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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

Mr. E. H. Whitney, assistant superintendent of the Portland Schools, gave an instructive and interesting talk to the students at the chapel hour on Thursday morning.

President Ackerman and Mr. Butler have been speaking this week in the Institute in session at Roseburg. Mr. Gentle spoke at a similar meeting at Kelso, Washington, and Mr. Beattie at Enterprise.

Van Patten & Son, who have the contract for building the addition to the heating plant, will begin work next Monday.

The literary societies began their year's work last Friday evening with an attractive installation of the officers for the present quarter.

The Seniors enjoyed an informal "get acquainted party" in the gymnasium on Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 8:30 o'clock.

Miss Ida Mae Smith has been speaking at Institute at Grass Valley and Baker this week.

Miss Radabaugh gave the students a treat in her chapel talk on Tuesday morning. She read from Johnson's play "Hop o' My Thumb" giving a most artistic interpretation of the pathetic little laundry maid.

The first dancing party of the year given by the Student Body will occur in the gymnasium Saturday evening, October 16. The music and decorations for this affair are under supervision of the Seniors. Local people on the Normal social list are invited to attend.

A party of faculty members including the Misses Taylor, Schuette, DeVore, Hales, Ragon, Holliday, Records and Bramberg, attended the opera "Robin Hood" at Salem, Monday evening.

A motion picture made from Jack London's story, "Burning Daylight" will be given in the chapel Friday evening at 8:15. This story, of the usual London type, is full of adventure and action, qualities which furnish material for an interesting picture.

Oak Point Rural Center won the following prizes at the Polk County Fair recently held at Dallas: three blue ribbons—chickens; one blue ribbon—booth; one red ribbon—canning. The total amount of premiums received was \$30.00. The children of the school and their teacher, Mrs. Gertrude F. Collins, are to be congratulated on their success.

Dr. Powell has had a tray of walnuts, filberts and prunes on exhibition at the bank this week which were at the county fair and were literally covered with blue and red ribbons won as premiums. Attendance at the fair this year was greatly lessened because of bad weather which prevailed all of the time the fair was in session, but there was a fine display of agricultural products to illustrate what Polk county can do in this line. Comment is frequently heard, however, at the lack of agricultural product exhibits from Polk; the blue ribbon county, at the recent state fair.

While the weather has retarded farming operations and damaged fruit crops, it has been a good thing for the pheasants. They have shown an inclination to stick to the woods and brush and hunters are not getting the accustomed number. September was a record breaker for rainfall but I. T. Fream says we had a fall very similar to this twenty seven years ago.

Why the Lights Failed

An accident to the transformers of the Mountain States Power company left the city without lights a good part of Saturday evening. The moving picture show, "Shore Acres", which was to have been presented that night, was postponed to Monday evening.

The damaged transformers were in the house along the railroad track, east of the Training School. Mrs. Winegar noticed the flames through the window and notified the power people. Manager Joslyn immediately got his crew to work and by utilizing substitutes had the service resumed by 8:30 Saturday night.

By working Sunday new transformers were placed in the station through which the current has since passed. The new transformers are of an improved type and are a part of the extension work which the company has had in progress this summer. They will result in better local service.

Obituary

Emerson H. Parker was born in Maine, November 26, 1837 and died in Monmouth, September 30, 1920. In his youth the family moved to Missouri where, at the outbreak of the Civil war he enlisted in a Missouri cavalry regiment and served with the Federal forces four years and six months. He was married to Eliza M. Gilpin in Ray county, Missouri, April 24, 1864, who survives him. The Parkers came to Oregon in 1875 and settled on a homestead in Washington county. Later they lived in Forest Grove and in 1904 moved to St. Johns where they lived until a year and a half ago when they came to Monmouth at the time Parker Brothers bought the S. H. Hinkle farm.

Mr. Parker was a member of the Christian church since 1865. He was a man of strong character, respected by all who knew him. He was laid to rest Sunday, October 3, in the family lot in Forest Grove.

In addition to his widow he is survived by five out of eight children. They are T. T. Parker of Airline, H. H. Parker, S. S. Parker and B. H. Parker of Monmouth and J. A. Parker of Portland. An only daughter, Mrs. Lena Frizell, died in 1910 leaving her two little girls to be brought up by their grandmother. Another son, E. R. Parker died in 1917.

W. S. Stewart returned to Portland Thursday after a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Stewart.

Two valuable dogs on the J. B. Stump farm developed a taste for sheep and had to be killed last week, C. E. Stewart acting as official executioner.

Lee Shubert and family arrived in their car from Nebraska Thursday of last week and to visit their old friends J. Sken and F. K. Sken and families and will probably stay for the winter. The Shuberts have been accustomed to go to Southern California but for various reasons will try out this part of Oregon this time.

W. J. Miller recently purchased the Sawyer house on West Main street, the house at present being occupied by Mrs. Conklin of Eugene. The back lot of the Sawyer property was bought by G. R. Crofoot.

The Fred Huber family and Wallace Greene spent Sunday with the latter's parents near McMinnville.

Stanley Evans, a student at the U. of O., spent last week end with the home folks.

Miss Elta Portwood spent the week end at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Portwood.

Death of A. H. Alsip

Aaron H., better known as Hal Alsip, died in the hospital in Dallas last Friday morning after a very brief illness. The circumstances of his death are peculiar. He had suffered with an aching and ulcerated tooth it is reported, and had it pulled by a Dallas dentist. The tooth was so badly infected that it broke off in the process of extraction. It is probable that blood poisoning resulted, if it was not already present when the tooth was extracted. A post mortem was held over the remains but with what result we did not learn.

Funeral services were held in Chapman's undertaking parlors in Dallas Monday afternoon. There was a large attendance. Many Monmouth people were present as well as neighbors from the Mistletoe district where he lived. Numerous floral tributes were in evidence. Mr. Alsip for a time conducted a livery business in Monmouth and last spring bought the farm Arthur Moore had been living on. He is survived by a wife and one child.

Aaron Halbert Alsip was born May 4, 1895 at Bushnell, Brookings Co., S. Dakota, and passed away October 8, 1920. He came to Albany, Oregon with his parents in 1901 and from there moved to Dallas, Oregon, 1908. He was married to Vera Leona Brown, October 25, 1916. He leaves a wife and a child three years old, his father, mother and four brothers, Vern, Russell, Henry and Frank.

Out of town relatives and friends attending the funeral were, A. N. Davis, Bushnell, S. Dakota, grandfather; W. J. Stratton, Tacoma, Wash., an uncle; and Mrs. Frank Kitchen, Mr. and Mrs. Kean and Mr. Cornett of Albany.

Mrs. C. A. Nott was a Salem visitor Saturday.

Evangelical Church Notes

Sunday, October 17.

On Saturday evening October 16, Rev. C. L. Schuster, Presiding Elder, will preach and hold the Quarterly Conference.

On Sunday at 11, he will also preach and conduct the communion service.

At 7:30 the Pastor will preach on "The World's Greatest Conqueror". Text, Mat. 28:18.

Sunday School at 10. C. E. Society meets at 6:45. Subject: "Christian Principles in Politics". Leader, Mark Conklin.

Mid-week service, Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.

Ladies Aid, Thursday p. m.

Monmouth Heights

P. L. Fishback attended the County Fair in Dallas Friday.

Charley Shipley of Monmouth was a guest of his father A. J. Shipley last Sunday.

Mrs. Hazel Linenthal and children of Montana are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Shipley.

Frank Swearingen was shopping in Dallas on Monday.

Fred Cody returned to his home at Astoria last Tuesday afternoon after spending some time visiting his brother Lloyd and family.

Mrs. Bertha Welch was a Tuesday visitor with Mrs. Belle Wunder of Independence.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Ogle of near Independence was on the Heights the first of the week.

George Swearingen and Elmer Allen were traders in Monmouth Tuesday.

Frank Sken and Mr. Schubert of Monmouth were at the John Walker home on business Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dow Hamar were in Independence visiting relatives Tuesday.

The Sunny Slope school opened Monday with Miss Catherine Campbell of Monmouth as teacher.

Where Neighbors Met

The first social event of the high school season was the reception given last Friday evening by the school board and patrons to the faculty and pupils of the high school and training school. It was a very pleasant affair. The first floor hallway served admirably for the meeting place where a nice little program was presented. We did not arrive in time to hear the remarks by Ira C. Powell, C. F. Grover and Prof. Gentle which had a prominent part on the program but that the same were exceptionally good is testified to by people who have reputations for probity and discretion. Vocal and musical numbers by Mrs. Butler and other local talent were received with appreciation by the audience.

After the program all partook of daintily served refreshments. The rooms were very tastefully decorated for the occasion and all voted the first social gathering a decided success.

Earl McNeil tried a gymnastic stunt Tuesday afternoon which luckily, did not have serious consequences for him. He was standing on the running board of a car with a package of sugar in his hand when he lost his hat, and trying to recover it, lost his footing as well.

It is reported that they had a very heavy hail storm in Dallas Tuesday forenoon at the time a raincloud from the north passed over us.

Merger of Clubs

At a meeting of the commercial club held last Tuesday evening it was voted to take over the social club and conduct it in the name of the commercial club henceforth, the equipment being turned over to them without cost. Quite a little interest was manifested in the meeting and there was a large crowd out, the meeting being held in the social club rooms.

Quite a little opposition to the move developed within the ranks of the commercial club, it being held by many that work of this kind was inconsistent with the character of the commercial club and that the work would so monopolize its energies and its funds that there would be nothing left for exploitation and work for the growth and development of the city.

Many social club members were present, and on a showing of hands fourteen volunteered to join in the merged project. A vote of the commercial club on the project was then taken by ballot and twelve voted for the merger and eleven against it.

Opposition to the move then developed within the ranks of the social club and an adjournment was taken for one week to await developments.

Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Mulkey of McMinnville visited with Mrs. Monroe Mulkey Tuesday. They were on their way to Santa Barbara, California to spend the winter.

W. J. Miller visited with his daughter in Tillamook last week and found plenty of weather along that part of the coast.

Mrs. Goodnight of Vancouver and Mrs. Noble of Heppner are here to see their father, R. M. Smith, as are also Mr. Smith's sister, Mrs. Humphries of Portland and his brother, I. S. Smith of Marshfield.

Mr. Smith's condition is a little easier at last reports.

The "Uncle Bob" Williams place on Clay street was sold this week by Chas. Leonard, administrator, to Mrs. S. R. Smith, consideration \$700.

Miss Josephine Hefley visited over the week end with home folks.

High School Notes

We are on the third week of school, and are getting started on the work of the semester. The enrollment at present is 75, an increase of six since the first week.

A reception was given by the school board, last Friday evening, to the new teachers of both the high school and training school. The attendance was not as large as was expected, but everyone present enjoyed the program, which consisted of musical numbers from Mrs. Butler, Helen Cornelius, Mildred Scott, Bearnice Stewart and J. F. Powell, and short addresses by Mr. Powell, Mr. Gentle and Mr. Grover. The refreshments, sherbet and lady fingers, were served by the social committee of the high school.

A joint meeting of the Y. N. O. A. and Athena societies is arranged for this Friday night, as a welcome for all the prospective members of the societies. The initiations will be held later, separately.

Prof. Grover is attempting to stir up some "pep" in the School this week. He suggests that we have a high school song and some yells. We have plenty of both but have not displayed all of them yet.

The Golden Rule class of the Christian church took advantage of the large attendance at Mrs. Neal's Wednesday to do up some business. To fill the vacancies caused by resignations Mrs. Denney was elected President and Mrs. Haley Vice President. Miss Maggie Butler was appointed assistant teacher.

Something like fifty witnesses were called from Independence to Albany to attend the Verd Hill divorce case, most of them being called by Mr. Hill. Cruel and inhuman treatment and penuriousness on the part of the latter is alleged in the suit.

Mrs. A. E. Brewster, who has been looking after her property here for the past three weeks, left for her home in Kirkland, Wash., Wednesday.

E. K. Piasecki, district attorney, was here from Dallas Tuesday shaking hands with voters and handing out literature.

R. W. Mackay of Independence has moved to Pedee.

Mrs. Rickman of Portland, an old friend of the days when both families lived in McMinnville, is visiting at the Grover home.

Mrs. C. R. Butler is in Marshfield where she was called by the serious illness of her father.

T. H. Halleck of Newport is here to look after his father, A. N. Halleck, who does not get any better.

R. E. Derby is back from a trip to Portland to consult specialists and after a brief rest will be at his work once more.

Mrs. Rose Smith of the Rickreall country has rented a house on South Monmouth avenue and will be with us during the school year.

Mr. Fisher of Nebraska and family, who for a while lived at John Skeens, have rented the Bressler house and will stay for the winter.

The Social Hour Club will meet with Mrs. Crofoot next Wednesday, October 20.

A small son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Pollan Tuesday and all concerned are reported as getting along nicely.

A car of telephone poles was unloaded at the lumber yard this week, as actual evidence of the improvements which the telephone company is to undertake in our midst shortly.

There is a big sale on Bicycle Tires at the Ace Garage this week. 40 per cent reduction. Hurry!

A baby daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Frederickson in Independence last week.

Rumored, Reported Concocted, Collected

Ira S. Smith of Marshfield, a member of the state senate, was a visitor in Monmouth a day or two this week, called by the illness of his brother, Rufus Smith, whose condition took a turn for the worse lately. Senator Smith was for years a resident of Polk county and at one time was sheriff of the county. He was also a merchant of Monmouth for some time. In 1895 he ran a store just west of the bank building. Present prices remind him that at that time he was accustomed to go to the mill in Independence and get flour at 50 cents a sack of 50 pounds. Eggs were ten cents a dozen, butter 8 to 12 cents, potatoes 25 cents a bushel and it was hard to get rid of produce at any price. Mr. Smith built the house now occupied by Albert and M. Sacre.

The prune harvest is now over and the crop is considerably short because of unfavorable weather. Some of the best prunes were among the last gathered although the tendency was to gather the fruit before it was fit.

While Wm. Wamsley was operating the elevator at the prune dryer on Monday the rope which supports it broke and the occupants of the elevator were well shaken by the fall. Beside Wamsley there were Harold Wamsley, eight years old, and Nada Johnson, ten years old. The former had his face cut and leg bruised and the girl was painfully hurt.

Independence has the following municipal candidates named at a convention held this week: Ray Walker for mayor; B. F. Swope for recorder; C. D. Calbreath, A. L. Thomas, G. C. Skinner and W. E. Craven for councilmen. Because of the difficulty in getting people to accept nominations it is unlikely there will be an opposition ticket in the field.

The hop warehouse is a busy place these days. Lots of hops are arriving and being stored. The market is dull. 35 cents per pound has been offered but none sold at that price.

Marshal Stewart and F. Sken were doing precautionary work along the pipe line in the Luckiamute valley Wednesday. This is the time of year when citizens of that section appreciate the service the pipe line gives them, as they have always found it difficult to get good drinking water.

The selling of the two main street properties at marshal's sale for delinquent assessments which took place last Saturday afternoon, was a matter soon disposed of. Both properties were bid in for Ira C. Powell as holding agent for the city and the prospect is that both properties will be redeemed before the year is out.

State Senator I. S. Patterson was in Monmouth Saturday forenoon with candidate for U. S. Senator, Robert Stanfield, meeting voters in this vicinity. Mr. Stanfield made a favorable impression on those with whom he came in contact and says in his travels through the state he has sensed a recent turn of public opinion in his favor that augurs well for his election.

Mrs. W. Neal leaves today for a visit of some months with relatives at Mantiko, California. On Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Grover arranged a very pleasant farewell surprise party for her mother at their home. About twenty guests enjoyed the afternoon and left wishing Mrs. Neal a pleasant journey and visit.