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

NEWS NOTES OF NORMAL

Youngsters Remember Washington. Seniors Entertain at Tea

Washington's Birthday was most fittingly celebrated at the Normal school by a chapel program including all the third and fourth grades of the Monmouth Training School. Miss Dinius was the sponsor for the delightfully varied hour of patriotic song and story which unfolded the life of Washington and its greatest lesson—patriotism. The children spoke well and sang nicely, but perhaps the most enjoyable feature was the graceful minuet danced in costume by eight gallant lads and fair lasses. This was repeated at the insistence of the audience. The whole program was announced and carried out by the children after Miss Dinius's introduction.

Saturday afternoon the Senior girls of the Senior Cottage entertained with a graciously hospitable informal tea for Miss Todd. Early spring flowers made cheerful decorations for the delightful living room where Miss Parrott and Miss Lewis presided over the tea table. Many guests dropped in for a chat and pleasant cup of tea.

Saturday evening the Junior Class members made merry in the gymnasium with a colonial party. Informality and good cheer were evident in jolly games and novel entertainments. A number of costumes of quaint design were worn, thus adding to the festive air of the gathering. Simple refreshments marked the close of a most happy evening's pleasure.

John M. Gentry of Camas, Wash., has traded a five acre tract in Marion county for a house and lot belonging to Pearl Cooper in North Independence.

R. C. Wilson of Dallas has bought a 21 acre prune orchard of J. C. Talbot, the land being located a half mile south west of Dallas.

Private W. C. Catron of the U. S. regular army died at Ft. Sam Houston in Texas recently. He was from West Salem.

J. S. Bohannon has been appointed road supervisor of Independence by the county board. He will have \$1,829.98 available for use in that city.

Suver netted \$250 for the Red Cross as the result of a recent entertainment, a cafeteria dinner and bazar given in that town recently.

D. C. Walker was a visitor in Dallas Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Crabtree of Albany stopped at C. C. Lee's Monday on their way to a new home at Gray's Harbor, Wash.

C. E. Herren has cleared off his hop yard and will put it into wheat this spring.

Dean Sellers of the high school spent the week end with his parents in Banks, returning Tuesday.

Wm. Hoppes, rural supervisor of Marion county, was among the visitors at the Elkins program Saturday.

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At the Christian Church To-night

Speaking of the address in Boston during Dr. Banks' uncovering of the sweating system which led to both state and national investigation, Dr. Lyman Abbott said in the Outlook: "Not since the days of Charles Kingsley's 'Alton Locke' has there been an indictment so severely just of present industrial conditions."

Dr. Louis Banks speaks with such blood earnestness on every subject he touches that it would be impossible to conceive of him ever being dull. He holds his audience with a grip of steel from the first word. He has the advantage of a voice that can be heard anywhere from the start and yet is never harsh, even when raised to the highest pitch in denunciation.—Boston Daily Globe.

Prof. Ide to Talk to Parent-Teachers

Prof. Ide, of the department of Psychology of the Normal will be the center of attraction on the program at the meeting of the Parent-Teacher's next Tuesday night in the high school assembly room. Prof. Ide has developed a reputation for wit in the few times he has appeared in the capacity of speaker in Monmouth and members of the Association will look forward with interest to his appearance Tuesday night which, in a way will be his first appearance before an audience of the general public in Monmouth. Following is the program for the evening:

Parent-Teacher Association
March 5, 1918
Singing by Members—Led by Miss Hoham
Song, (Girls' Trio)—Girls from the High School
Business Meeting
Solo—Denzel Moore
Address—Prof. Ide of the O. N. S.

Sale of Thrift Stamps in Polk County

Total Polk County Quota—\$321,160
Total Stamps sold to date—17,246
Balance of quota to be sold 303,923
Sales by districts for week

Airlie	\$127.40
Dallas	498.60
Falls City	145.04
Monmouth	364.54
Rickreall	53.54

So far Polk county is not hitting the stride that will win out in getting anywhere near the quota that the government has asked for, and it will not until people begin to realize more fully the value of the investment that it affords them. Literature fully explaining the purpose and value of the loan is obtainable at any postoffice, and none should be ignorant on the matter. Dallas leads the county again this week, but not by as large an amount as last week. Every postoffice should have sales to report weekly, and as soon as possible we hope to give the total amount sold from each office.

E. K. Piasecki.

Mrs. Ruth Ireland of Corvallis was a recent visitor here.

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CHORUS ACROSS THE CONTINENT

Community Sing Fills Chapel Much Interest Manifested

The invitation which had been circulated for two or three weeks previously, to come to the community sing, was liberally responded to and an audience of six hundred was present at the gathering Friday night. They were there in sufficient numbers to fill the new chapel auditorium with song when the voices of all were raised in unison under the energetic direction of Miss Hoham and for over an hour they tested the strength of the roof with their efforts.

The Normal orchestra was present to furnish music and played alone on two occasions while the audience was resting. A quartet consisting of Mr. Blackstone and three gentlemen from Independence also appeared, singing "Rule Britannia", the "Marseillaise" and "America" so nicely that they were encored and responded with another patriotic selection.

Prof. Ide, in a brief talk, introduced the subject of community singing, explaining that now while in time of stress, people are turning to singing as a relaxation of the nervous strain of public events, the idea was being organized by the musicians of the country. The first sing was held in 1916, he said, the second in 1917, being considerably larger and more general throughout the country; while the sing of 1918 was expected to be universal, from one coast to the other.

At the beginning of the service, Miss Hoham had directed the singing of America, just as the clock was at the hour of eight, and this said Mr. Ide, was being done all over the country. Three hours previously, the first concert had been started on the Atlantic sea board, two hours previously the people of the Mississippi valley had taken up the strain; one hour previously the mountain states had struck up the grand old song and now the Pacific coast was singing it. Each had added the recent final stanza, starting "God save our splendid men" and, said the speaker this was a prayer, which through its universal use in the country was bound to have effect.

The first half of the song program was patriotic and the last half was general, bringing out the old favorites, even to the round "Three Blind Mice". Many announced their satisfaction with the program and expressed their approval of Miss Hoham's suggestion that more song fests of the same character be held from time to time.

Independence is not looking for any more Chautauqua engagements for the present. The two day session held there last fall created a deficit of \$90 and an agent of the Elison, White Co., there last week trying to collect the deficit, appears to have satisfied himself that \$40 was all that could be gater in.

Columbus and Arch Tetherow of the Luckiamute valley had business in Monmouth Monday.

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A Quiet Council Meeting

The meeting of the city council last Tuesday night was brief and eventless; the settlement of the monthly bills occupying the attention of the council. Among these was that of the lumber company \$145.85 lumber and cement for the new well house and \$53.70, Walter Scott for work thereon. An ordinance was proposed limiting the speed of railway trains in the city limits to 12 miles per hour but it was not acted on.

Red Cross Must be Self Supporting

From Willamette Chapter of the Red Cross, which is the head of the Red Cross work in this vicinity, comes an appeal to the branches and auxiliaries of the jurisdiction, if possible to become self sustaining. While many of the lesser organizations have been active they have been more zealous in work than in financial contributions which leaves the buying of the material to come from stronger organizations. A special effort will be made to have each agency finance itself. To this end at a recent meeting of Monmouth branch, J. B. V. Butler was named as chairman of finance for this branch and a special meeting has been called at the high school, in the auditorium, Feb. 8 when an effort will be made to organize the work. This is an important meeting and no one who has the least interest in the work of the Red Cross should neglect to be present.

There was a large attendance at the Tuesday meeting of the Red Cross, 50 being present. Miss Arbutnot sent in her resignation as vice-chairman on account of inability to attend the meetings. Mrs. Richards was elected to fill the place. New members reported are Mrs. Lizzie Clark, Mrs. John Nelson and C. A. Nott. Those who have paid their membership fee are to call at the bank or ask Mrs. Edwards for their receipt as the present postal rates make the sending out of them expensive.

The Social Hour Club paid \$3 to the Red Cross, it being money saved on refreshments.

Priscilla Club

The Priscilla Club was entertained at the home of Mrs. W. E. Smith on Wednesday afternoon with a good attendance. All busied themselves doing Red Cross work interspersed with social converse.

Miss Allie Butler read a very interesting article on the life history of Clara Barton and the origin of the Red Cross Society, also a splendid reading by Mrs. Read "America to the Front" and the anthems of our Allies.

The next meeting will be at Mrs. Swenson's.

N. S. Foster succeeds Chas. Nott as delivery man for Monmouth stores this month, beginning today. He has bought Mr. Nott's outfit and will use the same in the work. Mr. Foster is living in Mrs. Simpson's house in the western part of the city.

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EGG PROSPECTS LOOKING FINE

Corvallis College Chicken Culler Sees Hens and Says "O K"

C. S. Brewster, chicken expert of the Oregon Agricultural College arrived in Monmouth, Saturday as per schedule, and spent a busy day separating the layers from the non-layers in local chicken flocks. During the day Prof. Brewster culled over eight hundred chickens in Monmouth and vicinity. In all the flocks visited he found but two perfect flocks: those of A. H. Craven and W. E. Buell.

According to the Corvallis man's advice the flocks were placed in three divisions: those which were not profitable to keep; those which will lay enough eggs to pay for their keeping but are not profitable breeders; and those fit for breeding. He culled a breeding pen for Mrs. Bush on the Luckiamute and pens of White Leghorns for A. H. Craven and E. R. Ostrom.

Prof. Brewster was delighted to find a large percentage of good chickens prevalent in this section and said that in this regard it ranked unusually well. His circuit covered so large a territory and so much work was presented that in addition to a little automobile trouble, developed enroute, the professor missed his train and had to remain over night in Monmouth.

"First Aid Corps" are the names adopted in Germany to secure the prompt loading and unloading of freight cars. The need for immediate release of transportation equipment at this time is not confined to the United States alone, but is world-wide. French sources of information received at Southern Pacific offices describe some unique German methods.

Attached to each important freight station is a regularly organized "first aid corps" of one hundred able bodied laborers who may be sent at a moment's notice to any point where freight is being discharged, upon advice from the consignee that he has not sufficient labor to accomplish the work promptly. Unloading must be carried on day and night. Women and youths of the National Auxilliary Service may also be called upon to aid in unloading light freight. The service is organized on a military plan, with officers, sub-officers and corporals.

The sugar company which during the past year has been endeavoring to encourage the growing of beets in the vicinity of Independence, has determined to abandon the effort for the present and has moved their Independence office to Washington. They found the farmers in this vicinity indifferent to the culture of beets but announce that they may return when conditions are more normal. Last year was an unfavorable year for any kind of growth in this section and the ill success which the beet growers met with has discouraged them. With better weather conditions they might have been more encouraged to persist.

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