

Polk County Observer.

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"The town of Monmouth is situated in the center of the richest part of Polk county, eight miles south of the county seat, Dallas, and two and one-half miles west of the thriving town of Independence, and contains a population of over 400. The location is a beautiful one, on a rich rolling prairie, and for general healthfulness, the site is all that could be desired. Monmouth offers many advantages, and those contemplating any enterprise are invited to confer with our citizens. The Observer will be read in every township and at every postoffice in the entire county, and therefore unexcelled as an advertising medium."

The Observer four months for 50cts.

Personal Mention.

R. C. Percival is in very poor health.

A. W. Lucas was at Salem Monday evening.

David Martin visited his friends near Dallas this week.

A. P. Wolverton and wife left Tuesday for Spokane Falls.

John Griffin, of Salem, was a caller in Monmouth Sunday last.

Judge N. L. Butler was here on business Monday and Tuesday.

Eld. Burnett of this town is now engaged in a protracted meeting at Aumsville.

Mr. Adkins of this place who has been sick for some time past is now improving.

Mrs. Dr. J. C. Byrd spent the week here with her mother Mrs. Wolverton.

Oliver Waller returned home from a few days trip to the Grand Round vicinity Tuesday.

Johnny Volkas, of Independence, our old time friend, is now real estate agent. He will be a success.

The County Surveyor was doing some work for William Percival the first of the week.

Mr. Tatom, of Kings Valley, was in town Tuesday. He is a brother of our townsman, James Tatom.

Dr. Loughary and Dr. Farley have returned to this county from their studies at Bellevue Medical College, New York.

Frank Collins has shipped several car loads of wheat this week. He still has about thirty thousand in his house unsold.

Dr. D. H. Agnew, the most eminent surgeon in America, died in Philadelphia, Wednesday the 18th, in his 70th year.

Prof. T. F. Campbell, organized a church at Oakland, Or., with 26 members last week. Of this number 21 were new converts.

J. E. Miller and family have moved to their farm west of town. Mrs. Howell took possession of the home here and will reside among us.

Our old friend, T. J. Richmond, of Dallas, stopped in town a short time Tuesday, while on his way from his farm a few miles west of town.

Eld. R. M. Messick will preach at the Salt Creek Grange hall in the north part of the county on the 5th Sunday in this month. Everybody invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cosper, of Dallas were here Monday. Harry brought his gun along, and made good use of the day gunning snipes on the creeks west of town.

A. N. Halleck has, of late done quite a lively business gathering up old iron in this vicinity. He shipped several tons, and is now securing iron for E. Bunce Independence.

Prof. T. F. Campbell returned from Oakland, Oregon Tuesday. He speaks of a pleasant trip, and that business and prosperity is the outlook for that part of the state.

Major Johnson and family, of Peoria, Linn county are visiting Mr. and Mrs. James Russel of this place. The Major was at one time a resident of this town and has many friends who are always glad to see him.

Prof. T. F. Campbell will go East soon, where he will complete arrangements for the publication of one of his books. His visit will extend over a large part of the eastern states.

Miss Mollie Merriman, of this place, who has been attending the State Normal School at Monmouth returned home Tuesday morning her eyesight being too much affected to permit of study.—*Medford Advertiser.*

Dr. and Mrs. Gilbert, of Salem, were in town a few days this week. The Dr. has charge of Mrs. Ebbert's case, who we are pleased to say is much improved at this writing. Dr. Gilbert is comfortably located at Salem and he will find a host of friends there, as is the case every where he goes.

It seems as though the democrats are quarreling among themselves. When friends fall out all the rascality comes to the surface.

HERE AND THEREABOUTS.

April showers last Sunday.

Every body is making garden.

The county roads are improving.

Send in the news from your place.

Circuit court meets at Dallas May 14th.

Boom your town. Talk it up, work for it.

If you want your town to improve improve it.

We are pleased to note business is picking up.

Tramps are beginning to put in an appearance.

Attend to little things about the ranch; there is millions in it.

Young men's republican clubs are being organized all over the State.

The painters brush is swinging lively decorating many of our houses.

The new M. E. Church will be dedicated at Perrydale on the second Sunday in May.

There are great ice jams in the rivers of Wisconsin and Minnesota, and the ground is still full of frost.

A number of the substantial farmers of this vicinity have made us agreeable calls this week.

There seems to be a general livening up in the real estate transfers all over the county.

Attention is directed to our advertisements. Read them, you will not regret it.

There will be as great an amount of building and improving in this town this year as in any year of the recent past.

The flag floated at half mast on our Dallas court house Thursday, in respect of the departed statesman, Roscoe Conkling.

A picnic will be given on Thursday and Friday, May 10th and 11th, by the Independence cornet band, at that place.

The location for the court house at McMinnville has been surveyed and the county has taken the deed for the same. The ground was donated for the purpose by Mr. H. Tucker.

Hon. C. W. Fulton, presidential elector, will canvass Oregon this fall in behalf of the republican party. Mr. Fulton is an able speaker and will make an effective canvass.—*Astoria Cor.*

Independence is getting ready for a grand boom this summer. It is being warmed with enthusiasm, over the prospects of several new buildings and new enterprises.

There will be an excursion on the narrow gauge to Sheridan, on Thursday the 26th. The I. O. O. F. of that place give a picnic; it will be a good time and no doubt, a large crowd will attend.

Wednesday a party of men left Corvallis to open a quarry of superior sandstone recently discovered within eighteen miles of that city. The quarry is owned by state railroad commissioner, Waggoner.

If in the spring the young man's fancy gently turns to thoughts of love, the result ought to bring new business to Monmouth ministers who are still to be found at the old stand, and have a hearty welcome for all Oregon couples who wish to be wedded.

Every body is busy, our store keepers are doing a good business, the farmers are busy with their summer fallow and with their gardening this beautiful weather, and all nature bespeaks a bountiful return of good things needed, to carry us through another year.

The cleaning up of property and repairing it, is one of the noticeable features of Monmouth these days. Nothing adds more to the looks and inviting appearance of a place than to see all the houses occupied and some one putting the premises in order. This is the case here.

An exchange says there are 3000 known classified and described species of fish. And yet a man can fish in good waters all day long and never catch one solitary specimen of the smallest kind, and bringeth home with him only a two weeks' routine of malarial fever. This, also, is vanity.

The *Courier Journal* gives a pen picture of the defaulting Kentucky State Treasurer, "Honest old Dick" Tate thusly, "He was the soul of honor, uniformly courteous, sunny in temperament, revered by the people, light-hearted and gay, a man of the world who knew its vices, and to a limited extent partook of them, a good Baptist but not a pious man. He will henceforth ornament the choice colony of American bank presidents, cashiers, embezzlers and defaulters who are so rapidly populating Canada."

The *Oregonian* puts it about right. In every publication designed to attract people to the Pacific North-

west the superiority of the climate should be especially set forth and dwelt upon. It will be found that though there are other advantages and attractions, this is the greatest of all. To those now coming from the East, whereas yet there is hardly a suggestion of spring, our region presents a most inviting and delightful appearance. It is like a sudden change from a wintry to a vernal world.

The county court awarded the contract for furnishing 32 plows to Polk county for use in road districts to the following named persons: Goodman & Douty, 8; Cooper & Connoway, 8; Frank Collins, 16.

Evening Telegram (Portland): The Narrow Gauge railway has not, strictly speaking, got there yet, but it will be on hand in due time, having at last secured the right of way across the public levee at the foot of Jefferson street. Perseverance, zeal and money eventually succeed in this world.

On last Saturday one of the truck wheels of the passenger coach of the north bound train on the O. R'y. broke between this place and Airlie and the car was derailed. It was brought to this place and left until Monday when it was repaired.

An accident occurred at Perrydale last Sunday, two young sons of L. Livyrmore, got some powder and put it in a pan and ignited it with the result that both got severely burnt.

By our mistake the name of Frank Butler did not appear on our county ticket for surveyor in the two preceding issues. It is there now, and as his is a very fortunate nomination fully qualified to fill the office, he will be permanently on the ticket after June as our county surveyor.

Record of Deeds.

The following deeds were recorded with the county clerk this week:

J. M. Stants and wife to Catherine E. Stump, tract of land section 4 T 10 S W 5 containing 18 acres more or less consideration \$125.

John Wiles and wife to Walter T. Wiles, tract of land in Polk and Benton counties containing 429 acres.

John F. Groves, sheriff, to G. D. Handford lot 1 block 5 Independence consideration \$55.

John F. Groves, sheriff, to N. H. Butler and R. M. Smith, lot 1 block 1 Monmouth \$200.

John Groves sheriff, to E. C. Clemon tract of land 185 acres.

John F. Groves sheriff, to J. W. Vansheyver lot 1 block 3 also lot 3 block 7 Independence \$2650.

Calif Killed by a Bear.

Last Saturday a cinnamon bear caught and killed a two-year-old heifer belonging to Judge F. A. Chenevorth, of Kings Valley. The bear was very large and dragged its prey over fifty yards. It was not captured.

Changing hands.

This week the Moss property in town was sold. It is a neat residence and will be repaired and improved by Judge Dawson.

Chas. Lanktree has purchased the Shelton property in the north part of town and will move his family there next week.

Mrs. Humphrey has sold her property to a man in the lower part of the county, who will move here soon.

Other places are being negotiated for, and there is not a vacant house in Monmouth, that is, they are either occupied or rented.

Monmouth W. C. T. U.

Monmouth W. C. T. U. meets in the church each Saturday at 3 p. m. Everybody is cordially invited to meet with us. At the last regular meeting the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing quarter: Pres., Lucy Gard; Vice Pres's., Mrs. D. T. Stanley and Cassie Stump, Rec. Sec., Maggie Butler; H. A. Adkins; Cor. Sec., E. Percival, Treasurer; Organist, Lou. Humphrey; Usher, Mrs. Richardson; Sup't of Flower Mission, Clara Gard.

Returned Home.

Dr. W. H. Parish returned home Tuesday, after taking a course of special lectures at the Medical Department of the Willamette University in Portland. The Dr. is a well equipped man in his profession and has many friends here who are glad to see him back again. He has fitted up a neat residence in this town and intends making it his permanent home. We trust he will meet with much success among us.

Senior Class.

The Senior Normal class will complete their final examination this week. The work of the class, which is so well done, in every respect, reflects much to their credit. The class consists of ten young ladies and ten young gentlemen, as follows: Misses Ida Smith and Lena Butler, Monmouth; Lizzie Jakes, Salem; Inez Hamilton and Sarah Wimberly, Roseburg; Vida Worth, Peoria; Lot-a-ground, Clem; May Woodbury and Jean McDaniel, Harrisburg; Isabelle Gray, Philomath; Messrs, C. A. Jones, Jefferson; Rob't. Burnett and E. C. Pentland, Monmouth; H. J. Littlefield, Lafayette; W. L. Worth,

Peoria; W. S. Carpenter, Marshfield; T. A. Wann, Ballston; S. Shedd, Shedd, J. A. Houck, Tangent; S. Goodnight, Battle Ground, W. T. The Senior College class contains the following members: J. W. Dawson, Monmouth; Geo. Houck and J. A. Houck, Tangent; S. Shedd, Shedd Station. The Commercial class also consists of four members: Miss Florence Baber, Junction City; G. C. Bacon, Oregon City; J. D. Murphy, Buena Vista; H. W. Shieves, Dallas; making in all twenty-eight. The school year is drawing rapidly to a close. Only a few more weeks and all will be busy with preparations for commencement, which judging from the number that compose the senior class, also the large attendance during this term, promises to be one of the most pleasant within the history of the school.

Shame.

Ed. OBSERVER:—There are some young men of this place, who make a practice of talking out loud in church. Shame on such who do not have any more respect for themselves and the feelings of others. Nothing can be more distasteful and disgusting than a disturbance in the house of worship. This item is particularly applicable to some, and if they still persist in this disturbance, their names will be given to the public.

Seals.

Says a Southern Oregon exchange, "The Cowitz river for several miles from its mouth is alive with seals which followed up the vast schools of sea gulls which come along to feast on the same delicious little fish. The seals can be seen by hundreds swimming about in search of prey, going down when a boat comes along bobbing up serenely when it has passed."

Independence Locals.

Mrs. Dr. Lee has been quite sick this week, but is now improving.

L. W. Robertson and family returned to this town Wednesday. They will make their future home among us. Mr. Robertson will go into business here. We are glad to see him back again.

A large number of our citizens attended the lecture of St. John at Salem Monday evening. His talk was very interesting especially to the republicans.

E. Bunce is now engaged putting up his foundry. This is of great importance to our town and we are all anxious to see him succeed.

A meeting was held Monday by a number of citizens to take in consideration the feasibility of starting a cannery. We can see no reason why this would not be a success.

J. C. Laranusir is painting his little candy shop up in neat shape. Remember the place on front st.

H. M. Cooper, of Eastern Oregon, is among us this week. He is looking after the interest of his property here.

Steam power will be used to run the water works from this on.

W. W. Williams new dray, is a sample of good work. It is the best this side of Portland—and we don't doubt it.

The stakes have been set for grading the streets. Now comes the work Independence will boast of the best streets of any town in the county when this work is finished.

Our business men all look happy—and we know why they are, because business is good.

Painting, repairing, in common with the rest of our neighbors is keeping all hands busy.

The OBSERVER is becoming quite a familiar visitor to our town. Long may she live.

Amity.

Miss Clara Brotny has returned from Portland.

Cal. Booth made a business trip to Portland last week.

Mrs. Dr. Smith is quite low with pleura pneumonia.

Frank Emmitt, of McCoy, and Henry Keyt, of Perrydale were in town the other day.

Jas. Ritchie, of Portland is spending the week visiting our town.

Mr. Curry's family moved to Dayton last week, and the vacated house is occupied by John Briedwell.

The Amity hotel opened up last week and is doing a good business.

Prof. Booth, of Willamina, was in town Tuesday.

Allison and Briedwell have received a new stock of dry goods and are showing up in fine style.

Last Saturday afternoon a match ball game was played at this place, between the first nine of Amity, and the Bethel club, the score standing 16 to 31 in favor of Amity.

The second term of Prof. Powell's music class in the tonic sol-fa system ends Friday evening. The class is very enthusiastic, and has been making rapid progress. We think it is the correct system, and heartily recommend Prof. Powell as a teacher.

Normal Notes.

Miss Ida Comegys returned this week to the Normal, after a few days visit at her home.

Messrs. Hawley and Holmes have also returned to school after a few days absence to their parental residence.

Mr. Chas. Fenton, of McMinnville visited us at the chapel the first part of the week.

Prof. Powell gave us an interesting lecture in the chapel last Thursday morning, also Miss Doughty the morning previous.

The balmy days of spring are upon us—the time when young men's thoughts lightly turn to love and causes some of our number to seek the inviting shades of the grove, one couple in particular. Mr. B. says that he is not the one.

A conclusive proof that the Normal is gaining favor in the minds of the people is the fact that there is a larger attendance here at this time of the year than ever before. The number enrolled being 95.

We are pleased to learn that Mr. P. of the Senior Normal has purchased the R. H. Moss place, and is improving the same in a very suitable manner. We are glad to welcome such enterprising men in our town.

The athletes who expected to play the Amity nine at Dallas Saturday, were disappointed by receiving notice that they could not play on account of the inability of some of their players to be present. It is hoped that the athletes may yet have the privilege of meeting them.

Dallas Locals.

The campaign will soon begin.

Geo. Foster, of Dixie was here this week, on business.

Sheriff Groves, has Bennewitz (notorious jail breaker) pretty well under control. One of his ankles is quite sore from the late caper.

Harry Coad, of Goose Neck, was among friends here this week.

Geo. Belt, of Salem, and candidate for second term of prosecuting attorney's office was here on business this week and shaking hands with the boys.

Coad & Riley are improving changing and repairing their sash and door factory. They are in the band of first class workmen.

Dr. J. B. Langhary, will return this week from the Bellevue Medical college N. Y. The Dr. is a popular young man and will succeed among us. We will be glad to see him back again.

Trout hunting is indulged in by a number of our older citizens.

Dallas is improving. Moving houses and the hammer and saw can be heard in all parts of town.

The bankrupt stock of goods being closed out by C. G. Coad are going fast.

H. L. Fenton is in Portland this week. We will look for a new stock of goods.

The weather has been so warm, it has kept people in the shade—that is, they are not to be seen on the street.

McCoy.

Concert in the church to-night.

The book agent is abroad in the land.

Some interesting discussions occur among us occasionally.

Messrs. Neal and Post are buying up 6000 head of cattle for parties in Portland.

A few of our citizens heard St. John lecture at Salem.

"Uncle Tommy" Warriner is very sick at his home near Bethel.

Holt Frazer formerly of this county, is lying dangerously ill at his home in Morrow county.

Ham Hawley made a trip to Medford last week, returning on the 17th.

Prof. J. P. Powell closed his musical institute at Amity on the 20th, with an attendance of 100 pupils.

Occa.

Buena Vista.

School will start Monday, Mrs. W. L. Wells will teach a three months term. While William is out finding the value of Polk county property his better half will engage the minds of the youngsters at school.

It is quite refreshing to know that we can have a republican paper published in Polk county, the *POLK COUNTY OBSERVER*. It should be taken by every republican in the county and we can cheerfully recommend it to our democratic friends.

The county ticket placed in the field by the republicans is a strong one. All are good men and if republicans vote the ticket it will be elected. The republican party is not dead, it has lumbered for a season, it has a great work yet to do. Perhaps Col. John P. Irish can capture the state with Cleveland's sack, not if republicans vote their ticket.

Something hard to find in this part of the county. What? A third party man.

Bishop Dubbs, of Ohio will hold services in the church at this place on Thursday, April 26.

Buena Vista lodge, No. 24 I. O. O. F., elected at their last meeting as representatives to attend the grand lodge that meets in Portland in May, H. B. Stanley and J. M. Prather.

Spring goods, late styles, arriving at H. R. Patterson's, Independence.

C. G. Coad is closing out the bankrupt stock of goods lately brought to Dallas. They are all first class goods and must be sold.

A first class jeweler is now engaged at the store of H. R. Patterson, Independence. Good watch and clock repairing. Give him a call.

Go and see the bankrupt stock of goods at Dallas. They must be sold in the next 60 days. Now is the time to get good bargains.

Extremes never meet.

Why did one of our strongest advocates of a third party stand upon a street corner a few evenings ago and talk for an hour in favor of the principles of democracy, particularly that portion of their platform wherein they denounce "sumptuary laws?" Is it a fact that the men who occupy the other extreme of the temperance cause feel called upon to make defense of this plank for fear that the people may understand it to mean just what it says and refuse to vote for such principles, and thereby aid the republican party? or is there another cause back of all this. The voter will form his own conclusions. We repeat "extremes never meet," but "a fellow feeling makes us wondrous kind."

Rustling.

The farmer must follow the plow, and must sow. The soil he must till and the meadows mow. The herdsmen must follow his goats and sheep. As they climb over hills that are rugged and steep.

The shoemaker pegs at his boots and shoes. The editor rushes to hunt up the news. The carpenter hastens to drive in his nails. The cooper is making his buckets and pails.

The grocer is selling his coffee and tea. The doctor is rushing his patients to see. The brewer is making his ale and beer. Hunters are searching the wood for deer.

The sailor is climbing the top sails to reef. The butcher is vanding his mutton and beef. The lawyer is pleading his case in court. And armies are striving to capture the fort.

A teacher is teaching his pupils to read. The notary public is making a deed. While real estate agents are selling a farm. The ladies respond to the fire alarm.

Longshoremen are loading the vessels with wheat. The trucks are rattling over the street. The prisoner is guarded in the cell.

And ministers point to the dangers of hell. They plead with the sinner from sin to repent. As the banker is counting loans and per cent. The miser is hoarding money in bags. While poverty covers the slothful in rags. The brakeman must rustle to manage the train.

As it rapidly travels in sunshine and rain; The engineer rushes to keep up the steam, in the boat ascending the dangerous stream, The printer must hasten to set up the type, And fruit-men must gather fruit when ripe, The painter must hasten to finish the house, And cat must be quick to secure the mouse.

The baker must rustle to get out his bread, By the time the multitude comes to be fed, The dog in compassion is licking the sore. Of the poor wounded man at the milliners door.

The blacksmith is hammering iron and steel, The weaver is winding the yarn on the reel, The mournful will sigh the happy will sing, We know not to-day what to-morrow will bring.

What to-day we are hating to-morrow is dear, What to-day we are seeking to-morrow we fear, Today we desire what to-morrow we shun, And tremble to think of things we have done.

When men go to battle and victory gain, The slayers must bury men they have slain, We have to be busy on farm and in shop, It takes lots of rustle to keep at the top.

The mass of humanity cannot be still, For life is an incessant climb up the hill, An constant endeavor the dangers to brave, When scarce out the cradle we drop in the grave.

A man wrote to Beecher to learn of a place Where there's no rustle and neither disgrace, And got the plain answer "there's none to be found Except the one quiet place under the ground." —W. WATERHOUSE.

Business Mention.

I. T. Mason the dentist, at Dallas.

J. C. Worth's fine groceries.

The F. M. A. Store. New goods.

Read our new advertisements this week.

Connaway & Cooper hardware men Independence.

Dentistry first class work done by I. T. Mason at Dallas.

Paints, Oils, Varnish at H. R. Patterson's, cheap.

The highest price will be paid for old iron by E. Bunce, of Independence.

The Farmers Supply Depot, Monmouth and Independence.

Burbank seedling potatoes for sale at H. W. Murphy's farm, between Independence and Buena Vista. Any one wishing seed potatoes will do well to call on Mr. Murphy.

Go to Shelly & Vanduyne for your dry goods, clothing, etc., Independence.

Fenton & Trutt, the leading merchants of Dallas, look at their stock before going elsewhere.

We call special attention of our readers to the hardware establishment of Connaway & Cooper Independence. These men are live business men and are dealing fairly with the public. Give them a call.

Spectacles properly focused and accurately fitted at H. R. Patterson's Independence. Every pair sold fully guaranteed.