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Monmouth is Located in the Best Section of the Best Valley of the Best State in the Union.

Normal Notes

Attendance at the Summer School Passes 800 Mark

The 4th of July this year at the Normal was a very quiet one. Quite a number of the students went home Saturday evening for the week-end and did not return until Tuesday evening, the Normal having school on Saturday and no school on Monday to accommodate the students. Quite a number of small picnics were organized, and in the evening those who cared to spent from 7:30 to 9:30 in social dancing in the gymnasium, under the direction of Miss Taylor.

The third week closes with a total enrollment of 805. The probabilities are that this is practically the maximum number that will be enrolled.

One of the summer school attractions is Mr. Zueblin of Boston, who speaks on "New Civic Spirit." The Normal is very sorry that owing to the crowded condition of the chapel an invitation cannot be extended to the public to hear Mr. Zueblin, as he has a message and deserves a larger audience than the Normal can give him.

'Damaged Goods'

Monmouth people will be interested to learn that this famous photo drama will be shown in Monmouth July 15th. It is the most expensive film ever exhibited in the city.

"Damaged Goods" the remarkable drama which has now been put into motion pictures, only saw the light of day after a desperate fight for its production.

Richard Bennett, the actor, who starred in and put on the stage production and who now appears in the motion pictures, played a roll of heroism in behalf of humanity when he set out to get the play produced. If he had not won the pictures could not be seen today.

Mr. Bennett chanced to overhear a conversation in a Broadway cafe one day three years ago. Two diners were discussing a strange play by Eugene Brieux a French dramatist of note. What Bennett heard led him to get and read the book. He became inspired with the moral mission and the power of the story. He determined to put it on the stage.

He met obstacles at every step. Two theaters were promised him and then refused when the nature of the startling play was learned. He tried to put it on at a hotel but was turned down. Actors and actresses deserted him. But at last he got a theater.

The world knows what happened then. The country was swept with a sensation. Men and women fought to get in the play house to see this daring preachment of the stage.

The veil of secrecy about the great disease scourge of the race was torn away and the truth was told openly, publicly, frankly for the first time.

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Rebekahs Entertain

Mrs. Nellie Wattenburg, president of the Rebekah Assembly of Oregon, paid Agate Lodge No. 177 an official visit on last Saturday evening. She proved herself an efficient instructor in the work and her visits will doubtless result in much good to all the lodges in this jurisdiction. After the close of the session refreshments were served and a very pleasant social evening was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Sarah Hager brought in this week a stalk of pieplant as large as a South Sea Islander's war club. Mrs. Hager is one of the champion garden stuff growers of Monmouth and some of her products, principally turnips and parsnips, have been of a size notable enough for exhibition purposes.

More Main Street Paving Prospects

The matter of street paving continues to awaken the interest of the people of Monmouth and the fact that work is soon to start gives a feeling of satisfaction in many quarters. The following is a list of the original signers on the petition for this paving which makes a respectable list of representative business men of the city: First National Bank, C. G. Griffa, W. W. Newman, Winegar & Ed Lorence, Winegar and Mrs. C. Lorence, Oregon Milling and Warehouse Co., W. J. Mulkey, Graham & Son, L. P. Gilmore and Monmouth Improvement Co.

An effort has also been made during the week to obtain signers for an extension of the paving on Main street west to the termination of the street and a number of signers have been obtained to a petition to this end. There are one or two large vacant areas along this frontage which may make it hard to get the requisite percentage but the improvement is coming and will become a reality sooner or later.

The cheerful countenance of H. K. Sickafoose will be missed on our streets for the balance of the vacation period, he having accepted a position as first lieutenant of the weed exterminator dragoons on the ranch of Frank Hull a few miles from this city.

Social activities at the Normal took the form of dances in the gymnasium last Saturday evening and on Tuesday evening, the night of the Fourth.

E. G. Smyth, president of the Salem City Steam Laundry, was in Monmouth yesterday in the interest of business. He was accompanied by D. Clerin. He plans to establish a regular depot for his company here for the work of Monmouth people and to this end Mr. Clerin will represent him, making Monmouth two nights each week, Mondays and Fridays. The company has an advertisement in another place in the Herald which speaks for itself.

July the Fourth

How Our People Observed the Nation's Natal Day

The Fourth of July in Monmouth was notable for an exodus of most of its citizens to other parts. The day was fine, inviting to the outward bound traveler. There was no celebration in the city and all who could get away took advantage of the opportunity. Salem, Portland, Falls City and Rickreall all had celebrations and all drew from our citizens, with the first named as the most popular attraction. There were various other little picnics to secure contributions in attendance.

Our new military organization took advantage of the holiday to secure a little marching drill and marched to the Luckiamute where at noon camp was struck and with George Walker as hash slinger the regulation rations were apportioned. The company numbered something under twenty and were uniformed from kahki to denims. They carried an assortment of weapons ranging from a twenty-two repeater to a Swiss army rifle with a few shot guns. Ed Griffa loaned four shooting irons from his bountiful supply and went along to see that the boys did not by chance start to slay one another.

Many stayed at home all day engaged in various domestic duties and there were a number of private picnics to attractive spots in the nearby vicinity.

The dormitory girls got out for morning patriotic exercises, and forming in a double column made the circuit of several blocks, singing John Brown's Body and other appropriate songs.

But no one who had an automobile stayed at home and their various trips took some as far as the Columbia highway which is reported to have fairly swarmed with automobiles during the day. Owing to the recent rains the roads were in fine shape for traveling.

The railroads were well patronized by excursionists. A steam engine and coaches took the place of the gasoline car to Airline in the afternoon and the full equipment of the Independence-Monmouth line was called into use. The evening train from Independence, made up of three coaches, was loaded from front to rear and President Hirschberg came over from Independence with the train to see that all went well.

The fireworks in Independence in the evening attracted a few, the center being a Chinese hop raiser near that city who performed his annual stunt of burning up a generous contribution of money by means of sky rockets and Roman candles. The fireworks demonstration in Monmouth began on the evening of the third when the stocks of the various merchants were exhausted and promptly set off.

Chas. F. Parker, road man for the Evening Telegram of Portland is in Monmouth this week for a visit with his family.

Odd Fellows Install

The Monmouth Lodge of Odd Fellows installed officers with due ceremony last Monday evening, their regular meeting night, following the work with a feed to which a large assemblage of the fraternity did justice.

The following were the officers installed:

J. V. Webber, noble grand.
W. E. Smith, vice grand.
Harvey Guthrie, treasurer.
Paul Tacheron, secretary.
E. A. Griffa, warden.
E. R. Ostrom, conductor.
H. K. Sickafoose, chaplain.
C. H. Newman, inside guardian.
Jacob Smith, outside guardian.
D. C. Walker, R. S. N. G.
W. R. Bressler, L. S. N. G.
Ed Rogers, R. S. V. G.
A. L. Miller, L. S. V. G.
S. U. Guin, R. S. S.
W. R. Graham, L. S. S.

Saturday, Ladies' Day at Grange

Ladies' Day at the Monmouth Grange promises an unusually interesting meeting Saturday. Since the rights of women are constantly increasing, so are their responsibilities and the program of the afternoon will bring out this fact. The women of the Grange will have full charge of the day, starting with the dinner the usual mid-day feature of a Grange meeting. The regular business session of the organization will be held in the forenoon, beginning at 10:30.

Following the dinner is the open program to which people of the city are cordially invited. The program starts at 1:30 and is as follows:

Address by Mrs. P. O. Powell on the subject—"A Well Ordered House Essential to a Happy Home."

Address by Dr. Price—"How Our Grange May Promote the Spread of Co-operation in the Community."

Address by Mrs. Wm. Riddell, Jr.—"The Grange and Its Possibilities as a Social and Industrial Center."

Address by Mrs. E. R. Ostrom—"The Grange in Politics."

Question Box—followed by a general discussion of the topics of the day. The program speaks for itself and foretells a pleasant and profitable afternoon.

His many Monmouth friends were glad to see J. F. Smith in town Wednesday. Mr. Smith was injured by being thrown from a horse recently.

You ought to enjoy this weather while it is here. Our porch and camp furniture will make it possible. Moore & Walker, Home Furnishers, Independence.

The Monmouth transfer has been reroofing two of its wagons in the interest of improved service. Mr. Bowman has disposed of his Ford car and will retire from the livery part of the business, continuing to do anything and everything in the transfer line.

Bridge Conflab

Bridge Across Luckiamute Subject of Consideration

A number of representative Monmouth people journeyed over to Dallas Wednesday the matter of interest being roads and bridges. There has been quite a little bridge moving in the county so far this year and the opinion prevailed in some quarters that while the court still had on its overalls, had its sleeves rolled up and was warmed up for work, it might as well do a little more in the same line.

The Valley and Siletz railroad is figuring on crossing the Luckiamute south of Monmouth and has picked out the spot where the Helmick bridge crosses the same. Now come forward interested people who want the crossing abolished at this point and placed at Parker, a couple miles to the east. Helping out the citizens of that neighborhood Monmouth appeared in behalf of the present road and crossing. They are willing to have the bridge moved 300 yards to the east which will straighten the approach but insist the crossing must remain in the interest of intercourse on both sides of the river.

The proposed federal or Lincoln highway also came up for discussion Wednesday. This is a matter on which no one can talk with authority. If the government shall act the best improved routes are likely to be accepted and the aim of localities which desire to be included should be to get their thoroughfares in good condition.

Dr. L. D. Blondel of Caldwell, Idaho, with his wife and sister arrived in Monmouth in time to spend the Fourth with his aunt, Mrs. H. G. Richards. They have recently been touring California by auto and made the trip from Los Angeles to Monmouth in six days.

E. E. Hamilton, father of E. B. Hamilton of the Monmouth office of the Willamette Lumber company, is here to spend the summer with his son. Mr. Hamilton is from Marinette, Wisconsin, and reports business good in that section, especially in the lines affected by the demand for war products and supplies.

The Camp Fire girls will give a Candy Sale at the bakery Friday afternoon, beginning at 1 o'clock. The patronage of one and all is cordially solicited.

E. Bogert of Kings Valley was a visitor at P. H. Johnson's over the week-end.

Dell Butler of Estacada was here a day or so this week, shaking hands with old friends. He is moving to Eugene.

Jay Knapp went with Clarence Walker on the Fourth when he started on a trip to the harvest fields of Eastern Oregon and Earl McNeil will join them soon.

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