

THE MASS MEETING.

Monday night there was a great mass meeting of the citizens of Monmouth, for the purpose of discussing the relation of the public schools of this place to the State Normal and to discuss the problem of building an up-to-date public school building here.

At this meeting there was presented a petition which was signed by 51 of the qualified electors of this district. In explaining this petition Rev. W. A. Wood, of the school board, emphasized the fact that it had been in the minds of the school board, and it was their intention that if the Normal school was established in this city by the people of the state, to put the proposition of building a modern school building, before the people here.

The meeting was most enthusiastic, earnest speeches were made by P. O. Powell, J. H. Hawley, J. B. V. Butler, Dr. D. N. McInturff and President J. H. Ackerman. Mr. Ackerman's speech was in part as follows: "Each scholar enrolled in the Oregon State Normal School must sign a bonified statement that he or she is there for no other purpose than to learn to be a teacher."

The Board of Regents of the Normal School passed a resolution that no scholar could enter the Normal school as a student until he or she has finished the eighth grade in the public school. Now, it was not the intention of the board to antagonize the citizens of the city of Monmouth but this resolution was absolutely necessary in order for them to be able to provide for the students in the Normal school. It is up to the citizens of Monmouth to come up to the requirements of the state in this respect and to arise to the emergency which has been placed before them."

It is understood that the public school here will be used for the training school for the Normal, and at the election on the 8. of this month the question, of whether there will be \$20,000 appropriated for this purpose and the school district be bonded for that amount, will be settled.

REPORTER.

O. A. C. Boy to Superintend Montana Orchard

Corvallis, Ore., April 1—The Sunset Orchard Company of Montana has secured as superintendent William T. Stratton, who graduated from the Oregon Agricultural College last June. Besides his college training, Mr. Stratton has had considerable experience in the practical orchard work on the college horticultural plots, and is thoroughly familiar with the duties that will devolve upon him in the care of the two thousand acre tract at Stephensville, Montana, most of which is in bearing.

Boy Badly Burned

News arrived here Thursday, of last week, that Ralph Brooks, the 14 year old son of Mrs. C. E. Brooks, who lives some three miles north of Independence, had been severely burned by a lamp exploding in an incubator.

The boy had an incubator and had filled the lamp with oil about five o'clock, and as flames were soon observed coming from the building, it is supposed that the lamp exploded. He rushed into the building, but it appears that the flames knocked him down and in order to save himself he had to crawl out backwards, however he was seriously burned.

The building and its contents were destroyed but no other damage resulted.

Monmouth Heights.

George Swearingen has been grubbing for Elmer Allen.

The Sunny Slope school closed last Friday until next fall.

Mr. Hinkle made a business trip to Independence Friday.

John Walker has been plowing for John Stamp the past week.

Dave Dove is busy hauling wood to town during these fine days.

Mrs. Rufus Smith and son, Roy of Monmouth were here Sunday.

Mrs. Tuck and daughter, Anna were trading in Monmouth Wednesday.

Roy Johnson, who is working near Independence visited at home Sunday.

Jim and Frank Myers and also their wives of Smithfield were in our vicinity Sunday.

Mr. Clapp purchased a disc harrow of R. M. Wade and Company of Independence last week.

Misses Frances Quisenberry and Clem McKinney of Monmouth were on the Heights, Friday.

The Thimble Club met last Saturday afternoon with Miss Lizzie Bogynska of the Mistletoe district.

Ray Chute and Leto Wolverton of Monmouth and Ruth Fugate of Falls City were in these parts Sunday.

Mrs. Herman Wunder visited with her son, Ed, Wunder and family of the Luckiamute Valley Saturday.

James Goodman, Mrs. E. Clark and daughter, Bessie, visited with Mrs. Belle Sullivan and family of Monmouth Sunday.

BURN YOUR BRIDGES.

When All Retreat is Cut Off, Then You Must Go Ahead.

Young men often make the mistake when they start on an important undertaking of leaving open a way of retreat if things go too hard, says Orison Swett Marden in Success Magazine. No one can call out his greatest reserves, do the greatest thing possible to him, while he knows that if the battle gets too hot he has a line of retreat still left open. Only when there is no hope of escape will an army fight with that spirit of desperation which gives no quarter.

Many a great general in his march on the enemy has burned his bridges behind him, cut off his only possible retreat, for the bracing, encouraging effect upon himself and his army, because he knew that men only call out their greatest reserves of power when all retreat is cut off and when fighting desperately for that which they count dearer than life.

We are so made that as long as there is a chance to retreat, as long as there are bridges behind us, we are tempted to turn back when the great test comes.

"Will you hold this fort?" asked General Rosecrans of General Pierce at Stone river. "I will try, general." "Will you hold this fort?" "I will die in the attempt." "That won't do. Look me in the eye, sir, and tell me if you will hold this position." "I will!" said General Pierce, and he did.

THEY SEPARATED.

But the Parting Was More Strenuous Than Jim Expected.

A man named Roynor when gold hunting in Alaska had as partner a venerable prospector, who went about habitually with his boot legs stuffed full of dynamite sticks. The old man had a pleasantly casual way of filling the stove oven with these sticks in order that they might thaw out there. Sometimes, too, he forgot them, which was imprudent, to say the least. Roynor was not at all of a timorous disposition, but the ancient prospector's reckless carelessness troubled his nerves. He remonstrated with him repeatedly and strenuously, but his protest did not seem to have the slightest effect.

"Jim," he said finally when driven to desperation, "if you can't be more careful with that dynamite we'll have to separate."

That night as he approached the shack a terrific concussion rent the air and knocked him insensible. When he recovered consciousness he perceived one of the aged prospector's legs lying near. He stared at it a moment meditatively.

"Well, Jim," he remarked at last sadly, "I guess we've managed to separate all right, particularly you, Jim!" —Minneapolis Journal.

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