

Latest News Covering Central Willamette Valley by Capital Journal Special Correspondence

Independence and Monmouth Enjoy True Prosperity

Independence, June 2.—It is said that all things come to him who waits and this is true with Independence in a great measure. Citizens have waited and now everything is headed toward Independence. And Independence is like a city set upon a hill—it cannot be hidden. In this great west side valley there is no spot that has more of the building essentials; and in many respects Independence surpasses them all. Their fort is the great timber belt of the Siletz basin. Their guns are the most productive farms and hop yards, and their many other active industrial institutions. And their ammunition, which flows into the hoppers of Oregon's industrial welfare in great streams, are the best building materials, the finest grains and hops and the most luscious fruits that the world has ever produced. They are equipped to fight the "hungry wolf" better, perhaps, than any other section of the Willamette valley. People who can be happy and prosperous anywhere can be happy and prosperous in Independence; because, in addition to the great rewards for those who court mother earth's favors by use of the fertile soils and by converting their monster tree plants, which have been growing for these many years, into lumber for the markets of the world, the town is backed by a cooperative and industrious class of people, who are just now encouraged over the prospects for the future. What prompted this new life in Independence is not a matter of great importance, but it may be said that the development of the mills along the Valley & Siletz railroad, and the renewed hop interests, together with better roads and better schools, have given the people renewed hopes, and they will work in harmony to develop every resource. Another large mill is under course of construction by the Siletz Logging & Lumber Co. at what is known as camp 1, and a large mill at Hoskins was recently completed. Independence being the terminus of the Valley & Siletz railroad, is made headquarters for these enterprises, and they are proving a great benefit to the city and country. There are a number of smaller mills southwest of Independence owned and operated by private individuals. Some years ago the writer predicted that the time would come when Independence and Monmouth would be one great city, the metropolis of Polk county. The prediction may have been the result of strong imagination, it may have been inspired—it may have been crazy. But tendencies of the present point toward the fulfillment of that prophecy.

Monmouth is located two miles west of Independence and with the paved road completed all the way between the two cities they become nearer from every standpoint.

Facts About Monmouth

Monmouth is located twelve miles southwest of Salem on the Salem-Falls City branch of the Southern Pacific railroad. Of the soil in the country surrounding it can well be said that there is none better in Oregon. It is sufficiently rolling to require little artificial drainage, is well adapted to the production of all kinds of fruits and berries and to dairying and stockraising. Although no longer considered a wheat country, spurred on by the inducements incidental to the war, Monmouth raised last year 199,000 bushels of wheat. Individual farmers in the district raised as much as 4000 bushels of wheat in addition to oats, vetch and other seed crops. A single prune orchard near Monmouth, it is said, harvested 75,000 pounds of prunes which sold for \$15,000. Cherries grown in and around Monmouth have more than a local reputation.

The Monmouth Creamery makes more than 300,000 pounds of butter last year.

Monmouth is the home of the Oregon State Normal school, the only state normal in Oregon. It is a city of 500 inhabitants, exclusive of the students, of which there are normally 400. The summer normal this year will be of twelve weeks duration instead of six, and everything points to the best summer term in the history of the school. There will also be a six weeks term at Pendleton conducted under the direction of the Monmouth board of regents.

Oregon leads the world for Jersey cows and Monmouth leads Oregon. The Monmouth Herald, ably published by R. B. Swenson, is one of the great factors in the development of the city and country.

There is located in this little city a tile factory owned and operated by R. U. Stegquist and G. H. Partridge, and there is said to be an inexhaustible supply of material close at hand to keep the plant in operation for many years. They are building a side track from the Southern Pacific road to the plant and in the future brick will also be manufactured as well as building blocks.

This week will see the completion of a new gravity water system, providing water from Teal creek, a distance of eleven miles, which will furnish a supply of water sufficient for a population of five thousand or more inhabitants.

Within the next year the Bank of Monmouth has more than doubled its resources, and this may be taken as a criterion by which a correct estimate can be made upon the prosperity of the community. The resources at the present time are close to \$5,000,000.

The Willamette Valley Lumber Co., under the management of Ed Hamilton, will build a saw mill in Monmouth this season, if present plans are consummated, and there is every reason to believe that they will be. Jointly the citizens of Monmouth and the Monmouth city council have purchased a site for the mill and will donate the same to the company as soon as arrangements are fully made to construct the mill. Surveyors and an attorney were in the city yesterday looking after the preliminaries pertaining to the proposed mill. Mr. Hamilton says the capacity will be 25,000 feet per day. Logs will be hauled by rail from the company's timber belt on the Luckiamute river.

By a recent vote of the citizens of Monmouth it was decided to build a gymnasium costing \$11,000, and work will be commenced soon. It will be finished before the first week of school this fall. In addition to this

The Baptist church society is building a large and modern office, and it is noticed that civic improvements throughout Monmouth are many. There is a new spirit of progress manifested and the city is making rapid strides forward at the present time. The passage of the millage bill at the recent election has helped the normal school more than one hundred fifty per cent. It helped Monmouth and it helped Oregon.

Spring Valley Man Held On Charge Of Having Booze

Dallas, June 2.—James McLaughlin of the Spring Valley country has been arrested by Sheriff John W. Orr for having intoxicating liquid in his possession. Mr. McLaughlin had a barrel of cider with a raisin kick in it which was destroyed by Sheriff Orr. He has thus far made four barrels according to evidence received. Some young men have been getting intoxicated in that part of the county and it is presumed the source has probably been discovered. Mr. McLaughlin will appear before the justice court in Dallas for hearing in the near future.

Gasoline Thieves Drain Tanks Of Monmouth Cars

Monmouth, Or., June 2.—When Edward Nolsen left his car standing out in front of his house Monday evening he forgot that gasoline was scarce to everyone else as well as himself. He had driven to Salem that day to get his tank filled, and the next morning, when he was ready for the day's drive, the tank was empty. Some miscreant had taken possession of the entire supply. Evidently there were two carloads of gas thieves in Monmouth that night as a man named Jones lost a tank full of gas in the same way.

Silverton Lodge Visits Convention At Scotts Mills

Silverton, Or., June 2.—Members of Beaver camp, M. W. A., and the Royal Neighbors will go to Scotts Mills this evening in great number to attend the Royal Neighbors district convention which is in session there. Scotts Mills has always shown a hospitable spirit under such circumstances and there is always a big attendance at the royal neighbors suppers.

A baby boy was born yesterday to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Robinson.

B. H. Conkle, former principal of the Silverton high school, is visiting in the city.

Prominent Young Couple Married At Independence

Independence, Or., June 2.—Miss Mary Purvine was married Sunday afternoon to Edward O. Brown, a prominent farmer of this community. The ceremony was performed by Dr. Dunsmore, pastor of the Presbyterian church in Independence, at the home of the bride's parents near McNary station. Only intimate friends and relatives of the contracting parties were present. They will reside upon Mr. Brown's farm near here.

Mrs. Zaldie Putnam Kellogg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Putnam of this city died in Salem Sunday. The funeral was held Monday and was conducted by Dr. Dunsmore. Mrs. Kellogg was

well known in Independence where she spent her girlhood days.

Mrs. D. D. Davis received a check for \$2000 yesterday from E. D. Holt, head clerk of the Modern Woodmen of America, whose office is at Rock Island, Ill. This was given in payment of the life insurance carried in that order by her husband who died a couple of weeks ago. The policy was paid in full and promptly.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Butler of Portland visited at the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. Ward Butler, yesterday. They will visit in Salem and Silverton before returning to their home in the Rose city.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Patterson and Mr. and Mrs. James Martin and son of Portland visited relatives here the fore part of this week.

Owing to a broken shaft, the ferryboat was hung up on the east side of the river nearly all the forenoon yesterday and as most of the traffic to and from Salem goes by way of East Independence now there was much delay and vexation. Cars were lined up on either side of the river for two or three hours waiting for the repairs on the boat to be completed.

Dallas Schools To Close June 11

Dallas, Or., June 2.—School for Dallas pupils will close June 11th, but the last few days will not be all work, as a very exclusive entertainment has been prepared.

Saturday, June 5, the three-act comedy, "Green Stockings" will be presented at the high school auditorium by the senior class.

Sunday, June 6th, the baccalaureate services will be held at the high school auditorium at 5 o'clock p. m., under the direction of Rev. S. J. Benney, pastor of the Christian church.

The grade pupils will put on the operetta, "The National Flower" at the Majestic theatre on Tuesday evening June 8. More than 150 pupils will participate in the operetta.

Wednesday, June 9th, the seniors will be the guests of the juniors at the annual junior-senior reception.

Friday, June 11th, graduation exercises will be held at the high school

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Woodburn Nine Defeats Speedy Portland Team

Woodburn, Or., June 1.—The fast Kerr Gifford team came up from Portland Sunday telling how they were going to clean up Woodburn. They were too sure. They were a fast bunch but not fast enough to take home the bacon. The score:

R. H. E.	
Woodburn	2 7 4
Portland	6 10 1

Next Sunday Woodburn is scheduled to appear on the Salem diamond against that team.

State House Notes.

Applications for increases in rates for services were filed with the public service commission, Tuesday, by the Cottage Grove Electric company and the Drain Water company, both of Cottage Grove.

John C. Murphy of Portland has been admitted to the practice of law in Oregon. Murphy was a member of the Washington bar association before coming to Oregon.

Watchfire Kept Burning.

Miami, Fla.—Another stamp dance has been held by the Cherokee Indians near the hamlet of Murphy, around the Indian campfire which has not been quenched for two score years. This is a watchfire of the Cherokees and is kept burning as a memorial to the "Great Spirit."



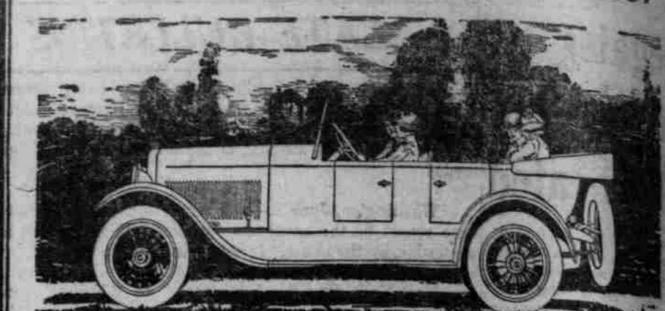
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