

**Independence Enterprise**

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The movement to revive river transportation is becoming more widespread and general. In Kansas City there is a plan on foot to put boats again on the Missouri river. The effort has been hailed with enthusiasm all along the river. Boonville, Mo., is a simple case. After a day spent in Boonville a correspondent of the Kansas City Star writes:

This town has not grown since the days of steamboat traffic, thirty years ago. It had a population of 2,000 then; it has the same number now.

In the old days, when a fleet of sixty-five steamboats plied the Missouri river, Boonville ranked among the important commercial cities in the state outside of St. Louis. It was even greater than Kansas City. Often a half dozen steamboats lay with their nozzles to its levees. The shouts of roasting gangs and the cries of a hundred teenagers echoed day and night from its warehouse walls.

In those days it was a freight distributing point for all the country roundabout. Trains of freight wagons loaded at its levees for points fifty and eighty miles away. Drove of cattle, hogs and sheep and whole cargoes of grain and farm products went from Boonville by water.

And then came the railroads with a lower freight rate than the boats could meet and live, and one boatman after another failed and withdrew from the killing competition of the rail lines. Soon there was not a steamboat left in the trade.

And then what happened? Let the government authorities of the inland waterways commission tell the story. The last report of this commission made to congress in 1908 says this of river towns:

"The railroads take traffic at unduly low rates along the river and at competitive points generally and recompense themselves by high charges at noncompetitive points."

This official report gives one indication of why the growth of Boonville ceased when the steamboats left the river. From St. Louis to Boonville is 150 miles. The rail rate on first class freight from St. Louis to Boonville is 52 cents a hundred pounds. The rail rate from St. Louis to Burlington, Ia., the same distance, is 39 cents a hundred pounds for the same class of freight. The reason the rail rate to Burlington is 13 cents lower than to Boonville is that Burlington is on the Mississippi river and two lines of steamboats reach it from St. Louis. The rate by steamer to Burlington on the same class of freight is 23 cents, 19 cents lower than the rail rate to Boonville.

The same government report shows that the same class of freight is carried by rail from St. Louis to Winona, Minn., 400 miles, for 50 cents, 2 cents less than the rate to Boonville, and the water rate to Winona is only 34 cents, while freight is carried by water from St. Louis clear to St. Paul, 450 miles, for 40 cents, 12 cents less than the rail rate to Boonville.

It is this condition that has aroused the business men of this place to the need of water transportation.

**Goes to Germany.**

David Campbell of Monmouth, with his aunt, Mrs. Cassie Stump, left Saturday for the east and will sail from Baltimore on the 18th of this month for Germany, where David will study for the next three years under the great masters of the continent.

Mr. Campbell is only 17 years of age and is one of the most promising of the younger musicians of the state, and will certainly be heard from in later years. His talent for the piano was brought out under Mrs. May Bowden Babbitt, and when he went to Walla Walla a year ago he easily won the year's scholarship in Whitman college. In this competition he had to enter against some of the best players of the Northwest. Mr. Campbell was greatly benefitted by his year at Whitman college and all his friends expect to hear from him later when he returns to this country. A large number of his friends from Monmouth were at the train to bid him goodbye.

**At Work Again.**

The work on the west end of the Beaverton-Oswego cut-off on the Dallas branch of the Southern Pacific, which was stopped about six weeks ago pending the arrival of a pile-driver, was resumed this week. It is estimated that the line will be completed to the river by November 1st, where a bridge is under construction. Twenty-seven car loads of supplies are already on the grounds and twelve cars of steel are expected at twelve cars of steel are expected at any time.

**Granulated Sore Eyes Cured**

"For twenty years I suffered from a bad case of granulated sore eyes," says Martin Boyd of Henrietta, Ky. "In February, 1903, a gentleman asked me to try Chamberlain's salve. I bought one box and used about two-thirds of it and my eyes have not given me any trouble since." This salve is for sale by P. M. Kirkland.

**MONMOUTH**

Mrs. M. A. Rickard of Corvallis visited her mother, Mrs. H. E. Guthrie, the first of the week, returning to her home today.

Miss Cassie Stump and her nephew, David Campbell, went to Portland Friday and from there they went to Baltimore, from where they accompanied for Germany, where Mr. C. will pursue his course in music.

Paul Baker and wife returned Saturday from Newport where they spent the past three weeks.

Mrs. McKee and sons of Florence came Wednesday to make a visit at the home of her father, William Riddell.

Mrs. Corydon Lowe of Idaho is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Remington.

Roy and Rosa Smith went to Newport Monday to enjoy the ocean.

Mrs. Irene Dalton went to Newport Saturday.

I. C. Powell and O. A. Wolverton went to Newport Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Lindsay are off to the fair at Seattle for their vacation.

Cass Lawrence started his threshing outfit Monday at his place north of town.

Fred Martin of Portland was a guest at the home of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Martin, over Sunday.

Mrs. Treat was a business visitor in Independence Tuesday.

Frank Lucas was a pleasant caller at the home of his mother, Mrs. A. W. Lucas, the first of the week.

Riddell Bros. and also Black Bros. started their threshing machines Monday.

Mrs. Stanley of Portland came on the Saturday evening train for a visit with her grandmother, Mrs. A. W. Lucas.

The summer school closed the 6th of August. A very satisfactory and successful term was the result.

Pres. P. L. Campbell of the state university was a pleasant visitor in town Thursday and Friday.

**Real Estate Transfers**

The following real estate transfers were filed with the county clerk for the week ending August 9:

George S Gels to Mary J E Preston, lots in Independence .....	2100
Mary E Preston to L S Lyon, lots in Independence ..	2100
Cora A Huston et al to L G Reeves, lots in Independence ..	1700
J F May et ux to H M Reeves, lots in Independence .....	750
A W Towler et ux to Horace M Reeves, lots in Independence ..	735
E L Baker et ux to H M Reeves, lots in Independence ..	940
Rodney Cambell et ux to Jas Van Groos et ux, 1-6 interest 156 acres t 6 s r 5 w	1
Piers Riggs et ux to S F C & W Ry Co., right of way	1
Watters Bros Investment Co to E Hofer lots in West Salem .....	225
David Mills to Jacob H Starr et ux 40 acres t 9 s r 5 w	1300
G W Johnson et ux to Watters Investment Co., lots in West Salem .....	10
Louise Jochinsen, to Peter Redekopp, 39 acres t 9 s r 5 w	2125
A N Davis et ux to Mabel Courter, lots in Falls City	225
Elizabeth J Hayes et al to Mary A Winn, 10 acres t 7 s r 5 w .....	10
Sheridan Lumber Co to Fremont Everett 160 acres t 7 s r 7 w .....	10
P F Bowser to P C Davis lots in Dallas .....	100
C A Frantz to J H James, 1/2 acre t 9 s r 4 w .....	10
J H Wilson & W J Merford to J W Brown, 95 acres t 9 s & 10 s r 6 w .....	2800
Oregon-Indiana Land Co to W D Mixtre 720 acres t 9 s r 8 w .....	300
Elizabeth Wright by administrator, to W B McKown, lots in Falls City .....	700
J N Hulet et al to B T Hinzda, 641 acres t 6 s r 7 w 10500	

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**Almost a Fire.**

The sawmill belonging to the Benton County Lumber Company at their camp in the timber west of Philomath came near being destroyed by fire

supposed to have been started by campers, gained considerable headway and burned about the camp before it was put out. A donkey engine was quite badly damaged by having water thrown on it while it was hot. The fire was extinguished before it reached the big timber.

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