

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.

Farms for Sale.

- 210 Acres, good house and barn, 150 acres in cultivation, \$11 per acre.
- 385 Acres, good new house and barn, new orchard, 30 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, \$574 per acre, it is well located.
- 160 Acres, all in cultivation, good house and barn, 60 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.

Personal Mention.

Ex-sheriff Groves was in town Friday.

Mrs. Hooker, of Airle, is reported quite sick.

W. E. Dalton went to Portland Tuesday.

Mrs. Lyman Damon has been quite sick at her home south of town.

Alfred Huston and wife, of Independence, spent Sunday in town.

Lee Fenton and crowd have returned from the mountains.

J. W. Orider, of Dallas, was on our streets Tuesday.

Mrs. America Grant, of Dallas, is in our town with her sister, Mrs. Frank Collins.

Miss Emma Percival is the guest at Hon. J. H. Hawley's home this week.

Mrs. Leon White, of Harrisburg, will assist Prof. B. F. Mulkey in the McCoy school the coming term.

Gene Hayter, the genial dry goods merchant of Dallas, now walks on crutches; he ran a nail in his foot.

Judge Stouffer was in Dallas Wednesday and Thursday. His health has been much improved.

T. J. Graves and O. G. Shurtliff of the McCoy's jolly farmers are now improving the time in the harvest field.

Hon. Warren Truitt and wife left for Astoria and North Beach Thursday. They will spend a week at the seaside.

J. W. Kirkland is a live real estate man. He is doing a good business.

Miss Gertrude Scotts, mentioned in last issue, of Airle, is still very sick. Dr. Woods of Dallas is attending her.

The Misses Powell, of Hillsboro, are the guests of their uncle, Hon. F. S. Powell.

F. O. Y. Mulkey left on Friday for Toledo, on the Yaquina bay, where he will remain several weeks in search of health.

J. R. Cooper of Independence has just finished burning a large kiln of brick.

Mr. Burkhardt and daughter, of Albany, and Mrs. Hez Davidson of Pomeroy, W. T., were the guest of friends here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Gross, of Eugene, will have charge of the Normal dining hall the coming session.

Miss Lizzie Lee Warren, of Chicago, was the guest of her cousin Prof. P. L. Campbell a few days this week. She is returning to her home after a visit in California and the National Teachers' Association. She left here Thursday.

Ex-County Clerk, Dave Sears, is now making a hand in his warehouse at McCoy. He is looking well and says it is a mistake to say that an ex-official is not fit for hard work.

Prof. George Stanley and mother left on Tuesday for Corvallis, from which place Prof. Stanley will go to Princeville in time to begin his duties as a teacher in September.

Robert and Laura Burnett on Saturday evening August 18th, entertained a number of their friends at the residence of their father, Eld. P. R. Burnett. Various games were indulged in, and a very pleasant time was enjoyed by all. Those present were, Misses Cora Robinson, Cora Smith, Bertie Whiteaker, Lillie Lanktree, Bertha Cattron, Ora Bristol, Ida Waller, Edith Percival, Dae and Victoria Barzee; Messrs. Eldon Haley, Elsworth Barzee, Frank Montgomery, Fred Lucas, Dean Tatom, Ernest Tatom, Chester Murphy, and Ed. Smith.

HERE AND THEREABOUTS.

Long evenings.
Wheat prices are looking up.
The harvest moon has almost gone out.
Threshing is about finished near here.
This month has five Wednesdays, five Thursdays and five Fridays.
John B. Stump was shipping apples and pears last week.
The county bridges on Peedee are finished. They are 30 and 45 feet spans.
H. W. Hawley stayed in town Sunday night, returning to his home at McCoy Monday morning.
A list of nine new subscribers for the OBSERVER were received this week from one threshing crowd.
"Greely" Tatom, who drives a fast horse about town, had a mishap Thursday, which resulted in heart and harness being badly torn up.
Snowballs are now in bloom in the yard of Mr. T. O. Waller. Something remarkable for this time of the year as they belong to the early spring flowers.
Press Holman is having his farm residence on the Luckiamute neatly painted.
There is much repairing and improving of the farms over the county. This bespeaks the greatest evidence of prosperity.
Dr. I. T. Mason, the dentist, has purchased Dr. J. C. Byrd's office at Salem, and can now be found at the capital city.
Prof. V. E. Yates has sold his property at Independence, and moved to Corvallis Thursday.
Typhoid fever is reported in the neighborhood of Airle. One or two cases being very low.
The engine house and wind mill used to draw water for the narrow gauge tank at the Dallas bridge was destroyed by fire Tuesday evening. The cause of the fire unknown.
W. W. Brooks, of Independence, was called to Salem Tuesday to see his mother, who has been sick for some time, and it is thought that she will not get well.
Fred Snyder, who was mentioned two weeks ago, as a side tally shooting himself, near Salem, is fast recovering.
Eld. J. W. Webb will preach at the church to-morrow (Sunday.) Eld. Webb is a pleasing talker and a genial live man. All come out to hear him.
Lyman Damon threshed 12 acres of wheat on his place Saturday, that yielded him 40 bushels to the acre.
Miss McFadden, of Roseburg, is visiting in town. She was formerly an art teacher in the Normal, and her many friends are pleased to see her.
Dillard Strube and family of South-ern Oregon are in town. He is an old pioneer of Oregon, and was once a resident of this place, as far back as the fifties.
The Normal school will open two weeks from next Tuesday, Sept. the 11th. A large number of students have made arrangements to enter at the beginning.
L. P. Kramer and family, after an absence of 13 years in Washington Territory and California returned on last Saturday.
Layton Tindle, who was struck on the head by Wm. Davis at Ballston, is still in a critical condition and the hurt may result seriously yet; but it is hoped it may be otherwise.
The warehouse of Hawley, Kelty and Sears at McCoy, is having a good run as is the other house of that business town. The bountiful harvest is a harvest indeed for warehousemen.
Geo. Miller, a 13-year-old boy, who was bucking straw for a thresher on Alderman's place at Lincoln in this county, had his thigh bone broken by his horse getting tangled in the harness and falling on him.
Town lots are being given away to parties who will build good substantial business houses on them. A number have signified their intention of building. We can expect to hear the hum of the saw and hammer this fall in Monmouth.
At Dallas Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock the 22nd, 1888, Harold Oberg was married to Aelia Royal. The happy couple will leave immediately for Chicago, where Mr. Oberg will study for the ministry and Mrs. Oberg the profession of music. The OBSERVER wishes them success.
A family of ten, who have lately arrived from Nebraska, and settled near Dallas, are speaking in high terms of Polk county, being well pleased with their new home. They studied the history of every county in the state before coming and select Polk—they are satisfied with their choice.

On Mrs. Vandervert's place, near Zena, 30 or 40 bushels of wheat was destroyed by fire, which was set out from the threshing engine, when moving from the field and was not extinguished 'till it had caught into the wheat sack.

For the springs: Dave, Ben, Will and Al Whiteaker left Thursday for a few weeks stay at the warm springs on the McKinzie river. Fishing and hunting is the main object and success goes without doubt to them.
The work on the jail at Dallas has begun. The old cells have been removed and the building is being repaired for the reception of the new cells. Sheriff Smith is quite anxious to try his luck at holding a prisoner fast should the opportunity present itself.
Mrs. T. F. Campbell, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. D. Stump, start Monday for Canton, Missouri, where they will join the Prof. who is now president of the Christian College of place. Mrs. Stump will remain during the winter.
John Stapleton, who lives two miles east of this place, while at Independence, Wednesday met with a serious accident. He was working around the grain chopper in Caggett's warehouse and caught one of his hands in the cog-wheels taking off the ends of four fingers. Dr. Butler dressed the wound, and placed the little finger, which he thinks can be saved.
Miss Kate Creese, of Corvallis, was in town Wednesday night. On Thursday, accompanied by Prof. J. A. Buchanan, they left for a visit to their friend, Miss Victoria Ruble, who lives near the Luckiamute Falls. Miss Creese will teach the Elk City, Benton county, school, which begins the first of the month. Prof. Buchanan is principal of the North Yamhill public school, and will start up in about three weeks.
Old Polk countyites going on a visit to the home of their youth. John and Silas Riggs, with their wives, of Ballston leave on Monday for trip to Illinois to visit relatives and old friends. They will be gone about two months.
Eld. P. R. Burnett, who is now pastor of the Salem Christian Church, moved his family to that town Thursday of this week. They will be missed by the Monmouth people, having resided here a number of years, and as Mr. Burnett served the church here as pastor so acceptable for three years.
Those of the Monmouth citizens interested in improving the cemetery south of town are requested to meet at the church on Saturday at 4 o'clock p. m. Come out and give your assistance and advice.
A Chinaman was struck on the head by Charles Smith, with a pitchfork handle, while threshing near Silverton on Monday. The Chinaman was thought to be fatally injured but late accounts say he will get well.
On Tuesday evening the 21st inst., Prof. and Mrs. P. L. Campbell, entertained a number of their lady and gentlemen friends at the home of Miss Cassie Stump. The party being in honor of Miss Lizzie Lee Warren, of Chicago, who is a talented musician, and furnished some charming music, which was highly appreciated by all. The evening was a delightful one, and will long be remembered by all present.
It would appear from an article in the West Shore Magazine, that Portland, Oregon, is the center of manufactures for the great Columbia river region, and possesses advantages calculated to make it the great manufacturing point of the Pacific coast. The West Shore is an illustrated magazine, the only one on the Pacific coast, and makes a specialty of describing and illustrating the west in all its features.
John Murphy was quite seriously hurt on Monday. He was engaged driving a grain wagon with Mr. Prather's machine near Buena Vista, when his team started to run, being out of the wagon, he took hold of the horses bits, they taking him along in front of them some distance when one of the horses fell on him. Johnny is considerably bruised up but thinks he will be able to work again soon.
Eld. R. M. Messick, who has been pastor of the Christian church here for the past year, has accepted a call from the church at Trenton, Missouri, and expects to enter that field of labor Oct. 1. Eld. Messick's work here has been of much good and satisfaction to the people; and their hearts and prayers go with him to that field of labor with kind remembrances for still more success, which will surely attend him.
It don't make any difference, it is a fact you can get the best goods, and at the best bargain at Z. P. Vaughn's Dallas.

The Dallas merchants say business is good, considering the busy time of the year for the farmers. There are not many people bumming about on the streets, but they come into the stores buy what they want and are right off for their work again.

A birthday party was given in the College Grove Saturday, in honor of Misses Victoria Barzee and Maggie Buchanan, Victoria's 15th and Maggie's 14th year. It was a jolly time for the merry crowd of young Misses assembled. The ladies have the thanks of the Observer office for a sample of the refreshments of that occasion.
TAKEN TO THE ASYLUM: W. J. Pattison of Perrydale, was brought before Judge Stouffer, Drs. Worthington and Woods, Wednesday the 22nd, and judged insane. His ailment has been of some length. Sheriff Smith committed him to the asylum at Salem that evening.
WHEAT BURNED.—Isaac Gentry, of Ballston, lost about 500 bushels of wheat that was in sacks in his field at Ballston, by fire on last Thursday. The origin of the fire is not known. Considerable more of the grain that was saved from the fire is more or less damaged.
Dallas Locals.
Business is quiet.
Miss Royal and Harold Oberg were married Thursday evening.
Pleasure seekers are retreating home.
Warren Truitt and wife have gone to the beach.
Gene Hayter had the misfortune to run a nail in his foot. G. N. Townsend is managing clerk of his store during his ailment.
The Narrow Gauge workmen are now busy at work repairing the burned engine house and wind mill of the company.
Hon. J. J. Daly has returned from the fishing trip on Mill Creek.
The horse to John Grant's delivery wagon ran away and smashed the things up generally, a few days ago.
Dixie.
This beautiful little town is just now in the midst of a bountiful harvest.
H. C. Fox, who weighs at the Kratz & Washburne warehouse, says they are getting a fine lot of grain. They will get all they can store. One dealer is kept busy at this house.
The fine roller flouring mills of Kratz & Washburne is now run by steam the water in the race is not sufficient to keep the warehouse and mill running. They are running at their fullest capacity. This company buy anything in the grain line, and give the highest market price.
Harvesting is about finished in this vicinity. The end of this week will not leave but few shocks standing in the fields.
Some little sickness is reported in and about here; but not any serious nature.
At Derry, a half mile east of here, Geo. White, the genial station agent and warehouse man, is doing a good business. Two cameras are kept busy at his house and he expects to have more grain stored with him this year than in any former. The capacity of his house is about 80,000 bushels.
Chas. Miller one mile south of here is making some improvements on his place.
The Nesmith place is having fencing repaired and new gate put in. This is a fine farm and is beautifully located.
There is not a more prosperous and well-to-do farming neighborhood in Oregon, than is the one around Dixie.
Real Estate.
The following deeds were recorded with the county clerk:
Zed Rosendorf to Henry Patterson lot 5 and 6 block 16 in Independence consideration \$800.
Henry Patterson and wife to Zed Rosendorf lot 6 in block 7 Independence, \$600.
W. E. Yates and wife to Zed Rosendorf lots 5 and 6 block 19 Independence \$675.
Laura Wiseman and husband to J. M. Staats 127 acres of land near Airle \$5,650.
D. W. Driskel and wife to A. W. Lucas 150 acres near Monmouth \$6000 Oregon Land Co. to H. J. Minthorn 9 acres near Eola \$550.
Warren Truitt and wife to R. R. Turner lots 2 and 4 block 5 Dallas \$1000.
Chas. Svegle to W. H. Holmes 400 acres in T 9 S 5 \$3,367.
A subscriber has taken us to task and stopped his paper, because we published the "Thank God," speech of Dr. John A. Brooks, prohibition candidate for vice president. Facts "hit hard," and he will serve as another example of a good man gone wrong.

Bridgport Broodings.

Glad to see L. D. Mulkey is Deputy Sheriff—what that man isn't capable of isn't worth showing. He'll sell machinery where any other agent would get fired p. d. g. We would rather be sold up by him as deputy sheriff than set up in a good business by some men. No handcuffs needed as L. D. is so charming in talk that to be arrested by him is equal to a picnic. [What do you get paid for this notice, Brooder?] Ed. of Obs.
So the "Jeffersonian simplicity" of our late county officers leaves us ten thousand dollars in debt. "Simplicity" is a lovely quality but perhaps wants mixing with a little wisdom for this wicked world. But why didn't they pay a tax of 20 mills and pay this off in their own term of office? Of course they didn't wish to get the credit of a frehanded expenditure and leave the odium of increased taxation with their "rascally" successors.
We think the voters of old Polk may be trusted to do the right thing at the right time. "Vox populi vox dei." eh?
Monmouth Pioneers.
The Daily Oregonian of two weeks ago published a list of what it calls complete, the names of old pioneers of Oregon, who arrived up to the year 1855. Below we give a list of 67 names who arrived from the year 1850 to 1854, now living in the town of Monmouth, and with but one exception, not one of their names mentioned in the Oregonian list. Many more are living in this immediate vicinity who are not heard of in that list. If the Oregonian list is as incomplete in other counties, as it is in Polk, it would be of little account to a large number of pioneers:
1844.
Lake Meadows, Mrs. Barlow, Waller, H. M. Waller, Catherine Stump.
1846.
Wm. Dawson, Mrs. H. M. Waller and Margaret Boothby.
1846.
Mrs. A. Bedwell, Mrs. Shelton, Mrs. A. A. Cattron, F. M. Collins and wife, P. E. Burnett.
G. T. Waller.
1847.
D. J. and B. F. Whitesaker.
1849.
Elizabeth Butler, H. J. Butler, T. O. Waller, E. Bedwell, Mrs. J. L. Guinn, Mrs. W. P. Bradley, Mrs. C. C. Haley and C. Wood.
1850.
W. H. Parrish, A. B. Griggs, J. L. Gwin.
1851.
F. S. Powell and wife, Mrs. A. M. Worth.
1852.
Mrs. H. A. Adams, Frankie Murphy, A. W. Lucas and wife, S. S. Whitman and wife, W. Waterhouse and wife, G. W. Ebbert, James Tatom, Mrs. E. Murphy, W. P. Bradley, H. M. Davidson, Mrs. Wm. Dawson and John L. Murphy and wife.
1853.
Ira F. M. N. H. and Maggie Butler, Max Haley, R. M. Smith, R. C. and Wm. Percival and wife, Mira Davidson, Amanda S. Doughty, Wm. Mason, A. S. Halleck, M. Kennedy and wife, Jane Haley, Mary J. Moxley, L. P. S. G. and G. M. Kramer, John Wolvorton and wife, Mrs. G. T. Waller, J. W. Zuzawitz.
1854.
Mrs. G. E. Ebbert, Sarah Davis and C. Ebbert.
On the Management of Newspapers devoted to the Interests of Editors by a Farmer.
I feel I must try to return the kindness I am a weekly recipient of in advice and item, or "bit."
It is computed that there are 150000 editors in the United States mostly over 60 years of age. "The good die young."
Why are not all editors wealthy? A want of economy is the cause. Costly presses and new type and restless striving after so-called improvements cost money.
A good and efficient press may be constructed out of an old binder by any editor of a mechanical turn—this in itself is a saving.
To keep down expense make your own ink a few trials will show what ingredients are best to use for this purpose.
Enough attention is not paid to the art of making every man's advertisement to head a column. Care and attention is all that is needed to secure this result.
In distributing type be careful to keep each letter in a place of its own.
An excellent case to hold type can be made of empty kerosene cans cut up and soldered.
Advertise freely in each other's papers and meet together to exchange ideas.
Statistics show that some U. S. papers issue 125,000 weekly copies. Any man of energy may equal it not exceed this. You have only to secure that number of subscribers and Uncle Sam's mails are open.
To remove printers' ink from the hands—thoroughly cleanse them with some detergent material.
Many newspapers would pay in spite of costing more to produce than they sell for if more attention were paid to securing "small profits."
The once used ink should be carefully scraped from the types, clothes, floor, etc., and employed a second time.
Unsold copies should be hawked around assiduously for wrapping papers. The editors children can be usefully employed in this industry.
As all honest labor is honorable (see exchanges), the editor should not be too high toned to split his own wood and do chores.

In Memoriam.

At the last stated meeting of Plum Valley Lodge, No. 60, I. O. O. F., McCoy, Oregon, Aug. 18, 1888; the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:
WHEREAS, Bro. H. G. Hawley, a member of Plum Valley Lodge, No. 60, I. O. O. F. met with a sad and untimely death by accident and
WHEREAS, By his death Plum Valley Lodge lost one of its most useful and esteemed members, who by his consistent and upright walk through life, won himself the love and confidence of all who knew him. Therefore be it
Resolved, 1st. That while we bow in humble submission to the inevitable and deeply deplore the loss of our brother and that while his place in our lodge will always remain vacant, yet we believe Horace has gained a seat in that celestial grand lodge where the Grand Master of the universe rules supreme.
2nd. That in our appreciation of his services as a christian man and esteemed Odd Fellow, our Lodge be draped in mourning and the brothers wear the usual badge of mourning for the period of thirty days and that a page of our Lodge Records be set apart and observed sacred to his memory.
3rd. That two copies of these resolutions under seal of the Lodge be made and one be furnished the bereaved wife of our deceased brother and the other be furnished his father, mother and family, whose fond hopes and bright anticipations for his future was so suddenly and sadly terminated.
4th. That a copy of these resolutions be furnished each of the County papers with a request that they be published.
PAUL KINGSTON } Com.
G. L. KELTY }
F. F. Post }
Probate Court.
In the matter of the estate of N. Conner, will admitted to probate. Appraisers, Cyrus Buel, N. Syron and Charles Buel.
In the matter of the estate of John Hollinshead, petition filed and Ora Hollinshead appointed adm'r.
In the matter of the estate of J. Turnidge continued until next court.
Estate of Geo. Fuqua, final account filed and 1st Monday in Oct. set for hearing same.
Estate of I. Vanhorn, court ordered citation to be issued to the heirs.
Estate of A. M. Jones, case continued until first Monday in September.
Business Mention.
Read our new advertisements this week.
The F. M. A. store has new goods. Connaway & Cooper hardware men, Independence.
W. E. Dalton will buy wheat and oats at the highest market price.
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 F. M. A. will give you a bargain if you will call and see them.
Shelley and Vanduyne 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 every 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.
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 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.
Note the following specialties at Shelley & Vanduyne: 45 inch embroider skirting, Newport scarfs, chiniles chimele cord, fancy ornaments for table scarfs, etc.
Horse shoeing, new shoes \$1.50; resetting shoes all under \$2.00; plow sharpening without cutter \$2.00 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.
Mrs. LaRansieur City Bazaar Independence, has a nice lot of ladies' muslin underwear, hosiery, gloves, mitts, collars, cuffs, gents neck wear, handkerchiefs, socks, etc., stationery, books, croquet sets, notions innumerable. Call before purchasing elsewhere.
W. E. Dalton will insure your wheat. He is an experienced business man and can give satisfactory terms on all grain that he insures and should the owners wish to sell before the time expires of policy, the money will be refunded on remaining time.