

Monmouth is Located in the Best Section of the Best Valley of the Best State in the Nation

## Items of Interest At Oregon Normal

President Ackerman is still visiting the various high schools of the state this week and reports many interested in the Normal.

A cordial invitation is extended to all teachers to visit the Normal on Saturday, May 8, at which time there will be regular work both in the Normal and the Training School.

As a recompense for the above extra school day the students will enjoy a day's vacation on May 17. This is Monday so counting the week end there will be really three days, May 15, 16, 17.

Miss Carson of Elkins Rural Center gave an entertaining talk at the chapel hour last Wednesday, bringing her students to illustrate her statements.

The Normal was very happy this week to assist in the entertainment of the stockmen from the East who spent a short time in Monmouth on Wednesday.

Plans are being made for the usual Memorial Day program in honor of the Civil War veterans to be given in the Chapel May 31, at two P. M. Judge L. T. Harris of the State Supreme Bench, will give the address and some special music is being prepared.

Mr. L. M. Allen, an alumnus of O. A. C., spent a few hours in Monmouth Monday, speaking at chapel hour. He is organizing the county for support of the Millage Bill and urged particularly that each individual take this matter up definitely with his friends.

On Wednesday evening, May 12, Rev. Geo. E. Lewis will give an illustrated lecture on Alaska in the chapel. Mr. Lewis is especially fitted to speak on this subject, having spent the greater part of his life in the North, and hence knows his material intimately. He has consented to speak at the chapel hour, also, on the same day, giving some of his reminiscences which he is obliged to omit from the regular lecture. The public is cordially invited. An admission of 20 and 30 cents will be charged in the evening.

An excellent picture will be shown in the chapel Saturday evening, May 8. The play, entitled "Rio Grande", is a story depicting life along the Rio Grande, written by Augustus Thomas. Aside from the story the picture contains a great deal of scenic beauty, laid as it is in the tropical orange colored deserts.

Mr. R. W. Kirk, Supt. of the Oregon City Schools, visited the Normal one day last week.

The last program of the year by the Delphian Literary Society will be given on Friday evening at seven thirty in the chapel. A spring program, consisting of an operetta, a May Dance, and some appropriate songs has been prepared. Miss Schuette will sing a solo.

The County Clerk's office had a record breaking month during April, having taken in seven hundred and sixty dollars and twenty five cents in fees. This is about one hundred and seventy five dollars more than has been taken in in any preceding month during the history of the office.

During the term of County Clerk Moore, the business has increased to such an extent that he has averaged one hundred and fifty dollars a month more than did his predecessor. The work is becoming so great that Mr. Moore states that it will be necessary to have another deputy in order to do justice to his patrons and to himself.

## Would Fill Community Need

The gymnasium for the high school, the building of which is to be decided next week, would give something to Monmouth which is badly needed—a place of public assembly. As planned by the architect, the gym will seat 680 and with a wide stage and a balcony could be made to accommodate a thousand if the occasion demanded. The possibilities of this building as a community center, aside from its need as a gym, must demand the thoughtful attention of our public.

## Rumored, Reported Concocted, Collected

Rev. Peter Conklin left Tuesday to attend the annual conference of the Evangelical church which is held in the First English church of Portland. Mrs. Conklin preceded him to Portland, visiting with friends there but joined him to attend the conference. There will be no preaching services in the Evangelical church as a consequence, Sunday, but Sunday School will be held as usual at 11 a. m.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Short are now permanently located in the residence which they bought of Mrs. Sarah Ground and the latter has gone to Portland to live with her daughters. The Shorts are from Ranier where Mr. Short was engaged in the butcher business.

H. C. Stewart and friend, Miss Wright of Chehalis spent the week end with the former's parents Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Stewart. They stayed over Monday to attend the birthday party of Mr. Stewart's daughter, Elise, it being her eleventh anniversary. A number of boy and girl friends of the city helped celebrate the event.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Sturkin, visitors here this week, have recently returned from a winter's trip in the east and south. They visited at Mauston, Wis., in Chicago and in Indiana and for a time Mr. Sturkin worked in Beaumont, Texas. They returned by way of the Grand Canyon in Arizona and southern California and now plan to locate either in Salem or Portland where Mr. Sturkin has openings.

Dr. M. J. Butler of this city was re-elected president of the Marion-Polk county dentists organization at their annual meeting held at the Hotel Marion in Salem last Saturday night. Dr. Zimmerman of Portland gave a lecture on extraction at the meeting.

J. C. Stombaugh, city salesman for the Cudahy company in Portland was a week end visitor in Monmouth, helping his wife get packed for moving. The latter will board with Mrs. Erickson until the close of school. The Evenden house in which they have been living has been sold to Howard Morlan and is to be vacated May 10.

Miss Hazel Buresell who is a sophomore at the Agricultural college, was appointed recently as one of three assistant instructors in the chemistry department of home economics and she is the youngest of the three. She is getting along well in her studies at the college and her friends are highly pleased with her progress.

The joint Sunday School program given Saturday evening in the Christian church proved most pleasurable to those in attendance. The small children on the program covered themselves with glory and the demonstration of primary teaching by Miss Beatrice Robinson was exceptionally good.

## Pioneer Dies at Age of Ninety

John L. Williams, a "forty niner" in California and one of the pioneer settlers of Oregon died Tuesday night in the Deaconess hospital in Salem. He had been bed ridden for a long time and was under the constant care of a hired nurse for the past three years. With Mrs. Williams he was taken to the hospital Tuesday and did not live twenty four hours after his arrival there. Mrs. Williams also is in very feeble health.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 1 o'clock from Henkle's parlors in Independence with Rev. Dunsmore officiating.

Mr. Williams, familiarly known as "Uncle Bob" was about ninety years of age. He was born in Arkansas and crossed the plains in an early day, tried his hand at mining but found it more profitable to raise produce for the miners. He came to Oregon over fifty years ago, settling at Lewisville on what is now the Linderman place. He moved from there to Buena Vista and from there acquired the farm now owned by L. E. Olden. This farm he sold to Amos Holman and bought the farm just across the road from the Elkins school house.

He sold this eight years ago and moved to Monmouth. He was married in 1851 to Martha, daughter of Green Simpson, who survives him. They had no children but adopted a daughter, now Mrs. W. K. Tetherow of Northport, Wash. The latter is here to attend the funeral.

## Elkins Rural Center

The pupils of the upper room of the Elkins school appeared in chapel at the Oregon Normal School last Wednesday in a series of physical training demonstrations. After chapel the time was spent visiting classes in the Training School and High School. In the afternoon a ball game was played with the Juniors and Seniors of the Monmouth High School with a resulting score of 26 to 13 in favor of Elkins.

The pupils of the school, other than the members of the team, joined with the teachers in giving the boys of the Elkins team a reception Friday evening. This was in the nature of a baseball game in which the events of the evening were represented on the tally cards as Innings.

The student teachers from the Normal who are doing their practice teaching work here at the present time are: Elizabeth McGerr, Ontario, Ore.; Hillie Haveman, Newberg, Ore.; Velda Rook, Pendleton, Ore.

The Local Farmers' Union meeting was held in the schoolhouse last Saturday evening. The County Agent, Mr. Carpenter, from Dallas, was present and gave a short address. Mr. McBee, the Co. Pres., also gave a short talk. Three new members were taken in—Mr. and Mrs. Hannum and Mr. Blodgett.

The Elkins ball team is planning on playing the Freshman-Sophomore classes of Monmouth High School in a baseball game at Elkins, Friday afternoon.

Children's Week was observed in the local Sunday School last Sunday morning by short talks by the following ladies: Mrs. McDowd, Mrs. Mary Tedrow and Mrs. Jones. Next Sunday will be observed as Mother's Day.

Peter Stolenberg and Miss Pearl Ogle of Independence have been licensed to wed.

At a special election held last week the Independence school district by a small majority voted to build a gymnasium, said building to cost \$15,000.

## Plan Clean Up and Paving Collection

Clean up day for Monmouth was officially set for May 17 at the regular session of the Common Council Tuesday night. The city will furnish transportation to carry the rubbish but citizens are cautioned not only to have rubbish collected but to have it ready the morning of the 17th. The rubbish this year will be dumped in a long unused city well which will save the usual time and trouble of hauling to the river in Independence.

The long delayed resolution ordering in sidewalks on the west side of Monmouth avenue, south from Main street, was introduced and passed.

Unpaid assessments on Main street were also considered and the recorder was instructed to notify delinquents that legal proceedings interrupted by the paving suit, now decided in favor of the city, would be resumed to collect all assessments unpaid after May 15.

Claims paid as follows: General Fund—J. F. Moreland, \$25; Power Co., \$73.28; Oscar Hayter, \$125; R. B. Swenson, \$10.75.

Water Fund—Continental Pipe Co., \$2904.64; and \$3056.34. B. W. Jones, \$166; Chas. T. Parker, \$4,230.40; R. B. Swenson, \$16.95; J. F. Moreland, \$65; Monmouth Hardware, \$67.03; Power Co., \$44.02.

Road Fund—M. H. Pengra, \$149.65; G. G. Mattison, \$132.50

## Convention at Lewisville

A Sunday School convention for the Airlie district is to be held at Lewisville Sunday May 16. Following is the program.

- 10:00 Song Service
- 10:20 Sunday School Hour
- Workers' Conference
- Teen-age Boys—J. F. Ulrich, Airlie
- Teen-age Girls—Miss Gladys Carson, Elkins
- Junior—Mrs. W. C. Williams, Lewisville
- Primary—Miss Florence Hill, Elkins
- 11:00 Music
- 11:15 The Way to Emmaus, Rev. Jas. Elvin, Salem Y. M. C. A.
- 11:45 Announcements
- 12:00 Lunch Hour. Basket Dinner
- 1:30 Song Service
- 1:45 Business meeting. Election of officers.
- 2:15 Question Box
- 3:00 Address, Rev. Chris J. Benney, Co. Pres.
- Special meetings for the girls, led by Miss Carson and the boys, led by Rev. Elvin, will be held during the afternoon. Also games and Bible stories for the children.
- Every one cordially invited to meet with us.

## Education and Taxes

"Why do all the states in the union support higher education was asked by an investigator of the higher educational support bill, which will be on the ballot on May 21 and will provide 1.26 mills for the state university, the agricultural college and the Oregon Normal School. He was told that education is the greatest protector of America's free institutions; that the prosperity of this country was largely due to its educational system; that countries whose populations were mostly ignorant usually paid the highest taxes; and that good education tended to keep taxes down. Whereupon he said he would vote for the bill.

Since the earliest days the uneducated people of Europe and Asia have been the most oppressed in the world by taxes. Many times they have been driven into rebellion. Taxes seem high in the Unit-

## Gravity Line Two Thirds In

The work of installing our gravity water system is now two thirds done, according to a report rendered to the council by the city engineer. All of the ditch is dug and something like four miles of pipe are laid and covered. Work on the intake on Teal creek has also reached an advanced stage. As to pipe, the manufacturers plead that they have troubles of various kinds but promise a car this week and three next week. If the pipe had been ready the system could have been ready for use May 15 but is now apt to be delayed to June 1.

## Miracle Performance So Chapman Reports

Miracle of miracles, the impossible has happened. In the legislature, Senator A. M. LaFollett of Marion County fought against every road bond measure. His opposition to good roads was intense, bitter and habitual. It was supposed nothing could change it. Yesterday he dropped in to see his neighbor, C. C. Chapman of Hopewell, just across the Willamette River from the celebrated LaFollett peach orchard in Mission Bottom, where the senator grew the first loganberries that ever were grown in Oregon on a commercial scale. The two cronies passed the time of day and looked at some of Chapman's hogs and calves. "Chapman, I'm for the bonds," finally blurted out the old senator who had led the fight against every state and county bond issue that had been up for years.

"What bonds?" demanded Chapman, amazed. "The state road bonds, the amendment I voted against, raising the limit from 2 per cent to 4 per cent," he responded. "I'm for the measure. I looked over the figures that those expert accountants figured up, and I'm satisfied the bonds won't raise my taxes, so I'm for 'em, as I want all the good roads I can get. If they are going to be built in time for me to use them, they had better hurry up and build them, for I am getting old. I really don't deserve any roads, the way I've fought 'em but I guess I'll get them all right," he continued with a wink. "I'm getting all my neighbors to vote for the measure."

"Yes, I voted against the measure, but I'm for it now, he concluded. Let us get the roads built as soon as we can. We are paying our license fees and gas tax, and we may as well get the roads."

The bonding measure comes up before the people at the May 21 election.

J. E. Larson moved Monday into his new home recently purchased of J. L. Murdock. The Murdock's have gone to Yamhill to live until school is out.

A Seventh-day Adventist church is being established in Independence, services being held in K. P. hall in that city next Saturday afternoon with two elders from Salem in charge.

The high level of education of the American people helps keep taxes down. Education is therefore an investment and an insurance, and this is one of the arguments being used for the protection of the work of the Agricultural College, State University and Normal School on May 21.

Pine Valley residents are making another effort to divide Baker county. It is proposed to cut off what is called the Panhandle, once a part of Union county but later annexed to Baker, and form a new county. The great distance from the Panhandle to Baker, the county seat, is the source of dissatisfaction.

## Three Hundred Are Entertained

Monmouth entertained visitors Wednesday at noon having something like three hundred guests in all, Jersey breeders and their wives. They were touring this part of the Willamette valley going from one stock farm to another, a link in the circuit that started in Portland and reached through Yamhill, Polk, Linn and Marion counties back again to the point of starting. The party reached Monmouth shortly after 11, having visited McArthur and Stauff at Rickreall and the Morrow farm near Brunk's corners during the forenoon.

Here, dairymen of this section, represented by the Grange, the Farmers' Union and citizens of Monmouth, had prepared a picnic dinner in the grove on the Normal campus. With ideal weather the noon hour was spent out of doors. Guests and entertainers made a total of five hundred people who were fed and there was ample for all.

At 12:45 all assembled in the Normal chapel where a brief program was given. P. O. Powell presided and introduced Hugh Van Pelt, a director of the American Jersey Cattle Club. He was reminded of the story of the man who wished to start an orchard and requested advice of an expert in the business. "The way to grow an orchard" was the advice "is to start your trees a long time ago." The speaker fund a simile in the dairy business where quality is acquired by building on a foundation started a long time ago. He lauded the qualities of milk as a food and expressed the desire that a knowledge of this be displayed wherever schools exist.

R. M. Gow, secretary of the club, was also introduced and made a short talk. He came, he said, from New York and New Jersey and had seen many parts of the union but was willing to acknowledge that he had never looked on any better than the fertile valleys he had seen as he came to western Oregon. A group of girls from the upper grades of the Training School presented a blossom dance which was vigorously applauded and a group of smaller girls, arrayed as milk maids with caps and pails, sang a motion dairy song which took immensely with the visitors.

The latter came back with the final number on the program, a song by the County Agent quartet, a comic ditty in which they worked in a reference to the Normal girls which was very well rendered and loudly applauded.

During the afternoon the travelers, who were in autos, visited the Hewitt and Loughary farms and then went on to Albany where the night was spent.

Guy Newton of Independence, an employe of the telephone company fell from a pole across a rail fence one day last week, seriously injuring his back.

J. M. McDonald and Mr. Bullock and their wives were visitors Sunday with relatives of Mrs. Bullock in the prune district south of Salem. Mr. McDonald says that section of Marion county, at this season of the year, is white with prune and cherry blossoms and is a sight worth going miles to see.

There has been considerable inquiry pertaining to the legality of independent, registered voters voting at the special election, May 21st; and the County Clerk's office desires to make it clear to the registered voters that all who are registered may vote upon the measures to be submitted on May the 21st, regardless of political affiliation or non-affiliation.