

INDEPENDENCE NEWS BUDGET

From Our Regular Correspondent.

DAILY HAPPENINGS IN OUR SISTER CITY.

Scan This Column For News on Importance From the Riverside.

Miss McDevitt of Dallas is teaching in the public school this week.

Quite a number of people here will leave this spring for Bend, Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. Goodwin returned Monday after an absence of several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Brunk spent Sunday in Eola, the guests of T. W. Brunk.

Miss Robinson of Salem is visiting her cousin, Mrs. Claud Hubbard of this city.

Mr. Hanna with a number of others visited the Elks lodge in Salem last week.

About forty of the Odd Fellows chartered the motor Saturday night and called on the Dallas lodge.

J. W. Bullard and his family will leave for Portland in a few days where they will make their home.

Sam Wellington of Britton, South Dakota, is visiting his brother Joseph Wellington, of this city.

Owen and Whiteaker have sold their establishment to Mr. Gains. Mr. Whiteaker will probably leave for Tillamook.

Mrs. J. E. Hubbard, state president of the Rebekah lodge, left the first of the week, for a three week's visit among the lodges of the state.

Geo. Reuf has returned from Los Angeles, Cal., where he went last fall to receive treatment from an oculist. Mr. Reuf's eye sight is very much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ireland of Portland, formerly of this city, left last week for a trip to Mexico. They were accompanied as far as California by Mrs. W. P. Ireland.

Mr. Bullard has sold his home to B. F. Swope of Prineville who has moved here with his family. Mr. Swope comes highly recommended as a lawyer, and before his removal to Eastern Oregon was Judge of Lincoln county.

Local and Personal.

Those who attended the entertainment Saturday evening given by the young students report a good entertainment, and are pleased with the way the children rendered their several parts.

The Monmouth High School Basket Ball team returned home Saturday from Philomath, having gained a victory over the High School team of that place by a score of 18 to 11. The boys won out against a team much larger than their own.

Meredith's Advice to Stead.

W. T. Stead tells a characteristic story of George Meredith, which is all the more appreciable as it is told against himself.

"He was a true friend," says Mr. Stead, "not less faithful in criticism than he was cordial in his appreciation. Of the former I remember well the neat way in which he put me out of conceit with my first attempt to write a story. I sent him my little effort with fear and trembling. My trepidation was not without warrant. I have read 'From the Old World to the New.'" he wrote. "Some of the characters are interesting and well drawn. One of them especially reminds me of Cecil Rhodes. But if any one of your friends tells you that he likes the story as a story don't believe him."

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Polk County School Report.

Report of the schools of Polk county for the school month ending Jan. 28, 1910:

Number of schools reporting correctly and on time	62
Schools failing to report on time—Districts	
Bridgeport, Montgomery, Pedee, Elkins	
Number of pupils remaining at last report	2431
Number of pupils registered new during month	42
Number of pupils registered secondary during month	44
Number of pupils readmitted during month	270
Total number pupils on register during month	3777
Number of pupils dropped during month	383
Number of pupils remaining at time of report	2394
Number of days taught during month	19
Whole number of days attendance	44824
Whole number of days absence	2891
Whole number of times late	665
Number of pupils neither absent nor tardy	1221
Average number of pupils belonging	2511
Average daily attendance	2359
Per cent of attendance	93
Number of visits by parents	92
Number of visits by members of the school board	48

The following schools were placed on the roll of honor for the county for having made a per cent of attendance of 95 per cent or more; Dallas, Eola, Red Prairie, Ballston, Scroggins, College, Buell, Spring Valley, Harmony, (100 per cent) Upper Salt Creek, Lincoln, Oak Dale, Guthrie, Falls City, Black Rock, Pioneer, Mountain View, Rock Creek and Mistletoe.

The following schools were placed on the roll of honor for the county for not having made any tardies for the month; Red Prairie, Polk Station, Elkins, Harmony, Upper Salt Creek, Lincoln, Enterprise, Etna, Concord, Oak Dale, Lone Star, Black Rock, Pioneer and Rock Creek.

The attendance this past month has been lower than any other month but there has been much sickness thence the amount of absence; all should try and bring the per cent of attendance up for the rest of the school year.

There are still too many tardies, please do all possible to decrease the number.

Yours respectfully,

H. C. SEYMOUR,
School Supt., Polk County, Ore.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION

OF THE

Polk County Bank

No. 160

At Monmouth, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business, Jan. 31st, 1910.

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts	\$84,277.56
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	2,205.32
Bonds, securities, etc.	34,708.93
Banking house, furniture, and fixtures	11,000.00
Other real estate owned	235.17
Due from approved reserve banks	29,691.64
Cheques and other cash items	3,321.80
Cash on hand	15,336.63
TOTAL	180,866.95
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	30,000.00
Surplus fund	4,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	7,073.41
Dividends unpaid	
Individual deposits subject to check	118,764.53
Demand certificates of deposit	415.11
Time certificates of deposit	20,560.99
Certified checks	52.00
TOTAL	180,866.95

State of Oregon, }
County of Polk, } ss

I, Ira C. Powell, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

IRA C. POWELL, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of Feb. 1910.

GROVE A. PETERSON
Notary Public.

CORRECT—Attest:

J. H. HAWLEY }
J. B. V. BUTLER } Directors

The Candle Tree.

One of the wonders of the vegetable kingdom is undoubtedly the candle tree of Panama, known to botanists as *Parmentiera cerifera*. This tree produces from its stem and older branches a great profusion of yellowish, cylindrical, smooth fruits, twelve to eighteen inches long, which appear exactly like wax candles, as the botanical name implies. So close is this resemblance that travelers, seeing the tree for the first time, are liable to be temporarily puzzled as to whether the candles of shops are made in factories or grown on trees! The candle-like fruits are suspended from the branches and bare stem by short, slender stalks, dangling in the air, and readily give the impression of the chandelier's shop. As night falls and the numerous fireflies move among the fruit this impression is intensified. The inexperienced traveler is not infrequently informed that the fireflies perform the duty of lighting up these "candles" at night when light is required by the denizens of the jungle—London Strand.

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