

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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Personal Mention.

President Cleveland is out on a vacation.
J. H. Stine made us pleasant calls this week.
M. A. C. Robertson was in town Thursday.
G. W. Johnson of Dallas will move to Eastern Oregon.
S. W. Smith, now of Waitsburg, W. T., is in San Francisco.
Sheriff Smith and Hon. J. J. Daly passed this way Thursday.
Our old friend, Sam Cond, of Dallas, was doing our town Thursday.
Gene Hayter is again able to be at his business house in Dallas.
Mrs. Wright, of Seattle, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Boothby.
W. E. Dalton and family have moved to town.
Mrs. J. C. Worth and daughter, Vida, are in Linn county this week.
Miss Gusta Palmer of Salem, is the guest of Mr. A. B. Griggs.
Miss Cassie Stump was in Portland during the week.
President Stanley is in Portland this week.
J. W. Dawson is at Portland this week selecting his stock of stationary.
J. D. Fenton of Yamhill county is attending Cooper Medical Institute.
T. J. Richmond drove his two-year-old mare, Ida, to town on Friday.
Miss Kate Bristow went to Amity on Wednesday and returned Thursday.
Miss Dora Buchanan, of Amity is in town. She will begin teaching again in a few weeks.
Prof. Powell and Thos. Rash left on Monday for the John Day's to look after their stock in that section.
Prof. Campbell has moved to the house formerly occupied by Eld. P. R. Burnett.
County Judge of Crook county, Hon. S. A. Johns, died, after a brief illness, on Tuesday Aug. 21st.
Miss Clara Gard returned home Wednesday from several weeks stay at Portland and Salem.
Miss May Woodbury and her sister, of Harrisburg, were in town on Sunday.
W. E. Williams, the warehouseman of Airle, came down on the train Friday morning.
Eld. Webb and daughter, of Salem, were with us last Sunday. He preached both morning and evening.
O. A. Wolverton, of Suver, was in town Thursday. He reports a large yield of oats on his farm.
Prof. J. A. Buchanan left Wednesday for North Yamhill where he will teach the school of that place.
Misses Marie Veltton, Mary and Charlotte Feulkes, of Portland, are here with friends.
Sheriff Smith and Judge Daly, left Dallas Thursday morning in a way that would indicate they were going to attach something.
Miss Lou Waller is now at the Yaquina bay. She will remain several days on the beach.
Mrs. L. E. Scholl of Portland is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. Waterhouse, this week.
Mrs. Maggie Lyndon, of Canada, sister of A. N. Halleck, is visiting here.
Prof. Bryant and daughter will have charge of the school at Buena Vista the coming year.
Dr. C. E. Worthington will conduct the business of Worthington & Langhary, at Dallas as heretofore.

HERE AND HEREBABOUTS.

Dust.
Call again.
Circus next Tuesday.
Some smoke this year.
Vote for Harrison.
Sunburn is the style.
Business is improving.
Harrison and Morton.
Have you been to the Coast?
Some reports of sales of wheat.
Wheat is on the upward beat.
Our schools will soon start.
The State fair is coming on apace.
OBSERVER 25 cents for three months.
Don't forget the Circus next Tuesday.
The Normal will commence one week from Tuesday.
The Independence school starts up next week.
Not many of our citizens attended the circus at Salem.
The Hillsboro Independent issued an extra edition last week.
Mr. Clarke's family of Suver, have the measles.
Goodman & Douty are putting in a fine lot of stoves in their store.
50 cents will buy the OBSERVER till Jan. 1, 1889.
Layton Tindle of Perrydale, is much improved and will get well.
The Sunday-school voted to have a concert four weeks from last Sunday.
You will not be troubled with consumption if you read the OBSERVER.
Born to the wife of E. E. Krengle, of Independence on the 24th, 1888, a girl.
A number from this place are going to Bird Island to pick hops next week.
The Oregon school for deaf mutes will open at Salem on Wednesday, September 15th.
Supt. Reynolds' child was very sick one day this week, but we understand is now about well.
Hazlett, the "tramp printer" is making his annual visit through the Willamette valley.
L. Bently has a new engine for his warehouse. He is taking in a large amount of grain.
The schoolboy sighs often these days. Vacation is about over.
The rural citizens go to sleep these nights to the music of many insect voices.
The new regime of the court house have swept it out from top to bottom and cleaned up generally. This is commendable, go on doing good.
Hon. R. P. Boise and son R. P. Boise, Jr., of Salem, were over looking after the interests of their farm near Dallas last week.
Miss Gertrude Fluke has been engaged as assistant teacher in the North Independence school Miss Della Nelson is principal.
N. Tartar, of Peedee, passed down to Dallas on the train Friday. He reports the harvest about finished in that valley.
Wm. Mason leaves next Monday for an extended visit to the place where he was born in Virginia. He left there many years ago and has not heard from any of his folks since the war. There will likely be quite a change.
The cornice, wood, iron and tin work of the state house at Salem, is being painted. Next year the capitol will be treated to a coat of cement wash.
The Misses Anna and Mary Stevens, and their brother Ward, of Eola, were in Portland on Wednesday attending the funeral of their sister.
M. A. C. Robertson retires from the firm of Barzee & Robertson. His successor's name will appear next week. The house at Independence will be discontinued.
J. B. Nesmith, of Dixie, reports a good yield of his crop. 106 acres of wheat 3,498 bushels and 39 acres of oats 2,000 bushels. From this section has come many flattering reports of crops.
W. S. Frink is now deputy county clerk. No better man could be selected to fill this very important office. He is an old resident of Polk and knows the "ins and outs" to perfection. He will be found with the Harrison & Morton men next November.
On Tuesday, Aug. 28, 1888, James Hillard and Miss Amanda Handford of Independence were married, Rev. E. R. Murgatroyd officiating. The contracting parties are well-known in that community and are highly respected. The good wishes of many go with the happy couple for a long and prosperous life.
President Cleveland has sent his check to the democratic headquarters in New York City for \$10,000. This is civil service reform.

Crop reports are flattering.
A. N. Halleck is now running his back to Independence again.
The La Creole Academy at Dallas will open Sept. 10th.
Rev. C. C. Pohle of Salem will preach at Independence Saturday evening and Sunday morning.
License to wed was issued Thursday by the county clerk to J. W. Craig and Miss Ella Davis.
Churchill & Monteth wish to dispose of their stock of goods. They are giving bargains.
The little son of Perry and Emma Prather died at Buena Vista of typhoid fever, on Aug. 24th.
Ed. Dove, the Bird Island hop raiser reports a fine prospect. He will get white help for picking.
C. G. Coad and Harry Cosper with their wives are now at the Nestucca beach. They will enjoy the outing there for a few days.
Elkins & Ferguson narrowly escaped burning their threshing machine on last Saturday. It caught from the engine while the crew were at dinner.
Ex-Sheriff Groves says his hops will yield over 2000 pounds to the acre. He has ten acres and will pick them with white labor at 40 cents per box.
J. W. Buster is not satisfied with good enough, but is reshelving and adding a beautiful sign painting on the inside of his drug store.
Prof. Chas. A. Hodges, of Ohio, arrived on Wednesday to take the position to which he has been elected in the Normal, which will open on the 11th.
May McMann and brother, of Malheur county, arrived here last Saturday. Miss McMann is on her way to California while her brother will go to school here.
R. S. Middleham, near Independence, raised 500 bushels of onions to the acre. They are very fine. No place beats Polk county for fine yields.
Died at Independence on the 27th inst., the 5 year old son of W. R. Gale. The remains were buried in the Monmouth cemetery on Wednesday.
Dr. Parrish and family and T. O'Waller and family, are camping at the Luckiamute Falls this week. This resort is gaining quite a hold on our people and many seize the opportunity for an outing at that place.
"That the Circus is the magnet that draws is evidenced by the large and enthusiastic audiences that greet McMahon's brilliant entertainments in Gilmore's Gardens."—New York Tribune.
Vaughn & Hillard are doing a general blacksmithing business and a neatly arranged shop. They are first-class workmen and you will not regret giving them a call with your work.
Dr. Locke, of Buena Vista, overdrove a horse he hired from the stable of Hall & Herron, of Independence, last week, from which the horse died. The doctor will have to pay for the horse.
The Water Works Co. of Independence are having their well put down deeper. The people of that town find the works to be a great advantage.
The publisher of this paper has been accused of wearing a Cleveland hat dressed in mourning, which we don't deny. A wise man has said, "It is better to be at the house of mourning," etc., so we give due respect to Cleveland's defeat next Nov.
W. L. Wells is now making an assessment of the town of Independence. He thinks the place is growing so rapidly there will be quite an increase in the value of the assessment roll here this year.
The OBSERVER predicts that the brick building now so rapidly being pushed to completion by L. W. Robertson at Independence, will be among the best buildings ever put up in Polk county.
Oats that yield 108 bushels to the acre. Dan Hewitt, brother of our worthy district attorney, had three acres of oats on his farm near the Luckiamute, that yielded 108 bushels to the acre. This is the best we have heard of.
Dr. A. G. Smith, son of a well-known Polk county farmer, who recently graduated from Russ medical college, Chicago, has opened an office on Turk street San Francisco. He will be remembered as an enthusiastic bicyclist and also as the muscular bass drummer of the H. A. C. band.
This week the school marms are holding forth at the court house. The examination of teachers for certificates by the county superintendent, assisted by Profs. Bell and Campbell, commenced Wednesday and held till Friday. Fourteen applicants are on docket.

Wm. Wells and Moore of Buena Vista, have contracted with Chinamen to pick their hops for 45 cents per box. They have quite a large acreage with an exceptional bright outlook for a good yield.
On not quite an acre of land near this place was raised this year 400 bushels of as fine onions as can be raised in the world. The owner says he will realize at least 60 cents per bushel. Why don't this strike some of our farmers as a profitable business enterprise.
There seems to be considerable stir in the wheat market at Dallas and Smithfield. Over 20,000 bushels have been sold for 68 and 70 cents per bushel, though quite a number of farmers are holding for 75 cts. which we hope they will realize.
A party consisting of the following little girls spent last Thursday afternoon in the College Grove in honor of Miss Rosa Smith's 10th birthday: Myra Smith, Lula Ebbert, Effie Waterhouse, Edith Percival, Nora Butler, Vida Stanley, Della Kramer, Alice Curley, Carrie Haley, Dell Butler, Roy Smith and Rosa Smith.
J. R. Cooper has purchased the hop yard of Vanduyne & Smith at the town of Independence. This is one of the best prospects for a fine yield we have seen in the county. Mr. Cooper is in the brick business, also, and has burnt several kilns during the summer; but will not put up another kiln this fall.
W. H. Brundage and wife, of Kansas City, who are on a visit to Oregon, called on their old friend David Warren, here Tuesday. Mr. Brundage and Mr. Warren were partners at one time in Kansas City in the manufacture of buggies and wagons. They had not met before for 13 years and the visit was much enjoyed.
A boy about 13 years of age, son of Neal Hate, of Independence cut an ugly gash on one of his legs, while working an apple peeler, the blade of the machine had been drawn back, and the boy slipped in reaching for apples striking the knife. Dr. Ketchum attended the wounds and he will soon be all right again.
Dr. J. B. Langhary, of Dallas, has located at Seattle, W. T. He left for that place Thursday. Dr. Langhary has lately graduated from the Bellevue medical college, of New York City, and has already laid the foundation for success in his chosen profession. We regret much to lose him from our county, but gladly wish him prosperity in his new field, which will surely come to him.
R. F. Wells, the live and rustling insurance man, returned from a visit to the Sound country Tuesday and left for that place again Thursday. He was called home by a telegram that his little boy was very sick, who is now much better. He visited the great hop valley of Puyallup, which he describes as wonderful. His father, of Buena Vista, furnished Mr. Meeker of that valley the roots for the first hops that was ever set out in Washington Territory.
Teachers' Quarterly Examination.
The regular quarterly examination of applicants for teachers' certificates began at the Court house Wednesday and held till Friday, under the supervision of the county board of examiners. The names of the applicants are as follows: S. Scholbert, S. E. Notson and Betta Shreves, Dallas; Plato McFee, Gertrude Fluke and Della Nelson, Independence; F. E. Emmitt and J. F. Wisener, McCoy; H. A. Spinner and Anna Wright, Salem; Lillie and Mable Bryant, Buena Vista; Dora Hubbard, Suver; Carrie Fowler, Lewisville.
Polk County Pioneers.
In the last list of pioneers published by the OBSERVER a few mistakes as to time of arrival were made. The names of Luke Mulkey, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Waller, and Mrs. Rachel Waller came in 1847; S. S. Whitman and wife 1850; Mrs. Collins 1814, and Wm. Mason 1852. There are many old pioneers yet living near this place in the Luckiamute valley, besides numbers who have crossed the divide. Among the number we can mention yet living are the following:
1844—Joseph Suver.
1845—T. B., S. H., and James Tethrow, G. B. Simpson, R. W. Simpson, J. L. Williams, Isaac and Stephen Staats, Paul Hiltbrand and J. E. Elkins.
1846—James Wheeler.
1847—Preston, Hardy, Nat and Amos Holman.
1849—G. B. Tedrow.
There are many more whom we do not now call to mind.
Letter.
EDITOR OBSERVER:
The delinquent tax list from 1880 to 1887 is surprising. Surely more can be collected than \$3,400 out of \$15,918. The taxpayers of this county who are not delinquent ought to know why this culpably careless state of things has been allowed to go on. More light is required from those who have had charge of our money. A full list should be published in the newspapers of this county with names and amounts due and then we can judge for ourselves that this great loss is of necessity and not the result of favoritism in the collection.
A NON-DELINQUENT TAX PAYER.

Bridgeport Broodings.
J. B. Teal has commenced George Gardner's new house.
What, wonder if the English fancy they will control our markets by Cleveland's election when we are misrepresented at all foreign courts by ex-rebels. Truly has some one said that the "reward of treason in the United States is a first-class foreign mission."
Tom Farley reports 1000 bushel of oats from 25 acres.
Mr. W. Ruble intends to build a barn and to stay here for the winter for his health.
Mrs. J. P. Starr is sick and also Mrs. Della Gilliam.
One header is still with us run by Mart Neally with the Ford Bros. separator, but it looks as if this machine, the header, would soon be disused in Polk county altogether. It seems a cheap way of harvesting, but with our heavy morning dews much time is lost and altogether it is not what it is cracked up to be.
Divine service was held at Pleasant Valley last Sunday.
Separating in our precinct is a slow job as the crops are so very heavy. Almost every one underestimates the yield and does not at first provide sufficient sacks—another farmers grievance.
Mr. Jasperson has nearly built his new house on the south end of his ranche near Mr. Brown's. We hope he will thoroughly re-establish his health by wintering with us.
Kings Valley.
Harvesting is still in full blast.
Crops here will average from 25 to 30 bushels of wheat to the acre and oats more.
N. Tartar will teach the school on the Peedee, some miles north of here. He is a first-class teacher.
Among the many fine natural advantages of this part, are the fine springs to be found on many of the ranches. This, the dry time of the year, they are the source of much good and pleasure.
The harvesting will be about finished here the last of this week. Most of our farmers store their wheat on the O. P. R. R., which is a haul of about 7 miles for the majority of the valley people.
The health of this community is good.
Stock is looking fine on the range. A great many goats are raised in this valley and on the Peedee.
Zenn.
Jordan Purvine came up from Portland on a visit to his folks.
Rev. Wm. Clyde preached here last Sunday.
Fruit trees in this vicinity are breaking down under their heavy load of the finest fruit in the world. Ho, for the land of red apples.
Those who have hogs this year will be in luck, as the acorn crop is good, the oaks being loaded with acorns.
Misses Maggie and Jennie Skidmore of Fairfeld; also Mrs. O. J. Morris of Spokane Falls, have lately been visiting these parts.
The Salem butchers get some fine beef cattle over this way, occasionally.
The potato crop will be large this year and will not be hardly worth digging, except for home use.
The railroads do not seem to have much mercy. We learn of a box of dried fruit weighing 50 pounds sent from this place to Spokane Falls, costing \$1.50 freight.
Improvements are noted in our midst, but do not expect a boom.
McCov.
Smoky weather again.
Mrs. Geo. Belt, of Salem, was visiting here last week.
Our school will soon begin. This place can boast of as good school as any in the county.
The harvest is finished. Wheat hauling is immense.
The yield of grain in this section was better than was expected.
The editor of one of the county papers shows his smiling phiz in these parts one day of each week.
The shop of J. A. Campbell has been moved to the Sears house.
Mr. McGrew and wife left last week for their home in Eastern Oregon, after a visit of two months here and at Perrydale.
J. D. Kelly is doing the metropolis this week.
Mrs. Burnett (familiarily known as Aunt Jane) and Miss Mattie, formerly of this place, but now of Corvallis returned home on Monday after an extended stay among friends here.
Sheriff Smith also Lark Hall were in town Monday.
Miss Carrie Phillips, of Amity, is visiting friends here this week.
Several of our citizens saw the "elephant" at Salem on Tuesday.
Jay Frizzell of Perrydale, is moving to Salem to educate his family, having rented out his farm.

Dixie.
Still the wheat comes pouring in. This is a bountiful crop.
E. P. Gwinn, who lives but a few miles from this place is having a fine wind-mill put up. The tank frame will be 45 feet high and the tank will hold 2000 gallons. The water accommodation will be great.
Jas. Demsey has made a good run with his threshing outfit.
A. C. Beck our blacksmith is kept hammering away.
Some of our people are thinking of taking a pleasure trip to the coast or mountains as soon as the harvest is taken care of.
Patriotic Music and Various.
The music of "Hail Columbia" was a composition styled "The President's March," by a German musician, on the occasion of George Washington's visit to the John Strat Theater in New York.
The original of the air of the "Star Spangled Banner" was an old English Glee of French origin.
"Yankee Doodle" (the music) was a popular nursery song, called "Lucy Locket" in England at the time of Charles I.
In 1769 at the city of Gloucester a person who "disturbed the peace of the city of Gloucester with his enthusiastic cant" was flogged through the streets by order of the mayor. Hum! not much fun for the third party then.
The latest remedy against thirst is to drink one glass of cold water on rising and take no other liquid during the day, it is stated by the blamee fool responsible for this statement that "no thirst will be felt nor will the heat be found oppressive during the heated term." And yet the impenetrable use of water as a beverage still continues. Prohibitionists take note and farmers cease to complain that prices are low and farming does not pay, while you wish to be reckless and extravagant in the use of the costly drink.
A possible cause of unexplained fires. According to *Fire and Water*, a Boston man shut up several rats in a cage, feeding them well and placing matches within their reach. Not a day passed but some matches were lighted by the rats gnawing at the phosphorus on the ends. The plan of leaving blocks of matches about within reach of rats or mice may be the cause of many fires which are called "incendiary." Keep your matches in tin cases therefore.
Even Monmouth is going to have a boom.—*Albany Democrat.*
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.
It don't make any difference, it is a fact you can get the best goods, and at the best bargain at Z. F. Vaughn's Dallas.
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 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.
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 Shelly & Vanduyne: 45 inch embroider skirting, Newport scarfs, chineries, chindle cord, fancy ornaments for table scarfs, etc.
Horse shoeing, new shoes \$1.50; resetting shoes all around \$3.00; plow sharpening without cutter \$2.00 and all other work in proportion. Oak coupling put in for \$1, oak bars each \$1. at C. Lanctree's Monmouth at the old stand.
Mrs. M. K. LaRansieur keeps always on hand a fine stock of select goods.
Parties having side-walks to build or repair will please attend to it immediately and save cost.—A. N. Halleck, marshal.