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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 autumn term of the Normal School opened most auspiciously on Monday with an increase in enrollment of 10 per cent over that of the first week last year.

Many students are attracted by the new Commercial Teachers' Training Course, just inaugurated this year. A graduate from the course must have six credit units in the basal subjects in the regular curriculum, and must also complete four credit units in the following specific commercial subjects: Stenography 1 unit, Bookkeeping 1 unit, Typewriting 1 unit, Office Practice 1 unit, Business English 1 unit, Elective 1 unit.

The annual reception by the president and other members of the faculty to the students and townspeople of Monmouth will be given in the gymnasium next Saturday evening at eight o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to all friends of the school.

Both Juniors and Seniors are forming class organizations this week and electing officers for the term.

Probably the most notable event in the Normal annals for the year will occur on Sunday, October 3, when the Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra will give a concert in the Normal Chapel. This organization is one of the few really great orchestras in the United States and the Normal is indeed proud to announce its appearance in Monmouth. Students and citizens alike are enthusiastic in their support.

Miss West spent Monday in Salem and Tuesday in Corvallis bringing the concert to the notice of people in those cities.

Calls are continually coming from county superintendents for members of the Normal faculty to take part in the various county institutes of the state. The following are some arrangements already made: Mr. Beattie—Burns, September 19, 30, and October 1; Lakeview, October 4, 5, 6; Enterprise, October 11, 12, 13; Coquille, October 20, 21, 22; Bend, November 10, 11, 12.

President Ackerman—The Dalles, October 6; Roseburg, October 15; Tillamook, November 12; Dallas, November 18; Salem, November 22; Eugene and Albany, November 24.

Mr. Butler—Condon, October 6, 7, 8.

Miss Smith—Grass Valley, October 11, 12; Baker, October 14, 15; Coquille, October 21, 22, 23 Salem, November 22.

Miss McIntosh—Salem, November 22.

Miss Arbuthnot—Salem, November 23.

Miss DeVore—Salem, November 23.

Miss Brenton—The Dalles, October 6.

An attractive picture show, "In Old Kentucky", will be given in the Chapel, Friday evening, September 24. The play is a pretty story with Anita Stewart in the leading part.

Automobiles traveling without a tail light are violating the law and that the custom results in injury is evidenced from an accident that occurred near the Clow farm north of town the other evening. A traveler along the road developed tire trouble and stopped by the roadside to repair. Another car came along and ran into car No. 1 doing considerable damage to both.

C. Burton Durdall of Salem has opened a branch store in Independence.

Fire Destroys Hop And Prune Dryers

A prune dryer on the Evan Evans farm near Dallas is reported to have burned early yesterday morning. The dryer was a new one, having been built last spring, large and complete with electric lights and power and with the prunes lost with the building, the loss must have been between five and ten thousand dollars. Just how the fire started is not known, but it probably came from overheating in one of the tunnels.

Fire late Thursday afternoon destroyed the hop kiln and a store house belonging to Julius Pincus at Hopville, a small settlement south of Independence. The excessive heat required in curing the hops is said to have caused the fire. The loss is partly covered by insurance.

Mr. Pincus had just finished picking his hops and the entire product from his forty-acre yard was in the kilns and store house. There were four buildings closely grouped together with the store house in the center, and when the flames secured a good start it took but little time to consume the entire row of structures.

This is said to have been the first fire this season of any importance. Fire broke out three different times in the Walker Brothers drying house, but each time they were successful in discovering it in time to prevent loss and no great damage occurred.

The fire at the Pincus yard had obtained a good start before it was discovered and although there were several people at the yard shortly after the alarm was given, all efforts to save the property were of no avail. Mr. Pincus had an excellent crop of hops this year, and it is understood that some of them had been sold on contract. The loss is heavy. The insurance, it is reported, will scarcely cover the cost of picking and curing the product.

Rev. C. Culver, presiding elder of the Evangelical church is starting east this week end and his pulpit at Lents will be filled on Sunday by Rev. P. Conklin of Monmouth. Rev. Conklin was formerly pastor at Lents.

The Monmouth High School will open Monday, September 27. Faculty meeting at 8:30 and registration at 10 o'clock.

The usual courses in English, French, Mathematics, History, Science and Commercial subjects will be offered.

C. F. Grover, Principal.

One of these days the experimenter will hit upon a plan by which the farmer may manufacture his gas out of the waste stuff on the farm and lay in a supply of liquid energy just as he does a supply of wood or of sugar and bacon. When the time comes that alcohol has a real use for the traveler he will marvel at the oceans of it that have been guzzled with serious damage to humanity.

G. T. Boothby, P. H. Johnson and Hallie Johnson started Wednesday night for Pendleton where they expect to, take in the Round Up. The Johnsons will also visit with Miss Mabel Johnson who is a teacher in the Round Up city and Mr. Boothby will take time to go to Walla Walla and other points in that neighborhood in an effort to recall the scenes of his youth when he freighted into the mines and handled stock when Eastern Oregon and Washington were new.

Rainie Burkhead started this week for Eugene where he expects to attend the university, obtaining his M. A. degree in June.

Prune Picking in Wet Weather

Undaunted by the weather the prune growers are utilizing every available moment to gather the crop. Some of the fruit is injured by cracking because of the rains but no time is being wasted in lamentations. All of the fruit possible to save is being saved. Several loads of Monmouth young people go out into the orchards each morning to help with the work.

This is the season also when the man who refused to sign up with the association is wondering if his independence is a good or a bad move. Just at present the buyers are hanging back. They know what the association expects of them and naturally the independents are looked upon as holding better prospects of results.

Family Travels Afoot Six Hundred Miles

All sorts of travel come through Monmouth and about as strange a mode of locomotion as any is one reported by Arthur Moore. This man, by name Frank Brown, and hailing from San Francisco, had with him his wife and baby, and made the trip from that town on foot and pushing a baby buggy. They left San Francisco July 15 and traversed the 600 intervening miles in two months time. They wanted to try out the prospects in this vicinity and perhaps animated by the restless urge, determined to travel. Lack of funds and a desire to be in the open air were reasons advanced for making the journey on foot.

The baby buggy showed the results of hardship incidental to travel. It was worn and loose in the joints and the badly worn tires were kept in place with baling wire and adhesive tape. Not only was the baby carried in the buggy but camp equipment and blankets. The baby was 11 months old and had gained 2 pounds enroute.

The man, himself, carried a fifty pound pack. It was something of a load but he pointed with pride to his biceps, hard as iron, and said the exercise was the cause of the development. He had stopped enroute where employment offered, working for a time in a sawmill. Farmers along the route were kind and gave the pedestrian couple many a lift. They had no tent but slept in the open, weathering two rain storms. They found the open air healthful and none of the family had suffered from colds. For the past week or two the man has been picking hops in Independence.

Of course everyone knows that wheat at present prices does not sell at \$1.09 and all must have realized the news item last week in the Herald telling that Fred Huber had sold a carload at that price was a slip of the types. \$2.09 was the price per bushel the car sold for and Fred has since sold some for \$2.18 per bushel.

The picture we present this week is a view of the wreck in Wall street, New York City, taken ten minutes after the explosion which caused it, occurred. Thirty one people were killed and three hundred injured and damage of over two and a half millions resulted.

The Ashland city council has called two special elections for this month for the purpose of voting on proposed improvements in the city water supply. One proposal is to bond the city for \$100,000 to buy Buck lake, 35 miles east of Ashland. This will be passed upon September 23. The council then ordered another election September 18 for the purpose of voting on bonding the city for \$100,000 for erection of a dam near Mount Ashland, which, it is claimed, would conserve enough water for all purposes.

Coming of Orchestra Biggest of Attractions

The appearance Sunday afternoon, October 3rd of the Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra in Monmouth is perhaps the greatest event of the kind that has ever been scheduled in this city. There is a general interest in this program throughout this part of the valley. Corvallis has reserved sixty seats and Salem is to account for one hundred seats. The fact that the program is in the afternoon will enable many to use their automobiles which reduce distances and make twenty five miles about as formidable as three or four miles used to be.

Musical people in Salem and Corvallis were immediately interested when they learned of the date for the orchestra and both would have liked to have the appearance for their own towns but as the Corvallis Gazette Times said "there was only the matinee date open and Monmouth was on the job". The size of the Normal auditorium in stage and seating capacity enables the school to handle an attraction of this kind readily. This is the way the Corvallis Gazette Times writes up the attraction:

"Music lovers of Corvallis will have easy opportunity to hear an unusually fine organization, the Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra of eighty pieces, Sunday, October 3. At that time this big orchestra will play at the auditorium of the Monmouth Normal school, and that night will play at Portland.

"Those who have cars will find the auto trip just a pleasant little jaunt over good roads, and for those who need to go by train, the 1:35 West Side train to Independence and then over on the Monmouth special will offer opportunity, the West Side train in the evening answering for the homeward bound trip. The fare is less than \$2.00 for the round trip and reserved seats at the performance range from \$1 to \$2.

Librarian West, of the Monmouth Normal, was in Corvallis this afternoon and with Dean Ressler was completing arrangements for sale of tickets at Berman's drug store and the College Co-op. Dean Ressler endeavored to secure this organization for a date here but it had only the matinee date open and Monmouth was on the job. The orchestra is guaranteed to produce more than 75 people plus a noted soprano, Florence Macbeth. It is one of the great organizations of the country and worth all it costs to hear it. At Monmouth it will cost scarcely half what it would cost to go to Portland to hear a performance of the character. Doubtless a goodly number will go from here."

This from the Sacramento Calif. Bee: "Such music as one might hope to hear in heaven—if mortal

mind can conceive of things celestial—was listened to last evening by members of the Saturday Club and their guests at the Clunie Theatre. It was Emil Oberhoffer and the Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra that held their attention and in this concert the Saturday Club offered the music lovers a privilege that will not be forgotten soon.

"Andre Messenger, the noted French artist-composer, and director of the Paris National Conservatory Orchestra (which in itself says much for the greatness of the man) said upon his visit to this country that one of the real surprises of his tour of America was the 'discovery' of the Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra. And his words of praise for the leader makes anything that might be said here seem trivial and worthless. Sacramento hears such music only once in many moons, and even though the theatre was filled, sympathy went out for the many more who were not fortunate enough to have been there."

Traffic Violators Acquire Experience

For some time there has been a well defined feeling prevailing in this part of the valley that there were no traffic regulations in Monmouth. City limits and open country were all one to the speed fiend and as for the rules of the road, anything went while in our midst. This idea has been rather abruptly jolted within the past week under the supervision of the new city marshal, C. E. Stewart. Six violators of the traffic regulations were taken up and fined during the week past and as a result drivers are learning to do in Monmouth as they do in other places: observe the rules.

The secretary of state sends out this week information to the effect that there are 75,000 people driving cars in Oregon without license as by law required. The law specifically states that each person who drives a car upon the highways of the state must have a license with him and the secretary calls on peace officers of the state to assist him in enforcing the law. For a time the deluge of applications was such that applicants had to wait some time to get their licenses but now the department has caught up with the calls and there is no excuse for anyone being found without a license.

The Warren company has been grading and rolling the unpaved stretch of the highway just north of the city limits and have it ready to put on the hot stuff when the weather permits. About fifty feet on each side of the bridge will be left unfinished until the ridge is replaced with a more modern structure.

Another Effort to Pave Monmouth Ave.

The paving of the strips on Monmouth avenue alongside the highway paved earlier, was up before the council Tuesday night. This enterprise was planned once before and bids were secured, but because of excessive cost the plan was abandoned. The first plan was for an asphalt paving but concrete strips are sought for this time. Mr. Houston, engineer of Salem, was present and presented plans and specifications for the paving by concrete. His plans were adopted and the regular routing of street improvement work will be started at the next meeting of the council. Mr. Houston estimates the concrete at 25 cents per square foot.

Two resolutions were also passed at the meeting for the docketing and collection of assessments for curb work on Monmouth avenue and Main street.

C. E. Chambers, the new cashier at the First National Bank was appointed treasurer to succeed E. L. Kilen and the appointment by Mayor Wolverton was confirmed by the council without dissent.

The marshal was instructed to proceed with the painting of street hydrants in the city.

The resignation of J. A. Riddell as councilman was also presented and accepted, but no successor was named.

The Wigrich and Horst concerns, two of the biggest hop yards near Independence have finished picking and their workers are returning to their homes. The Horst yard was the scene of a big dance Tuesday by way of a finale. The remainder of the yards finish this week. Now that the picking is finished growers who have not sold are facing a situation akin to that which prevails in the prune market. Some have sold at 50 cents and others are willing to close at that figure but buyers are holding back awaiting developments.

C. C. Mulkey's car, driven by Mr. Shipley, went off the grade of the road south from Monmouth near the Evans place one night this week. He was driving at night and without lights when the accident happened. The car suffered a broken windshield and damage to the top but Shipley escaped uninjured.

Rev. W. A. Wood and family, returning to Hood river from a visit with W. A. Elkins and family Eugene, stopped over Monday a short time to visit with friends here.

The prune harvest is now on reports Herman Wunder who is managing the harvest for the Parks orchard near him. Some of these prunes run from 11 to 12 to the pound.

