, and progress for the school marked his continuity in office. The state added a woman's dormitory and teacher's training department building to the campus during Mr. Ackerman's regime.

J. S. Landers, the present president, succeeded as chief executive

HIGH QUALITY NUTS GROWN

Local Growers Produce Filberts and English Walnuts Here

By L. D. WARING
Bethel Heights Walnut Orchards
Rickreall, Oregon

In the vicinity of Salem are a number of notable plantings of English walnut and filbert trees. Some of the oldest and most productive individual trees, as well as some highly profitable commercial orchards are here. Undoubtedly, Western Oregon and Washington nuts of both varieties exceed the rest of the world in quality of fruit and growth of trees. Our equable climate, both summer and winter, accompanied by abundant rainfall, and the deep and fertile soil of certain sections seem to be the ideal home of this type of tree. The quality of nut produced is such that all the world markets offer a premium of two cents or more per pound for Oregon walnuts and filberts.

Future Looks Good
This has developed much interest in the future of nut growing in the Salem district. To the business or professional man seeking an outlet for surplus funds, or for those who would work their own orchards, a most gratifying opportunity for sound investment, is here offered. Growers have obtained actual yields of \$300.00 per acre from some young groves, much more from older plantings, with the logical expectation of ever increasing yields as the trees become older and larger. A walnut tree will increase in production for as much as one hundred

of the school following Mr. Ackerman's death in 1921. The largest student enrollment the school has ever known has been registered under Mr. Landers' efficient leadership.

Although Monmouth has never experienced a "boom," such as certain manufacturing, lumbering or a rich mining strike can induce, the town has maintained a steady, conservative growth in population, in progressive building achievement, and in city beautification. Most of the original business buildings have been replaced with large permanent structures of tile and stucco, of brick. Concrete walks; paved principal streets; and fire-fighting equipment approved by the national board of fire-insurance underwriters; an excellent city water system providing pure mountain water; a post office of the second class; and a standard high school and gymnasium are all utilities indicative of Monmouth's forward march of progress.

It is noteworthy, also, that many descendants of the pioneers who conceived and helped to build Monmouth three quarters of a century ago, are among the present residents and co-workers for Monmouth's prosperous progress today.

years. Under favorable conditions a crop may be expected at seven years from planting, and at 15 years of age will be paying a better interest on the investment than the average fruit planting of the same age. From this time on, a well cared for and properly located walnut grove represents an asset of ever increasing value—a sound investment with substantial returns assured.

Much Study Needed
This does not indicate, however, that nut-growing is an industry to be plunged into without due consideration and study of attending problems. These are numerous and vital. And while there is much yet to be learned and as yet the best informed on the subject, the following suggestions, if carefully observed, should be of help to the prospective purchaser of nut land. The location of the orchard with reference to soil and drainage is of the utmost importance. Without soil of at least four feet depth and well underdrained, there can be no successful nut culture. Slope is not of great importance. Texture and moisture holding qualities of soil are prime requisites, as, in order to mature sound and well-filled nuts, the trees require an abundance of moisture throughout the growing season, or until well past mid-summer. Filberts may be planted on soils somewhat shallower and of less perfect drainage than that required by the walnut.

Arrangements should be made for intensive tillage. In the case of young trees deep and frequent subsoling at a distance from the trees and extending to the middle of row spaces is highly important. This induces deep oxidation of the soil, increases its depth and improves its texture and thereby enhances its moisture holding qualities. This causes the feeder roots from the trees to form at a greater depth and over a larger area, and greatly simplifies future cultivation problems.

Certain intercrops may be planted between the tree rows, but is not always advisable.

Two Brands Established
The Franquette and Mayette are the two established commercial varieties for this section. There are newer sorts of great promise, but the conservative grower will stick to the proven varieties for the present.

There are other phases of the subject of more or less minor importance which will engage the attention of the grower. These can best be worked out in conjunction with advice from experienced and reliable growers and the expert station at Corvallis. You will find the growers a progressive lot, and ready to help in a constructive way. The problems of nut culture are many, but by no means insurmountable. They are being daily overcome by men of courage and knowledge of the business. The market for the nuts is good. Profits are satisfactory though not bordering on the fabulous.

Investment Sound One
The investment is sound. To the conservative man there is no more attractive line of endeavor than the growing of nuts in Oregon in the vicinity of Salem.

HUNDREDS SEE FORD MODELS

Attractive Automobiles on Display for First Time Here Yesterday

Improvements in design and refinements in general body construction were observed in the new Ford models, on display yesterday, by the hundreds who flocked to the Valley Motor company on North Liberty street. A marked increase in the number of orders was reported by company officials, and requests for demonstrations were numerous.

The first thing which caught the eye of the casual observer was the new design of the radiator and the new lines in the cow and hood. A car is known by its radiator and the new Ford will be known chiefly for its higher, narrower shape and its long trim lines.

The shell is of highly polished rustless steel. The top follows the lines of the old model, with narrower lines down each side, which curve into the juncture at the starter opening in the center of the lower section. The front fenders are wider, heavier and of more streamline effect. The interiors are roomier, the body being lengthened in some models. The wheels are smaller and the tires are larger. The hub-caps and radiator caps have been flattened.

Several citizens have expressed wish for some sort of a variety, notions, or general department store. At present, the community has a first-class theatre and a goodly number of grocery stores, restaurants, garages and other businesses. Reconstruction of the Hollywood theatre after the fire of last spring has been credited with improving business in the community to a considerable extent.

DAMAGES AMOUNT GREATLY INCREASED

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The supreme court opinion was written by Justice Bean and modified the decree of Judge Jacob Kauzler. The suit was brought by Mrs. Goode to reform a contract and for an accounting under the contract. The lower court held that there were due from the defendant percentages on the business and taxes aggregating \$11,118.56, but that the defendant was entitled to credits and off-sets totaling \$10,804.28.

By its modification of the decree the supreme court holds that the defendant is entitled to only \$1623.29 in credits, leaving \$9,499.17 for the plaintiff to recover.

HOLLYWOOD NOTES YEAR OF PROGRESS

New Business Firms Locate in Growing North Salem District

The Hollywood community has acquired several new business firms the past year and has made real progress. A large Richfield service station built at the junction of Fairgrounds Road and North Capitol streets has been an addition of 1929. A newly established agency for Kimball pianos also has headquarters in the Hollywood district. Several citizens have expressed wish for some sort of a variety, notions, or general department store. At present, the community has a first-class theatre and a goodly number of grocery stores, restaurants, garages and other businesses. Reconstruction of the Hollywood theatre after the fire of last spring has been credited with improving business in the community to a considerable extent.

PRIEST OUTLINES JANUARY WEATHER

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