

News of our Neighborhood

Monmouth Heights

A. L. Chute of Jefferson and Grant Heffley of Talmadge were in our midst Wednesday.

Mrs. Ada Lewis and children of Falls City visited their cousins, Ina Fishback and brothers, last Wednesday.

Will and Clem Fishback and wife and daughter Leona of Carlton are visiting relatives here this week.

J. B. Stump and wife and son Johnny were in attendance at the stockmen's picnic at Carlton Saturday.

Mrs. Charley McDonald and children of Falls City were Wednesday visitors at the Fishback home.

Ralph Barber of Monmouth sawed wood for Frank Lefever with his gasoline wood saw last Friday.

Tom Strain and wife of Monmouth were in this vicinity last Sunday.

C. H. Parker and son Lyman of Monmouth and Pierce Bros., north of Monmouth, passed over the Heights the first of the week.

Mrs. Darrel Stump of Monmouth was out to the A. J. Shipley home Friday.

The Misses Myrtle and Vernie Housman attended the horse races at Independence Friday.

Mrs. Mildred Campbell of Independence left last week to join her husband Dr. T. C. Campbell, in Europe. The latter is a surgeon in the Canadian army.

Falls City having had no arrests this year has dispensed with the services of its marshal.

Frank Newton Gilbert who established the first bank in Dallas died recently at New Haven, Conn.

Mrs. Margaret A. Plummer of Huntington, Ind., died at the home of her son, L. W. Plummer in Dallas, with whom she had come to visit. Mrs. Plummer was taken ill on the train on her way to Dallas.

The Rickreall picnic held last Saturday was the same annual luminous success. 192 children graduates of the county school eighth grade, received diplomas at the hands of the state superintendent. President J. W. Kerr of the Oregon Agricultural College made the annual address.

In the sporting program W. J. Mulkey won the 100 yard dash and with it the silver loving cup offered as a prize goes to the credit of this school for the coming year.

A Polk county Parent-Teachers' association was organized with Ed Ewing of Brush college as temporary president, Thos. Brunk of Eola temporary vice president; C. V. Johnson, Airlie, temporary secy.-treasurer. A committee, consisting of T. H. Gentle and Mrs. C. W. Conkey was appointed to unite with the officers in drafting a constitution.

Mistletoe

A Parent-Teachers' meeting was called by Mrs. A. Moore Friday, June 16th, to attend to some unfinished business.

Misses Drucilla and Mildred Douglas are visiting their sister, Mrs. Roy Smith, the last two weeks.

Misses Grace, Frances and Bessie Nelson spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. K. Hull.

Mr. J. F. Smith was thrown from a horse Saturday morning and was quite badly hurt.

Mr. C. C. Lowe, Mr. Beckman and Mr. and Mrs. Light visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. K. Hull Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Nelson spent the week-end in Willamina.

The annual school meeting was held June 19th. Mr. Alsip was elected to succeed himself and Mrs. F. K. Hull was elected as clerk.

Mr. C. Nelson sawed wood for Riddell Bros. last week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. I. Bursell went to Corvallis Sunday and took Miss Hazel Bursell and Homer Bursell to attend the summer school.

The farm home of Henry Robbins, two miles north of Dallas, was burned Wednesday afternoon.

The big effort made to prevent the Independence road work with its seat of inspiration at Dallas, has come to naught. Judge Belt has ruled that the work can not be stopped at this time. The county court is acting within authority vested in them, the judge says, and their action is final. Could it be proved they are exceeding the indebtedness provided by law, the thing could be stopped. But all the proceedings have been regular and the work will go on. The opposing organization is now out after the scalp of Commissioner Beckett and a recall is threatened.

Mr. and Mrs. John Turner of Independence left last week for a visit at their former home in Lenox, Iowa.

Dr. H. C. Dunsmore of Independence was appointed Grand Orator at the recent meeting of the Masonic grand lodge at Albany.

THIS WEATHER

This weather is the blamest thing, You never about it can tell a thing, First it rains, then it snows, Then it hails and then it blows.

After many seasoned days The sun shot out its first rays, Hotter, hotter, it became you know, Until you wished that the wind would blow,

But it's no use to grumble and complain For if it goes this time away next year it's back again.

F. S.—D. C.
Monmouth, Oregon.

Fred Loy was a visitor in this city Wednesday.

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THE STORY OF CYPRUS.

An Island With an Amazing Career of Romance and Change.

Checked and romantic has been the story of Cyprus since the days when King Richard Coeur de Lion conquered the island from the Emperor Isaac of Constantinople, who had behaved discourteously to the Lady Berengaria of Navarre, whom the king subsequently married in the chapel of the castle at Limasoi. These things happened more than seven centuries ago.

King Richard sold the island to the Templars. They could not pay the full price, and so Cyprus came back to King Richard, who gave it to Guy of Lusignan, the dispossessed king of Jerusalem. Thus Cyprus, the island of Aphrodite Anadyomene and of St. Barnabas, became an outpost of Latin civilization in the Levant and one of the most important trading centers of the middle ages.

The story of the island from 1200 to 1570 is one of the most extravagant pages of history. The wealth and pride of the noble, coupled with a delicious climate and lovely surroundings, promoted a fabulous luxury and an amazing feudal insolence. The kings who for centuries clung to the shadowy title of the lost Jerusalem were twice crowned, once in Nicosia for Cyprus and once in Famagusta for Jerusalem. Their court was crowded by the bearers of picturesque titles dating from the crusades—princes of Galilee and Antioch, counts of Jaffa and Edessa; their tempers were hot and their morals loose, but they erected splendid buildings—great cathedrals, the Abbey of Bella Paise and well placed castles—and during the days of the Lusignans Cyprus was more important in the eyes of the world than ever it was before or since. This exotic royalty failed at last, and the island fell into the hands of Venice.

The Venetians starved the island of its revenues and dismantled its castles. Finally in 1570 it was conquered by Sultan Selim the Sot for the sake of its rich wine, and the gallant Venetian, Marcantonio Bragadino, who held Famagusta valiantly for St. Mark, was betrayed after an honorable surrender to Lala Mustafa. His skin, stuffed with straw, was for a time used as a masthead ensign by his cruel conquerors and was finally sold to his family.

The Ottoman finished what the Venetians had begun. He closed Famagusta to commerce and built Larnaca in its stead, but to all intents and purposes Cyprus was neglected and oppressed until the Brit-

ish made themselves responsible for its proper administration in 1878.—London Standard.

Cured.

The following is a Chinese joke: In a certain house there was a baby that annoyed every one by its continual squalling. At last a physician was called in. He administered a bolus of the soothing virtues of which he had a high opinion and offered to pass the night in the house to observe the effects of his remedy. After a few hours, hearing no noise, he exclaimed: "Good! The child is cured!" "Yes," replied the attendant, "the child has

No Cause For Alarm.

Amos Drover, a young eastern preacher who was staying at a clergy house, was in the habit of retiring to his room for an hour or more each day to practice pulpit oratory. At such times he filled the house with sounds of fervor and pathos and emptied it of almost everything else. A well known bishop happen-

ed to be visiting a friend in this house one day when the budding orator was holding forth. "Gracious me!" exclaimed the bishop, starting up in assumed terror. "Pray, what might that be?" "Sit down, bishop," his friend replied. "That's only young Drover practicing what he preaches!"

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