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Monmouth
Meditations

The baggage carrier and the ticket seller are preparing to speed up next week.

The rose that failed to bloom for Decoration day will be with us in full glory for commencement.

It takes only a cursory glance at the returns of Monday's election to see that the voters of Oregon swatted everything that looked like more taxes.

Independence appears to have voted on the theory that it is satisfied with its present and past achievements in road building, and does not care for anything better.

Such samples of weather as June has already displayed warrant the hope that the complete stock will be up to the usual regulations and requirements.

If the grange of Oregon expects to continue to occupy the high place in favor and influence it has in the past it will have to send one C. S. Spence back to that neglected farm of his.

Looking at the returns from Marion county Tuesday we more than half suspect that some of the mean things that were said about the county by Polk county citizens last winter, were true.

Tax proposals in Congress change so frequently that we no more than get comfortably settled into acceptance of one kind of a tax before the thing changes and it is proposed to tap the dear public in a fresh place.

While the talk of the people not affected by the registration has waged warmly for and against, it was to be noticed that when the time came for action the real persons affected performed their duty quietly.

Independence, in voting against road bonds, appears to have overlooked the fact that when it gets that sugar factory, it will want good roads on which to haul the beets in from the fields, especially if they are to come from any distance.

A lot of this disapproval as voiced in the Oregon election Tuesday is disapproval of the referendum habit itself. If our legislators can not legislate without referring so many things back to the people we should get a new set of legislators.

Independence people are beginning to see visions of a prosperous future and the city has the possibilities to make the claim good. But it will never reach its goal if it insists on buck-

ing everything that looks like progress and doing injury to itself rather than do anything that looks as if it might benefit a neighbor.

By their deeds you shall know them. Our idea of a zero in citizenship is the man who advocates war, when he cannot possibly go to war; conscription, when he has nobody to conscript; and when given a chance to support the Red Cross or the Y. M. C. A. war activities refuses to assist on one pretext or another.

An investment in Liberty bonds means confidence in the future of our country, approval of our nation's attitude in standing up for our self respect, a

payment for an insurance policy that will tend toward future peace and prosperity and a loan to the government that will return interest on the obligation.

The sky over Marion county must have been a yellowish green Monday. For bilious, jaundiced, dyspeptic coloring commend us to the returns from that bailiwick. They soaked it to everything upon the ballot except the project to hold all elections on one day and had it been possible to include fraternal society and cemetery board elections, doubtless would have done so. The proposition to build a new penitentiary at Salem they downed three to one. Cheer up neighbor, it isn't half so bad as you think it is.

A History of Monmouth High School

By George Walker

Up to the year 1909 there was no high school in Monmouth and the advanced grades were given as a Training Department at the Oregon Normal School. At this time the Normal was closed by the Board of Regents and the state authorities for the lack of sufficient funds.

In the following year, 1909-10, Prof. A. F. Clark was elected as principal and school was conducted in the old Normal building. This higher means of education was turned over to a public school and at the first commencement exercises, one graduate, Miss Lydia Powell, received a sheepskin diploma, which cost, \$5.00. This was the most expensive diploma ever presented to a graduate.

Prof. J. B. V. Butler was principal the next year, 1910-11. He conducted the school in the same quarters. The graduates that year were: Glen Work, Hazel Work Tolman, Agnes Clark Hoyser, Bessie Graham, Lester Lindsay, Olea Shore Thompson and Elta Portwood. During the term of school this year, the present high school building was constructed at a moderate cost of \$25,500, with an up to date heating and ventilating system. The brick for structure was shipped from Willamina and "Dad" Sckakafoose was installed as janitor.

Miss Nellie McNeil took a turn at the principalship the next year. Miss Meldora Jackson, of Corvallis, was the assistant. This year the number of pupils grew so rapidly that it was necessary to add another teacher to the force, and in November Miss Armilda Doughty, a graduate of Monmouth and San Jose Normals, and a Junior at Stanford, was added. At this time school was conducted in the garret and classes were heard on the lawn, behind the ventilator, and upon the roof. At the termination of this year, the following persons were turned out into the educational world: Leta Wolverton, Florence Heffley, Ruby Fream Baker, Braxton Powell and Minnie Wonder.

In the Fall of 1911-12 Professor John Livingston, of Forest Grove, was chosen principal and with the aid of Miss Margaret McCoskey, of McMinnville, and a graduate of McMinnville Baptist College, and Miss Doughty, the following people were piloted through high school: Velma Heffley, Mabel Johnson, Esther and Ethel Harris, Neta Waller, Marie Smith, Howard Morlan, Bell Rogers Beckley, Dwight and Russell Quisenberry, Ivan Wood, Ranie and Arthur Burkhead, Ruby Lorence, Byron

White, Loette Shore and Stella Haan.

E. L. Keezel was principal in 1913-14. He came to Monmouth from the University of Oregon. Miss Florence Reese, of the same place, and Miss Doughty, composed the remainder of the faculty. This year was noted for many new systems and advancements. The following were graduated: Robert Thompson, Gladys Thompson, Jennings Lorence, Dorothy Portwood and Lucian P. Arant.

In 1914-15 the same faculty was kept. The graduates were: John Webber, Maud Moore, Reta Marks, Gladys Heffley, Grace Williams, Marie Morlan White, Oak Wood, Perry N. Powell, Clares Powell, Stanley Evans, and Ida Strong.

Last year, Miss Vida L. Fatland was chosen to succeed Miss Reese, and Miss Hawley was added to the force, over the Commercial Department. Miss Fatland came from Reed College, Portland, and Miss Hawley from O. A. C. A very large class received diplomas: J. B. Knapp, Douglas B. Parkes, Edna Parks McAllister, Harold Haley, Alton McClellan, Belle McAllister, Charles Strong, Grace Parker, Marion McDonald, Theodore McKenzie, W. J. Mulkey, Jr., Robert Hendren, Ruth Wilson, Barbara Steinberg, Laurel Canning, Raymond Steinback, Irene Hagenbush, Erica Moore and Daphne Ostrom.

1916-17, E. H. Hedrick, of the U. of O., was elected principal, and R. W. Tavenner, of Berkeley and U. of O., was the new teacher. This year there were 103 on the rolls. Eight men received letters for athletics.

The names of the graduates are: J. B. V. Butler, Jr., Gertrude C. Coote, Violet Denney, Gladys Jane Evans, Alice Mary Hamm, Thelma C. Marks, Earl D. McNeill, Harold F. Olson, Donald H. Portwood, Lu N. Ruggles, Guy E. Sacre, Helen L. Scott, Thelma Gaynelle Shore, Silas E. Starr, Birchard Ambrose Van Loan, Clarence D. Walker.

Eighth Grade Students

Grace Graham, Althea Evans, Romaine Nicholson, Jessie Keyt, Zeta Smith, Una Winegar, Naomi Mulkey, Laura Shipley, Mary Rice, Bessie Clark, Velma Johnson, Ethelva Elkins, James Partridge, Beth Partridge, Herbert Powell, Manley Arant, Russell McClellan, Floyd Henry, Eric Swenson, Maurice Gentle, Elmer Olden.

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