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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 School closes today, Friday. As a part of the closing exercises the Student Body gave a play Thursday night, entitled "Six Cups of Chocolate", which was well received and well received.

Miss Erica Johnson, a recent graduate of the Behnke-Walker Business College, Portland, has taken up her work as assistant to the registrar.

President Ackerman is spending the week end in Portland in conference with the Building Committee and the architect for the final approval of the extension of the heating plant and the contract will be awarded for the erection of the same in the near future. When this is completed, there will be no trouble in heating the several Normal buildings.

The painters are just finishing the halls of the main building and the renovation is making a wonderful improvement in the appearance of the halls.

It is hoped that arrangements may be made by which the paving in front of the Normal may be completed this fall as it will be very disagreeable if it is not attended to by that time.

There is a splendid opportunity for some one to make arrangements for serving meals to students and to faculty. The president will be pleased to discuss the matter with any one who may be interested in solving the problem.

The equipment for the rooms in which the Commercial Teachers' Course will be located is now arriving and will be installed this week.

Everybody was delighted to have Miss Bramberg back at her desk last Monday morning after an absence of two weeks.

Miss Lewis is now taking her vacation and will be gone for some two weeks.

Some members of the faculty are wishing that they were ranchers so that they, too, might travel in the luxury of the new Studebaker car. They insist, however, they are not envious of any one who can have one.

The sale of the Lucas house is reported this week. The purchaser is J. J. Russell of Cornelius, Oregon, a former resident of this section. He formerly rented the Lucas farm, north of town and now plans to make his home here. Consideration is \$1100. Mrs. Denney, who has been occupying the house, will move into the Leonard house, adjoining, now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Rounds. The Rounds will move into the Mack house to be vacated by E. L. Kilen. Sale made by G. T. Boothby.

PROMOTER OF SILK INDUSTRY FOR U. S.



Dr. Varton K. Osgian of New Orleans, Armenian, now an American citizen, is a descendant of a family which had been in the silk weaving business in Armenia for 728 years. Dr. Osgian is the only remaining heir to the art of silk making, as the entire family was wiped out by massacres and the war. Adding scientific research in two universities to his inherited knowledge of sericulture he now has a great understanding of this profitable business and is endeavoring to induce capital to take up the industry in this country.

Two Sacks of Gold

Mrs. R. M. Andrus and daughter Orvetta are home after a very enjoyable vacation. While driving near McMinville recently, accompanied by Mrs. C. Lefevre, Viola Lefevre and Earl P. Colburn of Dayton, Ore., an old mackinaw coat was found in the road almost entirely covered by dust. The coat contained one canvas glove and two bags of money, one containing \$20 gold pieces and the other \$10 and \$5 gold pieces, amounting to \$590. The party took the money to the Dayton Bank where after several days it was identified and claimed by an old man by the name of Daniels. He said his son-in-law had brought the gold from Kansas in a suit case and on the way to deposit it his team ran away and during the excitement the coat was lost.

Each member of the party was presented with a gold piece as a reward.

A thousand dollars—\$500 for high scoring butter and \$500 for cheddar cheese—will be distributed to creamery product exhibitors at the state fair. The money will be divided pro rata on points. Special diplomas will go to the highest scoring products. Outside exhibits will be received, says W. D. Pine, of O. A. C., superintendent of the dairy building at the fair, and Oregon producers are warned that they will have to hustle to keep the prize at home.

Saw Mill For Independence

If there can be any dependence placed in the reports current this week, Independence, after years of anxious waiting, is soon to have a new sawmill. While the Valley Siletz Logging company, with a big mill at Hoskins, has made no public statement regarding their intentions in the immediate future, several things have developed within the past week which point to the construction of a mill very shortly.

Some time ago the company's millwright moved to Independence and stated that plans were being made for the enterprise. This week the second millwright has moved to the city and his family is occupying the Davidson residence. Not long since the company sent a delegation to Springfield to look over the Booth-Kelly mill at that place and it is learned that they recommend building a mill of the same capacity and pattern in Independence. A carload of cement was unloaded on the company's property Wednesday which is supposed to be for the construction of a dam on Ash creek.

Several years ago the Valley & Siletz company secured a mill site in North Independence, and expected to build at that time. The war conditions coming on interrupted the plans and the matter was indefinitely postponed. The mill site, however, was retained. The railroad was completed from the timber belt in the Siletz valley to the city, and it is predicted that at no distant date it will cross the river at this place and be extended on to Salem.—Capital Journal

Wm. Riddell, Jr. was a visitor in Portland Monday.

Opportunity for Philanthropist

The big cocks crow and the young ones learn, is the way the old copy book maxim used to read. While talk of slush funds appear in black type in the daily papers the smaller units at this season of the year are also making effort to keep up with the procession. While the democrats of Polk county have only one or two candidates to elect, it is evident that none of the usual routine is being neglected to elect them. The following appeal was recently sent out to an Independence man and by him forwarded to D. M. Hampton of Monmouth.

Mr. Hampton, as is well known, is the high mogul, prime minister and chief chancellor of the Republican party in Monmouth and he feels that he cannot conscientiously follow out the admonition of the letter. He accordingly hands the communication to us and we publish in the hope that some public benefactor in our midst will take up the task and help the cause.

Dear Sir—

Dallas, Ore.
The State Central Committee has assessed Polk County ten dollars per precinct, or \$370.00 for State and National campaign expenses. The County Committee will also need some money for local expenses. As Committeeman from your precinct, see if you cannot raise at least \$15.00 from among the "faithful" and send to me at your earliest convenience, and in any event not later than September 10th.

Use the back of this letter as a subscription blank and return with your remittance in enclosed envelope.

Yours for the success of the Party,
M. L. Boyd, Secretary-Treasurer
Polk County Democratic Central Committee.

All Eyes On Highway Case

Local attention this week has centered on Portland where before Judge McCourt has occurred the hearing for a permanent injunction argued in behalf of Dallas and Independence. The case has taken up the time intervening since Monday and at the time this was written, was not yet concluded.

Important evidence was given by Ex-Senator Hawley who testified that the original highway bill had read through Dallas, etc., but that he, himself, had changed the wording to "to Dallas, etc." in order not to embarrass the highway commission. Ex-Senator I. N. Day, who had a parental interest in the bill also testified that as originally drawn the bill did not include Dallas at all although it may have included Independence. He had heard of no bargain made to gain support of the bill and did not think a great deal of stress had been laid on this feature of the plan, the impression being that the commission should act as the interests of the state demanded.

Senator Day gave figures on damages that would result if the work were stopped for a year which totaled around \$17,000.

Engineer Clark testified as to distances, grades and costs and showed the central route was shortest and cheapest to build. He quoted figures to show that the road south from Monmouth to connect with the section north from Corvallis could be built more cheaply than a similar road south from Independence.

By Wednesday the complaining cities got a chance to present a few witnesses and that it didn't take Judge McCourt long to size up the peculiar characteristics of Judge Robinson is evident from the following which we take from the Oregonian of Thursday.

Asa B. Robinson, Polk county judge, was rebuked by Circuit Judge McCourt yesterday, when the county judge admitted that there was an agreement or verbal contract with the state highway commission regarding the Pacific highway in Polk county. Judge McCourt declared in substance that a county court is expected to live up to its promises as much as a private individual.

The Polk county road injunction trial will probably close this morning, having been in progress since Monday. Commissioners Benson, Booth and Kiddle have been on the stand and explained their reasons for locating the Pacific highway through Polk county as they have. The commissioners told of a meeting with members of the county court at Rickreall, at which business men, merchants and other prominent citizens of the county were present. At this meeting an agreement was reached that if the highway commission would build a paved road from Salem to Dallas, the commission could build the Pacific highway where they thought best.

County Judge Robinson, when on the stand, admitted that he attended this Rickreall meeting, but said he did not attend another road meeting at Dallas. Judge McCourt inquired why, if Mr. Robinson was county judge and looked after the interests of his county, he failed to attend the important meeting at Dallas.

Introduced in evidence were newspapers advertising the road bond election and showing a map of the proposed Pacific highway with spurs to Dallas and Independence. These maps were published in the county papers.

The highway commission has

RADICAL LEADER OF FARMER-LABOR PARTY



Swinebourne Hale, New York lawyer and defender of radicals prosecuted by the government in connection with alleged disloyalties, who is a candidate on the New York state ticket of the Farmer-Labor Party for judge of the court of appeals. Mr. Hale is a graduate of Harvard and a member of a prominent law firm. He was active in opposing Attorney General Palmer's prosecution and many other persons accused of disloyalty during the war.

been building the road from Salem to Dallas, but the county court has refused to prepare the grade for the highway from Monmouth south.

The highway commission has contended that the county court should do this in accordance with the agreement. It was while he was on the stand Judge Robinson admitted the promise and then Judge McCourt told him that a county court is expected to live up to an agreement the same as a private individual.

Mr. Benson, who is chairman of the highway commission, testified that the commission did not act arbitrarily in locating the Pacific highway through Polk county. He explained that the commission acted on an opinion from the office of the attorney-general to the effect that the intent of the law would be carried out if a spur was built to Dallas and to Independence.

Mr. Benson further recounted that the sole interest of the commission was to select the shortest, cheapest and best route through the county. Mr. Booth's testimony was to the same general effect, showing the agreement with the county officials regarding the Dallas-Salem road and the Pacific highway.

In an announcement of the bond election, offered in evidence, was the statement that \$40,000 of the bonds would be applied to preparing the grade of the Pacific highway north and south through the county, and an accompanying map disclosed the route which the highway commission has designated.

Henry Clanfield Dead

Henry Clanfield, for more than 40 years one of the most prominent farmers and stock raisers in Polk county, died at the family home in Dallas last week Friday after a lingering illness. Mr. Clanfield was a native of England, born October, 1845, at Appleton, Berkshire, England. He came to America in May 1869, and took up his residence in Marion county where in 1877 he married Martha Jane Palmer. In 1880 Mr. and Mrs. Clanfield came to Polk county and settled in the Salt Creek community north of Dallas. A few years ago the family moved to Dallas. Mr. Clanfield is survived by six children, Mrs. Mary Smith of Phoenix, Arizona; Mrs. Anna Dodson of Monmouth, Or., and George Clanfield, Bert Clanfield, Mrs. Bessie Reddekopp and Mrs. Elona Burk, all of Dallas, besides one brother and two sisters in England and three brothers in Polk county. Mrs. Clanfield died last March.

There were light frosts two mornings this week, neither of them heavy enough to affect vegetation.

Harvest Shows Heavy Yields

H. B. Thompson and sons who are on the Helmick farm where the highway crosses the Luckiamute, report good luck with vetch. Many of the vetch fields of the country were badly damaged by aphids this year but the Thompson acres were comparatively free. They had a forty acre tract that threshed out twenty two tons of vetch seed and 1240 bushels of oats. At the market price the combined oats and vetch are worth \$3000. The Thompsons have corn this year that to Nebraska visitors are distinctly reminding of the crops they grow in that state. An extra silo will have to be erected to accommodate the corn, whereas last year the same acreage produced only enough to fill one silo.

Many good wheat crops are also reported. Riddell Bros. had an eighty acre piece that yielded an average of forty bushels to the acre. The Riddells are large wheat producers and the threshing outfit this year was busy for twelve straight days on their farms.

Speaking of crop yields, C. E. Herren has a small tract of land within the city limits of Independence which this year will yield a greater value of hops than the land cost when it was bought of the gravel company a few years ago. This is the tract located east of Main street and south of the gravel bunkers. The piece with another tract belonging to L. Daymon south of the bunkers, are said by people who have traveled among the hop growers to be the best fields of hops in the state.

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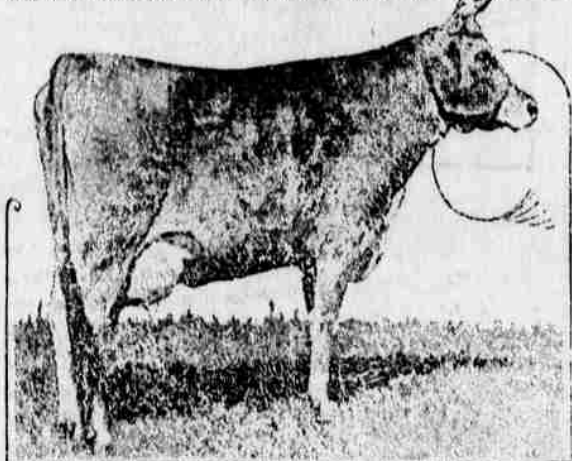
Coos county cheese within a short time is to be standardized and in two years will probably be on the same basis as that of Tillamook county. Plans for spreading the fame of the product from this section are being made by the Oregon's Dairymen's league, which controls the milk output of the section.

E. R. Allen and family of Albany spent Sunday visiting with friends in Monmouth.

Much Wheat in Kansas

H. C. Winters and family are back from a trip that took them over a large part of the west. They left four months ago for Kansas by way of California. They stopped in Los Angeles and Uplands in Southern California, picked oranges and took in the attractions of that region. Back to San Francisco and by way of Ogden, Utah, they went to Kansas, their former home where Mr. Winters worked in the wheat fields. Kansas this year had a million and a half acres of volunteer wheat. Last years crop in sections of Kansas, was slim and the fields were abandoned for this year. But fall rains sprouted the wheat and it grew without further assistance. Mr. Winters worked for one man who had 160 acres that yielded \$10,000 worth of grain on a volunteer crop. When he left Kansas wheat was hard to sell, except old wheat of which there was considerable in the country. The Winters were laid up for a time in Colorado while two of the children had the measles and on the way back they stopped for a visit near Twin Falls in Idaho. Returning to Monmouth the house in which they formerly lived had been sold so they moved in the Griffa house just out of the city limits to the southeast of town.

FIFTEEN-YEAR-OLD JERSEY RECORD BREAKER



Sophie 19th of Hood farm, Lowell, Mass. A former champion Jersey cow, at the age of 15 years and 9 months, has broken her ninth official world's record and has come into her own again as the world's champion butter producing cow. In her nine yearly records she has given 110,918 pounds of milk and 6353 pounds of butter fat. Her average is 12,324 pounds of milk and 766 pounds of butter. The cow carries life insurance and accident policies aggregating \$50,000.