

# Polk County Observer.

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"The town of Monmouth is situated in the center of the richest part of Polk county, eight miles south of the county seat, Dallas, and two and one-half miles west of the thriving town of Independence, and contains a population of over 400. The location is a beautiful one, on a rich rolling prairie, and for general healthfulness, the site is all that could be desired. Monmouth offers many advantages, and those contemplating any enterprise are invited to confer with our citizens. The Observer will be read in every township and at every postoffice in the entire county, and therefore unexcelled as an advertising medium."

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### Business Mention.

M. Hayter dentist, Dallas.  
Nies & Smith are selling out at cost. Go to Henry Patterson for perfume Gene Hayter for cheap goods.  
Read our new advertisements this week.  
The F. M. A. store has new goods.  
For the best bargains in ladies and gents underwear, hats, caps, boots, shoes, fine clothing, etc., go to Hayter's Dallas.  
For fine watch work go to U. N. Grant at H. B. Patterson's.  
Spectacles properly focussed and accurately fitted at Henry Patterson's. Every pair warranted. No fit, no sale.  
The F. M. A. store have as cheap line of general merchandise as can be found any where.  
Students will remember they can get first-class photograph work done at M. D. Ellis' Dallas.  
E. Hayter's is the place to buy all the latest styles of dress goods; fine stock just received.  
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.  
Conroy & Cooper hardware men, Independence.  
Nies & Smith are offering their goods cheap.  
Go to Vaughns, Dallas the leading jeweler.  
Henry Patterson is not behind with a fine line of jewelry.  
Fenton & Truitt have received their new dress goods and now have the best assortment in the county; consisting of the newest shades and prices to suit every body.  
The Farmers Supply Depot Company will in the future collect all bills strictly at the end of every month unless special contract are otherwise.  
Goodman & Douty have just received, direct from Chicago, the finest line of Cutlery every brought to Independence. Don't fail to call and examine the stock.  
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.  
Cridler brothers of Dallas have 20,000 shakos for sale cheap.  
Paints, Oils, Varnish at H. R. Patterson's cheap.  
No trouble to show you our goods—Shelly & Vanduyne.  
Fenton & Truitt have received their new stock of fall goods, and call special attention to their Dress goods department which is the most complete of any in the county.  
E. Hayter now has the nearest general merchandise store in Polk county and he will not be undersold. Call and see for yourself.  
The straight up-and-up store-keepers—Shelly and Vanduyne, Independence.  
Farmers wanting to buy a fall bill will save money by buying goods of Fenton & Truitt, Dallas.  
We nap for you way down prices on all our general merchandise. Give us a call. Shelly & Vanduyne, Independence.  
E. Hayter makes a specialty of silks, satins, plushes, velvets and in fact all kinds of fancy goods. Remember that all the goods in his stock are new and of best styles.  
All orders sent Fenton & Truitt by mail will receive prompt and careful attention; goods sent by return mail.  
Wood taken in exchange for goods at the Farmers Supply depot.  
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.  
Students in want of anything in the Dry goods lines, will save money by buying of Fenton & Truitt, Dallas.  
Mrs. LaRansieur City Bazaar Independence, has a nice lot of ladies muslin underwear, hosiery, gloves, necks, collars, cuffs; gents neck wear, handkerchiefs, socks; also, stationery, books, croquet sets, notions innumerable. Call before purchasing elsewhere.  
**Wheat a good Price.**  
All parties indebted to the F. M. A. Store are requested to settle their accounts immediately. Wheat is a good price and there is no excuse for you to delay settlement.  
Farmers Mercantile Association.  
**WANTED, 5000.**  
Boys and Girls to buy School Books at Chammess' Independence.  
Students when in want of goods of any kind, go to Fenton & Truitt's.  
Goodman & Douty, Independence.

### HERE AND HEREBABOUTS.

Harrison and Morton.  
October rains.  
The sidewalks need repair.  
J. B. V. Butler went to Portland Thursday.  
Senator Dolph has returned to Oregon.  
F. S. Barzee went to Portland Tuesday.  
The frame work of the new water works at Corvallis is about completed.  
The new hotel will be started as soon as the material can be had.  
Rev. Clyde will preach at McCoy next Sunday.  
Miss Hubbard has charge of the Crowley school.  
There is considerable sickness reported about Airlie.  
Thos. Williams and wife of Airlie were at Portland last week.  
L. M. Hall of Buena Vista, was this way Wednesday evening.  
Mrs. F. W. Fenton left for her home at Lafayette Friday.  
"We are not free traders."—Democrats.  
Frank Holman who has been very sick with fever is now getting well. Crowds are returning from Mechanics fair.  
F. Y. Mulkey returned from the fair Wednesday.  
The public school of Corvallis has an attendance 240 pupils.  
Attorney Geo. Belt is in a good business at Spokane Falls.  
Street corner political discussions are growing quite warm.  
Our village schools are said to be progressing finely.  
Wright Smith of Lewisville, called Wednesday.  
After election Thanksgiving day. Republicans will enjoy it.  
A car load of emigrants with baggage was unloaded at Independence Friday.  
Mrs. H. A. Adkins is building a new sidewalk in front of her property.  
The prospect is now that Monmouth will have a new livery stable.  
Hon. J. B. Stump of Salem and Sol Stump of Suver were on our streets Friday.  
Miss Emma Percival left for a short stay with her sister at Yaquina City, Tuesday.  
Mrs. Howell is having her well put down deeper. The well-borers of Independence are doing the work.  
The Bridgeport Republican Club is wide awake. It holds its regular meetings every Saturday evening.  
Dr. Poole of McCoy, has purchased the property of Dr. Worthington at that place.  
Cashier Ellis and J. Shultz are having their residences neatly painted at Dallas.  
Bear and panthers are bothering stock back in the hills. These animals are numerous this fall.  
Ed Clark a solid farmer of Dixie was here Friday. He says the farmers of his neighborhood have about all finished their fall seeding.  
Jas. Tatom, the popular insurance and real estate man came up from Portland last Saturday. He now has lots in west Portland addition for sale.  
John and Silas Riggs of Ballston and their wives, who are in the east visiting are expected to return soon.  
A. N. Halleck is kept busy hauling passengers from this place and Independence.  
Mr. Roys and wife of Albany, are visiting their relatives H. M. Waller's this week. Mr. Roys is a printer and the OBSERVER acknowledges a pleasant call.  
The house of L. Lemon used as a smoke house and place to render lard back of his butcher shop in Independence was burned Thursday night. It was with considerable effort by the fire company and hose used at the shop that the market was saved. Loss but slight.  
The Polk County Land Company are now prepared for business. D. W. Sears, secretary, at McCoy, or F. A. Patterson, Independence, will give any information wanted, address them at their respective postoffices.  
The following articles of incorporation were filed with secretary of state this week of The Christian Missionary Convention of Oregon; incorporators, D. M. Doty, P. R. Burnett, J. W. Coles, H. A. Johnson, and H. C. Porter; estimated value of property, \$1,000; and the source of revenue is from gifts and donations.  
A private telegraph line has been put up from Drs. Lee & Butler's office Independence to J. B. V. Butler's residence at this place. It will be a source of convenience to all concerned.  
A fresh supply of groceries at J. D. Irvine's.

Democrats do not seem so anxious to bet as they were a few months ago.  
Clerk Coad issued a marriage license to an Indian couple from Grande Ronde yesterday.  
Joe Hubbard was among us Wednesday. He now receives his mail at Wells station.  
Miss Lena Bosworth, theart teacher, has painted a very fine Cleveland and Thurman campaign badge for Judge Butler.  
As we go to press (Friday) we learn of the unexpected death of Mrs. J. C. Hastings of Airlie. She has been sick but a short time and died suddenly Friday morning.  
Born to the wife of Graham Glass of the Yamhill Reporter Oct. 13, '88, a son. All doing well.  
Eld. P. N. Nystrom will reside at Fogst Grov this winter. He leaves for that place this week.  
A novel entertainment will be given at the chapel this evening (Saturday) 7:30. All are invited to attend and a good time insured. Free.  
Press Holman lost one of his best horses last Saturday by it getting caught in the barbed wire and breaking its leg. He had to kill it. Also, Mr. Brown of Dallas had to kill one of his horses by breaking its leg on the same day.  
Geo. Kelty and Miss Dee Plankington, of McCoy, were married on last Wednesday. They spent a few days at the Mechanics fair and returned home to go to house keeping. We extend best wishes.  
Dr. A. F. Baker recently from Missouri, has located in Dallas. The Dr. is a graduate of the Iowa university medicine department, also the medical department of Kansas City university, besides he has passed examination and holds certificates from the state board of health of Iowa and Missouri. He has had 12 years practice and will succeed Dr. Worthington. His family arrived Wednesday evening.  
Frank Butler, COUNTY SURVEYOR leveler, valuer and auctioneer; postal address, Dallas, Polk county, Oregon. Specifications, estimates, plans and drawings of dwellings, barns, bridges, excavation, earth work and brick-work furnished. Will attend in Dallas on Wednesday and Thursday in each county court week. Office at the court house.  
A pet deer belonging to John Robbins, who lives west of Dallas, got on the "war path" last Saturday, and came near using up a neighbor who had occasion to cross his park. It tore almost all his clothes off him and scratched him considerable.  
Last Sunday night the residence of G. E. Logon on the Davidson place near Buena Vista was entered by burglars and \$40 or \$50 taken from the pockets of Logan. On suspicion James DeBord was arrested while on his way to Portland, for the theft, but evidence was not sufficient and he was released.  
Robt. Maher, a U. S. prisoner of Salem, was pardoned by President Cleveland on Wednesday. Maher was a private in Co. D, 2nd infantry stationed at Cour d'Alene and was courtmartialled and sentenced to prison for 7 years on a charge of burglary robbery and absence without leave in 1885. President Cleveland exercised his power on the ground that the evidence of conviction was conflicting.  
Geo. M. Beeler, special agent and adjuster, State Insurance Company, Salem, made us a pleasant call on Thursday evening. We are glad to note Geo. as a successful insurance man, the more so, because he is a Monmouth boy, born and raised here. He will locate an agent here to represent that well-known and already popular company.  
The republicans of Bridgeport, than whom none are more enthusiastic or patriotic, have completed arrangements for a big rally there Saturday Nov. 3rd. One of the speakers of the occasion will be Hon. Warren Truitt, who has a wide-spread reputation as an effective and interesting orator. The Bridgeport people are counting on having a big time, and when the republicans of that enterprising burg expect to have a lively time they never fail. Good music will be furnished by the Glee Club.  
A letter from W. E. Dalton from Mountain Home in the Cascades, says him and party are getting along nicely. He gives quite a sad account of a serious runaway that happened in the mountains as follows: Harry McDowell in company with some other parties on their way to Harney Valley, while going down a mountain the brake gave way which caused the team to run away. They ran some distance when making a curve the bottom of the hill the wheel struck a log and upset the wagon over a grade of about 20 feet knocking Mr. D. and son senseless

and nearly breaking Mrs. Carrey's back. They were taken back to a house on Canyon Creek where they have the best of care. Dr. Thompson of Crawfordsville was called and says McDowell and son are in a critical condition and neither are concious; Mrs. Carrey can sit up a little; It is thought the boy will die. The blood and wreck in general where the accident happened is sufficient to warn the traveller of the dangerous hill they have to get over, as I understand several other parties have met with about the same result on this hill.  
What the Canton, Mo., News has to say of Prof. T. V. Campbell's work: "We are glad to note that Christian University is still receiving new students every week, and up to this time there are more paying scholars than during the whole of last term. Pres. Campbell has proved himself "the right man in the right place," and is winning golden opinions every day. The students are orderly and quiet and by their demeanor have won the esteem of our citizens. Indeed, every one is pleased thus far with the status of affairs, and the future certainly looks bright and promising."  
**CORRESPONDENCE.**  
**Independence.**  
Hon. J. D. Lee of Dallas, visited Independence Saturday.  
J. F. Faulkerburg, a former resident of Lewisville, but now of Estes W. T., is here visiting relatives and friends.  
Stephen Allenbaugh of Dilley has rented the David Whiteaker house and will move his family here to engage in the business of buying country produce for the Portland market.  
Postmaster Smith of Lewisville, was in town Tuesday.  
J. L. Stockton went to Portland, Tuesday to purchase goods. He will open under the new opera house, with one of the largest stocks of goods ever carried in Polk county.  
G. W. Griggs, late of New York City, arrived here last week accompanied by his brother, nephew and their families. Nine more families are expected to arrive every day, they having started from the east on the 20th of this month. When all have arrived they will determine what business to engage in. It is probable they will erect a steam grist mill here. He brought a car load of groceries, which he proposes to sell to the trade in job lots. For the present he will occupy the store room on the corner of Monmouth and railroad streets. These gentlemen have ample capital, energy and business capacity. To the Monmouth OBSERVER is due the credit of having been the indirect means of attracting this valuable addition to our population, through an item which appeared in your paper last spring.  
Last Friday Judge Hurley attorney at law of Lafayette, purchased the Isaac Butler lots on main street, consideration \$1000. Saturday morning he had lumber on the ground and a mason laying the foundation of a business house and law office. In the spring he will have built several more business houses of brick. The Judge is full of energy. Verily, verily the boom goes on. The six weeks of last spring are now silent about our properties that Independence was on the eve of a substantial boom.  
Hugh Estes, who has been visiting with relatives here for the last three weeks, for his home at Estes, W. T., this week. He left his compliments and subscription for the OBSERVER.  
Last Sunday while the plasterers at work on the opera house, one of the trestles gave way, falling to the floor. Dent, Desert was severely hurt in the side, Sam Stroup, ankle sprained and W. N. Cox hand slightly bruised. They fell a distance of 12 feet and were fortunate it was no more serious. They were badly scared however.  
Last Saturday Warren Cressley of Newport bought of R. R. Parrish his residence, consideration \$1,500. Six weeks ago an offer of more than \$1000 could not be had for this property. The family will move next week.  
Dr. E. L. Ketchum is having the dangerous and unsightly ditch in front of his property covered up.  
Wm. Wheeler went to Portland Tuesday to lay in a stock of goods.  
W. S. Elkins of Dallas, has rented the Geo. Belt house and will move his family here and engage in the manufacture of his wire slot fence.  
J. R. Cooper is having the roof of the Gem saloon reshingled.  
Last Wednesday a tramp came to town and after begging money and clothing of several citizens glided softly into Lewis Kelso's store and while the clerk was engaged waiting on a lady at the back part of the store he helped himself to a suit of clothes and walked off with them unnoticed by the clerk. He undertook to pan them off at several places and finally at the City Hotel where a commercial traveller, who had listened to his contradictory stories charged him with stealing them. He then took the private marks of the clothing and visited the different stores and found they had been taken from Kelso's. He was promptly arrested and taken before Justice Butler, where he plead guilty and was held to answer before the next grand jury. Everyone is of the opinion he took the clothes for the purpose of getting his board.  
William Elkins, the drayman, has bought the Lemon's property in North Independence.  
The following speakers are announced to address the people of our town from a democratic view: E. L. Skipworth next Saturday night, Hon. J. K. Weatherford on next Monday, J.

D. Whitman Friday. Where is our republican speakers, I presume looking after more doubtful points than old Polk.  
J. R. Cooper has contracted for a large quantity of wood and the parties will commence cutting as soon as possible. It is his intention to run two brick yards next season, one at Monmouth and his old one at this place. He believes the contemplated improvements in both towns will justify him in making preparations for the manufacture of at least one million brick next summer.  
Real estate transactions have been quite numerous the past week and property is advancing at a rapid rate. Warren Cressley and family of Newport arrived here Thursday.  
Mrs. Belle Ross of Portland is here on a visit to her father, H. Foster.  
W. C. Russell of north Independence has entered into partnership with Henry Crow in the butcher business.  
Constantine Houck took a trip to Salem Tuesday. (More marriage bells soon.)  
**Dallas.**  
The hotel gives a grand opening Friday night.  
Dr. A. F. Baker and family of Missouri, has located here, and will succeed the practice of Dr. Worthington. We welcome them among us.  
A very pleasant social dance was had at the city hall last Friday night. The new office of Judge Daly is completed and is a cozy building.  
The family of Lafa Williams left Dallas Wednesday for Moscow, I. T., where he has secured the lucrative position of book-keeper for the firm of McComel & Co.  
Dr. Smith of Salem, was over last Sunday.  
A. V. R. Snyder of the Astoria Transcript is calling among us.  
There has been considerable house painting of late as the weather would permit. A. J. Martin our painter and paper hanger, is as good as can be found in the state, which his work in Dallas will show.  
Otho Williams will open out a first class tailoring establishment here.  
Dr. Worthington has shipped his goods to Moscow, his wife visiting friends in the north part of county and the Dr. is settling his business before going to that place.  
Dentist Hayter is recovering from a two weeks seige of remittent fever, and will be able in a few days to resume office duties.  
Mark Ellis has sold his photograph business to Mr. Collins, who will conduct it at the same stand.  
Our schools are flourishing and increased attendance. Miss Maddox has a large class of musical students. She is an excellent instructor and her class will make rapid progress.  
It is rumored that there is \$500 in the bank that is ready to be put up that Cleveland will succeed himself in the presidential chair; but we doubt not it is all rumor, for if it were known it would be taken in.  
Miss Mary Hagood is visiting at Salem.  
**Bridgeport.**  
There is some talk of a picket, shingle and board mill being placed on or near J. D. Lee's mountain land on the other side of the Luckiamute on the Brown creek.  
At our Pleasant Valley school house the Republican club held a meeting last Saturday, but we have not learned what was done there.  
My last week's items were not inserted. Mr. editor were they not up to the high standard of the OBSERVER or how? [They did not reach us 'till this Tuesday. The mails are now carried by Cleveland's reform administration, and you should not expect prompt delivery.]  
Mrs. Stoddard has been paying visits to her neighbors around; her health is much improved.  
Mr. Martin of Souer Kraut has started a new topped buggy—truly our canyon dwellers are launching out regardless of expense.  
Notice, the firm of Germany, England & Co., is this day dissolved by mutual consent. All debts due to the firm will be promptly collected by both partners and those whom the firm owes are notified that neither is responsible for any debt the other or himself may have contracted, so its no use to dan.  
G. W. Gardner's new house is now just completed. It is a very elegant and commodious structure and few residences in the precinct go ahead of it in style and comfort. Mat Glaze provided him with a plentiful supply of well water at a depth of some 12 feet.  
Uncle Dave Guthrie's sheep are still to be seen scattered around. He won't—we are told—think it worth his while to gather them up unless Harrison and Morton are elected.  
Wm. Chapin is moving his house hold effects from McMinville and intends to reside in the future on his property close by—we welcome him back, he has failed to find a better place than "Old Polk" after all.  
J. Parrot Nichols moves to the old Lee house, so we are gainers as we do not wish to lose Parrot's pleasant face and cheerful conversation.  
Bertie Sprague has gone to his mother at Fort Drummond; he has been with us nearly six years.  
We are all sick of digging potatoes.  
**October 20th.**  
F. K. Hubbard took his hops to Independence.  
The Pleasant Valley grange holds its regular meeting on Saturday 27th.  
Uncle Ruble is improving his place right smart.  
F. Butler's corn in shocks makes old Missourians feel kinder homesick. A girls hat was found in the hill

road between Dallas and Syracuse, near T. Campbell's; apply there.  
—Hui Cultus.  
**Amity.**  
Capt. Springer had the misfortune to get his right hand hurt last week while sawing wood with a circular saw. It caused him great suffering, but at last accounts it was doing as well as could be expected.  
A daughter of Mrs. Wiggins of this place, who lives near Dayton, left her six months old babe in a chair, and was out of the room for a short time, when an older child gave the alarm she ran and found the little babe lying on the fire in the fireplace. It was terribly burned and it is doubtful about its recovering.  
Dr. Doty and wife, and daughter Lillie, spent Saturday and Sunday last at Perrydale, the Dr. filling his regular appointment there on Sunday.  
Geo. Kelly, of Bethel, was married to Miss Del Plankington last Wednesday at the residence of Dr. D. M. Doty, who had the pleasure of making the two hearts one. The happy couple went to Portland on the afternoon train. May peace and prosperity attend them through life.  
The quarterly conference of the Methodist church was held here last Saturday and Sunday. Quite a number of persons from abroad was in attendance.  
**Normal Notes.**  
Miss Bridwell, of Amity entered school on Tuesday.  
The lecture delivered by Prof. Hull, of Corvallis, at the chapel on last Friday evening was greatly appreciated by the students. In fact the entire audience was highly entertained. Prof. Hull will probably make another visit in the near future when we will no doubt enjoy another rich treat from his "chalk talk."  
A number of both teachers and students attended the Teachers Association at Dallas on Saturday.  
The Athletics are very busy preparing for their contest one week from to-day.  
E. Phillips spent a few days at the Mechanics fair this week.  
The classes in shorthand and German are making rapid progress.  
Mrs. J. W. Small of Walla Walla, who is visiting her father Wm. Dawson, attended chapel exercises Tuesday morning.  
Miss Emma Tharp visited her home at Suver on Sunday.  
**North Yamhill.**  
Miss Rose Haines has returned from Portland, where she has been learning dressmaking.  
Quite a number of our citizens attended the fair in Portland this week.  
Married at the residence of the brides father seven miles west of this place, Oct. 21st Mr. C. Pervineto Miss Lizzie Russell. A. D. Runnels officiating. About one-hundred friends were present, a fine dinner was served and a pleasant time was enjoyed by all.  
Frank Bedwell and John Bunn have been up in the mountains for a week bringing their cattle out for the winter.  
**Hurrah for Harrison and Morton.**  
**Matrimonial.**  
License to wed were issued this week to Emma George and Jake Roney; S. F. Yocum and Clara Alfrey; Lara C. Gardner to George Howe, all of Polk county.  
**A Question.**  
MR. EDITOR.—Is there an ordinance against shooting off fire arms in the corporate limits of this city? If so, would respectfully call the attention of the powers that be, to the nearly daily practice of target and careless use of fire arms in the most frequented parts of town to the endangering of life and property of the citizens.  
F. S. Barzee is bringing on new goods every day. Call and see his line of wall paper, window blinds etc.  
N. H. Butler has all kinds of machine oils. Call and see him before purchasing elsewhere.  
Parties having side-walks to build or repair will please attend to it immediately and save cost.—A. N. Halleck, marshal.  
54 different kinds of candies at J. W. Dawson's.  
Horse shoeing, new shoes \$1.50; resetting shoes all around \$2.00; plow sharpening without cutter \$2.20 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.  
J. W. Dawson has school books and stationery cheap.  
School books at Chammess'.  
**Chopping! Chopping!!**  
Any one having feed they want chopped will find me ready to do it for them in the best and quickest shape. Come before the mill shuts down.—Frank Collins, Monmouth, Oregon.  
Subscribe for the OBSERVER. It will serve you well.