

NEWS IN BRIEF

Fire Damages
Fire yesterday morning destroyed the McCalister farm, near the park from the fire. The fire started in the field and spread to the house before it was extinguished. The fire was at dinner time and spread it rapidly. The loss was moved to the observatory.

Installs New
The Dallas steam heating system was installed one of the new ones. The old system was not used.

Observer publishes
A package of news, spread, told, and a few other things. Elizabeth Davis.

Monmouth.
The Melting of the Ice, a drama of alien American life presented in Monmouth. The play will be presented by a splendid cast. Mr. Donohue, who plays the part of the alien, is a most exciting one, won high praise in the title role. Mr. Donohue, who plays the part of the alien, is a most exciting one, won high praise in the title role.

Grading of Main street is now proceeding.
J. D. Stevens has moved from Bend to Monmouth. Ed. Pagenkopf and family will move to Bend. The moves are the result of a trade between Stevens and Pagenkopf. Pagenkopf received a farm in Crook county and Stevens a house and five lots in Monmouth. Mr. Stevens is a former resident of Independence, settling there about 20 years ago. He moved from Portland to Crook county, where he secured his farm by homesteading.

A company of the faithful journeyed to Independence Thursday night to hear Colonel Milton A. Miller of Portland expound the Democratic explanations.
Prof. M. S. Pittman of the state normal school addressed the first meeting of the Parent-Teacher association Friday evening.

The officers of the normal school student body are: President, A. C. Agram of Cove; vice-president, Clara Lathford of Canby; treasurer, Gertrude Nielson of Hood River; secretary, Bessie Davidson of Portland; sergeant-at-arms, Herman Lund of Cove; athletic manager, Paul Brown of Amity; editor of The Norm, Lois Lowell of Portland; business manager of The Norm, Marian Butler of Independence; executive committee, Lorraine Kerr of Oregon City, Flora Allen of Wallowa, and Julia Hedlund of Portland; social committee, Alice Wilson of Astoria, Frances Gardiner of Baker, Dena Lund of Cove, Mrs. Maggie Hamm of Monmouth, and Harold Haley of Monmouth; lycium course committee, Margaret Nielson of The Dalles, Florence Hill of Sherwood, and Jennie Strachan of Dufur; student body council, February seniors, Florence Pierce, Rosa Meyer, Kay Baker, Lloyd Enlund; June seniors, R. W. Dobell, Prudence Bayley, Gene Haskins; juniors, Gertrude Greaves, Thelma Selling, Eloise Watson, Oak D. Wood, Marie Powell; sophomore, Reta Olson.

Ballston.
George Clunfield has a heavy six-section plow to be used with his gasoline tractor.

S. A. Ball, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Ball, John Harris and family and Jesse Ball attended the state fair.
Holt Stockton made a recent business trip to McMinnville.
Thomas Lamm has returned from Washington, where he has visited with his mother the past year.
R. M. Lenz was one of the 25 admitted to citizenship at McMinnville week ago Saturday.
Helen Cooke has moved into the new house bought from the Kaub estate.
Miss Teats has organized a young people's society at the Methodist Episcopal church. About thirty members.

Harmony.
Miss Jessie Simkins, teacher in the district, opened school last week. C. Maggini of Mill Creek is having a new house built by G. E. La Salle.

Joe Winegardner has moved to Sheridan from the Syron place.
Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hayes have moved onto the James Hayes' farm.
Mrs. William Lackey is visiting her sister in Forest Grove.
Mrs. V. G. Lockyear of Portland

visited her son, E. H. Lockyear, recently.
Mrs. Lockyear is improving some.

Oak Dale.
Fred Hughes is still harvesting his prune crop. He has also bought Mr. Dennis' crop of about 200 bushels. His crew of pickers are Mrs. J. D. Macomber and Ralph, Grace and Ted Macomber, Mrs. Will Tillotson and Marie, Oscar and Ivan Tillotson, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Conlee and John Macomber. G. Robinson runs the drier in the daytime and John Southworth at night. L. G. Miller, J. S. Macomber, Mrs. Bruce Miller, Lulu Miller work about the dryer sorting pomes. Mrs. Newton Guy has also been helping for several days.

M. D. Miller commenced picking his prune crop Monday. He is hauling them to the Woods dryer at Dallas. He expects to have about 1000 bushels or more.

Oak Dale is fast becoming a prune center. Prunes have been found to grow here to perfection and the acreage is being increased every year. Mr. Rodgers and Mr. Vaughn contemplate putting out good-sized orchards this winter and others will add to their acreage. Jim Ross has a fine young orchard of about 15 acres. Mr. Southworth will soon have ten acres in bearing. Ben Thompson has perhaps 15 acres in all, besides O. E. Dennis' 9 acres. Mrs. Green has 20 acres and the large orchards of Fred Hughes and M. D. Miller. Chas. Graham has about five acres. Mr. Sundberg has ten or twelve acres. There are small orchards on nearly every farm.

Will Dennis is working on the night shift at the packing plant in Dallas.

Newman Dennis commenced work at the Baldersee logging camp this week.

The Joe Murphy's returned home from the Moulson hopyard last Thursday. Joe and his two sons, Vernon and Emerson, and Mrs. Murphy made \$300 during the hopyicking season. Joe dried hops, Vernon fired, Emerson was a yard hand and Mrs. Murphy picked.

Ralph Macomber and Joe Dennis started to the Dallas high school last week. Calvin Barnhardt and Vernon and Emerson Murphy are attending the Falls City high school.

Ted Macomber has been seriously sick for several days but is better now.

Mrs. Stilling is in very poor health and expects to go to the Dallas hospital for treatment soon.

The rock quarry has started up again but is not running at full capacity on account of lack of help.

Eola.
J. M. Stewart of Eola attended the round-up at McMinnville last week. Dave Jacobsen is the owner of a new auto.

Mr. and Mrs. Holman and daughter, Grace, visited in McMinnville last week with friends.

Mrs. Scott and Miss Helen Litchfield, sisters of Mrs. Holman, were Mr. and Mrs. Holman's guests at the round-up at McMinnville last week.

The Cromley Brothers are loading a car with new wheat for the Albers company of Portland. The wheat was bought sometime ago, but owing to the shortage of cars, it could not be shipped any sooner.

Independence.
Laurence Roberts of Independence and Miss Bernice Small of Turner were married on Saturday, September 30th, at the home of the bride's parents in Turner. The Rev. George Mickey read the wedding service. The home was beautifully decorated with chrysanthemums and autumn leaves.

Mrs. Virginia E. Wells died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. P. Conaway, in Vancouver last Wednesday morning. The funeral services were held on Thursday afternoon in Vancouver at the Conaway home. The body was brought to Independence Friday morning and interment was made in the I. O. O. F. cemetery. Mrs. Wells was for many years a resident of Independence, but since 1902 she has resided in Vancouver. Two daughters survive her.

Rev. T. J. Yarnes and family arrived from Salem last week, and on Sunday Mr. Yarnes preached his first sermon at the Methodist church. Rev. W. C. Stewart, former pastor of the church, has been assigned to the Methodist pulpit at Bend, Oregon.

Hon. Milton A. Miller, collector of revenues at Portland, opened the Democratic campaign here last Thursday night. Attorney N. L. Butler presided at the meeting.

B. F. Smith, who has been bookkeeper for the Spaulding Lumber company in Independence for the past five years, has been transferred to a larger office of the company at Salem. Last Wednesday evening one hundred members of the Masonic and Eastern Star lodges gathered at the Masonic hall and gave him a farewell reception.

"Nettie the Fat Girl" at the state fair, whose home is in Honolulu, was a former resident of Independence, and many Independence people who saw her there recall her as Mrs. Frank Lewis. She weighs 511 pounds.

The second meeting of the Civic Improvement league will be held at the Moose hall this afternoon.

Mrs. Sarah C. Young entertained last Monday evening as a compliment to her sister, Mrs. Richard Franklin Wells of San Francisco.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Fetzter have moved to their farm near Suver.

Rickreall
School began last Monday with Professor Wright as principal and Miss Grace Porter and Miss Alma Riley in the other rooms.

D. T. Hodges died Wednesday morning at the home of his son, E. B. Hodges, after a few weeks' illness. The funeral was held Friday morning with burial at the Dallas cemetery.

Ed Valliere and Crystal Palmer were married last week. They will make their home on Mr. Valliere's father's farm near Crowley.

W. R. Black, C. B. Whaley and T. W. Burch left for the Tillamook country recently with a load of tomatoes.

J. R. Morton has moved into town from the farm where he has lived for the last three years.

George Sherwood of Salem was visiting friends here recently.

Mrs. H. C. Fox, Jr., returned from Salem Saturday where she has been receiving medical attention for about two weeks.

Spring Valley.
The fine weather of the last few weeks has greatly facilitated the harvesting of the prune crop which has been the rush of the last few weeks. Most growers report a good crop while a few orchards have been somewhat damaged in their yield by a new disease which has caused the fruit to fall prematurely.

School began here last week Monday with Miss Elsie Taylor as teacher. The enrollment of twenty-one pupils for the first week is considered good and the number is expected to be considerably increased the coming week.

The women's missionary society of the Presbyterian church met with Mrs. S. H. Barker Wednesday afternoon. Missionary study work for the year was discussed and other affairs arranged. A short program on the Philippine islands and work among the Mormons took up some of the time. Mrs. Barker served cake and chocolate during the social hour.

Leigh Douglas, a student of Willamette university, preached at the church last Sunday. Next Sunday the pastor, Rev. W. Pottsmith, of McMinnville, will fill the pulpit. The quarterly communion will be held at that time.

W. H. Squier and family moved Saturday to West Salem where they will live this winter. The farm vacated by them is to be occupied by Lloyd Hunt and family who expect to make it a permanent home.

Roy Bates and family from near Salem are moving onto the Daniel J. Fry place this week. The former occupants of the farm, Harry Cooley and family, are moving to Harrisburg, where Mr. Cooley will manage a large dairy ranch.

A number of farmers who have cider and vinegar apples for sale are shipping this fall to Jones Bros. & Co. of Portland, who are giving a good price delivered at the Lincoln dock. The shorter haul is much appreciated by the shippers.

Hardie Crawford and sons are finishing their clover hulling. So far this year the clover seed is turning out well.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Henry and S. H. Barker were Dallas visitors Wednesday.

First on Rhode Island Reds.
J. S. Macomber of Dallas was the winner of the first premium on Rhode Island Red cock at the Polk county fair instead of first on Red Rock cockerel as was reported in the complete list of poultry awards. Mr. Macomber also carried away first, second and third awards on Rhode Island Red cockerels.

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