

# Polk County Observer.

Published Every Saturday.

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

The Observer four months for 50cts.

## 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. Conroy & Cooper hardware men, Independence. Dentistry first class work done by L. T. Mason at Dallas. All styles of summer dress goods at cost at E. Hayter's, Dallas. Go to Vaughns, Dallas the leading jeweler. Penton & Pruitt the leading merchants of Dallas; look at their stock before going elsewhere. F. S. Barzee is bringing on new goods every day. Call and see his line of wall paper, window blinds etc. The dry goods store F. M. A. will give you a bargain if you will call and see them.

Shelley and Vanday 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. When you go to Dallas don't fail to examine E. Hayter's stock of general merchandise.

For fine watch work go to U. N. Grant at H. B. Patterson's. Goodman and Douty have four "Davis" sewing machines, which they are offering at cost for the next thirty days in order to clear 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. R. M. Smith will sell dry goods as cheap as any place in the county. Call and see him.

Paints, oils, varnishes, etc., at Waterhouses. 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 Douty'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.

N. H. Butler has all kinds of machine oils. Call and see him before purchasing elsewhere. W. L. Worth keeps a fine line of groceries as are to be found in any store in the valley. He is always ready and willing to wait on customers.

Note the following specialties at Shelley & Vanday's: 45 inch embroidery skirting, Newport scarfs, chinlins, chinlins cord, fancy ornaments for table scarfs, etc.

All farmers who intend purchasing self binders should call and see the new "Osborne" at Goodman's and Douty's, Independence. It has many new improvements and an entirely new road wheel.

The celebrated broadhead dress goods just received direct from the factory at Shelley & Vanday's. Colors absolutely guaranteed. Best goods for the money.

Mrs. LaRansier City Bazaar Independence, has a nice lot of ladies muslin underwear, hosiery, gloves, mits, collars, cuffs, gents neck wear, handkerchiefs, etc.; 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 Douty, Independence.

Farms for Sale. 240 Acres, good house and barn, 150 acres in cultivation, \$35 per acre. 385 Acres, good new house and barn, new orchard, 50 acres in cultivation, good timber and pasture, \$11 per acre. 150 Acres, all good farm land, 100 acres summer fallow, good house and barn, good orchard, \$274 per acre, it is well located. 160 Acres, all in cultivation, good house and barn, 90 acres summer fallow, farm divided into three fields, good spring in each, very desirable farm, \$35 per acre. 343 Acres, good house and barn, 40 acres in cultivation, good orchard, splendid stock farm, \$10 per acre.

All the above farms are choice land and finely located. Inquiries by mail will receive prompt attention. We sell and take on commission, any properties in Oregon. JAMES TATUM, Monmouth, Polk county, Oregon.

GENE HAYTER, Dry Goods Store at DALLAS.

## HERE AND HEREABOUTS.

A. W. Lucas was at Salem Monday. Frank Collins went to Portland Wednesday. Mr. Morrison of Dallas passed this way Friday. Green corn will soon be in the market. The wheat fields now present a golden hue. A. A. Bentley has built a new barn on his farm west of town.

Mrs. C. D. Johnson and Mrs. Lou Sailor are visiting in town. Harvest Home celebrations will soon be in order. Those little flies, which annoy the horses and cows are leaving. A number of pic nic parties were enjoying the country air last Sunday. The Oregon teachers are homeward bound from the National Institute.

Dr. Parrish and family, visited at Lincoln, this county, during the week. Eld. Messick preached at Dixie at 4 o'clock last Sunday. Ex-Sheriff Grove, and his estimable wife, were callers here Thursday. Independence will soon add to and improve their water works. Independence is on the boom. Mrs. T. O. Waller was taken quite ill Thursday night, but is at present much better. A large number of Dallas families are taking an outing in the mountains.

Hon. J. J. Daly had an interesting letter in last week's issue of the Observer, of his trip to the Sound country. If you are not already a subscriber to the OBSERVER, send in your name. Alonzo Brown, the Dallas stage driver, and family have gone to Yaquina bay to spend several days. Marshal Bohannon, of Independence has put a new wire fence around his residence. We are reliably informed that W. E. Williams and H. G. Hastings will run the Airlie warehouse this year.

Miss Millie Doughty returned from the teachers association at San Francisco Thursday. Mrs. E. T. Henkle, wife of the general barber of Independence, is visiting in town. A. B. Griggs is now furnishing the county with the best beef. His wagon goes out every day. Mr. Nelson and wife, of Nevada, who resided here some eighteen years ago, are visiting old acquaintances.

Miss Seraford, of Portland, is visiting her uncle, Mart Seraford on the Luckiamute. L. W. Robertson is back from his trip to Ellensburg, W. T. We noticed him on our streets Tuesday. A crank is a person with an actual idea of some kind. If he has no idea then abuses the crank. J. A. Roberts has been putting a well down with his steam well boring machine for J. B. V. Butler.

The town of Roslyn, W. T., near Ellensburg, was almost totally destroyed by fire on Sunday evening. Miss Kate Bristow entertained a number of her lady friends last Friday, with genuine old-fashioned quilting. A two-pronged buck deer was killed Tuesday and one-half miles from Salem by J. H. Ross and New McCauley, in a wheat field in Polk county.

Charles Harpool, who struck "Doc" Shackelford over the head with a pistol at Independence Monday and fled to avoid arrest, has returned. L. W. Robertson, of Independence will build a large and commodious brick business house. Two story, the upper will be used as an opera hall. M. L. White and L. Lemons and families passed this way Sunday on their way to the Luckiamute Falls to enjoy a day of outing.

Our worthy post master has been so ill as to be confined to his room for the few days passed, but is now able to be out again. The Messrs. Shinn, painters, who have finished several neat jobs about Monmouth, are kept busy through the country, spreading paint for the farmers. The little ten-year-old son, Fred, of Senator E. T. Hatch of McCoy, was thrown from a pony last Saturday, in the fall both bones of one arm were broken. Earl Hewitt, while in town Sunday, was taken suddenly sick, and was not able to return to his home on Luckiamute, till Monday morning. The Yamhill County Agricultural Association will hold its annual fair commencing September 10th, and continuing four days.

Miss Millie Kern, of East Portland, was the guest of Maggie and Allie Butler, Thursday and Friday. A little child of T. G. Burnett of Dallas, died on Tuesday. The funeral was conducted by Eld. Messick Wednesday. Mrs. Dr. T. J. Shelton and daughter of Eugene City, are the guest of their relatives, Mr. A. W. Lucas and family. Rev. Osborn will preach in Airlie Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The ordinance of baptism will be administered after the services. Mr. Rhodes sold his farm last week which is situated about two miles south of Independence, to a Mr. Huston of Lafayette, Oregon. Every able-bodied man in town is busy now in the harvest field; times are very quiet, as far as trade and business is concerned, and will be till after harvest is over. The weekly World of Portland, (dem) was sold at auction Monday to H. B. Nicholas for eight hundred dollars. Hiram Gorman, a negro, and a well known character of Salem, died last Monday morning, of quick consumption. He was a son of Mrs. Hannah Gorman, the pioneer negress who lived several weeks since. The farms are now harvesting a bountiful crop. This is a year of plenty, and new vigor and push is instituted throughout the county. A match game of base ball will be played at Ballston to-morrow (Sunday) by a nine of that place and one of Yamhill county. D. Warren has been suffering from rheumatism in his left shoulder so as to unfit him for work in his shop. He has been spending a few days over about Syracuse. The Salem printers are preparing to entertain all the fraternity of the state at the meeting of the Press Association which meets Aug. 10th. The OBSERVER acknowledges an invitation to be present on that occasion. J. R. Syron, who lives with his son Peter, near Sheridan, was born in New York 99 years ago. He came to this country nearly forty years ago. He is now quite feeble, but keeps knocking around and can read without glasses better than he could 20 years ago. J. Mills, of Amity, jumped off a wood shed recently, running a nail one and a half inches into his foot. Blood poisoning was threatened for awhile but Mr. Mills is now able to be on the street.—Reporter. Nat Holman, L. D. Mulkey and Dave Burns and their families, of Dallas, passed through this town on Monday on their way to the Soda Springs in the Cascades, Linn county. They will sojourn there for a few weeks during the warm weather. The small boy climbs the apple tree. And with delighted mien, Down to his mates below cries, Let fall the apple green, They grip the fruit with noisy glee, Just wrested from the stem; But soon with grim tenacity The apple green grips them.

The Damon farm two miles south of here, was sold by H. Hirschberg this week. Lyman Danon, who is residing on the place, will build a neat residence on his farm just across the road this fall, for his future home. S. W. Smith, a former Independence merchant, is now located at Waitsburg, W. T. From one who lately visited that town, we learn he has the largest stock of goods in that thriving city, and that he enjoys the full confidence of that people. E. C. Pentland, editor of the West Side, will still reside at Monmouth. The editor, has purchased a fast horse which he will exercise between the two towns, as well as making tours over the county in search of subscribers. A young man named Eads, aged 19, was drowned near Scio, Linn Co., while bathing in the river Monday evening. He could not swim and was washed down by the current into deep water. Several small boys witnessed his death, and gave alarm. The eclipse of the moon last Sunday night was watched by a large audience of our citizens. The night was a glorious one for viewing the phenomenon. It lasted about five hours, when the darkness gradually stole away and the moon resumed the even tenor of her way. James Tatom went to Portland last Saturday and came home on Monday. He is rustling in the insurance and real estate business; finding a number of immigrants looking for homes, he of course headed them toward Polk county, the county that has all the natural advantages to make a pleasant and successful location, however modest their beginning, they may be sure of finding themselves in possession of a competency after a few laborious years.

The tramp nuisance is not at all un-frequent in Monmouth of late, and are a great annoyance to the people of our town. These foot pads should be dealt with in some severe way. People should be protected against them. J. P. Dieus started his threshing machine Friday. It is the first to begin in this vicinity. L. Daymon will start to-day, (Saturday.) The harvest should, no bad weather interfering, be mostly finished by the middle of August. J. L. Fishback and wife of this place, went for to attend the bedside of Mrs. Fishback's sick mother, Mrs. Wm. Scott, of Lincoln, last Thursday; but before they arrived she had died. The funeral services were held on the next day. Mrs. Scott was an estimable old lady, she leaves a husband and several children to mourn her loss. The Farmers Supply Depot Company have decided to erect a new building here. This company has been doing business only a few months among us, but have met with good success, conducting their business in a manner, in every way satisfactory to their customers, and highly gratifying to our people. The building will be a two story frame, 38x70; the lower story will be used as their store room and the upper story for a hall with rostrum and gallery. The building will be situated on one of the best sites in town. The company expect to have the work commence as soon as it is possible to get the material on the ground. On last Sunday "Doc" Shackelford veterinary surgeon of Salem, came over to Independence for a ride and while there he imagined that Chas. Harpool, of that place, insulted his wife. Mrs. Shackelford returned home on Monday morning, her husband intending to follow later. During the morning he met Harpool and the two got into words over the supposed insult, and Harpool drew a pistol and hit Shackelford on the head, inflicting a bad wound. He then "jumped town," to avoid arrest. Shackelford's head was dressed and he left for Salem. A rustling insurance agent from New York reached Portland a fortnight since and in a few days succeeded in getting the following gentlemen to insure their lives for \$100,000 each. C. H. Lewis, D. P. Thompson, R. B. Knapp, V. B. DeLashmutt, W. S. Burrell, W. K. Smith, S. G. Reed. The aggregate annual premium is about \$10,000 of which the agent's share the first year will be nearly \$15,000. The Oregon editor of the Christian Independent of Oakland, Cal., pays this compliment to our Polk county representatives elect: "Polk county will be represented in the Lower House of our next Legislature by two of our brethren, F. S. Powell of Monmouth, and C. G. Fisher of Dallas. These are men who fear God, work righteousness, and we rejoice to know that such men are to be our legislators."

Warehousemen's Meeting. Last Saturday a number of Polk county warehousemen and a representative of nearly every warehouse in Yamhill county, met at McMinnville for the purpose of discussing the best plan to protect their interests and to secure to the farmer the highest possible market price. Following says the Reporter, are the resolutions adopted: By combining to secure uniform rates of freight; to secure better prices for wheat by combining and dealing directly with the shippers; to charge three cents a bushel storage to January 1st, and one-half cent from that date to July 1st; to sell sacks at cost price; to charge one cent for oats passing through warehouse and two cents if placed on storage. Calcutta sacks are now selling for nine cents, and others lower in proportion to quality. The conducting of warehouses, to a great extent, for the two counties will be uniform system.

An Opium Smuggler. Yaquina bay has been treated to a sensation in the shape of a mysterious craft that is believed to be an opium smuggler. It is a little boat some twenty feet in length, rigged with sails and furnished with a miniature cabin, and when it entered port last Saturday it had but a single occupant, who told a fairy story about his hailing from Shoalwater bay, and having started for Alaska with a partner on a prospecting tour. His partner deserted him at the mouth of the Columbia, as he was afraid of braving the ocean in so small a craft. The general opinion at Yaquina is that instead of being a prospector the lone sailor is one of the many opium smugglers who now infest this coast, and that he has landed his cargo somewhere in that vicinity. This theory is strengthened by the fact that the same craft was seen anchored off Cape Foulweather a few days before entering Yaquina, and that two men were observed on board of her at that time instead of one. The craft remained anchored in front of Ososville until Monday, when it disappeared. In what direction it sailed is not known.—Statesman.

Sentences Commuted. On last Tuesday Gov. Penneyer commuted the sentences of E. J. Barrett, of Multnomah county, and F. M. Culp of Jackson. Barrett was convicted on April 27, 1887, of larceny by bailie committed in robbing another man of \$2,000 entrusted to him. He was sentenced to four years. J. M. Culp was convicted on December 15, 1884, of man-slaughter committed in killing G. W. Smith at Willow Springs, and sentenced to twelve years in prison.

A Tough Gang. B. Jersey Van Cleve, of Yaquina Post has the following in the last issue of his paper: "The annual meeting of the Oregon Press Association is announced for Aug. 10th in Salem. It is right in the midst of dog days, and if the boys can raise a duster apiece, the owl will make a uniform, cool and inexpensive appearance, and pass for the millionaires they really are, provided they swing a pair of shoes or slippers over their shoulders which they need not put on, of course until they walk into the wide-spaced city as far as the state house; or, if any of them should be so fortunate as to strike an orchard when the family and yaller dog were all away, and thus procure an over-feed, fall behind the process and not get in until the suburbs of the evening, then they could walk in as far as the county jail, where, no doubt, they would lodge them if not already crowded. State Another thought! The governor may open his wide-brimmed philanthropy and invite you to tarry with himself and bosom friends at his home in the insane asylum! Who knows! But wouldn't it be gorgeous for you to meet, in an undress, unconventional manner too, with the kindred, appreciative spirits that congregate around the festival board-and-clothes of that grand institution of retired mental athletes! However, do not lose any sleep over the prospect of so glorious a realization, for—softly be it said—the governor may forget to invite you! In fact, some sour-grained, bilious, colored mugwumps actually assert that he always drinks alone!"

Umatilla County. Weather very warm. Harvest has begun. Many from Centerville are at the warm springs. The springs are quite a summer resort. There is quite a feeling of indignation towards Judge Ison for giving his decision in favor of Hartman, in the contest for clerkship between Hartman and Young. The Judge undoubtedly showed partiality. Young will carry the case to the supreme court, where he hopes to get a just decision. The matter will be remembered against Ison when he comes up for office again. W. M. Pierce, school superintendent, with quite a number of teachers of this county is attending the National Teachers Association at San Francisco. It is to be hoped they will return with many good things to tell us about the educational interests of our nation. The prohibitionists claim it was the republican party that beat them so badly in Oregon in the June election; that they think since the republicans had such a glorious victory once, surely the same effort will not be put forth to effect such another victory. But prohibis the republicans have not lost their vitality, neither will they for many generations to come. You will think protection is the issue when you see how nicely Harrison and Morton walk into the White House at the expiration of Cleveland's term of office. There is a very bright young lawyer in the county seat. He is a son of an ex-senator. When Mr. Irish was here he remarked to one of the farmers of the county, that "Irish ought to go out and instruct the farmers about the evils of the tariff, we city people know all about it." The farmer quietly replied, "the farmers are not so easily galled," the young legal man was rather sold.

TECUMTHA. Horse shoeing, new shoes \$1.50; resetting shoes all around \$2.00; plow sharpening without cutter \$.20 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.

McCoy. Farmers all busy. The harvest will be a bountiful one Milton Davis and company have returned from the coast. Our nimrods now feel safe to slay young grouse, without fear of any one reporting them. Talk of notices not allowing hunting or trespassing by our people on their premises, as some shoot so wild as to endanger stock in their fields. A McCoy man, J. E. Smith, is entitled to have his name added to those who voted for "Tippecanoe and Tyler too," in 1840, and who proposes to cast his ballot for the grandson in 1888. Senator elect Hatch's son Fred, was thrown from a pony last Saturday and in the fall his arm was broken. The bone was reset and is now in a fair way to beall right again soon.

Hymeneal. On Tuesday we received two dainty cards, which broke the news to us, that Mr. L. Tatom and Miss Fanny L. Campbell were married at Spokane Falls, W. T., last Thursday. Henry is a Polk boy and resided here all his life till within the past two years, when he went to Spokane Falls. He needs no introduction to the people of this vicinity; his generous and genial disposition made him a legion of warm friends here, who cite him as an example of worth and integrity. The fair bride has resided at Corvallis for three years back, but formerly of Polk county. She is a lady of kindly graces, and the sunshine of her presence and love will be felt by all who have the pleasure of her acquaintance. We wish the happy couple all joy, peace and plenty and hope their wedded life may be as calm and serene as a "midsummer night's dream."

A Psalm of Trade. "Tell me not in mournful numbers," Advertising doesn't pay. For the man's non compass mentis Who would such absurd things say. "Life is real, life is earnest." And the man who hopes to rise To success in any calling, Must expect to advertise. "In the world's broad field of battle, In the conflict of real life," Advertising is the secret Of achievement in the strife. "Lives of rich men all remind us, We can make our own sublime;" And by liberal advertising To the highest summit climb. "Let us then be up and doing," In THE OBSERVER our ads. insert; "Still achieving, still pursuing," Business then will be alert.

Frank Butler, COUNTY SURVEYOR leveler, valuer and auctioneer post address, Dallas, Polk county, Oregon. Specifications, estimates, plans and drawings of dwellings, barns, bridges, excavation, earth work and brick-work furnished. Will attend in Dallas on Wednesday and Thursday in each county once week. Office at the court house.

The Yaquina Route. Oregon Pacific Railroad. Stand Oregon Development Company's steamship line 225 miles shorter, 20 hours less time than by any other route. First class through passenger and freight line from Portland and all points in the Willamette valley to and from San Francisco. Willamette river line of steamers. The Wm. M. Hoag, the N. S. Bentley, the Three Sisters are in service for both passenger and freight traffic between Corvallis and Portland and intermediate points, leaving company's wharf, Corvallis, and Messrs. Hulman & Co's wharf, 200 and 202 Front street, Portland, three times each week as follows: NORTH BOUND. Leave Corvallis Mon. Wed. and Fri. 10:35 a.m. " Ray's Log Tue. Thu and Sat 9:30 a.m. " Fulquartz " " " 9:40 a.m. Arrive Portland " " " 3:30 p.m. SOUTH BOUND. Leave Portland Mon. Wed. and Fri. 8:00 a.m. " Fulquartz " " " 2:05 p.m. " Ray's Log " " " 2:15 p.m. Arrive Corvallis Tues. Thu. " Sat 4:20 p.m. (Cats make close connection at Albany with trains of the Oregon Pacific railroad.)

DAILY PASSENGER TRAINS—EXCEPT SUNDAYS. Leave Yaquina 6:45 a.m. " Corvallis 10:35 a.m. Arr Albany 11:10 a.m. Leave Albany 1:00 p.m. " Corvallis 1:40 p.m. Arr Yaquina 5:30 p.m.) O. & C. trains connect at Albany and Corvallis. The above trains connect at Yaquina with the Oregon Development Company's line of steamships between Yaquina and San Francisco. SAILING DATES—FROM YAQUINA. Willamette Valley Thursday, 7:40 a.m. Willamette Valley Tuesday, July 3rd Willamette Valley Wednesday " " 18th Willamette Valley Sunday " 25th FROM SAN FRANCISCO. Willamette Valley Thursday June 28th Willamette Valley Friday, July 13th Willamette Valley Tuesday " 24th Willamette Valley Friday " 27th This company reserves the right to change sailing dates without notice. N B—Passengers from Portland and all Willamette Valley points can make close connection with the trains of the Yaquina route at Albany or Corvallis, and if destined to San Francisco should arrange to arrive at Yaquina the evening before sailing. Passenger and freight rates always the lowest. For information apply to C. C. HOGUE, Acting general freight and passenger agent Oregon Pacific railroad Co., Corvallis, Or. C. H. HASWELL, General freight and passenger agent Oregon Development Co., 204 Mont street, San Francisco.

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