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CORRESPONDENCE

MONMOUTH.

Mr. Hunter is building a new barn.

E. Robertson, of Falls City, was in town Monday.

Mr. Murdock is remodeling the house recently purchased from J. Flynn.

Quite a number of our people are attending the state meeting of the Christian Church at Turner.

The Summer Normal School opened Monday with a good attendance. A successful session is expected.

Mrs. Elva Rhodes and daughter, of Black Rock, visited the family of her brother, G. Sullivan, this week.

C. Newman and Lloyd Mason are making some fine improvements on Allen Johnson's dwelling house.

A force of men are rushing the work on the new mill in Monmouth. They expect to have it ready for the coming crop.

Arch Tetherow, who was seriously injured in the automobile accident, is getting along fine, and it is believed that he will soon be able to return home. This will be good news to his many friends.

Some one made an attempt to blow up the house of S. Guilliam this week. During the absence of the family, some miscreant entered the house and placed a heavy charge of powder in a stick of wood in the fireplace, and then piled on some kindling, doubtless thinking Mr. Guilliam would start a fire when he came home. When Mr. Guilliam returned to the house, he prepared to build a fire, but noticing that there was too much wood in the fireplace, he removed several sticks, among them being the one with the powder in it. A few moments later his son's wife entered the room and complained of feeling cold. He then placed the loaded stick on the fire. Almost immediately there was an explosion that scattered the fire all over the room. The carpet was badly burned and his son's wife's clothing was set on fire before the flames could be extinguished. Fortunately, all escaped without serious injury. The dastardly affair had been well planned, and it was evident that an attempt had been made to kill Mr. Guillams or some member of his family.

HARMONY.

Loganberries are ripening very fast in this vicinity.

The young people met at C. Blair's Sunday night, and sang.

Mr. Agee's wood saw is now in this neighborhood sawing wood.

Mrs. Florence Woods visited relatives in this vicinity a few days last week.

Katherine McLean attended the wedding of Mabel Shepard and Roy Talbott at Sheridan, Sunday evening.

The Rev. Salisbury, of the M. E. Church at Sheridan, preached in the Harmony schoolhouse Sunday afternoon. A large congregation was present.

Mrs. James and children, with some of their relatives, and Tillman Hinshaw returned home Sunday from a trip to the coast.

Mrs. Will Clark and little son and Mrs. Frederick, of Tower City, North Dakota, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. McKean, Sunday, returning to Portland, Monday, where they will visit relatives for some time and then go to the Fair at Seattle.

LUCKIAMUTE.

Most of the farmers of this vicinity are busy haying.

F. N. Stump had $250 worth of sheep killed by dogs last week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Chamberlain spent Sunday at the home of E. E. Hiltibrand.

E. J. Steele has purchased a new threshing machine and expects to do some threshing for his neighbors.

O M. Allen is again able to be around, after being confined to his room for several days with the measles.

Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Simpson, of Corvallis, visited in this section this week. Mr. Simpson was enroute for Tillamook, where he will instruct the cheese and butter makers.

Mayor H. C. Eakin, of Dallas, has asked Mayor George F. Rodgers, of this city, to extend a cordial invitation to the Salem people to attend the Fourth of July celebration at Dallas. —Salem Journal.

RULES FOR CHERRY PACKING

Salem Fruit Union Gives Out Valuable Information to Farmers.

Every farmer in Polk County will be interested in the following rules for picking and packing cherries. The rules were prepared by the Salem Fruit Union, which has made a careful study of the best methods of handling this delicate fruit. The instructions are entitled to the consideration of every grower, and if intelligently followed, will go a great ways toward making the Willamette Valley cherry much sought after by the outside merchants.

RULES.

Cherries must not be picked while wet.

Cherries must be picked before they get soft.

Cherries must be handled very carefully.

Use only small vessels to pick in. Do not drop them. Lay them in the boxes carefully.

Pick cherries only in the cool part of the day. Always keep them in the shade.

Always pick cherries with the stems on. This is absolutely necessary. In picking cherries, take hold of the stem and not the fruit.

Packing—

No culls in the boxes. Put nothing but fair sized cherries in the boxes.

Use ten or 20-pound boxes. Take the bottom off the box and turn the box top down. Place the cherries in rows with the stems up so the cherries will lay on the side. The second layer should be placed so as to cover the spaces between the cherries in the first layer. Fill the rest of the box without placing in layers.

Fill the box full, leave no vacant places, especially at the corners or they will be short weight, settle, spoil your pack, and bring less money.

Packers must be required to sort out all fruit that is small, blemished, bruised or without stems.

Use clean boxes and keep them from being spoiled.

Always keep the packed boxes in a cool place.

Haul in spring wagons and use wagon cover to keep out dust.

Boys' Hopes Are Dashed.

The hopes of Max Goldstaup and Max Hoaglin, out from Portland in search of adventure, were shattered Tuesday afternoon when Fate, in the form of the latter's father, interposed and insisted that they should return at once to their homes. The two lads left for Portland, Tuesday afternoon in company with Mr. Hoaglin, both expressing as their only regret the fact that they would have to miss the big Fourth of July celebration, which they had traced so tediously all the way from McMinnville by means of the flaming red, white and blue posters. Mr. Hoaglin, although considerably vexed by the unexpected roving disposition displayed by his young son, was greatly pleased with the treatment that had been given the boys and thanked Sheriff J. M. Grant most heartily for the good care he had taken of them while they were under his charge.

The merry newspaper war that has been raging in Corvallis for several months has been settled by a consolidation of the Times and the Gazette. The new paper will be known as the Gazette-Times and will be issued both daily and weekly. A very sensible settlement of differences.

PROGRAM BEGINS TODAY

Arrangements All Completed for Big Two Days' Celebration in Dallas.

Everything is in readiness for the big two days' celebration which begins in Dallas this morning. All of the committees worked like beavers yesterday and last evening, with the result that no public celebration was ever better planned than the one which the people of Polk County are invited to attend today and tomorrow. The business houses and residences are in gay holiday attire, and the streets will blaze with electric lights both tonight and tomorrow night. The merchants have shown commendable interest in the celebration, and in addition to preparing many beautiful floats, have decorated their store windows in a strikingly beautiful and appropriate manner.

With perfect weather prevailing, an enormous crowd of people is expected to visit Dallas today and tomorrow. Excursion trains from Falls City, Monmouth and Independence will accommodate the people of those towns, while a special train from Airlie tomorrow morning will bring a large crowd from the Luckiamute country.

TODAY'S PROGRAM.

10 a. m. Procession will form on Main street in front of Courthouse Square, headed by Stockwell's Band, and march to City Park, where the following exercises will be held:

Call to order, by Dr. T. V. B. Embree, President of the Pioneer Association.

Address of welcome, by Mayor H. C. Eakin.

Vocal solo, by Mrs. E. J. Metzger.

Prayer.

Reading minutes.

Roll-call of deceased pioneers.

Music, by choir.

Address, by Glenn O. Holman.

Music, by choir.

Picnic dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

1 p. m. Assemble for short speeches by pioneers, awarding prizes and election of officers.

Prizes—chair to oldest pioneer; chair to oldest person who is a pioneer; chair to oldest pioneer couple.

The association will then adjourn to give its members an opportunity to attend the afternoon sports and games.

Saturday's program will open at sunrise with the anvil's roar, the explosion of bombs, and all other varieties of deafening and nerve-racking noises peculiar to the celebration of the great American holiday. I. V. Lynch, the veteran powder man, will have charge of this part of the program. It is hardly necessary to say that the people of Dallas will not find it necessary to wind their faithful alarm clocks tonight, for the celebration management guarantees that the town will be awakened at an hour that will not give even the earliest bird cause to complain that he has overslept. Following is the

SATURDAY'S PROGRAM.

5:00 a. m. Salute of 21 guns.

9:45 a. m. Parade. Line of march: Form on west end of Washington street; move east on Washington to Main; north on Main to Oak; east on Oak to Jefferson; south on Jefferson to Court; west on Court to Main; north on Main to Academy; west on Academy to city park.

10:15 a. m. Procession halts on Main for balloon ascension. Order of parade: President of the day, speaker, reader and chaplain in carriage; band; Liberty car; floats; militia; autos; citizens in carriages and on foot.

11:00 a. m. Exercises at the park: Music—Band.

Invocation—Rev. M. E. Spahr.

Chorus—Italia.

Reading of Declaration of Independence.

Chorus—The American Hymn.

Oration—Hon. C. N. McArthur, of Portland.

Solo and chorus—The Star Spangled Banner.

12:00 a. m. Noon intermission.

1:00 p. m. Plug ugly parade, burlesquing the features of the morning one; also second appearance of advertising floats.

1:30 p. m. Japanese fireworks at college campus.

Continuous band concert until 4:30.

1:40 p. m. Boys' baseball game—Falls City vs Dallas.

3:00 p. m. Bear hunt. The animal will be treed on the campus, after an exciting chase through the streets and the nearby hills, all in plain view from college grounds.

3:30 p. m. Ball game—Dallas vs. Independence.

7:30 p. m. Hose race on Main street.

Band concert on Courthouse lawn.

7:40 p. m. Relay race.

7:50 p. m. 100-yard race, free for all

8:00 p. m. 100-yard dash for boys under 14.

8:10 p. m. Barrel race.

9:00 p. m. Fireworks at college campus.

Arnold's shows and merry-go-round will give continuous performances during the day and evening.

Judge J. E. Sibley and W. J. Kaerth, managers of the Plug Uglies, or the Free and Independent Order of Pow Jays, met in the Judge's office Wednesday night and perfected all arrangements for what promises to be a highly comical and entertaining feature of the program. In addition to their own attractions, the Plugs cordially invite the merchants to put their floats in the afternoon parade. This is an excellent suggestion, as it will enable all late comers who have missed the morning parade to see these beautiful advertisements, and even those who have seen the floats in the morning will enjoy seeing them a second time.

The young men who are to take part in the Plug Ugly exercises will meet in the rear of Lee Fenton's barn shortly after noon, and at 1 o'clock will march to the College campus, where the exercises will be held. The committee requests all boys desiring to take part to notify Judge Sibley by noon. The following list of prizes is offered for the various characters:

Best group, 5 or more, $5.

Most comical couple, $2.

Most comical male character, $1.50.

Second comical male character, $1.

Most comical female, $1 50.

Second comical female, $1.

Most comical vehicle, $5.

HEAVY TAX COLLECTIONS

Polk County's 1908 Roll Will Show Surprisingly Small Delinquency.

The Observer is indebted to Sheriff J. M. Grant for the following statement of taxes collected up to June 19 on the 1908 tax roll. Thirty-five hundred receipts had been issued up to and including that date, the first receipt having been written on February 15. The last payment to the County Treasurer was made on June 28.

Total collections	$178,605.91
Rebates allowed	4,725.64
Penalties collected	318.94
Interest collected	35.98

The net collections, amounting to $174,235.19, have been apportioned as follows:

General fund	$91,464.94
County school fund	19,937.53
City of Dallas	6,274.28
City of Independence	2,681.84
City of Falls City	1,579.95
City of Monmouth	665.89
School Districts	25,163.66
Road Districts	26,467.10

Following their usual custom, some of the taxpayers paid one-half of their taxes in the Spring, leaving the remaining half to run until Fall. By far the greater portion of tax remaining unpaid on the roll is made up of such balances. When these sums shall have been collected later in the year, the roll will show a surprisingly small number of actual delinquents, and the work of cleaning up the books will be light.

Many Pupils Pass.

Of the 214 pupils who wrote on the eighth grade examinations in the public schools of Polk County this year, 154 were successful. The pupils were required to make an average grade of 80 per cent, and not to fall below 70 per cent in any one subject. The highest grade made in the county was 97 5-9, by Miss Gladys Smith, of the Dallas school. Alfred May, also of the Dallas school, made the second highest average, his grade being 96 3-9 per cent. Miss Smith wins the scholarship offered by Dallas College to the eighth grade pupil making the highest grade in the county.

Garage Nears Completion.

Harris & Stump's new garage which D. J. Riley is having built on his property on Jefferson street will soon be ready to be opened for patronage. The cement flooring was completed last week and several automobile owners have been storing their machines in it for the past few days. The equipment for the repair shop has been ordered and will be installed in a short time. The large transient travel of automobiles coupled with the demands of the machines owned locally amply warrant the establishment of the new enterprise which will doubtless meet with prompt success.

Delegates Return Home.

The delegates from the Y. W. C. A. of Dallas College and of the Dallas High School, returned to Dallas, Wednesday, from The Breakers, where they have been attending the big convention of the Christian Associations. Miss Leona Brown and Miss Anna Garner represented the High School and Miss Eula Phillips, Miss Freda Launer and Miss Pauline Van Orsdel were sent from Dallas College. Miss Winnie Kelly, who is now in Portland, and Miss Harriet Hubbard, of Troutdale, were also among the college delegates.

Dr. Olmsted, Supreme Medical Examiner for the Order of United Artisans, will deliver his famous lecture, "New York After Dark," at the Woodmen Hall next Wednesday night. Dr. Olmsted is one of the ablest platform speakers on the Pacific Coast, and his lecture promises a rare treat to all who attend. Admission will be free, and all are invited.

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