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

WAS FORMER POSTMASTER

**John J. Higgins, Prominent
in Seattle, Passes Away**

John James Higgins who was postmaster of Monmouth during Cleveland's second term and who was known to Monmouth's older residents died in Seattle Friday. He was one of the leading Democrats and was regarded as an authority on pure food. While he was secretary of the Seattle Retail Grocers' Assn. and of the State Retail Grocers' Assn. he was active in securing the passage of pure food laws.

He is survived by his wife, Lottie E. Higgins, and son, John C. Higgins, a prominent Seattle attorney and former regent of the University of Washington.

Mr. Higgins came to Monmouth in 1891. He was born in New York city in 1851 and spent his early life in Michigan where he studied medicine. Later he entered the lumber business and followed that business for a number of years in the Middle West.

In 1880 he became a newspaper man in Butler, Ind., publishing the Butler Review for ten years. Then he came to Monmouth, removing from here, for two years he published the Chronicle at Elma, Wash.

He embarked in groceries in Seattle, 1899, and was a prominent figure in business life there until appointed to office by Governor Lister in 1912.

While engaged in creating sentiment for pure food legislation

he wrote a number of articles for national publications. He pioneered the movement for uniform prices on trade marked goods.

Across State and Back

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Guthrie are back from an enjoyable auto trip in which they traveled pretty well over Western Oregon. They were the guests of their son and wife of Corvallis, and left Monmouth July 26, going to Corvallis and via the Blue Book route followed the Pacific highway to Ashland where they camped two days in the public park of that city. On the way through Wolf Creek canyon where Hugh Guthrie shot an immense rattlesnake. They visited Crater lake, traveling on the auto road that now runs along the rim of the lake. They were also much interested in the reclamation projects at Rt. Klamath where thousands of acres are being drained. They journeyed on to Bend where they spent two days with their daughter Mrs. D. E. Chase. In the vicinity of that town they enjoyed some excellent fishing. From Bend they traveled by way of Hood river to the Dalles which road they found the most dangerous of the whole trip. From the Dalles they came by way of the Columbia highway and Portland back to Monmouth after an absence of ten days and four hours. The only accident to the auto on the entire route was the blowing out of a tire punctured by a hard pine sliver, when in the neighborhood of Bend.

JOE CLARK IN VIRGINIA

**Marines Expect to Cross to
France in Near Future**

The following interesting matter is from a letter received this week:

Got through last Saturday and arrived here at 5 p. m. Quite a concentration camp here, about twice as large as Mare Island.

We had quite a time with our wreck. Arrived in New Orleans at 10 a. m. and had to stay there until 7:30 p. m. while more cars were being added to the train and a cook car was being fixed up. There were thirteen passenger cars, a baggage car, a cook car and an extra car with food supplies, and there were about 450 men with the officers. Had a little time to spare so took a walk up toward the center of town. Took quite a fancy to New Orleans and would like to spend a month or two there some time. We made the trip by the southern route, passing through Los Angeles, Tucson, El Paso, Fort Worth, Houston, New Orleans, on through Alabama, Georgia, South and North Carolina to Richmond, Virginia, and then to this place.

Quantico is located on the Potomac river, about twenty miles from Washington and we have good opportunities for bathing. The government has built fifteen or twenty rooms with a shower attached to each one, and besides we have a fine sandy beach and a person can wade out almost half a mile before the water is over the head. It is certainly warm here. I think it is hotter than California. A great many of the boys have been sick and some have died from the effects of drilling in the hot sun.

We had quite a treat Friday night when the U. S. Marine Corps band from Washington, one of the best bands in the world, and the Naval Reserve male quartette from Minneapolis gave a fine musical program. I have never heard a better program. Congressman Shaw of Minnesota also gave us a short talk on patriotism and it was very good.

We are having harder drilling than at Mare Island and expect to leave for France in another month.

War on Bro. Squirrel

While plowing last fall M. Sacre uncovered the storehouse of a ground squirrel who had accumulated a half bushel of filberts from Neighbor Powell's orchard for winter need. The winter need, however, to be reports the filberts were of an excellent quality. Mr. Powell is spending his leisure time at present on various schemes to outwit the accommodating squirrels and the prospects for a busy and prosperous summer for Bro. Squirrel are not as bright as they might be.

Howard Morlan is back from a two day's visit in Portland.

Applying the Brakes

Appeals for money by subscription route are getting so common and are such a nuisance that the Commercial club at a meeting in Morlan's store Wednesday night determined to take some steps in the matter. A committee consisting of Ira Powell, A. Parker and H. C. Ostien was appointed and such petitions or papers can first be referred to this committee and if they pass upon the same favorably the citizens can feel assured that the cause is worthy. Road matters of which a thousand rumors are constantly floating around, were investigated but found to be nothing but rumor with no substantial foundation.

We are in receipt of an attractive booklet, entitled "Camping and Hunting Guide", which was compiled by the Forest Service and published by the Southern Pacific Company.

The Forest Reserves of Western Oregon with roads, trails, resorts, camping places, mountains, fishing, streams and lakes are described in detail. Complete instructions are given to prepare for a hunting or fishing trip even to cooking utensils and amount and quality of food.

This booklet contains much useful information regarding Western Oregon and will be invaluable to anyone contemplating a fishing, hunting or camping trip in that section.

Copies can be obtained from any Southern Pacific Agent, or will be furnished free on application to the General Passenger Department of the Southern Pacific at Portland.

WAR TIME WEDDING

**Private Parkes of Company
L Leaves Bride Behind**

Monmouth has its first war bride in the person of Mrs. Douglas Burton Parkes. Until Sunday she was Miss Cleora C. Childs. The ceremony took place in Independence and was performed at the Methodist Episcopal parsonage by Rev. Thos. Yarnes. Mr. Parkes, a member of company L, came to Monmouth with a number of his comrades in arms for what they supposed was their last visit for some time.

As far as such moves are definitely known in advance the boys understood they were to move this week for Palo Alto, Cal., for more intensive training as a preliminary to the next transfer toward France. At the last moment the wedding was decided on. The ceremony was very simple, a typical war time wedding with only close relatives present.

The bride is a daughter of Mrs. Cornelia George and came to Monmouth from Lane county two years ago to enter the Normal. She was a Junior this year. Next year she expects to teach at Cushman in Lane county. Her husband is also a Junior in the Normal. He enlisted last spring.

Mrs. E. A. Rice returned Wednesday from Crabtree where she has been visiting her son and family for the past two weeks.

Vacation Days and Doings

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Craven and daughter, with Dean Craven of Independence, autoed to Cascadia last week to fish and camp. They returned Monday, reporting a very pleasant outing. On Sunday of their stay, Milton A. Miller with a large party of other good roads' boosters made Cascadia an enthusiastic central point for Lane and other counties. A hard surface road, leading from the valley into the heart of the Cascades and across to Bend, was the consensus of opinion expressed at the meeting.

Looking like a stalwart soldier, Dr. Matthis appeared on our streets Wednesday in a brand new uniform of the U. S. medical reserve corps. With his small daughter Loretta he spent Monday and Tuesday in Vancouver where the uniform was secured. The government had requested a picture in uniform which is the reason the regimentals were issued at this time. No call to duty has been received by the doctor as yet.

Joy Ostrom has a broken collar bone, the result of a kick of a horse last Monday. With a brother he was working with a clod masher in one of the fields of the farm and in the process of turning around the horse struck

at him. He had a bad wound in the cheek from a calk on the horse shoe. It was a close call but with due attention the bone is knitting and he will soon be around again.

The Misses Marana and Gertrude Rice of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Rice and family. The ladies are enjoying the change of climate very much, and expect to find still greater variety in Oregon's weather moods, by stopping at the beach for a few days next week.

The regular monthly meeting of the Grange will be held Saturday. Child Welfare and Amusements in the Home, is the subject of the day for discussion. As the men are busy threshing the program is apt to fall to the women for discussion.

The small daughters of Dr. and Mrs. Cavanaugh of Portland are spending a few weeks with their grandmother, Mrs. Sarah Hagar. Mr. and Mrs. Cavanaugh will be in Monmouth Saturday on their way to the McKenzie river.

Henry Mehring and Harry Steinmetz, the last two Normal boys in town, left for their homes Tuesday.

News Items Here and There

Mrs. Mary Looney Gaines, who died recently in Independence was a daughter in law of John E. Gaines, second territorial governor of Oregon. She was also a descendant of George Walton who signed the Declaration of Independence and also the Articles of Confederation and was later governor of Georgia. She was born at Independence, Mo. and with her parents arrived in the Walla Walla Valley in 1843.

While prunes are selling higher than they did a year ago the demand is said to be uncertain. There is an unusually large crop in California and it is not known yet whether the allies will find freight space, as the facilities at hand allow only the transportation of essentials. Owing to the lessened area planted to hops, however, the market for that commodity is said to be promising.

R. A. Logan, shoe shine artist, is now a complete resident of Monmouth, his better half having come down from Portland to take up residence here. Mr. and Mrs. Logan are located in the Smith building just north of Boots' insurance headquarters.

The appearance of Rev. Hilton of Baker in the Christian church

pulpit last Sunday revived old memories as he conducted protracted meetings in Monmouth five years ago. Rev. Hilton is listed as one of the leading ministers of the state.

Miss Lois Hewitt, a graduate of the Normal and a daughter of Dr. and Mrs. L. L. Hewitt of Independence was married July 29, to Dono M. Pomeroy. They will reside at Cathlamet, Wash.

The following were among the Monmouth visitors at Turner at the convention last Sunday: Messrs. and Mesdames Ira Powell, J. Sken, W. A. Wood, A. J. Haley and D. L. Williams and Mrs. F. S. Powell.

Dr. C. P. Fryer, formerly of Independence has been appointed bacteriologist in charge of the Tampa laboratory of the Florida state board of health.

Mrs. Ethel Strong of Eugene and three children arrived a week ago Sunday for a visit with Mrs. Strong's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Moore, south of Monmouth.

Mr. and Mrs. Dodson and Mr. and Mrs. Palmer, farmers on route No. 1 out of Monmouth spent the week end at Rockaway beach.