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NEWS OF COUNTY TOWNS

AIRLIE.

Wool in this vicinity is selling at 15 cents a pound.
Farmers in this neighborhood are all busy in the hay fields.
Grandma Simpson is confined to her bed with an attack of paralysis.
Harry Williams has been employed as an assistant in the Simpson store.
C. E. Staats recently purchased a fine pedigree Jersey calf in Corvallis.
Mrs. C. E. Staats has gone to Walla Walla for a month's visit with relatives and friends.
Those who attended the Street Fair in Dallas last week say that it was the finest entertainment of its kind ever held in Polk county.

The Fourth of July celebrations to be held in Falls City and Albany tomorrow, will be about equally well attended by the people of this neighborhood.

Paul Johnson, a fruit farmer living near Albany, has recently delivered about two wagon loads of strawberries to the people living in this neighborhood.

H. S. Portwood's fine new barn is completed and he and his family are using it temporarily as a residence, until the carpenters can finish the work on his new house which is now in course of construction.

A large crowd attended the baseball game played at this place Sunday between the Airlie and Monmouth teams. The home team easily carried

off the honors of the game, the final score being 14 to 5 in its favor.

Several of the farmers of this place have organized a company for the purpose of buying and operating a threshing outfit. The crew will be hired on the basis of a 10-hour day, and the hands will be obliged to board themselves. The officers elected by the new company are as follows: E. W. Staats, T. Gross and A. Winterstein, directors; C. E. Staats, secretary, and P. Hadley, treasurer.

EOLA.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Farmer's baby has been quite ill.

Mrs. Alfred Brown has been quite ill for some time.

Miss Flora Clement, of Smithfield, is visiting friends in Eola.

The haying season is well under way in this neighborhood.

Messrs. Savage and Simonon were business visitors in Dallas Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Brophy visited at the home of their parents over Sunday.

Mrs. George Reid, of Spokane, is visiting at the home of her father, O. G. Savage.

Mrs. Grover Farmer, of Salem, is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart.

Mr. and Mrs. Blackburn, of Vancouver, and John Cromley, of Montana, are visiting at the home of their mother, Mrs. Cromley.

Mrs. T. W. Brunk with her two children and her mother, Mrs. Byers, has returned from an extended visit among relatives in Eugene.

B. I. Ferguson will begin picking his cherry crop in a few days. The crop is exceptionally fine this year, and promises to be larger than ever before.

The work in the hop yards of this neighborhood is nearly completed, unless the growers find it necessary to spray before the beginning of the picking season.

Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Savage will soon leave for a two weeks' vacation in the mountains, after which they will go for an extended visit in California for the benefit of Mr. Savage's health which is very poor.

INDEPENDENCE.

The saloons in this city were closed Wednesday.

Mrs. J. L. Calloway was a Portland visitor Saturday.

Miss Ruby Earhart is visiting relatives in Black Rock.

Edwin Wallace has returned from a visit to the Coast.

Miss Inez Stark, of Eugene, was a visitor in this city this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Cooper have returned from a few days' visit in Newport.

The cannery is now completed and will be ready to begin operations in a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Cooper, of Albany, were in Independence this week on a short visit.

Miss Eva Huston has returned from a visit among friends and relatives in Portland and Salem.

Mrs. Ernest Johnson, of Baker City, is visiting friends and relatives in this city.

The Nelson building on Main street is to be fitted up with seats, box office, and other equipments, and turned into a Nickelodeon.

Mrs. S. J. Lowe, and daughter, Katherine, of Dayton, Washington, visited at the home of Dr. and Mrs. W. R. Allen this week.

Mrs. Winland Ireland, of Portland, and Mrs. L. Kitchen, of Centralia, Washington, are visiting at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Taylor.

MONMOUTH.

Mrs. I. Fream is reported to be quite ill.

Allen Johnson is having his house remodeled.

Sheriff J. M. Grant was a business visitor in this city Tuesday.

Mrs. P. H. Johnson is recovering nicely from her recent severe illness.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Bowman returned last week from a visit in Washington.

Monroe Mulkey's fine new bungalow is completed and he will move into it in a few days.

Arle Hampton, of Eastern Oregon, is visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Hampton.

Sylvester Goodnight, a prominent banker of Vancouver, was in Monmouth last week for a short visit with friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Mulkey left for their home in Eastern Oregon, Saturday, after a two weeks' visit with friends and relatives in the city.

The Summer Normal is now in session with an attendance of about 80. It is thought that this number will be increased to more than 100 by the end of the week.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Evangelical Association was held in this city from Saturday to Sunday evening, and was presided over by the Rev. Hornsby.

BRIDGEPORT.

Mrs. James is visiting friends in Dallas.

Several cases of measles are reported in this neighborhood.

Elmer Guthrie is building himself a fine residence on his father's farm.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Bennett, of St. Helens, have moved to Bridgeport.

The Basket meeting held at Bridgeport last Sunday was quite well attended.

George and Jack Bennet are running their woodsaw in this neighborhood.

The Bennett mill has been temporarily shut down on account of the lack of timber.

Jack Bennett has returned to his home in this place after an extended visit in South Dakota.

Mrs. Farmer, of Bellevue, has been staying with her sister, Mrs. Laws, during her recent serious illness.

W. L. Gilson is building a fine residence on the property that he recently purchased from Mr. Strong.

Mrs. Frank Laws has been critically ill for some time, but is now improving slowly under the care of Mrs. Gregory, a trained nurse from Dallas.

It is reported that a rock crusher will be placed at the quarry on the J. B. Smith property near here, for use in the improvement of the highways of this vicinity.

EARN'S HANDSOME SUM

Proceeds of Booth During Street Fair Add Largely to Library Fund.

The library booth was well patronized during the Street Fair last week, and a handsome sum was secured for the library fund. The committee has submitted the following report of the receipts and expenditures during the three days, for the benefit of those who may be interested in the progress of the library work:

RECEIPTS.	
Cash donations and sales from booth	\$110.12
EXPENSES.	
Booth concession	\$15.00
Lighting	3.75
Printing	2.75
Supplies	15.55
Palmist	29.75
Glass jar broken	3.00
Total	\$69.80
Net proceeds	\$40.32

The feeling is general that the \$15 paid for the booth concession should be remitted, and the carnival committee has kindly agreed to refund the amount provided they have a sufficient sum to pay all expenses without it. In that case the returns to the library will be more nearly commensurate with the labor expended during the Street Fair.

The library committee extends hearty thanks to all who have contributed so generously of their time and money for the success of that enterprise.

Mahonia Entertainment.

Mahonia Club held its last meeting yesterday afternoon when Mrs. D. V. Poling and Mrs. A. E. Crosby entertained the members of the club and several invited friends, numbering about forty ladies, at the beautiful Crosby home overlooking the city and river. The afternoon was pleasantly passed by the ladies in doing needlework, and by a guessing game. Punch was served during the afternoon.

Miss Eulalie Crosby and her cousin, Miss Vera Cosper gave two selections on the piano that were enjoyed by the ladies. Refreshments were served by the hostesses, assisted by Misses Anna Phillips, Irene Poling, Eulalie Crosby and Vera Cosper of Dallas. Those attending enjoyed the hospitality of Mrs. Crosby and Mrs. Poling greatly.—The Dallas Chronicle.

Band Concert Program For Sunday.

The first of the concerts given by the Dallas band, under the direction of U. S. Grant, the new leader, will be held at the city park at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon. The program for that occasion will be as follows:
The Guardsman—Sherman.
Waltz—Idle Thoughts—Mengers.
Old Kentucky Home.
Overture—Living Pictures—Daily.
Intermission.
Moultonian March—Buhaltz.
Waltz—Selected.
Brunswick's Arcade—Southwell.
Selection—Bygone Days.
Number 2 Two Step—Jefferson.

Librarian's Report.

Miss Jennie Muscott, librarian in the Dallas Free Library, submits the following report for the month of June: books loaned, 502, of which 228 were fiction, 23 non-fiction, and 143 children's books; number of callers, 1147; new borrowers' cards issued, 14.

Walter Ford and R. E. Hill left Wednesday morning for a few days' fishing trip on the Lockmats above Black Rock and on the south fork of the LaCrook.

E. W. Kearns, manager of the Willamette Valley Electric Company, was a business visitor in Monmouth, Wednesday.

MAKES GOOD BEGINNING

Company H Elects Officers and Prepares For Work at American Lake.

The first business meeting of Company H, the newly organized body of the Oregon National Guard, was held in the Armory, Tuesday night, Captain U. D. Chorpenev presiding.

L. D. Brown was chosen clerk of the organization, and after this election had been held, Captain Chorpenev called forward the members of the company who had not been present at the regular muster last Thursday night, and administered the oath of allegiance which admitted them as members of the company.

After this ceremony, the captain presided over the election of his two subordinate officers, F. H. Muscott being chosen First Lieutenant, and A. W. Bennett, Second Lieutenant.

The men are showing great enthusiasm in the work and are anxious to drill as much as possible during the coming months, so that Company H may not be classified with the "rookie" companies at the summer encampment in August. It has been decided to hold three meetings each week, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, until the third of August, and a large part of the drill work will be done in the open air.

The men will endeavor to secure a rifle range within the next week, so that the target practice may be carried on as well as the other details of the preparatory drill. A level range of at least 600 yards with an additional 400 yards of rolling ground will be required for this purpose. The range must also have a steep hill side backing it to stop the bullets, as the modern army rifles, with which the men are to be supplied, will carry more than 2000 yards.

The committee appointed by the captain at Tuesday's meeting will endeavor to secure a lease on a suitable range this week, and the men hope to be able to begin their target work before the end of next week.

VOTE TO RETAIN MONMOUTH

State Normal Board Recommends That Appropriation Be Made for Oregon State Normal.

A dispatch from Salem in Wednesday's Oregonian says that the board of regents of Oregon normal schools Tuesday voted to recommend to the Legislature that Drain Normal School be abandoned and that appropriations be made for Monmouth, Ashland and Weston only. This action was taken by a vote of five to four, the four favoring the reduction to two. Secretary of State Benson and Colonel Hofer advocated the maintenance of four normals. W. B. Ayer, Governor Chamberlain, E. C. Spencer and H. J. Maier stood for reduction of the number to two. Superintendent Ackerman led the fight for the reduction to three, and was aided by E. E. Bragg and Stephen Jewell and also Benson and Hofer after the motion to maintain all four had been lost.

Superintendent Ackerman argued that the state is naturally divided into three parts, Eastern, Western and Southern Oregon and that convenience required the maintenance of three normals.

President Rossier and French were re-elected at Monmouth and Weston, respectively, and Henry M. Schaefer, formerly president of Washington State Normal, was elected president at Ashland.

It was ordered that the entrance requirement be advanced one year, making the normal course a five-year course as compared with what it has been in the past. It was also ordered that English be carried through every year of the normal course.

Governor Chamberlain was re-elected chairman of the board and C. L. Starr secretary. E. C. Spencer has been re-appointed a member of the board for a term of six years.

The following instructors were elected:
Monmouth—A. F. Campbell, A. B. Buckham, Mrs. E. M. Pennell, T. O. Powell, L. A. Robertson, May Babbitt, H. Z. Tharp, Sarah Tutbill.
Weston—Miss Clara G. Hall, Miss Anna Z. Crayne, Paul H. Wyman, Mrs. Clara G. Erench, William P. Mitchell, Miss Agnes Bullfinch, Mrs. W. Gordon, Harrison K. Shirik, Miss Carrie Lyddie.

Ashland—William Mellinger, Miss Arnilda Doughty, H. H. Wardrip, A. R. Joy, Mrs. Ernie B. Wickersham, Mrs. Catherine Sloan.

Card of Thanks.

Through the earnest efforts of friends, assisted by the vigorous and efficient aid of Hon. W. C. Hawley, Congress has allowed me a pension of \$24 a month for services rendered during the Civil War. Owing to my inability to see these friends personally, I take this opportunity to thank them for their kind and selfless act.
JOHN E. SMITH,
Private Co. K, 6th O. V. I.

W. R. Palmer returned last week from Corvallis, where he has been attending the Oregon Agricultural College.

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