

## Local and Personal

Christmas exercises next Saturday evening at the Baptist and Evangelical churches.

Miss Ina Fishback of Monmouth Heights, was trading in Monmouth Saturday.

Xmas boxes and wrapping paper, at the Perkins Pharmacy, to mail your presents.

S. L. C. Moore who went to Portland a short time ago came down last Friday and has disposed of his property here to M. Mulkey.

You are invited to call and examine as fine a line of Christmas Gifts as can be found in Polk County. At the Book Store, Monmouth.

H. A. Kaeppler a Portland real estate man was in town this week, having Sam Engelhorn, of Michigan, with him whom he was conducting into the Airlie country to look at a farm, the latter being desirous of securing a location.

J. D. Rudd, of whom we made mention, last week, as having taken charge of J. B. Stump's cattle for a while, cut his stay short and left for his home in Kentucky last Monday. It seems that the ties of home were too strong to admit of staying longer.

### Basket Social at Suver

A very successful basket social was given at the Valley View school house last Saturday night, superintended by the teacher, Miss Lillian McCready.

The following programme was rendered by a number of the school children, song, four girls, Recitation, Grove Peterson, Recitation, Helen DeArmond, Vocal Solo, Lula Peterson, Recitation, Wesley Kester, Recitation, Lula Peterson, Song four girls, Recitation, Ralph Kester, Dialogue, "Deaf Uncle Zeb" three girls and four boys. After which the sale of the baskets took place under the auctioneering of our very able Mr. Carl DeArmond.

There were 18 baskets sold, bringing \$32.35. \$5.00 being the largest amount received for a basket.

This money will go for school improvements and will also help to obtain an organ.

Mr. J. H. Thurston acted as chairman and treasurer for the evening.

The room was beautifully decorated with evergreen boughs and Oregon grape leaves.

After all present, had partaken of the contents of the baskets, four girls sang a good night song. The finishing touch to the programme was the mournful wail of a stray cat which had been assisted to the roof of the school house.

The people then dispersed to their homes, feeling much the better for their social evening.

### Report Of Schools

Report of spelling contest for rural schools for November 18.

#### Fourth Grade

First place: Oak Point, Etna, and Sunnyslope, tie, 100 per cent.

Second place: Harmony, Concord, tie, 96 per cent.

Third place: Salt Creek 92 per cent.

#### Fifth Grade

First place: Gooseneck, Etna, tie, 100 per cent.

Second place: Sunnyslope, Concord, Lone Star, tie, 98 per cent.

Third place: Enterprise, McCoy, Cheery Grove, Rogue River, tie, 96 per cent.

#### Sixth Grade

First place: Eola 100 per cent.

Second place: Powells Camp 98 per cent.

Third place: Parker, Oak Point, Enterprise, tie, 97 per cent.

#### Seventh Grade

First place: Enterprise, Etna, McCoy tie, 100 per cent.

Second place: Pedee, Parkers, Highland tie, 98 per cent.

Third place: District 15, Cheery Grove tie, 96 per cent.

#### Eighth Grade

First place: Sunnyslope 100 per cent.

Second place: Zena, Elkins, Pioneer tie, 99 per cent.

Third place: Butler, Oak Point tie, 97 per cent.

We are sending to all schools winning first place a certificate as reward and as there are six contests during the school year, to all schools winning four or more of the small certificates a large certificate will be sent.

In the first contest all but 8 schools in the county took part and nearly all made excellent grades, above 90 per cent, now we are doing this work for the benefit of the children and hope to be able to improve the spelling, for this reason we are hoping every progressive teacher and every progressive school in the county will take part in the rest of the contests, you may not win but the benefit the child will receive will pay for all the extra trouble.

Yours respectfully,

H. C. SEYMOUR, Supt.

### Report of Public Schools

Report of the schools of Polk County for the school month ending December 2nd, 1910.

Number of schools reporting correctly and on time.....	64
Names of schools and teachers failing to report on time—Elkins No. 28, Miss Ethel Lucas, teacher; Brush College No. 31, Miss Delia Ohlsen, teacher; Suver No. 43 Miss Ella Smith, teacher:	
Number of pupils remaining at last report.....	2493
Number of pupils registered new during month.....	106
Number of pupils registered secondary during month.....	45
Number of pupils readmitted during month.....	146
Total number pupils on register during month.....	2790
Number of pupils dropped during month.....	136
Number of pupils remaining at time of report.....	2654
Number of days taught during month.....	17
Whole number of days attendance.....	42004
Whole number of days absence.....	2476
Whole number of times late.....	518
Number of pupils neither absent nor tardy.....	1400
Average number of pupils belonging.....	2616
Average daily attendance.....	2470
Per cent of attendance.....	94.5
Number of visits by parents.....	71
Number of visits by members of the school board.....	98

The following schools have been placed on the roll of honor for Polk County for having made a per cent of attendance of 95 or more: Dallas, Pedee, Red Prairie, Lewisville, Salt Creek, Scroggins, Bethel, Perrydale, Gooseneck, Independence, West Salem, Fir Grove, Buena Vista, Spring Valley, Harmony, North Dallas, Etna, Oakdale, McCoy, Guthrie, Liberty, Black Rock, Falls City, Pioneer, Cherry Grove, Oakhurst, Mistletoe.

The following schools were placed on the roll of honor for the county for not having made any tardies during the month: Red Prairie, Parker, Valley View, Bethel, Gooseneck, Spring Valley, Upper Salt Creek, Liberty, Etna, Wigglebridge, Mistletoe.

The attendance this month is not as good as last month, but the weather has not been as good either. In order to win 95 per cent for the county for the school year all must work for this attendance every day and we will win.

There have been too many tardies this past month. 218 are too many for a county of this size. One teacher reported 14 in one month made by one pupil. There is no need of this. Put forth every effort to make the attendance better and the tardies less.

Yours respectfully,

H. C. SEYMOUR, Supt.

## Presents for Christmas

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Dishes Useful, Ornamental, Beautiful and the Nicest Line in Monmouth in Quality and Painting. Prices are low.

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Groceries, Flour, Feed, Queens Ware, Granite Ware, Lime and Cement

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Our Furniture is Up-To-Date.

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Herald and Telegram, " "	5.00
Evening Telegram, Sat. Ed. " "	1.50
Sat. Ed. and Herald, both " "	2.00
The Fruit Grower, monthly " "	1.00
Herald and Fruit Grower " "	1.50