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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

### All is in Readiness for Opening. First Faculty Meeting Called

Everything is in readiness for the opening of school next Monday, September 16th.

Mr. John M. Scott, General Passenger Agent, and Mr. J. G. Jenkins, Traveling Passenger Agent of the Southern Pacific Co., were in Monmouth last Tuesday and the following arrangements were made with the Normal for transportation of Normal students:

Next Sunday afternoon a steam train will meet the Portland trains at Gerlinger and bring all students from such trains directly to Monmouth by way of Dallas. All students who do not come on said trains can come by way of Independence, where ample bus service will be provided by Graham & Son. As to baggage arrangements, when there is likely to be a congestion of baggage it will be routed by the way of Dallas. In other cases Graham & Son will provide ample transportation for it from Independence to Monmouth.

The Normal is pleased to know that the bus will start from the S. P. depot to meet all trains for Independence. The waiting room of the Southern Pacific will afford a splendid place while waiting for the bus.

Tickets will be sold directly to Monmouth and stubs will be honored by Graham & Son, thus making the transportation problem quite satisfactory. These arrangements will keep Monmouth on the map.

The Dean of Women, Miss Todd, and her assistant, Miss Levis, returned from their vacations last Tuesday, and report that everything at the Dormitory will be in readiness for the opening. The workmen have nearly completed the laying of the oak floors. This improvement will certainly be appreciated by every one.

Miss Gladys M. Boise, of the English Department, who succeeds Miss Kennon, arrived Tuesday night.

Workmen have been busily engaged in placing a wider cement cross walk in front of the Normal and one at the railroad crossing. This is a much needed improvement and will add much to the convenience of the Normal.

The President again urges that all householders who wish to take students fill a blank that may be obtained from the Registrar, if they have not already done so. It has been discovered that some householders who filled a blank for the summer school feel that that should suffice, but there will be so many changes, the President feels that a new blank should be filled and filed with the Registrar.

The first Faculty meeting of the Oregon Normal School will be held next Saturday afternoon at 3:30.

Mr. and Mrs. Craven and small daughter are visiting with relatives near Bandon and we notice by the Western World of that city that A. H. and his brothers-in-law have departed on a deer hunt into Curry county.

## High School Faculty

The high school will open for business at the old stand Monday September 30, but with a number of new pedagogues. The new faculty is: R. W. Tavenner, principal; Miss Doughty, history; Miss Mary Hislop of Silverton, mathematics and language; Miss Beatrice Gaylord of Tillamook, English and Miss Alice Tompkins of Cascade Locks will superintend the music.

## A Board Shack On French Front

Mrs. H. C. Ostien recently received a letter from her son Tom Ostien with the mining engineers in France in which he states that he has made two moves since his last letter. In the first he was quartered in a granary and had plenty of hay for his squad and found the quarters fairly comfortable. The next move was several kilometers nearer the front and as the quarters placed at his disposal did not suit he proceeded to build some for himself. With the help of two of his squad he built a shack out of boards that were available until he had quarters that were the envy of his neighbors. The last stopping place is close to the front and Tom says it is close to an ammunition dump formerly used. There is plenty of ammunition there still, some of the shells being as large as he is. There is just one thing Tom says he would like to have more than anything else and that is a liberal helping of stewed Oregon prunes. Fruit, he says, is scarce among the soldiers and he spends considerable on the small cans of jam that are sold in the army canteen.

Mrs. Ostien has also received a number of letters from Mr. Ostien who at the time of writing was in Paris. He had not definitely taken his position, he has some choice in the matter, and says that some of the assignments tendered look to him to be a little too ambitious for him. He says that there are 3,000 secretaries in France and there is urgent need of 6,000 more.

At a special meeting of the Commercial club Tuesday night the club listened to reports of committees and resolved to post signs within the city limits for the benefit of automobile tourists who have in the past been prone to lose themselves in our midst. It was voted to have board signs painted and placed in strategic positions and it was announced that the expense of this work would probably be carried by the Civic Club. It has been proposed to have meetings more frequently than has been the case in the past and possibly to have something to eat on the occasions for the sake of keeping alive the community spirit in the city.

Joseph Lee Guthrie of Silverton, Ore., died in Dallas Hospital, September 9, 1918. He had been a sufferer from cancer of the stomach for several months. He was a brother of H. E. Guthrie of Monmouth. The funeral occurred on the 11th, with interment in the I. O. O. F. cemetery at Dallas. Deceased leaves six brothers and three sisters and many friends to mourn his loss.

## HIMES LOSES HIS MUSTACHE

### Diversions of Company L. During Wait for Chance at Boches

By David Hazen in the Evening Telegram.

With the Oregon Boys in France, July 25.—When Sergeant William Himes started away on his seven-day leave, he packed a bottle of fine vin blanc in his kit. It was a bottle of extra choice given him by a friend in this town. William is not a great devotee of vin but he figured he might find a place where the water was scarce, and the point blank would come in handy.

The sergeant is a civil engineer by profession and not a diplomat. If he had been the latter he would have been less talkative. Taking the gift into the company orderly tent, he began to tell what good friends he has and how they presented him with their finest vin blanc. A few minutes before he started on his tour he went to see Captain Staffrin to ask about pay day.

There was a tea brewing on the company stove. The day was warm and some of the men had come in from a long hike. During the sergeant's chat with Captain Staffrin the tired fellows borrowed the choice contents of the gift bottle, refilled said container with water, and enough tea to give it a "blanc" color. When the non-com returned it was time for him to say an revoir, and he grabbed his pack and hurried down the road. If he does not get even with his friends, when he returns to Dallas he will surely do so then.

Himes has two reasons for having a revengeful spirit. He once had a long, curvable mustache, not one of those stubby tooth brush affairs that the young boys around here are trying to grow, but a real, man sized mustache. He went to sleep Sunday afternoon and some chap slipped up and clipped off the entire curl on the port side, of course the Dallas engineer had to trim the star board side in order to keep his face from shifting. This trick made him angry. He accused Sergeant K. L. French, the company's gas expert, who was able to prove an alibi. French was in the stock buying business in Airlie before the war and is something of an alibi shark.

Had Himes been able to read the stars as well as Cook James Daniel Dodson these tricks would never have been played on him. Cook James Daniel Dodson, likewise of Airlie and a bachelor tiller of the soil in the days when the plow was mightier than the sword, is the company's war expert and prophet; in fact he is the regiment's greatest soothsayer. Each night when the milky way is not in the road and the big dipper is empty, James Daniel Dodson gets out in the middle of a large field and holds communion with the planets.

By a way of figuring known only to 33rd degree prophets, this man of Airlie has worked out to his own satisfaction that the war is going to end September 30, 1918. And the cook is so positive that he is willing to wager any old thing he may have or expects to have that the stars are not joking with him. He also says that on his return home he will cause to be engraved beautiful invitations to an affair in which he will be the party of the second part and he will continue to hold that position to the end of his days.

Corporal Stanley Evans is like James Daniel Dodson in many ways, only Stanley does not hold any twinkle conversations with stars in the sky; he confines his tete-a-tetes to earthly stars. Prior to helping

his uncle threash the Huns, the corporal was attending Normal school in Monmouth. And although he is nearly 7,000 miles from that classic center, Stanley Evans knows what is going on there as well as if he were still attending the school.

But he isn't the only Polk county rifleman who receives great heaps of letters addressed in a school-ma'am's handwriting. In fact the boys say that Sergeant Edward E. Shaw receives more letters from Rickreall than Corporal Evans does from Monmouth. It is rare fun to hear these two soldiers discussing the educational problems confronting the teaching profession as a result of so many young men coming to France. They do not agree upon all things and have decided to leave the disputed points to Lieutenant John Waldo Finn to settle.

In spite of the fact that Lieutenant Finn has so many cares upon his mind that he sometimes forgets memorandums, he will try to decide which is the better course of study, that used in Monmouth or that carried on in the historic precincts of Rickreall. He has requested that all the letters received from these two towns by Shaw and Evans be turned over to him to

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## COUNTY FAIR IS NEXT WEEK

### Local People Prepare for Exhibits at Last Fair in War Time

Polk County's old reliable attraction, the county fair will be in session next week Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. It will probably be the last fair held in the county for the duration of the war. Agriculture is a prominent war work and these exhibitions speed on the agriculturist but it is felt that every positive effort should tend in the direction of production.

Mrs. Braden, the retiring secretary will stay on the job through the fair. The season has been exceptionally dry but many good exhibits have been secured nevertheless. The heat of the summer has developed vegetation amazingly where there was moisture and resulting products will be on exhibition.

An effort is being made for a patriotic sing during the course of the fair and this is to be one of the events. Patriotic day is on Thursday when G. A. R. and Spanish war veterans and soldiers in uniform will be admitted free to the grounds.

The fair is the topic up before the meeting of the Grange which will be held next Saturday afternoon. Perishable exhibits will be gathered Sunday or Monday but exhibits that can be kept should be brought to this meeting where they will be considered for place in the Monmouth community exhibit.

New members of the Normal faculty are rapidly domesticating themselves preparatory to the active work to begin Monday. Miss Bessie Dunham and her mother have rented the Murdock cottage on Broad street and one of the Mack cottages has been taken by the Misses Ida May Smith and Lucile Chase. Miss Boise is staying with Mrs. Erickson and Mrs. Curran is boarding with Mrs. M. W. Jones.

Delbert Skeen is working in the hop warehouse in Independence.

## SUCCESSORS TO THE I. & M.

### Graham's Auto Bus Takes up Service Where R. R. Dropped it

After a week of uncertainty, Monmouth has adjusted itself to new transportation conditions. J. G. Jenkins, traveling passenger agent of the S. P. was in Monmouth Saturday looking up conditions and on Tuesday Mr. Jenkins returned in company with John M. Scott, G. P. A. of the S. P. and they held a consultation with the special committee of the Commercial Club and with others interested in Monmouth.

As a result of the visit, railroad agents are instructed to sell tickets to Monmouth either by way of Independence or by way of Dallas at the same price as heretofore. Passage by way of Independence will include transportation by Graham's auto-bus to Monmouth. The depot waiting room will be used as a starting point and passengers may get the bus there or at the post office or elsewhere on Main street eastward. By a change of time to take effect shortly the gasoline car leaving Monmouth in the afternoon will connect directly with a train to Portland arriving in that city in the early evening. The morning train from Dallas will remain as before.

Grahams expect to get their new bus within the coming week. It will have a capacity of eighteen and will have a trailer on which baggage will be carried. A great deal of the baggage will be diverted by way of Gerlinger and Dallas instead of through Independence. Express and freight will come by way of Dallas.

Monmouth will have four incoming mails daily during the week, and five outgoing mails, and on Sundays two mails in and one out which latter will be at 10 a. m. The new mail system is slightly different than formerly. We have been served by star route and our mail came through the Independence Postoffice. The new system is by messenger and comes direct from the trains which will save some time in transit.

In times when there is apt to be congestion as the movement of students in body at vacation time, the S. P. will furnish special trains to handle this traffic by way of Gerlinger.

Realizing that the changes are the result of war conditions Monmouth people are accepting the same in the proper spirit and are making the best of conditions as they present themselves.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Guthrie returned on Wednesday evening's train from Newport where they spent a pleasant week in company with their son's wife and little girls. The weather was ideal.

N. C. Anderson and family of Buena Vista stopped in Monmouth Tuesday on their way to Tillamook.

Mrs. W. L. Phillips came down from C. K. Saturday for a visit in Monmouth.

The Polk County W. C. T. U. convention was held in the M. E. church in Independence last week Tuesday.