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

DEATH CALLS TWO PIONEERS

**Franklin S. Powell and Mrs.
A. M. Bedwell Pass Away**

Franklin S. Powell, a pioneer settler as well as an aged and respected citizen of Monmouth, died at his home in this city last Monday night. His death was due to the infirmities of old age and followed a general collapse which he suffered the latter part of last week. He was a man of strong physique and retained his bodily vigor well up to the last week of his life. He was a devout member of the Monmouth Christian church and was a regular attendant at its services. In the days when the Oregon State Normal was the Christian College Mr. Powell was one of its main supporters. In numerous ways his active life had been connected with the development of Monmouth and Polk county. He was a founder of the First National Bank, earlier known as the Polk County Bank, and was a director in its management from the start. He was a member of the state legislature in 1889.

Mr. Powell was born near Springfield, Ill., March 20, 1830, and grew to manhood in the prairie state. At twenty-one he took a wife, Miss Louise Peeler, and the young couple promptly set out on the overland trail to Oregon. They settled in Linn county where they lived until 1874, when they came to Monmouth.

His widow survives him as well as five children. One son, John Powell of Farmington, Wash., is dead. The living children are Dr. J. M. Powell of Spokane, and Mrs. A. M. Arant, P. O. Powell, Ira C. Powell and J. F. Powell, all of Monmouth.

Mr. and Mrs. Powell on their memorable trip across the plains in 1851 came by ox team, following the Oregon Trail. Arriving in the Willamette valley they took up a government land claim near Albany and lived there until 1874 when they moved to Monmouth in order to give their children the benefit of education at the Christian college. In Linn county Mr. Powell served as a Justice of the Peace and when he moved to Monmouth was promptly made a trustee of the college and continued as such for many years. He was Chairman of the Executive committee.

With others he was instrumental in the building of the first and second brick additions to the college and helped in the work that culminated in the turning of the college into a Normal school. He was one of the incorporators of the Independence and Monmouth railroad.

The son of a pioneer minister he was especially active in behalf of Christianity and Christian education. He was an elder in the Monmouth church for thirty-five years and up to the last week was a regular occupant of his pew in church services. He was a trustee of the Bible College at

Eugene.

In an eloquent tribute to the dead pioneer, Rev. W. A. Elkins compared him to Abraham, whom God alluded to as his friend. He was dependable, said Mr. Elkins, could always be relied on, and like the ancient patriarch, left his early home and friends to be a pioneer.

The funeral services were largely attended, the friends of many years being among them to pay the final tribute to a man whom they had respected and honored.

Mrs. A. M. Bedwell, a pioneer settler of Oregon, died at her home in this city early Tuesday morning. Her death was due to the infirmities of old age. Mrs. Bedwell had lived in Monmouth for forty-three years and in Oregon for seventy years. She was born in Franklin county, Missouri, February 18th, 1831, and crossed the plains with her parents behind an ox team in 1846. Her husband died 20 years ago.

Of ten children born to them only four are living. They are Mrs. Mary Hermann of Anacortes, Wash., Mrs. Mildred Riggs of Rickreall, Ed Bedwell of Monmouth, and Loring Bedwell of Portland. She also has a step-son, Frank Bedwell, living in North Yamhill.

The funeral occurred at the residence at 10 o'clock yesterday morning with Rev. W. A. Elkins in charge. Mrs. Bedwell was a member of the Christian church. Burial was in the K. P. cemetery.

Quarantine Regulations

Because of the prevalence of measles, Dr. Price explains the measles quarantine law. Those sick with it and occupants of the house who have not had the disease must stay within doors for 12 days. But one who has had measles can go or come. Scarlet fever requires that all occupants of the quarantined house must remain within doors for thirty days.

Miss Eva Collins and John Nelson, two well known young people of Independence, were married on Tuesday of last week by Rev. F. C. Stephens of the Christian church. A brother of the groom, Walter L. Nelson, was married on the same day to Miss Bertha Stapleton by Father Forget in the Catholic church. The first mentioned couple will reside in Corvallis and the latter will live in Albany.

Dr. J. N. Powell of Spokane, Wash., was a visitor in Monmouth this week coming to attend the funeral of his father, F. S. Powell.

Glenn Whiteaker has nearly completed wiring a house and barn for M. M. Harvey, north of this city.

Gordon Bowman and Irving Grund were given the honorary degree by the Monmouth Odd Fellows Monday night.

Mrs. Fred Olson and son Harold were in Salem the latter part of last week.

Jas. Hinkle acted as substitute for Fred Huber on his rural route Thursday.

ITEMS HERE AND THERE

**Brief Squibs of News of
Monmouth and Polk Co.**

In one hour's soliciting of the business section of Monmouth the following was obtained as a starter for the Red Cross Seal sale: The following contributed \$1. or more: Mr. Hobson of the paving company, Mr. Smith of paving company, Pres. Ackerman, First National Bank, Winegar & Lorence, Miller Store, Morlan & Son, Monmouth Mercantile. Those giving 25c and over were: Allen Clark, Milton Force, F. C. Hinkle, Elba Ebbert Mr. Stewart, Graham & Son, Miss Parker, Mrs. C. Lorence.

The sale in the schools and to the general public will be held next Saturday and will continue until the supply for Monmouth is exhausted.

Inadvertently the Herald failed to mention last week that the tax levy of the Monmouth school district for next year will be 9 mills, same as in the budget advertised. Very little interest was manifested in the meeting, there being only four citizens out in addition to the board. Mr. Powell explained for the board that the district was about \$2,000 ahead of expectations, that amount having been received from the county treasurer and the payment of which it had been supposed would be delayed for awhile yet. This leaves the district in the best of shape financially.

The corn show at Independence last week, Friday and Saturday, awakened considerable interest and was given a good patronage. All of the departments of exhibits were represented and Prof. Hislop of the Agricultural College, who had just returned from Walla Walla, said the Independence exhibit was better than that of Walla Walla, containing a better display of developed corn.

Vern Alsip of the Mistletoe district was one of the prize winners, winning 2nd on a 10-ear exhibit of yellow Dent. The Alsip boy has sent corn on to the National Corn Show in St. Paul, to be held Dec. 11 to 16.

Grant Wolverton, a brother of O. A. Wolverton of this city, and a native of Polk county, was visiting with relatives and friends in Monmouth the first part of the week. Mr. Wolverton is located in Calgary, Canada, where he has a prosperous mercantile business. Business in that section has been good during the past year and the ex-Monmouth man was on his way to Los Angeles to spend the winter in the sunshine of that part of California.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Huber of Clem, Eastern Oregon, are visitors in Monmouth this week. Mr. Huber lives in the wheat country and reports everything prosperous there. He thinks some of trading his farm for land in this vicinity and return here to live once more.

Nominating Convention

A nominating convention has been called to meet in the Norm theater on Tuesday evening of next week to place a ticket in the field for the election to be held December 18th. A mayor, recorder, marshal and three councilmen to replace men whose terms now expire. These are Messrs. G. T. Boothby, E. H. Lorence and H. C. Ostien.

Grange Meeting

The meeting of the Grange to be held next Saturday is the regular meeting for the election of officers and a full attendance of members is desired. Business session at 10:30 at which the election takes place. The dinner at noon will be prepared by the men and is for the Grangers only. Any woman who brings eatables will be fined. The men want to do this stunt alone but do not want their efforts too closely watched and so confine the invitation strictly to the fraternity.

There will be a program in the afternoon, open to the general public, and which is as follows:

Reading—Max Bowersox.
Solo—Ruth Mills.
Reading—Wilna Dobell.
Duet—Wilda Fuller and Gertrude Rogers.

A Selection by Normal students, a brief play.

Discussion on the topic—Appropriate Gifts for Christmas.

Plans for co-operation among Grangers in buying and selling. Question Box.

Mr. Hurd, representative of the state Grange, gave a talk Tuesday evening on the subject of co-operation to a small company of Grangers and will be unable to be present Saturday as was first announced. His place, however, will be taken by an O. A. C. man.

Miss Myra Butler of the Normal faculty will give a talk on Knick Knacks for Christmas and will illustrate with a display of suitable articles.

L. V. Macken and A. F. Miller will keep the screen of the Norm theater busy for seven days beginning Saturday with the absorbing 15 reel drama The Master Key. No show Sunday or Tuesday nights.

The snowy owl has reached Monmouth. Mr. Webber took a shot at one passing over Wednesday and the rifle ball tore loose a couple of feathers.

Mr. Pittman and Mr. Gentle were on the program at the teachers' institute at McMinnville this week and on Wednesday President Ackerman was on the program. Mr. Gentle is on a similar program at Woodburn Saturday.

Julius Hannum and wife of Pedee were guests of his sister, Mrs. M. W. Jones and husband for Thanksgiving.

Green Hastings of Albany was the guest of his aunt, Mrs. Sophia Hastings, in Monmouth last Wednesday.

Mrs. Wm. Brown of Dallas was a visitor in Monmouth Wednesday on a pleasure trip.

OREGON STATE NORMAL NOTES

**Vacation Ended, Students
Renew Work with Interest**

During the Thanksgiving vacation the students who remained in Monmouth enjoyed many informal good times. Miss Todd was hostess to all the students at four o'clock on Thanksgiving afternoon. Friday night the Y. W. C. A. girls held a gym party. Both of these events were characterized by the fine spirit of good comradeship which is indicative of real enjoyment.

December 4 to 9, "Good Book Week" is being observed in the Normal School through special work in the English classes and in library exhibits of the best books for children. The primary purpose of the movement is to interest parents in buying better books for their children.

Parent-Teacher Meeting

The following is the program prepared for the Parent-Teacher Association for the meeting of December 12th:

Singing—Led by Miss Hoham
Violin Duet—Gertrude Rogers and Hjalmar Gentle.

Farce (one act)—George Walker, Jay Butler, Ellis Fisher
Vocal Solo—Gaynelle Shore

The question up for consideration is the one continued from the last meeting, "How can the moving picture shows of Monmouth be made to more directly supplement the work of the schools?" The discussion at this meeting will probably center around the matter of financing a suitable plan. All members of the P. T. A. and any other citizens interested in this question are urged to be present. It is expected that some very definite action will be taken at this meeting.

Miss Hope MacDonald delightfully entertained a group of High School students Saturday evening, honoring Miss Alice Comstock of Salem. Among the guests were Misses Alice Comstock, Imogene Richards, Wilda Fuller, Rosabell Smith, Marian MacDonald and Hope MacDonald, Messrs. Jay Butler, Andrew Smith, Donald Portwood, Delbert Skeen, George Walker, Amos Henton and Ralph Haynie.

Following the rains the back streets and improvised alleys which traffic has taken to when shoved off of Main street, is getting soft. Autos are frequently "stuck" and this was the rule with John Moran Wednesday night on the side road by his real estate office. Bill Jones acted as last aid to the needy and pulled the auto out with his team of horses.

The Priscillas which met with the Misses Butler Saturday elected Mrs. W. E. Smith as president for the ensuing year. Mrs. R. B. Swenson was elected vice president and Mrs. J. Read, secretary.