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## Help boost for a bigger and better Monmouth—Improvements are needed

### CITY HAS FIRST 1916 FIRE

#### Five and Ten Cent Store Damaged Monday Night

#### BLAZE DISCOVERED ABOUT 6:30 O'CLOCK

#### Fire Department Makes Good Time in Getting Water Into the Building

A fire that started last Monday evening, about 6:30 P. M., in the five and ten cent store on Main street, did for a time threaten to destroy the down town business section. The blaze was first discovered by Miss Gaynelle Shore, who happened to be motoring along Main street. The quick action of Miss Shore in turning in the alarm was of great help to the fire department, who responded to the call in a marvelously quick time. The citizens of Monmouth have a right to be proud of their fire department.

One of the staff reporters of this paper happened to be in the immediate vicinity of the fire when the gong sounded and he states that from the time the bell first sounded until a heavy stream was playing on the fire, that the actual time was two and three-quarter minutes, and in a very short time had the fire under control. The splendid quick action and perfect discipline of the fire department was freely commented upon.

Fire Chief Elkins, while responding to the call and in charge of the engine from the central station, narrowly escaped running down several of the citizens who were crossing the street, but the chief was entirely within his rights since the city ordinance requires the streets to be cleared for the fire department as quickly as possible after the sound of the fire gong.

There were several acts of valuable service by the citizens, who worked in conjunction with the fire department.

A novel feature in connection with this fire and which to some of the spectators did appear as if prearranged, was a shower bath which was served by the fire department as a preliminary, but the excellent and efficient work performed by the fire boys fully offset this inconvenience, and it was the universal comment that the Monmouth fire department did handle the first 1916 fire in a most efficient manner.

The rear end of the building was damaged to some extent and a good bit of the stock was ruined, partly covered by insurance.

### CITY COUNCIL MET MONDAY

#### New Officers are Installed for Ensuing Year and Other Business Transacted

The common council met in the council chamber at 8:00 p. m., Monday, in annual session, for the purpose of installing officers elected at the last city election, hearing annual reports of the Recorder and Treasurer read and transacting business carried over

from the last meeting.

There were present Mayor P. H. Johnson, Councilmen H. C. Ostien, James Goodman, W. J. Miller, Recorder D. E. Stitt and Treasurer W. E. Smith. Councilman I. H. Fream was absent. Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order, after which the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The bids of J. W. Leask and E. T. White for the building of concrete walks, as advertised, abutting the properties of Mrs. M. Cornelius and Mrs. A. E. Brewster were then taken up and compared, it being found that J. W. Leask's bid was \$290.00 and E. T. White's bid \$259.05. Motion was made by H. C. Ostien and seconded by W. J. Miller that the contract be awarded to the lowest bidder. Motion carried.

The following bills were audited and allowed and ordered charged to the General fund:

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D. E. Stitt	
46 lines of advertising at 5 cents per line	\$ 2.30
400 ballots, sample ballots	3.00
18 folios, minutes	4.50
Issuing 14 warrants	2.10
Making poll book	1.50
Swearing in judges and clerks of election	.40
Filing seven papers	.70
Making six certificates	1.50
Qualifying six bondsmen	1.50
Swearing in six officers	.60
Issuing show license	.50
Copying Ordinance	1.50
Posting Ordinance No. 184	.75
Stamps and stationery	.50
Total	\$21.05

After which W. E. Smith read his report for the year 1915 on the Water fund of the City of Monmouth. H. C. Ostien moved and W. J. Miller seconded that the report be approved and placed on file. Motion carried. The oath of office was then administered to the officials elected at the last election.

Motion to adjourn put by H. C. Ostien, seconded by James Goodman. Motion carried.

#### Monmouth Team Wins Game

In a close and exciting game of basket ball at the High School gymnasium last Saturday night the Monmouth Athletic Club team defeated the Athletic Club team from Independence by a score of 19 to 17. There was a fairly good crowd out to see the local quintet win. The line-up of the teams was as follows:

Independence—Forwards, Dean Walker and E. Addison; Center, Ira Mix; Guards, R. Mc Kinney and Marion Butler.

Monmouth—Forwards, T. Ostien and A. Ireland; Center, J. Wood; Guards, H. Morlan and J. Ireland.

The Monmouth Athletic Club team is trying to complete arrangements for games with Forest Grove, St. Helens and the Oregon Agricultural College freshman five in the near future.

#### NOTICE

Those who have taken advantage of the magazine offer with the HERALD and have not received their magazines please notify the HERALD office at once.

### STATE NORMAL SCHOOL NOTES

#### Miss Kennon Ill at Her Home in Baker

#### NORMAL RESUMED WORK LAST MONDAY

#### New Seats Have Arrived for Training School—Dedicate Building in June

The Normal opened Monday morning with practically all the students back, and every member of the faculty present except Miss Kennon who is at her home in Baker ill with the grip, but she will be ready for her work Monday morning.

Miss Hoham and Miss Butler who were East on leave of absence took up their work again last Monday morning, and the students were very much pleased to have them with them again, as they were very much missed.

The Normal was represented at the State Teachers Association in Medford last week by President Ackerman, Miss Rosa B. Parrott, and Mr. M. S. Pittman. Two members of the faculty were honored by election as officers in the departments of the State Association, Miss Parrott as Secretary of the Council of English, and Mr. Gilmore as Chairman of the Department of Science.

The training school is nearing completion and will without doubt be ready for occupancy the first of February. The new seats have arrived and will be ready for placing in the near future. The question has been asked when the new building will be dedicated, and it has finally been decided to dedicate it during the June Commencement week. The plans outlined will make the exercises one long to be remembered.

President Ackerman would be pleased to have any one who wishes to furnish room and board or rooms for students for the second semester which begins January 31, to send the information to him in writing. He prefers it in writing so that he can keep a record of it at his desk.

#### Union Watch Meeting Watch-night

The great union watch meeting at the Christian church was a grand success and attended by 250 people.

The program was carried out as planned with few exceptions. The luncheon served by the ladies of the churches was substantial and good and much appreciated by all. The arrival of Prof. A. W. Shaffer of Walla Walla, Washington, Singing Evangelist, was a great help in the community sing and his solos.

An added feature was the surprise of the marriage of Mr. Samuel J. Gibson of Dallas and Mrs. Jennie C. Wheeler of Monmouth at 11:45 P. M., December 31st, 1915, Rev. George C. Ritchey officiating.

#### Mrs. R. Avery Died Monday

Rebecca Campbell was born in Oakland County, Michigan, Feb. 28, 1849, and passed out of this

life Monday morning, January 3, 1916.

Was married at the age of 20 years to William J. Scott who died in 1889. To them were born five children, three sons and two daughters, all of whom are living except the youngest daughter, Mrs. F. D. O'Connor, mother of Viola and Myron O'Connor, who have lived with their grandmother recently.

Some years after Mr. Scott's death, Mrs. Scott was married to Mr. N. Avery who lived but a short time after their marriage. After his death Mrs. Avery lived with her son, Walter Scott, until her death.

Deceased left one brother and five sisters, four residing in Michigan, the brother, Wm. J. Campbell, and one sister, Miss N. Campbell, now living in Corvallis, Oregon.

Funeral services were held in the Christian church Tuesday at 1:30 o'clock P. M., Rev. George C. Ritchey, the pastor, officiating. Interment was made in the cemetery south of town.

#### "500" Party

A very pleasant evening was spent last Thursday, December 30, at the Lorence home north of town, when Misses Hazel, Mabel and Ruby Lorence were hostesses to a number of their friends. The fore part of the evening was spent in playing "500," Mr. Cal Holem winning first prize for the gentlemen's highest score, which was a bronze ash tray, and Miss Ida Strong winning first prize for the ladies highest score, that being a box of stationery. At eleven o'clock a dainty luncheon was served, which was very much enjoyed. After this an hour was spent in various games, music and conversation, those present being favored by several vocal numbers by Miss Ruby Lorence, accompanied by her sister, Hazel, on the piano. The guests then departed, expressing to the Misses Lorence their appreciation of a delightful time spent at their home.

Those present besides the hostesses were Misses Ida Strong, Elta and Dorothy Portwood, Lyda Bell and Lillian Bell of Punxsutawney, Penn., and Messrs. Joe Bell, Howard Morlan, Ivan Wood, Tom Ostien, Joe Clark, James Gentle, Calvin Holem, Jennings Lorence and Sherman Heath of Tacoma, Wash.

#### Grange Held Meeting

The members of Monmouth Grange, with their families and a number of invited guests, had an indoor picnic at the hall on New Years day. A bountiful dinner, such as Grangers always have, was served at 1 o'clock and all certainly did ample justice to it.

In the afternoon a very entertaining and instructive program was rendered and all went home feeling that New Years day had indeed been a happy one.

The program was as follows: Selection by the orchestra; Violin solo, Miss Catherine Gentle; Short addresses by Grange Master P. O. Powell, and Mr. Gentle; Violin solo, Miss Beth Ostrom.

### HELP BOOST FOR MONMOUTH

#### Movement Inaugurated to Pave Main Street

#### OTHER IMPROVEMENTS ARE NEEDED

#### Value of Property on Paved Streets Increased Five to Ten Dollars a Month for Rent

Monmouth, Ore., Jan. 3, 1916  
Editor of the HERALD:

The year 1915 comes to a close with prospects of vastly improved business conditions for 1916. Recent activity in real estate, increased bank clearings, and a general quickening of other trade pulses all indicate that the year 1916 will see better times.

Our magnificent display of Oregon products and the honors won at the Panama Exposition will be the means of bringing in to this state a large number of people looking for investments. Citizens of Monmouth, what are we going to do to attract these people to our town?

We have in our midst a state educational institution. Similar institutions have been located in other towns, and have been the means of building them from a mere village into a city of considerable magnitude. This has not been accomplished, though, without an effort on the part of their citizens. Now, the same can be accomplished here but it cannot be done without shaking off the moss that has accumulated on our backs. Notwithstanding the advantages we have over other towns in the Willamette Valley, it is true we have not kept pace with them. It is hard to find even a mere village that has not paved streets and its general appearance not denoting thrift and cleanliness. It is not an uncommon thing to hear automobile drivers say that the worst roads they find are on the streets of Monmouth. Students coming here for the first time write back home saying that they were surprised to find the town nothing but a mud hole.

Now, these unfavorable conditions can be remedied by fixing up our streets. Those that have become wealthy in buying and selling property in other towns say that there is nothing that will enhance the value and attract the attention of buyers more than the paving of the streets adjacent to the property. They also assert that the immediate value is increased to twice the cost of the paving. We are reliably informed that property on paved streets in Corvallis, Albany, McMinnville, and other towns rent readily at from five to ten dollars more on the month than does property off of the paving. With these facts easily obtained it then behooves us to get busy and improve our Main Street, if not more, this coming spring if we intend to attract the attention of any of the vast hordes of people that will come our way the coming summer.

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Job work neatly and promptly done