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

Items of Interest At Oregon Normal

The second six weeks of the summer term began Monday with an enrollment of forty-two. The instructors are Mr. Butler, Mr. Gentle and Mr. Ostien. The school has been divided into two groups for social and administrative purposes; each group is to give an assembly program at 9:15 A. M., on Tuesday and Friday of each week. The public is cordially invited to be present at any of these programs. It will be remembered that this school is only for those who are required to complete the elementary teachers' training course. The students are taking hold of the work enthusiastically and professionally and the outlook for a very successful term is flattering.

Repairs are being made and supplies ordered for the ensuing year. The outlook for the coming year is for an increased attendance.

Mr. Benes, the architect is in Monmouth today superintending the repairs and making the final draft for the enlargement of the heating plant. He reports that on account of the congestion of manufactures it has been very hard to secure a boiler for the plant but the order has now been made.

Miss West is working hard on the list of books for the Normal and Training Schools for which \$4,000 was appropriated by the Board at its last meeting. Miss Marvin is rendering valuable assistance in the selection of the books.

Miss Bramberg will take her vacation during the next two weeks.

Got Back Greenback

A band of gypsies invaded Dallas Tuesday and began plying their trade of fortune telling and they found one victim who squealed and landed them in the clutches of the sheriff. One insistent creature with long hair and a greasy countenance persuaded Cloyd Miller, the creamery man, to decorate her palm with a twenty dollar green back and by the tokus pokus procedure the twenty vanished. Mr. Miller insisted on her returning it but she claimed she didn't have it, so he applied to the sheriff who took the band to his office and after giving them fair warning as to their course of procedure, they returned the money and left town at once to avoid arrest.

Drowned in Willamette

Fay McWilliams Starr, 16 year old son of Geo. M. Starr of Gates, Ore., was drowned in the Willamette river near East Independence Tuesday. The boy, who was visiting with an uncle in Independence, had gone in with other boys to wade. He could not swim and waded out hip depth. Suddenly he fell and floated off with the current. It is supposed he was seized with vertigo or heart failure and although his body was recovered shortly after there was no other explanation apparent. The body was buried Wednesday afternoon at Buena Vista where another uncle of the young man resides.

Rumored, Reported Concocted, Collected

Cyril Richardson, formerly of Independence, who went overseas as a member of Company L, was married Sunday July 25, to Mile. Yvonne Brun, whom he met in France while doing military police duty at Aix les Bains. The bride came to Portland and they were married at the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Richardson. Rev. J. R. N. Bell, grandfather of the groom, read the service in the presence of a few friends. The couple will make their home in Corvallis where Cyril will continue his studies at the O. A. C.

James E. Watson, special traffic officer in Dallas has been making several arrests of late for violation of state traffic laws and city ordinances which has caused more care on the part of drivers of cars. The Shattuck Garage people were arrested for operating trucks without licenses and later they had their trucks operating with dealers licenses attached, which Watson contends is against the law and will, no doubt, result in their arrest again. The minor offenses were for cutting corners and operating without mufflers on their cars.

Among recent farm transfers at Albany we note the following: 250 acres fronting Willamette river, south of Albany, from Rudd & Haight to Ed Henry, of Monmouth consideration \$25,000.

Also 27 acres including 7 acres of commercial apples, three miles north in Benton county to William Van Meter, Monmouth, from Morris Payne for \$5,000.

Off Again On Again For Rickreall Road

The paving of the West Side highway from Independence to Monmouth and from Monmouth to Rickreall is being speeded up at present. Since the work was started in the spring of 1919 it has ambled along in a leisurely sort of way over the eight miles of the course, but now with a mile yet to do there is hustle, bustle and rush. Sundays even are being pressed into service and we will have a finished road to Rickreall before we know it. This haste is due to a friendly decision by Judge Stapleton in Portland the other day, lifting the injunction which threatened to injunct the road work of the whole county into a state of moribund paralysis.

Judge Stapleton evidently used a different pair of spectacles to look up the law on the matter than the ones Judge McCourt used and we append the following account from the Oregonian.

Showing that its contract for paving between Monmouth and Rickreall in Polk county is 90 per cent complete and that it would be foolish not to pave the remaining mile already rocked the Warren Construction company protested in Judge Stapleton's court yesterday against Judge McCourt's order which ties up all road work in Polk county.

The paving company contended that it was not a party to the controversy between the people of Dallas and the state highway commission and that its contract is almost completed.

All that remains is to spread the "hot stuff" from Orr's corners to Rickreall, the base and rock already being in place. To leave the road unfinished would result in heavy financial loss to the company.

The attorney for the Dallas people protested and undertook to tell Judge Stapleton something about the roads in Polk county, but Judge Stapleton replied that he had been riding those roads for 50 years and knew all about them.

Furthermore, the judge said, when the attorney wanted to cite law, that he knew what public sentiment was in this road building matter and the court directed that the Warren Construction company proceed.

The company will resume laying pavement this morning. The Oregon Paving company's contract and Oskar Huber's contract were not included in the order by Judge Stapleton.—Oregonian, Friday, July 30.

The latest report is that another injunction has since been obtained by Dallas and served Wednesday, stopping the paving at the railroad crossing a half mile south of Rickreall. The Warren people were allowed to finish only a few more feet after the official visit by the sheriff and completed that bit on Thursday.

Threshing Season Starts

A number of local farmers started threshing this week and by the end of the week all of the threshing outfits in the vicinity will be at work. The yield promises to be better than the average. Three threshing separators arrived here Thursday consigned to J. E. Winegar. They consisted of two Russell machines and one Rumley. They were for Ray Adams, Mr. Johnson of Saver and a Luckiamute combination consisting of Messrs. Nelson, Kaup and Fred Huber.

Mrs. Percival expects to go to Madras with her grandchildren next week, to stay there for a short visit.

Salem Plans A River Highway

Polk county road prospects and road squabbles received a thorough airing in Sunday's Oregonian and among the prospects we note a description of the highway which Senator Patterson and the Salem Commercial club are brooding and which they propose to call the Capital or Willamette highway. Here is the plan.

The present plan calls for a highway branching off the West Side highway at Dayton, 32.4 miles southwest of Portland, and extending up the west side of the Willamette river to a junction with the Salem-Dallas highway at West Salem. Which of the existing roads will be used is not yet determined, but in any event a connection will be made with Wheatland ferry. This section between Dayton and West Salem will be about 22 miles in length. It presents no difficult problems of construction and will open up a section that now has no railroad facilities.

From West Salem to Brunk's corners the recently completed pavement of the Dallas-Salem highway will be used, and here the Willamette highway will turn to the south and pass through Independence. This section of road is one of the most heavily traveled in the state and is in urgent need of paving.

The association has not yet made up a route south of Independence but if the plans of the state highway commission prevail, and the West Side highway is extended south from Monmouth to Corvallis, then the association will endeavor to get an extension of the Willamette highway south from Independence on a route nearer the river to Albany, and thence over the river road to Corvallis. The last named section is already established as a state highway by law, but no work has yet been done on it.

It will be noted by an inspection of the road map of the Willamette valley that the proposed new highway will serve a great deal of territory not now served by good roads, and a highway will also furnish several diagonal cross connections between the West Side and the Pacific highways.

It will start on the West Side highway at Dayton, touch the Pacific highway at Salem, and will connect back to the West Side highway at Independence by way of the connection with Monmouth. It will then connect with the Pacific highway at Albany, and finally with the West Side highway at Corvallis.

Farewell Party

A farewell party was given by the Misses Butler Wednesday with Mrs. A. A. Catron as the guest of honor. Mrs. Catron is leaving Monmouth to make her home with her daughters in Portland and a number of old friends were invited in to dinner in honor of the occasion. The guests were Mesdames Catron, F. S. Powell, Monroe Mulkey, Portia Mulkey, Treat and Percival. A splendid dinner was served and the party was much enjoyed by all.

Orrin Wattenburger of Independence, 20 years old, was taken to Portland by Dr. Butler Wednesday because of a peculiar ailment. His bones are so brittle that they break easily and will not stand any heavy strain. The trip to Portland was made to see if a remedy could not be applied.

E. M. Clodfelter of Portland, a son-in-law of Mrs. Catron, was a visitor in this city this week.

Raids A Whisky Still

Sheriff John W. Orr made a surprise attack upon the George Lewis home in Black Rock Sunday and returned to Dallas with a quantity of illicit brew which has been sold for whiskey, also the crude still is reposing peacefully in the sheriff's office. The still was made by putting a copper boiler on the stove and on the top of the boiler was a coffee pot to which was attached the coil which ran through a trough of water to cool. The coil was missing and it is presumed a third party interested in the work had it when the raid was made. Mrs. Lewis was making the whiskey and her husband was peddling it according to evidence secured, but as there were several small children Mrs. Lewis was not brought to Dallas. Mr. Lewis is under arrest awaiting the decision of the court.

No New Gym.

For This Year

J. R. Bidgood has rented the house which Dr. Matthis formerly occupied on Monmouth avenue and will move in from the farm for the coming winter. He will be an instructor in the Monmouth high school. The remainder of the faculty is Mr. Grover, principal and Miss Doughty with one more instructor to engage. The board is having a hard time to secure the full quota of teachers.

Another problem which the board has found equally baffling is that of erecting the high school gymnasium voted in the spring. The board finds it is \$3,000 short of having enough funds to finance this gymnasium and has concluded to defer the building for another year. They have retained the plans and services of the architect, Mr. Berggraff and will go at the matter again next spring.

Up-to-date Map-making

E. J. Himes of Dallas was in Monmouth Wednesday surveying off the part of the Wm. Riddell farm recently sold to E. Nissen. Mr. Himes is spending his odd moments preparing a road map of Polk county. He has devised a novel apparatus for doing the work. With his wife he is driving over all the roads of the county in his car. Ahead of him in the car he has a ship's compass for giving exact directions, a clinometer for levels and a speedometer for distances. With Mrs. Himes' help all of these instruments are recorded as they go along and with the information thus given a map is prepared which will without a doubt be in demand among people who travel the roads of the county.

Exemplify Rule

Members of the Golden Rule class of the Christian church Sunday School enjoyed a picnic Tuesday afternoon and evening at the farm home of the J. S. Prime's. A varied and interesting program was given in the afternoon. While the chicken and ham were frying it was decided the crowd was not large enough to do justice to the abundant feast in preparation so an automobile was sent back to town to collect some of the men folks. A cafeteria dinner was served under the shade trees and the number of times the plates returned for refilling proved the excellence of the service. The picnic proved such a success it was unanimously agreed to make it an annual event.

Mrs. Grover of McMinnville, who was a guest, gave an interesting account during the afternoon program, of the activities of their large class of older people in that city.

Census of Cities In Polk County

Census returns for the cities of Polk county were made public this week and Monmouth is listed at 582 which is a growth of 91 in the past ten years but is something like 30 less than the city had in 1900. Independence is officially numbered at 1143 or 17 less than that city was credited with in 1910. The census was taken in January and at that time neither Monmouth nor Independence had recovered from the slump occasioned by the desertion of rural population for Portland in war industries. An enumeration in July would have shown a considerable increase. In Monmouth also the mass of our student population is not counted. Also Mr. Canterbury and his family of nine fine children did not arrive until spring, too late to help swell our total population.

Dallas as the metropolis of the county shows a population of 2527, a gain of 403 in the past ten years. Falls City is enumerated at 994, a gain of 34 in the past ten years. West Salem was counted at 203.

Regular Council Session

At the meeting of the council Tuesday night M. J. Butler was appointed to the committees on which D. M. Hampton formerly held memberships.

Complaints were made that red lights were not displayed by contractors putting in the curbing on Main street where the piles of sand and the mixing machine, unmarked, were a menace to traffic at night. Also that chickens in various parts of the city were causing damage and annoyance to neighbors and Marshal Craven was delegated to attend to the matter.

It was also agreed to sell the two lots formerly occupied by the Griffa water company to R. B. Swenson for \$100 and Mayor Wolverton and Councilman Ebbert were detailed to act for the city.

The following claims were audited and ordered paid. Water Fund: J. F. Moreland, \$65; R. B. Swenson \$10; Power Company, \$78.10; Hardware Company, \$149.46; Ed Griffa, \$25.50. General Fund: R. B. Swenson, \$15.55; E. L. Kilen, \$5; J. F. Moreland, \$22.60; Power Company, \$146.56.

Road Fund: L. C. Parker, \$56; Albert Sacre, \$34; J. H. Mulkey, \$82.50 W. W. Newman estate, \$1.

A communication was received from E. B. Hamilton asking that prices be set upon the motors which the city had in the water department, he being anxious to buy them. It was determined to reserve the large motor and pump until spring and to try if possible to sell the small motor and pump together, the recorder being instructed to place advertising in an effort to sell.

Fifteen taps have been placed on the pipe line between the intake and Monmouth for the use of the farmers living along the line. All of these patrons are to use water through meters.

Lee Nelson, an itinerant minister who has been preaching from the curb stone in Dallas for the past week was arrested Saturday night and placed in jail on a charge of disturbing the peace. He is presumed to be insane and will be examined by local physicians soon. His main discourse was how to solve the high cost of living. He said he had the secret. If all people would follow his footsteps prices would lower. His secret and practice according to his statement, was to sleep in the park and eat dandelion roots.

GOING BACK AFTER SOME MORE MEDALS

