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

News Items Here and There

Miss Grace Jones spent Sunday in Eugene.

Elmer Rake is back from Coos county.

A slight frost left its trail in exposed places Sunday morning.

Mrs. L. M. Hall and Miss Dora Hall are enjoying a vacation at Newport.

Geo. W. Clark, a pioneer resident of Ballston dropped dead from heart failure Monday.

Dr. and Mrs. Bowersox are leaving for a vacation trip in the Tillamook country.

Miss Bessie Graham has gone to Tillamook to spend her vacation by the sea.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Mulkey expect to start Monday for a stay at Callapooia springs.

A postal from Geo. Walker indicates that he has paused to perspire at Pilot Rock at three plunks per and fodder.

Mrs. Ella Thompson who has been working for V. O. Boots, left this morning for Portland where she has another job.

C. E. Deakins resumed charge of the depot Wednesday with Earl Conkey as first lieutenant and underlord of the cargoes.

Rev. Hilton of Baker will occupy the Christian church pulpit next Sunday morning and evening.

W. J. Mulkey, Jr. is working in the vicinity of Pendleton in the harvest fields and W. E. Haynie is also in that vicinity.

Messrs. Ostien, Evenden and J. B. V. Butler went on a fishing trip to the Siletz the first of the week.

Mrs. Judd was up from Corvallis one day this week for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. McClellan.

Mr. Blackstone's family has arrived from Corvallis and are now settled in the Sturkin house.

S. Strickler was here from Yamhill, Wednesday and it is reported, plans to move back to Monmouth.

Rev. Long of the Free Methodist church of Falls City will preach in the Evangelical church Sunday morning at 11 and in the Baptist church at 2:30, p. m.

Mrs. Eldora Olson is at present working in Clackamas. She has given up her lease on the Kurre apartments and on the Maples.

Geo. Walker, Lewis Burlingame and other Normal students left last week for the harvest fields of Eastern Oregon seeking work in that section.

Gus Fredericks, an old resident of Monmouth, now of Hubbard, was here calling on old friends this week. He formerly lived near the Helmick bridge.

A special freight is running on the S. P. through this city hauling logs, which traffic originates on the Valley and Siletz railroad.

3 Brood Sows for sale. Will farrow in September. J. M. McDonald, Phone 2405.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Powell and two sons spent a few days this past week on a trip up the Columbia highway and enjoyed a fine time.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Williamson are spending a few weeks at their old home at Wellsdale. Oscar Williamson has been there since vacation started, working for a brother in the harvest.

Mrs. J. A. Sturkin of Chitwood was in Monmouth Saturday visiting at A. B. Morlan's and attending to business here. She went on to Salem to visit with a daughter.

The first threshing of the season was on the Henry place on Saturday. There was also threshing done on the Burbank place Monday. The grain yield is much better than was expected.

Rev. W. A. Wood preached the funeral sermon for Arthur Fisher who was killed in a logging camp at Black Rock last week. The funeral took place in Independence Sunday.

J. E. Bloom, formerly with the Dallas Itemizer is now located with the fire patrol on the upper waters of the Rickreall. Early in his experience in the woods Bloom had the good fortune to shoot a bear.

Chas. Jackson and daughter Miss Mamie Jackson left Saturday for a trip east. They will visit at their old home in Minnesota and may also visit at Canadian points. They expect to be gone for some time.

Mrs. Beery and Miss Kramer are spending a few weeks in Ashland. Mr. Beery who has been in Iowa since last spring, reports that he has enough of it and is anxious to get back to Oregon.

Among those from this vicinity who attended the Christian Convention at Turner on Sunday were: Mr. and Mrs. Haley, Mr. and Mrs. Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Ostrom and Mrs. Wood and daughter.

The C. W. B. M. of the Christian Church, about twelve in number, traveled to Turner Wednesday to attend the convention with the transportation handled by J. McClellan.

The joint conventions of the Sunday School league and the Young People's Alliance are held next week, August 7, 8, and 9 at Jennings Lodge and will be the attraction for a number of Monmouth people.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Mulkey are enjoying a vacation this week at Pleasant Hill near Eugene and taking a respite from duty in the bakery by living on a ranch which they own in Lane county.

A more or less casual perusal of the draft list fails to discover any great proportion of pool hall loafers among the chosen. If the general scheme of selective conscription is to secure such, it overshot the mark in Polk county.

Ed Rogers and family set out by auto for the mountains after berries one day recently. Not finding the berries they kept on to Newport and returning made the round trip in one day.

Miss Elizabeth Read will take a four week's vacation until September 1st when she will begin the season's work with her pupils.

There was a large attendance at the industrial club picnic at Lewisville Wednesday. Governor Withycombe was present and made a fine talk to the crowd. Others present were Mr. Seymour and Mr. Allen of the O. A. C.

A peculiar trouble which the gardener is experiencing this year is that potatoes, which are very small and barely ripe are beginning to grow again. Some say in explanation that the ground is so warm as to cause the growing.

Messrs. Allen and Gilmore visited industrial clubs in this vicinity Wednesday and were surprised at the growth of corn exhibited by boy growers who planted special seed furnished by H. H. Hirschberg. Some promising pigs were also discovered on the round of observation.

Walter Brown accompanied Dr. Bowersox and family on their trip to Tillamook county Tuesday. The latter went to Rockaway beach and Walter planned to stop for a visit with J. S. Prime at Bay City.

D. Hair and wife of Portland and A. M. French and wife are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Winegar. They are traveling by auto and taking their time and stopping at different towns for a few days. They intend to visit the coast before they return home.

With vacation time most of the Normal faculty have left for various points to spend the vacation period. Miss Parrott went first to Eugene for a brief visit and then goes to her home in Roseburg; Miss Green left Monday for Newport for a few days and from there will go to Mt. Shasta and San Francisco. Miss Taylor is at her home in Tacoma.

Mrs. Macy, who has been registrar at the Normal for a long time has resigned her position. Her husband has accepted a position in Salem and they will go there to live. Mrs. Macy has been with the Normal so long that she was considered as almost a fixture and will be missed by many. Her successor is Miss Bramberg of Independence.

Rev. Pollard of the Baptist church tendered his resignation last Sunday but it was not accepted. The action was taken to avoid embarrassing the church officers who seek for a resident pastor. There will be no regular services in the church until the opening of school next fall.

Mrs. Charles Thornton of Dallas, formerly of Bandon was in town Tuesday looking up rooms for her two daughters and another Bandon girl who will attend

Vacation Days and Doings

Normal the coming year. She says that quite a number of Bandon young people expect to attend Normal during the next regular sessions.

C. H. Boothby and wife entertained a family party at the farm last Sunday at dinner, central features of which were fried spring chicken and a freezer of ice cream. Those constituting the party were Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Boothby of Monmouth, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. W. Derby of Portland and Mr. and Mrs. W. D. McCready of Corvallis, Miss Marjorie Boothby of Portland and Clarence Grund.

R. L. Chapman, the Dallas undertaker is spending \$4,000 on an addition to the Shreeve garage in the county seat town. The addition is to be 50x50, of hollow concrete tile and to have two floors, the upper of which will be used for the storage of cars and reached by an electric elevator large enough to handle the largest car.

The following are additional names to the Monmouth auxiliary of the Red Cross.

Mrs. Ruth Van Loan
Mrs. Gene Evans
W. N. Meeker
Lula Herfter
Amy Whipple
Florence Heffley
Gertrude Heffley
Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Keyt
Mrs. W. P. Graham
Margaret Rice
Hazel Lorence
V. O. Boots
Mrs. F. H. Hinkle
Mrs. Anna Antwerp
Robert Stevenson
A. J. Haley
Mrs. H. M. Stevenson

Winegar and Lorence unloaded a threshing outfit Wednesday for a company of fourteen farmers in the Luckiamute country. The fourteen have formed a combination and expect to do their own threshing, trading hands and keeping the machine for use when needed. Frank Lougharry has invested in a tractor which is to operate this separator. The company will pay for the machine, an Advance Rumely, this year and in the future will have the use of the machine for the expense of upkeep. Lewis, Embree and Kiser received a tractor also on Wednesday.

Fifty thousand dollars will be expended by Pendleton in putting on the 1917 Round-Up, September 20, 21 and 22, which insures the very best in contests, horses, steers, and performers. Special Pullman trains have already been engaged and will come from Portland, Spokane and St. Paul. The attendance will be equal to if not greater than in 1916. The railroads have granted the usual special rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip from all points in the northwest. The railroad officials assure the management there will be no falling off in attendance and the only question with them is

whether or not they will be able to furnish the equipment.

The Blue Book, the official compilation of state statistics and directory of state work is out this week and any citizen of the state may obtain a copy free by sending a request to the secretary of state. Relative to features of the book Secretary Olcott says "Every official activity in the state is covered. Facts relating to every foreign federal and state department operating in Oregon are included. It has a historical sketch of Oregon by Joseph Schafer of the department of history, U. of O. and a statement of the early provisional government at Champeog.

The choice of the State Highway commission of the Ballston and Salt Creek route from Mc Minnville to Dallas is not to be put into use without a protest. Citizens of Amity are aroused and will do what they can to secure a new decision in the matter. They claim the route as voted is seven miles longer and will cost \$100,000 more than the Amity route would. The vote on the project was two to one, commissioner Henson voting against it. The commission meets in Salem next Tuesday and at that time a delegation of interested people are scheduled to appear before it.

While no positive assurance has been given relative to the work in Polk county, it is not likely that active work by the commission will be started before fall or next spring.

Forehanded people all through this section are working hard these days saving what they can of growing stuff for use next winter for the outlook is that such will be needed. Because of the extremely dry weather this summer there will be a big shortage in garden stuff and berries and everything sown during the spring will feel the effect thereof. The threshing of grain is now in progress and although fall sown fields are turning out much better than was expected there is much to encourage pessimism when spring grain is considered. A great deal of it never got very far above the ground.

A large acreage of beans was put in all through this part of the Willamette valley and much of this promises a total failure. The ground is so dry that the blossoms drop off and what beans there are, are short and do not fill in. Potatoes following a banner yield of a year ago will be so small this year as to encourage eating of "skins and all" next winter. Many city lots have been put into potatoes and while the tops look good yet the ground is so dry that the potatoes do not form nor grow to any size.

There are some good gardens in favorable localities where approved dry cultivation has been thoroughly performed but in most places nothing has sufficed to conserve enough moisture to secure satisfactory results.