

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 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 every postoffice in the entire county, and therefore unexcelled as an advertising medium.

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Business Mention.

I. T. Mason the dentist, at Dallas. J. C. Worth's fine groceries. Read our new advertisements this week. The F. M. A. store has new goods. Cannonway & Cooper hardware men Independence.

The latest in the jewelry line at Henry Patterson's.

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

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

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

For fine watch work go to U. N. Grant at H. B. Patterson's.

The finest line of dress goods ever brought to Polk county are to be found at C. G. Coad's the new store Dallas.

All goods will be sold at C. G. Coad's new store, Dallas, at prices that defy competition. You should not miss the chance to examine this stock before purchasing elsewhere.

Goodman and Douty have four "Davis" sewing machines, which they are offering at a cost for the next thirty days in order to close them out. They are first class, call and see them.

J. S. Waterhouse has a full line of paints and oils, give him a call.

Go to see the opening of new goods at the new store at Dallas.

Those who stock at the Farmers Supply Depot are nobby and cheap.

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.

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. Every pair fully guaranteed.

Specacles properly focused and accurately fitted at Henry Patterson's. Every pair warranted. No fit no sale.

Messrs Barzee & Robertson are filling up their Monmouth store with a fine line of goods, among other things we notice a nice lot of wall paper.

You can get first class cedar shingles from Goodman and Douty, Independence.

Henry Patterson has just received a new stock of all the latest novelties in the jewelry line. No other goods in his stock. Drop in and examine them.

Shelly and Vanduyt are in the lead with the largest stock of general merchandise in Independence. Their prices compare with the times and all goods are warranted first class.

Go to Dallas and get the advantages of the low prices, that the new stock of goods are being closed out at. This is the first time in Polk county that new goods were ever sold cheap. Now is your time.

The "Osborne" mower has an improvement this year which is far ahead of anything. Call and see them at Goodman and Douty's Independence.

Thousands of ladies say it is the best they ever used. They mean the White sewing machine—you will find them at Buster & Vernons, Independence, brick block.

Dr. Waterhouse of this place has made some remarkable cures of bad cases of chronic female complaint; he cures every case, even after physicians have given them up. Correspondence solicited.

Parties contemplating building, will do well to consult Barzee and Robertson, who sell the best quality of lumber at the lowest prices on shingles, sash and doors for sale.

Note the following specialties: Shelly & Vanduyt's 45 inch enameled skirting, Newport scarfs, and see the chinile cord, fancy orange goods and ble scarfs, etc.

All farmers who intend to buy an Osborne binder should call on the new "Osborne" at Goodman and Douty's, Independence, and see the many new improvements. Vanduyt's tirely new road wheel guaranteed.

The celebrated bread, a goods just received, heard of absolutely guaranteed. The goods for the money.

Mrs. LaRausier's orphan in of ladies muslin underwear. Court, gloves, mits, collars, cuffs, one of wear, handkerchiefs, socks, stolen tions, books, croquet set, At the ing elsewhere.

J. G. Crawford of the question's gallery of Albany at this place till the 12th of June. He has a number of taking the graduates of the kind of photographs. Hodges, of and out door views. The children views will be a quite a promptness. We are quite a class work. Pleasants freak. It We use the inscriptions on a great and can make a drawing on the cloudy weather. They leaves the purpose of making a jump up, CRAWFORD strike the fore paws.

Personal Mention.

E. S. Cattron went to Portland Friday.

J. G. Crawford, the artist of Albany is doing our town.

Mr. Baughman who left here for Eastern Oregon a few weeks ago returned Wednesday.

Hon. Warren Truitt addressed the republican club very acceptably last Tuesday night.

Prof. B. F. Mulkey, whose school closed at McCoy last week, was in town two days this week.

Hon. N. L. Butler, of Dallas, favored our town with his genial presence Thursday evening.

General Sheridan's sickness continues very serious and his death may be expected at any time.

Arthur Wilson, of the printing firm of Crombie & Wilson, Salem, paid the OBERSEVER office a call Tuesday.

Decoration day, May 30th, Pres. Stanley favored the students with a very practical memorial address at the chapel exercises.

We acknowledge a pleasant call this week from Messrs. E. T. Hatch, McCoy, Jonathan Stouffer, of Ballston, and Frank Butler of Syracuse.

G. J. Tedrow starts next Monday on his visit to Ohio, Illinois and Pennsylvania. He will be gone two months, and we wish him a pleasant trip.

Willard Adkins is camping on the Luckiamute Falls now, with hope of deriving some benefit from the health. We wish he may receive good result.

A number of the friends of Murphy gave him a pleasant surprise one evening last week. A joyable evening was passed in playing games.

Rev. B. of Illinois, excellent sermon here. Mr. Boggs is near 80 years of age, holds up well in his bids fairly to speak.

Mrs. F. S. Barzee and Mrs. Marion county. Miss spend the morning with friends and r about Salem.

S. W. P. Richardson memorial sermon last Sunday. All that city united in Murgatoyd read Powell the first prayer the closing prayer ty voices led the was decorated and draped in r mon of Rev. R' his very love of to with rapt sion to our r the lory of moistened ey of the feeling.

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has appointed a committee to prosecute him in the Supreme Court. A former employe of the California Southern railroad named Long was caught in the act of misplacing a switch in the yards at National City, Cal., and arrested. It is claimed he was trying to wreck a train in revenge for being discharged.

A boiler in the works of the Sacramento (Cal.) Wool Pullery exploded with terrific force. The building was a wooden structure, was 32x40 feet in dimensions, and was literally blown to pieces. The men being at dinner, there was no loss of life.

H. S. Wheeler, recently employed by the government in the construction of lighthouses on the Oregon coast, dropped dead of heart disease at Alameda, Cal. Deceased who was a member of the Masonic order, is about 55 years of age, and a widower.

A three-story brick building owned by the Sharon estate, and occupied by the West Coast Furniture Co., burned at San Francisco. The loss to the building is estimated at \$50,000. The Furniture Co.'s loss is \$15,000, insurance \$10,000. A finely wrought cabinet intended to hold cereals to be sent to the Sydney exposition from this State, and valued at \$2,000, was destroyed. The furniture factory of A. Johnson, and the carpenter shop of John Cuff, adjoining, were damaged to the extent of \$1,000.

A terrible tragedy is reported from Osceola, Ark. A widow named Allen was ravished and murdered, and her 16-year-old boy and 10-year-old girl were fatally injured, by four miscreants. Four young white farmers who attended a dance in the neighborhood Saturday night have been arrested on suspicion.

HERE AND THEREABOUTS.

Gardens are looking well. A fine shower Wednesday night. Present indications do not point to a dry spell.

The shower is welcomed by the gardens. The crops in Southern Oregon are suffering for rain.

We acknowledge visits from most all the candidates this week.

We have noticed a large number of farmers in town this week.

Remember the closing entertainment of the public school June 8th.

Decoration day was appropriately observed in many of the valley towns.

A number from here attended the speech by John F. Swift at Dallas Tuesday evening.

The fall wheat is now heading out. From every where in this county comes the encouraging words of a fine crop prospect.

Monmouth is a town of pleasant homes. Where a people take a pride in their homes it betokens not prosperity but content.

A lady in this vil thirteen eggs, chickens hatched egg-and

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where a platform and seats were improvised, and all could hear. The address lasted two hours and the best of attention was given during the entire delivery. It was remarked by many, that it was the finest effort they had ever heard. The orator did not speak of the democratic party in terms that any one could take offense at; and his argument did Iris-up alive. The speech was closed by paying a beautiful and touching tribute to the ladies, and the crowd was dismissed. After the close the speaker was surrounded by the crowd anxious to shake hands with him.

The band of this place will play music at the grange picnic. Grove on the 8th and 9th at 12.

A little son of Lynn 25 00. with quite a serious 47 1/2; feed, 44 y. He was play horses when \$14 00@15 00. on the side of Grass, 14 1/2@16 3/4; Red Clover, 1 1/2@1 3/4; Patent Balls.

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REGON NEWS.

Every citizen works. The thing of General Interest in a Condensed Form.

The boat on the Umatilla will spend \$2,000 more in building the levee along the Umatilla of.

The wife and child of Hon. J. D. Burnett, of Douglas county, are very sick.

W. P. Watson, of Toledo, fell from a building on which he was working.

AGRICULTURAL.

Devoted to the Interests of Farmers and Stockmen.

Saving the cream daily until enough for a churning has accumulated is wrong. The best butter is made from cream that has been recently removed from the milk.

A good deal is said about the "dairy form" of the cow. But it must not be granted that every angular good milker, and every smooth, st-lined cow a poor one. For the hen is set and process of incubation begun, it is desirable that the hen be disturbed. Every pre-n should be taken to keep her steadily until time for the eggs to hatch.

According to some experiments made in Holland, cattle fed on any other food increased in live weight more than those fed with ensilage. Those fed with ensilage were more and better butter. Sandy soil should not be left uncultivated. Carefully prepare the soil to buckwheat, and plow the wheat under when the crop is in bloom. In this way the land may be made productive.

Set stakes around a young tree, barbed wire wrapped around the stakes, will protect trees from animals. This method fruit trees may be used in a field given up to stock. Prunum or buhach will kill the tree worms. With a bellows blow powder into the nests (or after four o'clock in the afternoon—the later the better—for the worms then be in the nests. The powder kills them instantly.

Do not be in the same place every season. By having a movable much valuable nature secured from the saturated ground the old sites, while the soil is fresh places will greatly promote cleanliness and health. Do not best in planting young orchards to trust to labels or to memory. Do not fail. The only sure way to protect trees are planted is to record at the time of laying them out in a map and mark them that each variety.

Multiplying very scarce and dear varieties of potatoes, gardeners plant eyes in hot beds early, placing in soil, and from each eye will get a crop of plants. These may be set out in open ground, and cultivated as potatoes planted in the usual way.

There are a good many cattle computed of their barns and stables this year with the hair rubbed off in places. Whether it be barn or some other minute parasite, a fashionable cure is the best: mer and lard well applied. This is all of them.

A sample of sweet cream is deposited, and both parts are kept at a stable temperature for ripening, the air is excluded from one and exposure given to the other, until sour at the same time, but will only be increased in the exposure to the air. Churning the curd will show this. The peppermint growers of Wayne county, N. Y., where three-fourths of the world's oil is produced, are coming to say that the prospects this season are the worst for twenty years.

say that Japanese oil is now being sold in America at such rates that former large profits from the business are greatly lessened. Do not now trim shrubbery that has on last year's wood, if you have abundance of flowers. The best is to cut out the old and weak immediately after flowering. A lous thinning, if too large and a head remains, will improve the quality of the flowers, but to cut back the whole head is not the best way in America.

The garden should be near the house but free from shade. Set no trees of any kind in the kitchen garden. Have it laid out so that as much work as possible may be done by horse-power. A sandy loam is the best soil for most vegetables. Use no green manure in the garden. The standard fertilizers are good. Use wood ashes freely and slops from the house. The secret of success in gardening, as in courtship lies in small attentions frequently and steadily bestowed.

Mr. D. B. Widr, says he has solved the problem of the plum curculio. A mixture of one pound of Paris green, one London purple, and sixty gallons of water sprayed over the trees just before blossom buds shall open, then a spraying of soap emulsion two weeks later, with a third spraying about June 10th, will effectually destroy the curculio, as well as kill leaf lice, aphid and other injurious insects.

There are in America over 4,000,000 farms, large and small. They cover nearly 29,000,000 acres of improved land, and their total value is something like \$10,000,000,000. These figures are not, of course, very comprehensive. They simply convey the idea of vastness of area and equal vastness of importance. The estimated value of the yearly products of these farms is between \$2,000,000,000 and \$3,000,000,000.

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