

POLK COUNTY NEWS FROM OBSERVER WRITERS

MONMOUTH

J. B. V. Butler made a business trip to Falls City Friday. Mrs. Susie Lewis and son, of Falls were in town Friday, visiting parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. Fream family. Rhea Benson, a normal student, went to Portland Sunday to see her parents a visit, and will return to Monmouth to attend commencement. Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Craven are in

town, visiting relatives. He is a brother of Joseph Craven, of Monmouth.

Ray Chunte left for Rodman last week to take charge of a creamery. Rev. J. A. Good, of Lents, Oregon, former pastor of the Evangelical church here, made a flying visit to Monmouth, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Hewitt are in Portland this week, taking in the sights and visiting relatives.

Waterworks operations are getting along nicely, the concrete work in

the reservoir has begun, and a crew of about 50 men are digging the ditches for the pipes in town. The work is being pushed with vigor. The sand for the cement is brought from the Columbia river.

Jake Smith and M. M. Jones, the road bosses of North and South Monmouth, have a large crew of men and teams, hauling gravel on the roads.

There is a question before the people of Monmouth now that is creating some excitement. It seems the

council wants to build cement walks on Main and Jackson streets, and the residents are opposed to it, as some have good plank walks, and they don't want to tear them up.

James Goodman and George Sullivan returned from their trip to Eastern Oregon satisfied that the valley is good enough for them.

Charley Haines, of Harrisburg, came down Saturday and moved his family to that place.

J. B. Stump and Clark Hembre returned from the East, and brought back a nice lot of cattle.

C. C. Lee is somewhat under the weather.

The railroad company has put in new walks across the street by the postoffice.

A. N. Poole and Charley Newman are busy these times. They have three houses under way.

There are six or seven houses under construction in town, and with the building, and the waterworks employees, there is quite a payroll in town. Watch Monmouth grow.

Olive Smith and John Grounds, of the Lucklamute valley, were in town on business Tuesday.

William Rape, of Seattle, was the guest of Rev. Geoffrey Wednesday.

Wiley Norton, of Airlie, was the guest on A. N. Halleck.

Doctor Bell, of Corvallis, will deliver the Baccalaureate sermon.

BALLSTON

Moses Surprise has gone to the coast for a few days' outing.

The depot was broken into and about \$12.50 taken Saturday night.

N. F. Gregg has bought a Maxwell automobile.

Quite a number of our people are taking in the Rose Festival this week.

Leslie Beatty is spending a few days in Corvallis.

Roy Conner has been a Portland visitor during the week.

Mrs. W. C. Hatton and daughter Ferra, of Williamina, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Byerley Sunday.

Quite a number from here attended the carnival at Sheridan, Saturday.

Roy Gregg is attending Masonic grand lodge in Portland this week.

The Circle will have an ice-cream social Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Crowl and Miss Amy Carver will leave the latter part of the week for Los Angeles, where they will make their future home.

School closed Friday, and a picnic was held at Sears' grove Saturday, the program being given by the public school pupils, and enjoyed by all who attended. A ball game finished off the afternoon.

The Epworth League has elected the following officers: President, Leslie Beatty; first vice-president, Mrs. L. Boebert; second vice-president, Mrs. H. C. Thomas; third vice-president, Mrs. William Fudge; fourth vice-president, Ed Miller; secretary, Zelma Butler; treasurer, Jesse Butler; organist, Lettie Birks.

OAK DALE

J. W. Robinson has an extra fine strawberry patch of the Sharpless variety. Andy Tobey and John Dennis have some fine Magoons.

J. O. Macomber has a choice lot of cherry currants.

Don Miller is working at the Dallas rock quarry at Ellendale.

Mr. and Mrs. George Robinson visited Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Reynolds at Falls City Sunday.

The Helstead and Dennis families spent Sunday afternoon along the banks of the LaCreole just below the Hallock saw mill. It was the first time the Helstead family, late from Nebraska, had been along an Oregon creek and they were greatly charmed with the exquisite beauty of the creek and its banks.

Mrs. Clarence Sellers and her little daughter, Mildred, have been sick with lagrippe.

H. A. Lee, of Perrydale, is visiting his father-in-law, M. D. Miller.

Lert Miller who is running the engine for the Ebby rock crusher at Toledo, writes that he is well pleased with his work.

During the months of March, April and May J. T. Macomber sold 675 eggs from 20 Rhode Island Reds for setting purposes. He received a total of \$60.

PEDEE

Willie Bush and son Wilber went to Airlie Tuesday on business.

Miss Elsie Bush visited Precious Irvin last Sunday.

Quite a few from Pedee attended the picnic Saturday at Ridder's grove.

Willie Bush and family visited at Ned Freer's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Hooker went to Falls City Monday on business.

Miss Bernice Powell and cousin visited at Baker's last week.

Mr. Wilson and family visited Mr. McGee Sunday after Sunday school.

Roy McGee has returned home after attending school this last winter.

Guy Medcalf who had been visiting at Jessie Yost's for a few days returned home Monday.

Mr. Newton was a Dallas visitor one day last week.

Mrs. Lem Howard has returned home after visiting at Harry Lacey's.

Bennie Freer went to Lewisville one day last week.

Bert Baker and family were the

guests of Mr. Powell and family last week.

Mrs. McClain and Miss Woods were the guests of Willie Bush's one day last week.

SMITHFIELD

Miss Mary Friesen is working for Tillman Crook's near Lewisville.

Mr. J. J. Neufeldt and F. F. Friesen each are the proprietors of new buggies.

S. T. Smith has been in failing health for three weeks.

Several of the young folks of this vicinity will attend the school picnic at Rickreall.

Gerhard Diehm is hauling gravel for the construction of their new house.

Miss Anna Wiebe was a Sunday visitor at the home of P. Neufeldt.

Cherries are getting their rosy color here.

Frank Friesen sold a cow recently for \$55.00.

Mr. and Mrs. John Diehm were Sunday visitors at Mr. W. J. Garner's.

Norma, Elsie, Perry and Esta Smith drove to Sunday school at Etana, then visited their grandmother.

Charles Snelling will construct a new house and barn in the future.

P. Neufeldt has a force of carpenters building his prune dryer.

The rain is excellent for the crops.

Zena--Spring Valley

W. D. Henry and W. H. Crawford, accompanied by their wives, motored to Salem, Friday evening to attend the regular meeting of the W. O. W.

Miss Amelia Robison, of Portland, returned to her home Sunday, after spending the week with Mrs. W. D. Henry.

Mrs. Coyle is improving her residence by the addition of a large porch.

W. J. Crawford has carpenters employed in building a new barn.

A large crowd from here attended the Grange picnic Saturday, at Oak Grove.

Frank Crawford has purchased a driving horse from Mr. Alleman, of Woodburn.

The C. E. social held Wednesday evening at Rev. Scott's, was well attended, and a good time is reported.

Mr. and Mrs. Hardy Marsh, of Salem, spent the week-end here, with relatives.

Donnel Crawford spent Sunday in Salem, visiting his brother.

Miss Lovica Holland returned this week from Portland, where she has been teaching in a private family.

HARMONY

Once more it rains.

Mrs. Leno is visiting at her home in Grande Ronde for about two weeks.

Considerable work is being done on the roads now.

Mrs. Peeler and children and Mrs. McCullom and children visited at J. B. Hayes' Sunday evening.

Willard Archibald and Andrew Lawrence, Shaw and Floyd Hayes, returned from their fishing trip up Cedar creek. They seem to have had better luck than Mr. Oviatt and his pupils. Their fish were bigger. (?)

There was a large attendance at Sunday school Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Walker served ice cream to a number of their friends and relatives Sunday afternoon.

Harmony was well represented at the carnival at Sheridan last week.

Rev. Puther, of Crowley, held a two-days' meeting with the Baptists here, Saturday and Sunday.

BETHEL

Miss Nellie Mulkey, who has been teaching at Woodburn the past winter, is visiting at the home of her father, I. N. Mulkey.

Miss Marcia Romig, who has been teaching at Oregon City, is home to spend the summer vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Romig.

Miss Daphne Richards, who has been attending the Monmouth Normal, is home to spend the vacation months with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Richards.

A large crowd from here attended the picnic at Oak Grove Saturday, and spent an enjoyable day.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hansen, living near Ballston, made a recent visit at the home of A. Christensen.

Young Mr. Catton, of Spring Valley, made a late visit at the home of A. H. Wyatt.

PUTNAM HILL

Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Starr, of East Salem, spent Sunday at the home of Marium Putnam.

Fred Kubin sold 16 acres of land to Mr. Parvine, of Salem. Mr. Parvine will have it set to prunes this fall.

Grover Swartz and his sister have returned to Alberta, B. C.

Mrs. William Sneed and Mrs. Marium Putnam attended the Grange picnic at Oak Grove, Saturday.

Mrs. Eddy, of Southern California, is here, visiting her brother, Gus Livingston.

Mr. St. Pierre, Sr., is having a \$4000 house built on his farm. He has a nice prune orchard, and is handling it in quite an up-to-date manner.

BOWERSVILLE

Willard Archibald and Andrew Lawrence who have been visiting

friends and relatives here returned to Silverton Saturday.

E. L. Hayes recently sold five head of beef cattle to E. A. Abbe, of Salem.

Charles Stennitt is moving his hay shed to his place near Dallas.

Ed Marks has been building some new fence on the Smith place.

E. L. Hayes has purchased the gray stallion "Gambetta" from J. W. Hayes of Carleton. The horse will finish the season at this place.

Miss Mable Hayes was a caller at the home of Mrs. T. A. Koser Monday.

FALLS CITY

Charles Moyer was a passenger to Independence Friday.

Miss M. Walker returned from Portland Tuesday.

Till Bell had the misfortune to run a large splinter into his left arm. Tuesday.

Mrs. Harry Pye of Newport, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Bancroft.

Andy Porter has been doing some surveying from Teal Creek to Monmouth. They want to get good mountain water.

Mrs. Ira Mehrling is quite ill.

Warren Cobb spent a few days in Independence the latter part of the week.

Albert Teal is running his saw-mill.

Mrs. Bert Dennis was a Dallas visitor Saturday.

Mrs. Ruben Hastings and children of Kings Valley, have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Waters.

C. W. Lee was a passenger to Salem Saturday.

Chester Titus and wife have returned from Jefferson.

A. F. Courter and family were over from Salem in his auto Thursday.

E. Dudley, of Iowa, visited his niece, Mrs. Flower, this week.

G. D. Treat was a passenger to Corvallis Tuesday.

A. B. Servey made a business trip to Corvallis Tuesday.

The Misses Ida and Gertrude Waters, of Portland, spent Sunday with their parents.

Rev. E. I. Harrington, of Newberg, visited his mother and other relatives Sunday.

Henry Wagner went to Portland Thursday to visit his brother Frank.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Grier and son Wymer, returned home Saturday from a week's visit in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Stevens who have been tenting on their ranch near town went to Portland Monday in their auto.

Mrs. Dr. Loy of Salem, is visiting her uncle, G. W. Bretner. She is a dentist in one of the state institutions.

Mrs. J. H. Flower left for Berkeley, California, Friday, to be with her husband who is there for medical treatment.

F. A. Lucas, a former mayor of this city, has secured a postoffice for his town of Chelto Harbor on Shoalwater Bay, Washington.

J. B. V. Butler, of Monmouth, attended our high school exercises Friday evening. He delivered the address to the class.

Madames Hinshaw, Heydon, Moyer, Eva Chapel, and Glen Ferguson made a business trip to Salem Friday.

Miss Mary Hammond attended the musical given by the students of Willamette university at Salem Wednesday evening.

Miss Lynch returned to Salem Saturday after finishing up her school work for the year.

John G. Anderson, a prosperous farmer of Kings Valley, was in town Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Blanchard and son, Mrs. Covell and daughter and G. A. Homer enjoyed a picnic dinner at Twin Brooks Sunday.

Mrs. J. G. Singleton was the guest of Mrs. S. T. Jones Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Owens of Eugene, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy James Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Courter and son went to Eugene Friday to visit their daughter, Mrs. Ralph Ford.

School closed Friday. Commencement exercises were enjoyed by every one.

Mr. I. Underwood and son, of Salem, were visitors Sunday. They were trying their hand at fishing.

The Misses Eva and Mildred Chapin were Dallas visitors Friday.

Mrs. Jim Lee, of Bridgeport, was a caller on Saturday.

N. Selig and family drove to Dallas Sunday in their auto.

Phil Brown, of Corvallis, was a caller on Saturday.

Ed Sampson who has been working on the Canyon road has transferred his crew to the new Siletz road, beginning four miles from town.

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