

KISSING THE ROD

Oh heart of mine we shouldn't
Worry so,
What we've missed of sunny calm, we
couldn't
Have, you know;
What we've met of stormy pain
And of Sorrow's driving rain
We can better meet again
If it blow.

We have erred in that dark hour
We have known
When our tears fell with the shower,
All alone,
Were not shine and shadow blent
As the gracious Master meant,
Let us temper our content
With his own.

For we know, not every morrow
Can be sad
And forgetting all the sorrow
We have had
Let us fold away our fears,
Put aside our foolish tears
And through all the coming years,
Just be glad.

—James Whitcomb Riley

Schools Visited by Supt. Reynolds During Week of March 27-31, 1916

Visited the Independence schools last Tuesday and Buena Vista Wednesday. Found the schools in very good shape. Wednesday evening I went to a very enthusiastic meeting of the Parent-Teachers' association at West Salem. This meeting was very well attended and a good program was rendered by the pupils of the school.

Thursday I went over the red hills to Pioneer. Visited the school in the morning and held a rally in the afternoon. They did not have a very good attendance as the people were too busy farming. A good program was rendered by the children. Frank M. Neal is teaching at Pioneer.

Friday I visited the Oakhurst school in the morning and held a rally in the afternoon. Had a good attendance with a large number from the Teachers' Training class from the Falls City high school. A good program was given by the children and an excellent lunch served after the Round Table discussion. Miss Mildred Chaplin is the teacher at Oakhurst.

Friday evening a Parent-Teachers' meeting was held at Hopville in conjunction with a basket social. The receipts of the evening were \$24.75. A very pleasant social evening was spent.

Clark as a Veteran

The Monmouth Herald changed hands last week, Editor Stitt selling to R. B. Swenson of Bandon. Mr. Stitt, who has conducted the Herald for some time past, will retire because of ill health. Mr. Swenson has had considerable experience in the newspaper business, and will without doubt make a success of his venture. He has the best wishes of the Polk county fraternity. With the change in the Herald, the Enterprise editor now maintains the distinction of being the oldest newspaper man in Polk county, all other newspapers having changed owners since the editor assumed control of the Enterprise. It makes us "feel like an old timer."—Independence Enterprise.

Monmouth Heights

K. H. Sickafoose and Jack Moore of Monmouth were in this vicinity last Wednesday.

W. A. Wood and wife of East Monmouth were out to Clay Guthridge's last Thursday.

Frank Skeen and son Delbert of Monmouth were on the Heights last Friday.

Geo. Boothby and son Claud of Monmouth were at the home of V. A. Fishback Friday afternoon. Earl McNeil of Monmouth was

here on business last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Riddell and Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Stump and Mrs. Loette Brown and Jay Knapp of Monmouth were in attendance at the debating society at our school house last Friday evening.

Myrtle and Vernie Housman of Independence spent the latter part of the past week visiting at the home of their grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. Milt Bosley.

Frank Hinkle of Monmouth was in this neighborhood sawing wood with his gasoline woodsaw the past week.

Miss Millie Clark of Monmouth visited with her sister, Mrs. Retta Hamar, last Friday.

Miss Martha Skersies visited in Monmouth the latter part of last week.

Ed Wunder of Independence was out to see his father, Herman Wunder, the first of the week.

Miss Ina Fishback returned home from Dayton, Oregon, where she has been visiting at the home of her cousin, Anna Foster.

Miss Ruby Rasmussen visited with friends in Monmouth last Sunday.

Tom Strain and wife and Herman Guin and wife of Monmouth were in our midst the first of the week.

LOCAL AND STATE NEWS

From present indications the road between Independence and Salem will not receive hard surfacing through any aid from the State Highway commission, that body having withdrawn the appropriation of \$5,000 recently made for that purpose. The commission holds that state highways should be first to receive consideration from the public funds, and that if any money is appropriated for use in Polk county it should be expended in the improvement of the Salem-Dallas road from the capital city to Rickreal where the state highway diverts from the highway connecting the two cities mentioned, and leads on to Monmouth and thence southward through the county.

Two wooden bridges are to be built, one across the Luckiamute at Falls City and the other bridge will be across Mill creek, two and a half miles south of the Buell bridge.—Dallas Observer.

H. H. Parsons who brought a friendly suit to ascertain whether he could be a candidate for superintendent of schools with no qualification other than that he was a legal voter, lost his suit Friday. Judge Ball ruled that the qualifications for the office as prescribed in the law specially referring to the superintendent's office held. Mr. Parson intended to qualify for the office some time during the summer.

Willard P. Lewis and Mrs. Frances C. Marks of Independence were married at Dallas last week.

Ladies' Missionary Meeting

The Auxiliary to the Christian Woman's Board of Missions met Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. T. J. Berry. The attendance was good and an interesting program was rendered, after which delicious refreshments were served by the hostess. All departed feeling the afternoon had been profitably and pleasantly spent.

New Teacher in Mistletoe School District

Troubles in the Mistletoe school district culminated last week in the resignation of Miss Mary Padden as teacher and the choice of a new school ma'am for the district. Miss Padden had taught 5 months and three weeks and there is talk in the district of cutting down the length of the term to eight months which will leave but two months for the new teacher. The Mistletoe district is one of the smallest in the county with but seven children in attendance at the school. The school children and teacher found themselves unable to agree and the resignation came at the request of the school officials. The district is small in area as well as in the number of pupils and the taxes of the school property owners are large in proportion. 16 mills was last years rate. It is quite likely that next season the school district will be abandoned entirely and the school children brought to Monmouth to receive their education in the training school. The district can pay the tuition of the scholars, the expense of transportation and still be considerable money ahead of the present cost.

There are two girls and five boys going to this school, all over 10.

If this proves to be the plan followed the school house of the district will be closed for a season or two at least. The building will come in handy for exercises, for they have them there, and good ones, in the social life of the district.

T. Alsip, school director, and father of a large percentage of the seven children in the district, is in favor of the change as is J. F. Smith and others.

Although the late teacher did not take with some of her pupils, she was popular in the neighborhood as was evidenced by the reception one evening before the close of school, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Smith. Many people of the district were present and all report a good time.

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