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

A FRIEND OF THE NORMAL

**Was Benjamin Sherwood
Buried Last Wednesday**

In the death of Benjamin Schofield the Oregon Normal School lost one of its truest and most loyal friends. Mr. Schofield acted as a member of the Board of Regents for ten years, during which his wise counsel, his pains-taking efforts and loyalty were exerted at a time when the Normal needed just such friends. The last time he visited the Normal he expressed his delight at the progress it was then making and spoke feelingly of the struggles its friends had made to assist it in its struggling years. A true man, an excellent citizen, a firm friend of education always was Benjamin Schofield. President Ackerman represented the Normal by attending the funeral last Wednesday.

The faculty reception to the student body of the summer school was one of the delights of the year. The decorations, refreshments and music were inexpensive, to the end that the faculty might take the money which would otherwise be spent for the reception and donate to the Red Cross fund, such proceeds being \$20.00.

The total enrollment to date is 575, and it is probable that the enrollment will reach 600 before the close of the term. The student body is a splendid one, and the faculty feels that the work that will be accomplished in this summer school will be most excellent.

Ground was broken this week for the addition to the Normal and the dormitory cottage, and the contractor promises to crowd the work forward as rapidly as possible.

The Board of Regents held its annual meeting on the 20th, the following members being present: Miss Cornelia Marvin, Hon. Ben W. Oleott, Supt. J. A. Churchill, Mr. C. L. Starr, Mr. H. G. Starkweather and Mr. E. E. Bragg. The report of the President and his recommendations were acted upon and approved. Perhaps the most far-reaching resolution of the Board was the one raising the tuition per semester from \$4.00 to \$6.00, to take effect September, 1918. This was deemed necessary when the President reported that it would be impossible to administer the school on the present tuition fund and the 1-25 of a mill.

The Normal will probably close July 9 and 10 for the N. E. A. An excursion train will leave Monmouth on the morning of the 9th and return on the evening of the 10th.

The Pomona Grange meets at Leiwsville Saturday. A federal rodent expert will be present to demonstrate a new kind of poison for killing gophers. Prof. Couter, federal agent for Marion and Polk Counties will be present.

A Breeze and a Fire

A wind which for severity is seldom equaled in this section prevailed Saturday afternoon and while it was at its worst the fire bell rang. The call came from the house of S. R. Smith on west Main street. Sparks had probably caught in a patch of moss on the roof. Mrs. Keyt was first to see the flames and at first call came the girl students who are numerous in that section. Many carried pails. There were one or two men to man the ladder and water was handed up to them and the fire was about under control when the fire alarm was responded to and the hose in shape for action.

Hardly were the hose carts back under shelter when a second alarm was rung. The chimney on the Monmouth Improvement Assn. building caught fire. It was seen promptly and a ladder run up to the top of the building in time so that it was not necessary to uncoil the hose.

What Was in The Bottle

**Workmen Make Curious
Find Under Roots of Tree**

Workmen on the excavation for the Normal addition smashed a bottle in the process of digging. The bottle had been placed at the root of one of the trees and contained a paper with a list of the names of pupils of the 7th grade of the Monmouth school who had planted the tree in April, 1909 in honor of Longfellow. C. G. Griffa rescued the paper and brought it to the Herald office. Roma G. Stafford was teacher and the list of pupils follows: Clarence Daniel, Velma Heffley, Douglas Parkes, Ed Bressler, Wendell Crowley, Artie Burkhead, Chester Strong, Elva Lucas, Stella Chute, Lula Peterson, Winnifred Parrish, Zaidee Putnam, Richard Babbitt, Gordon Bowman, Marie Morlan, Marie Smith, Myrtle Withrow, Nellie Kurre, Henry Hathaway, Gertrude Heffley, Alfred Smith, Allene Hosner, Bion Brewster, Myrtle Withrow, Lloyd Springer, John Bogynska.

At a recent meeting of the patrons of the Sunny Slope school district, Vardaman Fishback after 17 years of efficient service stepped down and out from the position of school clerk. His successor was Mrs. Reeta Hamar. It is reported that dissatisfaction was raised in the district because the old board extravagantly raised the wages of their teacher \$5. per month, from \$45 per month to the princely sum of \$50 per month. The teacher of the school last year was Miss Rose Page of Yamhill and her successor is Miss Hattie Newman.

The Odd Fellows will install officers next Monday night and ask for a large attendance of members.

W. J. Miller is among our early gardeners who is furnishing the stores with green peas.

CELEBRATE THE FOURTH

**You are Invited to a Fine
Program in Monmouth**

The Fourth of July will be celebrated on the Normal campus at Monmouth by the students of the summer school presenting a pageant of the allied nations.

The celebration will begin with the program at two o'clock in the afternoon. The pageant will be interspersed by band music, appropriate quartettes and chorus patriotic numbers.

The pageant of the allied nations will be followed by the reading of the Declaration of Independence by Miss Rosa B. Parrott and an oration by Prof. M. S. Pittman.

This will conclude the afternoon program. A band concert will be given in the evening beginning at half past seven.

The Independence-Monmouth band will furnish the music for the occasion.

Arrangements will be made for those who care to enjoy the privilege of lunching in the grove on the campus.

The public is cordially invited to come and enjoy with the students of the summer school and all friends of the Normal, a beautiful pageant of the allies, together with a sane and patriotic celebration of the 4th.

Work on the paving proceeded slowly during the past week owing to difficulties in getting the asphalt in shape to spread. At first it seemed impossible to get the stuff to the proper temperature for spreading, which is over 300 degrees. At 200 the stuff showed a tendency to boil and bubble so that it could not be kept in the container and the proper heat was only reached after repeated cooling of the mass. Mr. Lincoln, an expert representative of the Standard Oil Company, arrived from Portland Wednesday and began making tests to determine where the trouble was.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Gill with their son and daughter are in Monmouth this week visiting with Mrs. Gill's brother J. D. Stevens. They are from the neighborhood of Winfield, Kansas and made the trip to Oregon overland in their Ford, stopping at Salt Lake and other points of interest. They plan to locate in this section if they can find something to their liking. Mr. Gill says that Kansas is a great state but its cyclones are too much for him and he wants to get where the twisters are less frequent and destructive.

Card of Thanks

We wish to express our thanks and appreciation to the fire department, neighbors, friends and those student girls who responded, and did such effective service in saving our home from being destroyed by fire on last Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Smith.

County Commencement

Monmouth and Falls City appeared to be rivals for the honor of having the largest class at the county commencement of eighth grade graduates at Rickreall, with Monmouth having a shade the better of it. State Supt. Churchill delivered the diplomas prefacing the act with appropriate remarks. He urged upon all the students the importance of continuing to a higher education, and said that if they could not see their way clear to attend school further, there was the alternative of continuing through their own efforts. He cited the example of Senator J. K. Gill who had no schooling beyond the grades but who learned Latin and Greek a page at a time while running a printing press and acquired a broad knowledge of many subjects through his own efforts until he has come to have an education equal to any college graduate.

An event of the afternoon was a ball game between the soldier boys and a picked team from the county. The former were successful 10 to 8, their work showing that they have plenty of time to practice in the intervals of drill work.

No Institute This Summer

**Annual Event Abandoned
Because of N. E. A. Meet**

I have decided not to hold the Annual Teacher's Institute in this county this year, but to give credit to all teachers who attend the meeting of the National Educational Association.

No doubt, all of the teachers in the State will want to attend this meeting and I am making the Polk County Annual Institute joint with the meeting in Portland as a favor to the teachers of this county. My action has the endorsement of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, J. A. Churchill.

I think the National Educational Association is the largest association of its character in the world. The percentage of the western teachers who have attended the meetings of the association in the past has been very small for the reason that the association seldom holds its annual meetings on the coast. This is the first time that the meeting has ever been held in Oregon and, no doubt, will be the last time for many years. No teacher can afford not to be in attendance at this the greatest inspirational and educational meeting ever held in this State.

Fred S. Crowley, Superintendent

Monmouth high school won a trophy at the Rickreall picnic last year in a running race. The trophy was to be theirs should they win it two years in succession. They took the trophy to Rickreall Saturday but as there was no contest brought it home again and now claim possession by default.

MORE WATER SOUGHT FOR

**Council Considers Means of
Acquiring Reserve Supply**

Twice during the past two weeks the pump which is the whole works of the city water system has had to be taken out and repaired, each time the work requiring a shut down of 36 hours. The last shut down proved too much for the reserve in the reservoir and as a result on Sunday morning the city was out of water. Sunday noon the pump was started again and the supply has been slowly gaining on the demand but during the week the pressure has been low, a warning that some means of increasing the supply must be had.

This was taken up at the meeting of the city council Tuesday night and a group of shallow wells or another deep well were considered. It was also proposed to attach the local mains to the Independence mains with the idea of getting an extra supply in time of need. This idea found favor and Supt. Steelquist of the Oregon Power Co. which owns the Independence water works, is looking up the feasibility of the matter.

A delegation of residents of east Main street waited on the council asking for a tile drain to drain the north side of that street. The city engineer assured them that when the parking on the street was filled in the street would drain itself.

The matter of action on the opening of the street in the Polk County Land Co. addition was postponed for two weeks and D. M. Hampton was appointed a committee of one to ascertain the facts in the matter.

Dale Hill is limping from the effects of a sprained ankle acquired in a runaway Tuesday. He was driving Paul Riley's team when it ran away and was headed into the prune drier and stopped. Mr. Riley came along in his auto just then and mounted the wagon with Hill for a trip to Independence. The horses again became frightened at the train, when on East Main street and this time Hill slipped from the wagon while Riley held on with one rein. Hill helped to stop the team but injured his foot in the process.

Red Cross workers did a thorough job in the drive for subscriptions last Friday. Not only was everyone in Monmouth visited and asked to subscribe but the call was extended to the surrounding country as well. Honor Guard girls in uniform accompanied the autos and were effective aids. The total amount raised in the Monmouth territory was \$1,070.

The annual report of the First National Bank shows a gain of \$100,000 in deposits during the past year.

Harry Judd has a job in Corvallis.