

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

The Observer four months for 50cts.

Business Mentions.

I. T. Mason, the dentist, at Dallas. Read our new advertisements this week.

The F. M. A. store has new goods. Connaway & Cooper hardware men, Independence.

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

All styles of summer dress goods at cost at E. Hayter's, Dallas.

Go to Vaughns, Dallas the leading jeweler.

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

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 E. M. A. will give you a bargain if you will call and see them.

Shelley and Vandayn 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.

The most complete stock of dress goods ever brought to Polk county, at E. Hayter's Dallas.

Spectacles properly focussed and accurately fitted at Henry Patterson's. Every pair warranted. No fit, no sale.

B. 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.

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.

N. H. Butler has all kinds of machine oil. Call and see him before purchasing elsewhere.

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

Horse shoeing, new shoes \$1.50; resetting shoes all around \$2.00; plow sharpening without cutter \$1.00 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.

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

Mrs. LaRansieur City Bazaar Independence, has a nice lot of ladies' muslin underwear, hosiery, gloves, mitts, collars, cuffs; gents neck wear, handkerchiefs, socks; also, stationery, books, croquet sets, notions, etc. 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.

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 brickwork furnished. Will attend in Dallas on Wednesday and Thursday in each county court week. Office at the court house.

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 summerfallow, good house and barn, good orchard, \$672 per acre, it is well located.

160 Acres, all in cultivation, good house and barn, 60 acres summerfallow, farm divided into three fields, good spring in each, very desirable farm, \$35 per acre.

343 Acres, good house and barn, 49 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 TATOM, Monmouth, Polk county, Oregon.

GENE HAYTER,

Dry Goods Store at DALLAS.

HERE AND HEREAABOUTS.

Judge Stouffer is reported sick.

Mrs. L. Bently is slightly improved.

Mrs. Stanley has built a new wood house.

A Cleveland hat in town Wednesday.

Mrs. Dr. Parrish was quite sick Tuesday.

Miss Pentland left for her home Tuesday.

Miss Emma Percival is spending the week at Ballston.

Threshing is progressing rapidly. Harvest will soon be over.

Reports come of good times, and plenty of joy at the seaside.

The saw and hammer are heard continually in our town.

Work on the suspension bridge, at Oregon City is being pushed.

Miss Katie Bristow is spending the week at the Summit, Benton county.

Andrew Hannum and wife of Lewisville, were in town Sunday.

M. A. C. Robertson and wife, of Independence, were in town Sunday.

Judge Truitt and wife passed through Monmouth on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cuss Riggs, of Crowley were in town Tuesday.

Mr. H. Stotts, of the Airline warehouse was among us on Thursday.

The commissioners court convened on Wednesday and Thursday.

From everywhere comes the report of good yields this harvest.

Carlet Milton G. Davis of this county leaves for West Point on the 17th inst.

Mrs. Blunt of Albany was engaging rooms to send her daughter to the Normal this week.

Miss Lillie Worth and mother, of Eugene, will move to Monmouth next week.

While at the court house Thursday we noticed Mrs. Ira Smith acting as "deputy sheriff," very acceptably.

Mr. H. M. Davidson went to Portland Monday, returning Wednesday.

W. W. Brooks, of the West Side made a flying trip to Southern Oregon, going as far as Grants Pass, last week.

We understand W. E. Dalton will be engaged in the wheat market.

Prof. Frank Rigler, formerly of this county, has been selected principal of the Corvallis public school.

Mrs. Corine Butler, daughter of Hon. N. L. Butler, of Dallas, made relatives a visit on Thursday.

A. W. Lucas and F. S. Powell were their threshing machine on Monday and were detailed from work a half day.

"In this little world of sin and sorrow, It mightily hard, For one to borrow, But very little trouble For you to lend, Some one else Your money to spend."

Frank Collins and John Griggs were at Albany the first of the week. They report harvest not as far advanced in that county as in Polk.

Gen. Phil. Sheridan once owned a piece of land in this county, which was disposed of to R. D. Cooper. His name appears on the county records.

Pres. and Mrs. D. T. Stanley are in Lane county. Pres. Stanley is looking after the interests of the school.

H. L. Fenton and wife, accompanied by the Misses Collins of Dallas, went to the Upper Soda in Linn county last Thursday.

The Farmers Supply Depot Company will build two block east of the warehouse, the best location in town.

I. H. Copeland, a member of the Normal class of '85, has completed his studies in the Lexington University in Kentucky, where he has been for the past two years. He will return to Oregon in a few weeks to enter the ministry, the field of labor for which he has been preparing.

Churchill and Montieth are selling goods fast at their cheap figures. Give them a call at once, at Independence.

The house at Vancouver, W. T., in which Gen. Sheridan lived while stationed there is still standing and is occupied by Lieut. J. M. O'Neil. It is the same house that Gen. Grant occupied before he went to the Mexican war.

The state railroad commission, in session at Salem during the week, was engaged in work preliminary to compiling the biennial report to the legislature which clerk Bell will have ready for the printer about October first.

The fifth annual convention of the Young Men's Christian Association of Oregon, Washington Territory, and British Columbia, will be held at Seattle, W. T., commencing Thursday, Sept. 20th.

The price of wheat is a little on the advance.

Assessor Wells was through town on Friday.

The republican senate at Washington will offer a tariff bill.

It is now the indication that Monmouth will be full this winter.

The farmers are still hauling out the sacks from F. M. Collins's warehouse.

Prof. P. L. Campbell is making a hand in the harvest field.

E. C. Pentland, of the West Side, has added a buggy to his horse.

Eld. Messick preached at the Whiteaker school house last Sunday evening.

Several farmers near Eola are realizing a yield of 40 bushels of wheat per acre.

The cities through the Willamette Valley are being greatly annoyed by a band of burglars.

The flag is at half-mast on the court house at Dallas, in honor of Gen. Sheridan.

Mr. Ball, of Independence, died on Wednesday. His remains were buried in the cemetery south of town on Thursday.

Joe Hubbard now drives a brand new wagon. Joe intends making a trip to Harney Valley as soon as the wheat harvest is over.

Editor Wash of the *Benizer*, and wife, were doing our town Monday. The *Benizer* acknowledges a very pleasant call.

David Warren, who has been unable to attend to the work in his shop, from an ailment of his left arm, is now slowly improving and he hopes to be able to work soon.

Messrs. J. L. and B. L. Murphy, with their families, have returned from their fishing and hunting tour on the Yaquina. They report a very pleasant trip.

Mr. and Mrs. McCoy, from near Corvallis, were in town Thursday securing rooms for Miss Bertha McDaniel, who will attend school the coming year.

P. N. Nystrom, who is successfully canvassing our county with a beautiful copy of the bible, has been engaged to preach one Sunday each month for the Christian church at Dallas.

J. L. Parrish, the well-known pioneer and missionary was married to Mrs. Maggie A. Boree, of Forest Grove on Monday. Father Parrish is 83 years of age.

A party of about sixty New England teachers stopped at Salem for two hours, and visited the public buildings Thursday.

Polk county is coming to the front with the biggest crop yields of any county in the state. Polk can't be beat for a wheat county.

It is alleged that Montana has the largest gold mine in the world. This mine will be sold out in a few weeks. St. Louis capitalists and St. Paul men are negotiating for its purchase.

Two boys named Timer, aged 13 and 15, were drowned at Eugene City while in bathing in the Willamette Sunday.

Ed. Dove, the well known hop man of Bird Island, says that his hop crop will average from 2700 to 3000 lbs. to the acre this year. This is a remarkably good yield.

Lyman Damon is making a fine run with his steam thresher. He is averaging from 2000 to 2500 bushels per day.

Hon. J. D. Lee and family are camping out on their property, near Oswego, for a few weeks.

J. W. Crawford, the Albany artist, will visit our town again soon. His work here in June was satisfactory, and his visit next time will meet with similar result.

Dallas has now a first-class band organized. This town has a good band reputation, and we are glad to see them in the business again.

When at Dallas we cannot help calling at J. H. Lawton's for a shave or a hair cut.

Wool men and woolen manufacturers will go slow until they see whether democracy will hold the whip and the reins.

Will Dawson has purchased the stock of stationary, etc., kept by N. H. Butler, and will open out a first-class stock of books and stationary here.

Secretary of State, Geo. McBride, has been seriously ill during the week. He is however able to supervise the work of his department at present writing.

Capt. M. G. Butterfield, late of Eugene, and formerly of Polk county, has been appointed deputy clerk of Multnomah county.

State Supt. McElroy was in Yamhill county this week, looking after the interests of the schools.

Mr. Wm. Scott and his son, of Wheatland, were visiting Mrs. Fishback, his daughter, during the week.

Jeff Fryer and Wm. Percival now have 24,000 head of sheep waiting market.

Richard Wells, the life insurance agent, has returned from his Idaho trip.

J. H. Stine, formerly editor of the *West Side*, made this office a call on Tuesday.

Mrs. Wm. Dawson and three of her little grand children are on a visit to McMinnville.

Will H. Parry is City editor of the daily *Statesman*, in the absence of E. B. Piper, who is now on a visit to California.

Miss Anna Godley, of Halsey, Linn county, has assumed the position of musical instructor at the Indian training school, Chemawa.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis of Shedd Station Linn county, were in town over Tuesday night. They engaged rooms for their two daughters to attend the Normal school the coming session.

Frank Hubbard of Syracuse, was in our town this week. He reports crops good in that neighborhood, and the harvest work progressing finely.

The new roller mill at Dallas, is nearing completion. The machinery is now being placed in readiness. They have a splendid water power, and have succeeded in securing a mill that will do credit this prosperous city of Polk.

The Whitman county teachers' institute is now in session at Colfax, W. T., with sixty-four teachers in attendance.

Subscribe for your home paper. Nothing can supply the place of the local paper. The *Observer* can be had for \$1.50 per year. Do not pass an opportunity to subscribe.

Miss Belle Gray, of Philomath, a member of the Senior Normal this year, has secured a position in the graded school at Albany. She will assume her duties in a few weeks.

There are eleven steam threshers running between Luckiamute and McCoy, a distance of 20 miles. At an average of 1500 bushels per day, the reader can have some idea of the amount of grain raised in this locality.

Miss Eda Egan, of Marion county, who attended school at this place last winter, is now visiting her friends, the Misses Lillie and Etta Whiteaker.

John L. Riggs and wife of Ballston, came up here last Friday and remained until Sunday, the guests of Wm. Percival. We understand that they intend making a visit to the eastern states the first of September.

Some of the side walks about town are in a rickety condition. They should be looked after by those who have these matters in charge.

Good yields: J. M. Staats, of Airline, threshed 35 acres of wheat, with a yield of about 45 bushels per acre; also, T. Wann, of near this place, threshed from 30 acres 40 bushels and from 12 acres 45 bushels per acre.

A 44 acre field on L. L. McArthur's place, near Dixie, yielded 50 bushels to the acre. Other fields in that vicinity are reported equally as good. Polk county always stands in the front with big yields and good crops.

Robert Clow's two-year-old thoroughbred Shorthorn bull "Sam Jones" was weighed yesterday, and tipped the beam at 1374 pounds.—*Statesman*.

The four steam threshing outfits that are running in this immediate vicinity are doing rapid work. There have been no break downs to amount to anything yet, and the end of this week will almost finish the harvest work here.

Eld. J. W. Webb, of Salem, state organizer of the prohibition party, preached an excellent discourse here Sunday evening. He was accompanied by his wife, who were welcome callers on numerous friends in town.

The following parties leave for two weeks' stay at Nestucca beach on Saturday: Dr. Parrish and family, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Waller, Mr. J. H. Mulkey and family, Mr. F. Y. Mulkey and Miss Lula Waller.

H. W. Shreve and Henry Farley, of Dallas, both students of last year at this place, attended church here last Sunday. Mr. Shreve was a member of the commercial class of this year, and has already begun his chosen work by swinging the yardstick in a very successful manner at the city of Dallas.

Wm. Grant came near meeting with a serious accident while at work on the warehouse of F. M. Collins Tuesday. He was standing on a temporary frame raising a 4x6 timber when his footing gave way and he fell a few feet, the timber striking him on the left ear cutting quite a gash, which though not serious, was very painful.

Prof. W. E. Yates has resigned his position as principal of the Independence public school, to accept a position in the Corvallis schools. Prof. J. D. Hawes, of Hillsboro has been elected to fill his place at Independence.

Rev. Wm. Clyde, Presbyterian minister, has his appointments as follows: At Lafayette on the 1st Sabbath of every month; at Zena 2nd and 4th Sabbath; at McCoy, the 3rd Sabbath of every month.

The house of Rev. J. L. Hershner of Corvallis, was burglarized last week, and his watch with several other articles of value taken. Other houses in that town were entered during the same night.

E. O. Chalmers will move to Independence Thursday. Mr. Chalmers has been in Corvallis about three years and has moved his stock of books and stationary to Independence, where he will open up business.—*Times*.

Although it is claimed that potatoes were not placed on the "free" list in the Mills tariff bill, on page 6, folio 137, we find the following among the articles that "shall be exempt from duty," viz: "vegetables in their natural state or in salt or brine." If "vegetables" don't include potatoes, we do not understand the meaning of the word. Also page 7, folio 151, "Beans, peas, and split peas," are on the "free" list.—*Ex*.

Contractor Brink, of the firm of Brink and West, Oregon Pacific railroad contractors, has a contract for completing thirty miles of the road eastward, the same being the completion of Nelson Bennet's abandoned contract. They will begin work Monday with a force of 500 chinamen and as many white laborers as they can get, and propose to push the work vigorously.

"If you want to get a view of a fine section of country, climb upon the platform of the Water Co's tank-frame, and look towards the west, take a long breath and say, oh, my!"—*West Side*. Better than that is to come west 25 miles to Monmouth, where you can feast your eyes on the beauties of the most glorious country ever shown on.

SHERIDAN AT GRAND RONDE.—Capt. J. W. Crawford, who returned from Grand Ronde Wednesday, furnishes the *Statesman* with the following interesting news items: G. P. Litchfield, merchant at Grand Ronde, owns and lives in the house that Gen. Phil Sheridan had built and occupied when he was stationed at Fort Yamhill. Among the relics of the famous general now in his possession are his chair, lounge, cupboard and decanters. Sheridan left these articles in the house when he was ordered east, and Mr. Litchfield found them there when he bought the property at government sale sometime after. Gen. Sheridan, when out here eight or ten years ago, visited the house and recognized the articles as the ones he had owned and used. Mr. Litchfield prizes these articles very highly and says he would not part with them under any consideration. Old Chief Louis, Sheridan's old hunting companion, and nearly the last surviving witness of the Whitman massacre, and the guide of Spaulding away from the scene of that horrible butchery to a place of safety, died at the Grand Ronde reservation about three weeks ago. He was about 68 years of age and was a "go Indian." Agent McClaine had the agency flag flying at half-mast immediately after the news of Sheridan's death was received.

Record of Deeds.

The following real estate transactions were recorded with the county clerk this week:

The Oregon Land Company to H. Stanton 29 acres in section 1 and 8 T 7 S R 3 W of Willamette meridian, consideration \$1100.

F. M. Dice and Nellie Dice to Mary E. McCarty, 2 acres more or less near Independence, consideration \$1200.

H. M. Cooper to L. W. Robertson a part of lot 2 block 3 in Independence, consideration \$800.

J. E. Davidson and wife to L. W. Robertson a part of lot 3 in block 3 town of Independence, consideration \$800.

Joseph Craven and wife, A. S. Lake and wife to the First Baptist Church of Independence, lot 1 and 2 in Henry Hill's addition.

The heirs G. M. Fuqua to William Fuqua, 313 acres in Township 9 S R 4 W of Willamette meridian, consideration \$1000.

Carl Siper and wife L. Kelso and wife to A. Wilson, north half of lot in block 11 old Independence, consideration \$200.

Commissioners Court.

In the matter of a county road from Dallas to Cooperhollow, appointed N. Garwood, Chas. Black and J. G. Brown, viewers, Frank Butler surveyor, to meet at Dallas on the 18th and qualify.

In the matter of Justice of the Peace of Dixie precinct, E. P. Gwinn appointed.

The delinquent tax roll was examined and filed away. A large amount of the list is found to be of no value.

In matter of putting in new cells to the jail; report not yet finished.

Bridgport Broodings.

Will Johnson of Dallas, is building a granary for Mr. Weaver from plans prepared by Frank Butler.

J. S. Michell has had bad luck with his binder, having broken the main chain. He has still at date of writing, 50 acres to cut.

Partial showers fell here on the 31st.

Mr. Lemons, of Independence, brings to this place some very fine beef.

We regret to hear of Judge Stouffer's sickness.

The new officials have held about one month. During this time three of them, Powell, Butler and Stouffer have met with mishaps.

Can it be—can this be? A deep laid scheme of the democrats and prohis to kill off all of their successful opponents? We hope not, but it looks kinder singular.

Airline Items.

W. E. Dalton is one of our country men now. He will soon move to Monmouth.

Jas. Tatom was here Tuesday cleaning up his room in the warehouse.

Measles are again flourishing in our midst, otherwise this community is healthy.

J. M. Staats has bought Zara Tartar's farm near here. It is a good farm of 150 acres, the consideration was \$2,650.

Quite a lively fire broke out in the field of Joe Berry from the steam engine of Isaac Simpson's who was threshing his crop. It was extinguished with but slight damage.

Williams & Hastings are doing a good business at this warehouse. Wheat has been coming at a lively rate since Monday. They will get the biggest share of the crop in this neighborhood.

Reports of good yields are numerous, and farmers happy.

The Narrow Gauge road will be re-laid and other improvements, which meet the general approval of our citizens.

The grouse crop is good and our nimrods do not lose an opportunity to bring in a string of them these evenings.

Isaac Simpson is making a good run with his threshing machine. The average days work is 1800 bushels.

Dallas Locals.

W. R. Smith, Dr. I. T. Mason and Dr. J. B. Laughary started Tuesday on a visit to Seattle W. T. and other cities in the Sound country.

Dr. Worthington and family and J. W. Crider and family returned from upper Soda Springs Tuesday.

Mr. Henry Armstrong of Iowa, the oldest member of the I. O. O. F. in the United States visited Dallas this week. He is now 86 years of age and has been a member of the order for 64 years.

A. M. Bryant, a late arrival from Kansas, has brought his family to Dallas where they reside temporarily in the Randall house. Mr. B. will probably buy a farm in the vicinity of Dallas.

R. H. Turner and family returned to Dallas Wednesday. They have been camping out at upper Soda Springs and visiting friends at Buena Vista. Dick says there is a good location at the Springs for a first-class barber.

County Surveyor Frank Butler was in town Wednesday and Thursday.

Miss Cassie Vaughn the obliging clerk at the postoffice corner has returned