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

A LONGER VACATION

Normal Opening Postponed to the 24th of September

It is announced that the opening of the Normal has been postponed to September 24th, or two weeks later than was at first intended. This is due to the demand for help in the harvesting of crops and also to the fact that the work on the enlarging of the Normal building will interfere with school work.

The Normal is sending out the following announcement:

"The Oregon Normal School at Monmouth will be opened on September 24, 1917, instead of on September 10, as previously announced. Please give this notice publicity so far as possible and pass the word on to all prospective students. This decision was made for the purpose of allowing students to assist in the season's work and to give a longer period for the completion of buildings."

Many people are not yet aware that the government will forward magazines to soldiers for the sum of a one cent stamp af-

fixed thereto. Magazines cannot be forwarded to specified addresses and no attempt should be made to address the same. Simply put a one cent stamp on the corner of the magazine, drop it in the postoffice and the department will forward to the encampments.

Harold Hawkins, a 14 year old Airlie boy, held a dynamite cap in his hand and hit it with a hammer and as a result of the explosion may have to have his hand amputated.

More Names of The Selected

Additional liabilities to the draft of Monmouth citizens other than those already published in this paper are with the order of their liability: 931, Loyd W. Cody 936, Thos. G. Work; 951, Victor H. Davis; 987, Fred H. Steinberg 998, L. H. George; 1004, E. D. Hagenbuch; 1009, F. B. Powell; 1029, Lee Williams; 1061, W. C. Hoppes; 1064, G. W. Ray; 1069, Odin Anderson; 1103, Oscar Zook 1118, L. M. Locke; 1128, W. R. Adams; 1138, E. D. Crook; 1142, W. E. VanMeter; 1157, Harry Stine; 1167, E. H. Hedrick; 1174, H. Crosby.

THE COUNCIL IN SESSION

Grinds Usual Grist at the Meeting Tuesday Night

With a third effort the council secured a quorum Tuesday night and held the first regular session for the month of August. All councilmen were present as well as the mayor, recorder and marshal.

On behalf of the street committee Councilman Wolverton reported that he had been trying all summer to get some one to remove the tree on the corner of Main and Monmouth for the wood but had not been successful. Josiah Wills had offered to remove the tree for \$5 and he recommended that the job be so let. The council agreed and the recorder was instructed to notify the telephone company to look after their guy wires fastened to the tree.

Proof of posting sidewalk notices was presented by the recorder and the same was accepted and ordered placed on file. No protests appearing, the sidewalks on Echols, Knox and College streets were ordered built.

V. O. Boots was reported as asking that the city undertake a walk in front of Mrs. Sarah Boots property on Monmouth avenue. He desired that the walk in part be 5 ft. wide and as an old ordinance prescribes the width of walks at 8 ft. on that part of Monmouth avenue, the ordinance will have to be amended before the city can act.

A. Maybee, well driller, announced that the drill was down 20 feet and had struck an abundance of surface water. A contract for the well drilling had been drawn up and it was signed with the mayor and recorder authorized to contract for the city.

The grass growing along the I. & M. has come to the disappearing notice of the council and the recorder was instructed to notify the company to have the same cleaned up.

A law passed by the last legislature makes it necessary for cities to have railroad crossings provided with signs and this fact was brought to the attention of the council but consideration was deferred to a future time.

The increasing work of the water superintendent also came in for consideration and by motion the salary of that official was raised from \$45 to \$60 per month beginning August 1.

The council authorized the purchase of an inch and a half meter to be placed in the Normal.

Thomas Strain had it brought to the attention of the council that the barn belonging to him had been moved off from the street onto his own property. Following which Alderman Hampton made his usual motion to adjourn.

Mrs. C. W. Cember of Spokane, Wash., and Mrs. M. Beckley of Carlton are visiting with their sister, Mrs. A. J. Haley.

Sumner Ostrom, who is a member of the coast artillery, has been given charge of the power plant at Ft. Canby, which is located on the Columbia in Washington across from Ft. Stevens. His duties include caring for the power plant and search light maintained there. He finds his duties not so confining but that he has time to do some ocean fishing and one day caught forty pounds of sea bass, sufficient to feed the entire company.

A Hunt for a Missing Stone

The man who forgot his own name was mildly perplexed compared with the farm which can not locate its own corners. The management of the Lucas estate north of town has been hunting for two or three weeks to find a certain stone from which the land was originally surveyed. The stone has not been seen by human eye for a few years past and seems to have taken a notion to roam off into unknown neighborhoods. It is located on the Riddell farm and when last encountered it turned the point of a plow which John Riddell was directing in the process of agriculture.

Thereupon Mr. Riddell took a spade and lowered the stone where it would not interfere with any more plow points. That was the last seen of Mr. stone. When the time came to hunt it up again no amount of digging and prodding in the earth with spades could locate it. After a day or two of human labor with spades a big soil pulverizer was put to work. This is a machine made in England and imported by an English company who were operating in this vicinity, a huge and wonderful affair designed to tear the very vitals from the surface of the earth and make it suitable to the needs of the most approved variety of agriculture.

The Riddells rescued this machine from a scrap pile in Carlton and now when the stone was to be located it was thought that surely it would dig down deep enough to bring the stone up where it could be used again. After due trial with the pulverizer a scraper was set to work moving the soil. To date this too has been in vain and now the latest is that a stone on the Lorence ranch, a half mile away is to be used and the new survey based on that.

Miss Ariene Bennett, daughter of George H. Bennett, former Dallas Methodist minister, was married last week to Earl C. Brownlee, former reporter for the Polk County Observer. The wedding took place at Klamath Falls. Mr. Brownlee was a candidate for honors in the San Francisco training camp but did not land anything. He returned to his work as news editor of the Oregon City Courier.

Prof. Pittman is acting as understudy to President Ackerman the past two weeks directing the flow of information to inquiring students into proper channels.

GIVES UP HIS MILK ROUTE

Condenser Offers J. M. McDonald a Better Market

Notice!

We have decided to discontinue delivering milk, at least for the present. We will make our last delivery the night of August 31st.

We are having our herd Tuberculin Tested and will always have milk and cream for sale at our milk room, and milk will be eight cents (8cts.) a quart.

We wish to thank our many good customers for their generous patronage and sincerely hope they will have no trouble in getting a supply of good milk.

The Monmouth Dairy.

The above speaks for itself. Mr. McDonald has decided to discontinue his milk route for two reasons. First because competition has cut into the business which for one, would yield a living, but with a number engaged, allows none a competency; second, because the condensers will pay 7 cents a quart at the depot, furnishing cans and paying the freight. Mr. McDonald has a loyal circle of patrons who regret to see him leave that branch of the business.

Condensed and canned milk is in such demand abroad that it offers a market for all of the whole milk that can be obtained and the plants go considerable distances in order to get sufficient milk to supply their needs.

Dairymen are reported to be disposing of their cows, feeling that the feed they raise can be sold with better profit than fed to stock. The hired man question also is a big factor. Many farmers, however, cling to the creameries as they have the skim milk for feed for the pigs. Also while selling the feed may yield a larger immediate profit, retaining it and feeding it, through the fertilizer derived, keeps up the farm and yields returns that are most important.

A Portland paper is delivering its daily edition to coast points in Tillamook by aeroplane and is making such time that rivals will have to adopt the same methods in order to hold their territory. The aeroplane glides over the hills while the trains are going around, and gets to its destination hours in advance.

Bramberg, Johnson and Coquette have the contract for \$500 worth of concrete walks to be laid in Independence. Report is that some of this walk will be laid under protest of the property owners who have threatened that blood will flow with the starting of work.

Rev. W. S. Stewart, formerly of Independence and recently of Bend, a son of N. S. Stewart of Monmouth, has been visiting with his parents in this city. He has accepted a call to become pastor of the First Baptist church of Fond du Lac, Wis., and will go east to take up his duties there within a few weeks.

Vacation Days and Doings

Mrs. T. J. Beery and Enma Kramer have returned from a Southern Oregon trip where they had a delightful three weeks stay. Going to Ashland by train they, with their brother and family, motored to Crater Lake by way of Green Spring Mountain, Klamath Falls, and Ft. Klamath. They returned by way of White Horse Canyon, Rogue River Gorge, Prospect, Medford then on to Ashland where Miss Kramer's brother has been agent for the S. P. Company twenty years. They report a most enjoyable trip.

Mayor H. C. Ostien and Tom Ostien returned Sunday from their trip to the Deschutes valley. They were encamped a week, found the fishing good and had a fine time. They crossed over the Cascades by the McKenzie route.

Dr. and Mrs. Bowersox returned Friday from their trip to Tillamook county and report a fine time.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Smith, nicely decorated with ocean tan, are back from their outing in

Tillamook county and W. E. is once more on duty at the bank.

The party consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Newman, Mrs. P. H. Johnson and Mrs. M. W. Jones who made a trip to the Columbia highway last week report a splendid time. They camped the first night in the vicinity of Oregon City and had the whole of the second day to see the highway and its sights.

Monmouth people who have visited the Siletz country after berries have found tracts there where blackberries and raspberries abound. One tract of a hundred acres, burned off a few years ago, is now thick with vines and is visited daily by many people after the berries.

Mayor Ostien took Mrs. Ostien and Tom over to Salem Tuesday where Mrs. Ostien took the train for Bandon to visit with old friends and Tom started for Fossil where he will join a surveying party working for the state highway engineers.

Miss Pearl Butler and John M. Atwater of Airlie have been licensed to wed.

News Items Here and There

The state fair board is seeking to get Theodore Roosevelt and Billy Sunday as speaking attractions for the big annual.

F. C. Stevens has resigned the pastorate of the Christian church in Independence and has accepted charge of the Christian church at Falls City.

C. L. Starr, Normal regent, is just back from an eastern business

trip which included in its itinerary Nebraska, Iowa, Michigan and New York City. He reports corn and wheat prospects in the middle west as good.

Mr. and Mrs. Long and family and Mr. Long's niece, Miss Davis of Corvallis, and Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Harvey and family spent Sunday with Mrs. L. H. Burkhead.