

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."

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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. Connoway & Cooper hardware men, Independence. Dentistry first class work done by I. T. Mason at Dallas. Paints, Oils, Varnish at J. R. Patterson's cheap. Fenton & Truitt the leading merchants of Dallas; look at their stock before going elsewhere. The finest line of dress goods ever brought to Polk county are to be found at C. G. Coad's the new store Dallas. Shelley and Vanduyn 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. For fine watch work go to U. N. Grant at H. B. Patterson's. Goodman and Dooty have four "Davis" sewing machines, which they are offering at cost for the next thirty days in order to close them out. They are first class, call and see them. Spectacles properly focused and accurately fitted at Henry Patterson's. Every pair warranted. No fit, no sale. Henry Patterson has just received a new stock of all the latest novelties in the jewelry line. No old goods in his stock. Drop in and examine them. The "Osborne" mower has an improvement this year which is far ahead of anything. Call and see them at Goodman and Dooty's Independence. Thousands of ladies say it is the best they ever used. They mean the White sewing machines—you will find them at Buster & Vernons, Independence. Horse shoeing, new shoes \$1.10, resetting shoes all around \$3.80; plow sharpening without cutter \$2.50 and all other work in proportion. Oak coupling put in for \$1, oak bars each \$1. at C. Lanktree's Monmouth at the old stand. While at Independence one day this week, our attention was attracted to a few novel mowing machines in our opinion is the most perfect mower we have ever examined it is the CS & A Chain Power. Note the following specialties at Shelly & Vanduyns: 15 inch embroidery skirting, new portscaris, cabinet knobs and, fancy ornaments for table scarfs, etc. All farmers who intend purchasing self binders should call and see the new "Osborne" at Goodman's and Dooty's, Independence. It has many new improvements and is entirely new wheel. The celebrated broadhead dress goods just received direct from the factory at Shelly & Vanduyns. Colors absolutely guaranteed. Best goods for the money. Mrs. LaRansieur City Bazaar Independence, a nice lot of ladies' muslin underwear, hosiery, gloves, mitts, collars, cuffs, gents neck wear, handkerchiefs, socks; also, stationery, books, croquet sets, notions innumerable. Call before purchasing elsewhere. Z. F. Vaughn always keeps the latest styles in all kinds of jewelry and fanciful ornaments, and knows how to display them to the best advantage. You can get first class cedar shingles from Goodman and Dooty, Independence. Messrs. Staver & Walker have just issued instructions to Burzee & Robertson which enables them to lead the trade in Harvesting Machinery. Extras of all kinds, also, twine, belting, oils, bolts, hay forks, etc., white, or call on them immediately, as this men's business from a competitive standpoint. Miss Lena Butler will leave next week for California, her future home. Prof. J. M. Powell is acting as station agent for the narrow gauge during vacation. The catalogues of the normal are being sent out to all the students. Anyone not receiving one should address the president, and they will be sent. To meet the needs of the rapid growth of the State Normal School, it has been determined to still further increase the Faculty by the addition of another Professor. After careful investigation among the applicants for the position, Prof. Hodges, now principal of the city public school at Berea, Ohio, formerly professor in the Geneva, Ohio, normal school, a classical graduate of Oberlin College, has been elected and will begin his duties with the new year in September.

HERE AND HEREABOUTS.

How we did enjoy the celebration. Our people celebrated everywhere. Measles still hold forth in this vicinity. Andrew winters, of Portland, was visiting his best girl—here this week. Rev. Messick is holding a meeting at Smithfield, this county. Rev. Bitner will preach here tonight. A good audience is desired. Come out and hear. Will Worth, our enterprising groceryman, was over in Linn county a few days last week, with old friends. The ordinance of baptism was administered at Independence last Sunday by Eld. Messick. New barns and other improvements are noted in various places. A. L. Robinson and Mrs. E. Palmehn, were married at Dallas, Wednesday, July 4, '88, Rev. Royal officiating. Otto Miller and Silva Tender were married Monday, July 2, '88, Justice Frink officiating. They are both of this county. Thos. Wann, of Ballston, a graduate of the Normal school, is engaged as teacher of the Cochran school, two miles north of town. A. D. Butler came up from California, and was present at his mother's funeral last Saturday. J. H. Curly, of San Francisco, is visiting his children here this week. He will return home by way of Chicago. President Stanley, Prof. Powell, Mrs. Patton, and Misses Clara Gard, Fannie Griggs, and Millie Doughty, are attending the State Teachers' Association at Salem this week. The Independence Amateur Dramatic Club played "Nevada" at the opera house McMinnville, on the evening of the fourth. Julia Chamberlain, of Salem, has been elected instructor in the musical department of the territorial university at Seattle, and will assume her position about Sept. 1st. H. G. and W. H. Hawley, of McCoy, were in town last Saturday. The boys are trading in stock, and were on the lookout for a bargain with some of our farmers. Our people were all loyal to the glorious fourth of July, and are now settled back quietly to business. Painting and improvements here are not checked yet, and the outlook brightens every day for the future of this village. Cy Bennett, the genial conductor on the narrow gauge, has our thanks for favors received Wednesday. F. Y. Mulkey went to McCoy, Wednesday to visit his sister, Mrs. J. F. Hawley, who is quite sick. The campaign is open. Send in your subscriptions for the ONSERVER, one year, six months or three months, and get a live Republican county paper during the campaign. Thos. Rash came home from Montana, arriving here Wednesday. He has spent almost a year in that country, but he thinks there is nothing to compare with Webfoot. Uncle Luke Mulkey returned to his home Wednesday, on a visit of six weeks with his old friends near Engle. His nephew, Mr. Cantrell, accompanied him here. The sound of the mower is heard in fields near town. The timothy hay crop will be good in this section of the country. Frank Collins is adding a new cleaner and building a large storing room to the warehouse here. The house will be first-class in every respect and will be filled with wheat. Hon. Stephen Staats returned to his home here from a six month stay in the Prineville country. He says he is always glad to get back to the great waving wheat fields of Old Polk County. Hanna Gorman, a pioneer negro, came to this country from Missouri as a slave of Capt. Sharp, in 1844, and settled in Polk county, was found dead in her bed at the home of her son, Hiram Gorman, in Salem Monday July 2, '88. The railroad commission met in regular monthly session at the capitol last Monday. The commissioners will be busy for two weeks, collecting material for the biennial report to be submitted to the next legislature. The new county officers assumed their various positions at the courthouse on Monday. There is a change in the county administration throughout, no old officer having been re-elected. The referee's sale of the Dixie mill property occurred last Saturday afternoon. The mill and real estate were knocked down to C. W. Washburn for \$23,000, and \$250 for the mill safe. Mr. Washburn is one of the firm of Kratz & Washburn, the present lessees of the mill.

Mrs. Betsy Murphy and daughter, Ida, returned Wednesday from an extended visit to eastern Washington. Following is the list of letters remaining at the post office at Monmouth, Oregon, July '88. Parties calling for them will please say advertised. W. Cresswell, Joseph Kelley, Joe Pickens, Mrs. Jesse Bennett, J. J. Stater, L. B. Whitcomb.—G. T. Waller, P. M. Gene Hayter has purchased the stock of goods at the closing out store in Dallas, of C. G. Coad and will henceforth conduct the business. Gene is one of the reliable young men of our neighbor town Dallas, and his success is assured. On last Friday morning J. E. Fenton filed in the circuit court for Lane county notice of contest for the office of county judge. Mr. Fenton was beaten by two votes at the last election, and claim to have evidence that votes should have been counted for him were not counted at all. Tuesday evening, while Mrs. J. M. Powell and Mrs. Dr. Solan, of Arlington, Or., were out riding, they came near having quite a serious accident. The horse became unmanageable on grade north of town and went off to one side. The buggy did not tip over, but Mrs. Solan was thrown out into the mud and water, and a genuine good scare was the result. Frank Butler, COUNTY SURVEYOR, leveler, valuer and auctioneer, postal address, Dallas, Polk county, Oregon. Specifications, estimates, plans and drawings of dwellings, barns, bridges, excavation, earth work and brickwork furnished. Will attend in Dallas on Wednesday and Thursday in each county court week. Office at the court house. Grains fast ripening, and next week the reapers will be running in full blast. The long continued rain of the past month, put the hay harvest off so late, that it brings both harvests together, which make it a busy time for our farmers to care for both the hay and grain crop at the same time. If good weather continues, they will be able to save all in due time. The Republican "bandana" is a small American flag for the pocket—made of American-grown silk, dyed in aniline from American petroleum, spun on Philadelphia jacks, woven on New Jersey looms by American workmen. Not a foreign element in it, not a foreign touch has profaned it. Nothing about it from free-trade England. In every thread, tint and outline American, it is a fit symbol of our campaign for American industries.—EX. Layton Hinkle, who lives 12 miles southeast of Monmouth, saw a deer standing in his door yard and, of course, under such circumstances, concluded he would take down his little gun and put a bullet through it. Mr. Hinkle brought the deer down and on going to its side noticed another dead deer close by. Upon examination it was found that he had killed both at one shot, the ball entering the back of the first and passing through and going into the next standing at his side. This was a double killing.—Salemian. The latest in the jewelry line at Henry Patterson's. Bridgeport Celebrates the Fourth. A large number of citizens met at the Luckiamute Falls, to celebrate this important day. A good ground was prepared by the local committee, Mr. Kimes chairman and seats and a platform erected in a charming grove by the classic Luckiamute. The music of a patriotic character, was well and spiritedly rendered under the able management of Douglas Gilham, with Miss Annie White as a very talented pianist on the instrument. Hon. Isaac Smith president, with the following programme: Morning "America" by the Bridgeport Musical Union; Invocation, by Father Royal; "Hark the song of jubilee" the B. M. U.; Reading of Declaration of Independence, by J. M. Parris; Instrumental duet El. Collins and Nettie Berry; Oration, Judge Collins of Dallas: "Let the hills and vales resound" the B. M. U.; and then dinner by everybody. Afternoon: Patriotic glow, Essay "Patriotism," Frank Butler; Song, Declaration "The American Flag" Mary Collins; "The Star Spangled Banner" song; Declaration "The Constitution" R. F. Bell, The trust of Young America Rev. Royal; The toast of Luckiamute Falls, J. L. Collins; The toast of the ladies, J. J. Brown; Reminiscences by Hon. J. D. Lee; "Come where the Lillies bloom" song; Declaration by Frank Collins, aged 44 years; dismissal prayer by Father Royal. This brought a very pleasant day to a close. The weather was cloudy and cool. Edgar Collins worked hard to arrange the affair and all others did their best to make it an un-doubt success. Note: Last anyone should suppose our old friend Frank Collins is only 44 years old as he certainly looks more it should be stated that the performer above named is 2nd edition of Frank Collins published by Judge J. L. Collins.

The New Regime. The County Officers-Elect All Duly Installed--The Bonds and Sureties. On last Monday the bonds of all the officers-elect of Polk county were submitted to the county court, and were without exception approved. The county is now in the hands of a new regime, and its affairs will be administered by it for the next two years. The retiring officers have administered the county affairs intelligently in the past two years, and if the new officers make as good a record, they will certainly deserve reelection throughout. The following are the bonds of the new officials with their amounts of the bonds and sureties: Frank Butler, surveyor; amount \$5,000; sureties, E. T. Hatch, R. F. Mason, C. G. Fisher and W. G. Harris. Wm. Ellis, treasurer; amount \$12,000; sureties, C. G. Fisher, A. W. McNary, John C. Allen, J. H. Hawley, E. T. Hatch, E. C. Keet, Thos. Pearce, Wm. Fall, John Ellis, F. M. Woods, C. P. Zumwalt, H. B. Tingle, J. D. Lee. Ira S. Smith, sheriff; amount \$10,000; sureties, J. L. Stockton, F. A. Patterson, R. Shelley, J. S. Cooper, W. P. Connoway, J. D. Irvine, J. M. Vanduyn. C. G. Coad, clerk; amount \$10,000; sureties, I. T. Mason, Geo. Tillotson, Abe L'Gow, D. J. Riley, E. Biddle and Joseph Black. W. G. Campbell, assessor; amount \$5,000; sureties, E. L. DeLashmutte, E. T. Miller, J. F. Groves, J. M. Campbell and C. B. Craves. Besides these, W. I. Reynolds, school superintendent, and B. F. McInch and G. W. McBece, commissioners, who are not required to give bonds, qualified. Probate Court. In the matter of guardianship of Isaac McCoy, deceased, A. C. McKinnon guardian, annual accounting approved; also, accounting from dates 1886 to 1887 approved. In the matter of Nancy Ward deceased, Nat Holman appointed guardian. In matter of A. C. Ball, minor, Mary H. Bridwell sale of land confirmed. Card of Thanks. To the many kind friends of Monmouth, we desire to express our heartfelt thanks for the kindness shown us during our dear mother's illness, and especially the night she died, for their faithful and untiring efforts to relieve her suffering. None but loving thoughts can ever fill our hearts when we call to mind those dear friends that were so faithful in our sad affliction. MAGGIE AND ALLIE BUTLER. Digging Locals. Another wedding on the tapis. Editor Wash's wife came up from the sound country this week. The democratic orphans home on Mill St., opposite the court house. We celebrated at home—did you? No bandanas; but the old flag floated on the breeze July 4th, in Dallas. The scaffold for hanging Landreth is already for his arrival. Lyman Damon, of Monmouth precinct, was in town Tuesday. John E. Miller, of Cooper Hollow, was seen on our streets Thursday. Miss Essie Tatom left Tuesday for Spokane Falls. She will be absent for some time. Harrison and Morton will go into the White House, and don't you forget it. Mrs. A. Shultz and daughter are on a visit to Trout creek Eastern Or. Larke Hall, the general insurance agent, was in town Tuesday. The work on the line hotel for our town is fast coming to completion. It will be the best building of the kind in Polk county, and the people will feel justly proud of it. The funeral of Mrs. Mattie Buford, was preached at the M. E. church last Sunday, by Rev. Royal, to a large audience. Mrs. Buford died at her home in Portland last week and was buried there. She was born and spent all of her early days among us and her friends were many in Dallas. C. G. Coad has disposed of the bankrupt stock of goods to Gene Hayter, who will continue the business of a general merchandise store, Gene is a rustler and a good business man, who will do well. Mrs. H. Smith has sold her millinery establishment to Mrs. W. G. Harris, who will add it to her stock; she will then have the largest and best selected stock in the country. Neis & Smith, our enterprising merchants, have started an order and delivery wagon in the country. They send out a salesman with samples—to take orders—who sends them to

head quarters, where they are filled and delivered. If there is anything in rustling they will "get there." Landreth Hanged. JUSTICE QUICKLY VINDICATED. End of a Most Wretched Criminal. The Murder was one of the most cold-blooded and unprovoked deeds ever committed in a civilized community. The prisoner was brought over from Salem, arriving at Dallas in charge of the sheriff and deputies at 10 o'clock a. m. He was taken immediately to the county jail, in front of which had been erected the scaffold where he was to be executed. The enclosure was a frame 12x16 feet and boarded up 22 feet high and around this enclosure was a space about 40 feet in diameter surrounded by a rope. The crowd was not permitted inside of this circle. Sheriff Smith ordered dinner brought for the prisoner at 11:30, when Landreth looked upon the dishes containing this, his last meal, he broke completely down and cried like a child; he was very nervous and ate nothing more than a small piece of pie and cake; immediately after dinner he called for Mr. Crow of Independence, to whom he gave his bible, with a request that it be given to Mrs. Landreth; a leaf was turned down at Matt 11:28 and the following enclosed in heavy line of black: "Come unto me, all ye that labor and heavy laden and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls; for my yoke is easy and my burden light." In the book was a scrap of paper signed Wm. Landreth, giving account of a "fuss" about a wash tub intelligible to the public; this communication was addressed to the citizens of Independence and also requested them not to cast any reflections upon the name of his family as he alone was to blame that this was the truth and was his last writings and contained his dying words. In the interval before the final scene the reporters asked Landreth why he had murdered his daughter, he answered, "because she has ruined me," when asked how she had ruined him he said, "by talking about me;" he repeated this over several times and immediately after would mutter to himself as though in prayer: The jury, doctors and reporters were admitted to the enclosure at 11:50, the jury was called by name as follows at 12:25: I. T. Mason, T. J. Graves, Chas. Farley, P. W. Haley, W. W. Brooks, J. O. Smith, Geo. Houck, Cass Sargent, D. J. Riley, J. D. Ellis, W. W. Williams, and C. C. Doughty. The prisoner was brought out of his cell and upon the scaffold at 12:27 leaning upon the arms of deputy J. F. Groves, ex-sheriff of Polk and sheriff E. M. Croison of Marion, who assisted in the hanging; the procession was headed by sheriff Smith, who conducted himself in a calm and dignified manner throughout the trying scene. The warrant was now read by the sheriff in a clear and distinct voice; he then asked the prisoner if he had anything to say, the answer was simply no. This was all the word Landreth spoke after being brought upon the scaffold and he remained seated until the sheriff ordered the deputies to bring him forward upon the trap; he was now pinioned; it is doubtful whether he could have stood without assistance while the black cap was being placed over his face and rope adjusted around his neck. His same rope was used in hanging three other men, Murry, Drake and Marple. The word was now given "all ready," and the drop was sprung at 12:30. Landreth's neck was broken and without a tremor he hung motionless; pulse 120 at 1 minute, 85 at 2, 150 at 4, 140 at 6, at 7 intermittent and too rapid to count, at 8 once in 10 seconds, pronounced dead by the doctors, L. N. Woods and T. J. Lee, at 12:50; he was now taken down the rope and black cap being removed he was placed in his coffin. He looked very natural and had very little color in his face, the agony that he suffered and that was so plainly depicted on his face while upon the scaffold, was all gone and he seemed to be at rest. The crowd was permitted to pass through the enclosure at 1 o'clock to view the corpse; we noticed quite a number of ladies in the procession. Landreth will be buried by the county in the old grave yard south of Dallas, by the side of Tarr, the suicide, who shot at a woman in Dallas about 7 years ago and supposing he had killed her he then shot himself with fatal effect, so the suicide and murderer will rest side by side until the judge of all the earth shall call them to their final account. Independence Locals. Our people are happy and busy. Our dramatic troupe went to McMinnville on the 4th. We still have two meat markets, competition brings trade. Two newly married couples have made applications to Prof. Yates, as assistant teachers next year. J. D. Irvine and J. Stockton, our enterprising grocerymen, have started delivery wagons. Progress is the watchword of our business men. Independence people celebrated at different places—it was go as you please, and all seem to have enjoyed themselves. Banker Cooper and wife, have returned from their visit east. The city council granted the Monmouth & Independence Telephone Co., the right of way through the city, requiring the company, however, to raise the wire 21 feet above ground, and to put up good and substantial poles, neatly painted. This will be an improvement that all will endorse. Our people read the papers closely and take quite a lively interest the political discussions of the day. Each party eager to catch the least item favoring his views. This town is becoming, truly, a town of churches. Five organizations and the pulpits are generally filled every Sunday. The saw mill shut down two days this week, in order to give the hands a chance to celebrate. Bridgeport Broodings. Bert Martin is still very sick. F. K. Hubbard has commenced a large barn with sheds attached for cattle next winter. Too much rain is now our opinion. Prejudiced settlers among us charge it to the too vigorous prohibition canvass for the past election—they over did it, so to speak and yet it was a spiritual circus. T. L. Butler, surveyed all of Elijah Martin's mountain ranche the first 4 days in last week—how does that suit you, Frank? F. S. Powell is hereby notified that he can stop chopping himself up till he hears from us. Bridgeport expects a whole representation in the legislature and not bits of one only. Robt Glaze has returned from Pacific county, W. T., to his home. We endorse the Harrison and Morton choice as with two "ons" in the ticket we are sure to "get there." Elijah Martin is in treaty for W. C. Teal's ranche—yes sir, we are spreading ourselves, you bet! On Saturday J. D. Hollinshead and Robert Lee Robinson were buried. The one at the Smith and the other at the Neady burying ground. The services commenced at Lyman Baker's house and were completed at the grave. About 50 carriages and 20 horsemen followed to the grave. The sad drowning of these two young men last Thursday, has cast a gloom over the entire community. The greatest sympathy is felt for the relatives of both the boys. On Friday evening the 29th an entertainment was given by the Bridgeport school, under the guidance of Mr. Hill, the accomplished teacher. Satisfaction with his skill as teacher was felt and openly expressed. That's good, boys, you make a good man better by encouragement.

Obituary. Mary A. Butler, wife of Judge Ira F. M. Butler, died at her home in Monmouth, surrounded by family and friends, Friday morning the 29th day of June 1888. Mrs. Butler was born in Warren county, Kentucky, April 22, 1814, married Nov. 5, 1835 in Illinois, crossed the plains to Oregon in 1853, settled in Polk county, where she has resided ever since, till the day of her death at the age of 74 years, 2 months and 7 days. She was the mother of eight children, four only of whom are living, one in California, the other three in Monmouth. She was a member of the Christian church for many years and lived a faithful Christian. The funeral services were held at the church Sunday at 1 o'clock, conducted by Elders H. M. Waller and R. M. Messick; many friends and a large audience showed their sympathy with the bereaved by their presence. She and her aged companion have been permitted to live together for more than half a century and walk down the slope of life trustingly, at peace with God and man. She was a kind mother, intense in friendships; her neighbors were her best friends. The old pioneer, passed away as she lived, going humbly and tranquilly, she has pitched her tent fast by the rivers of life, where years are no longer counted and days and nights are lost in an eternal now of light and joy. "Leaves have their time to fall, and flowers to wither at the north wind's breath, And stars to set, but thou hast all seasons for thine own O, death!" A number of the normal students and teachers will attend the national teachers association at San Francisco.