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MONMOUTH BANK WILL SOON OCCUPY NEW HOME

Monmouth, Aug. 2.—Beginning as a private concern in the eighties, the First National bank of this city, which is preparing to move into its new brick and stone structure on Main and Knox streets, has witnessed a steady growth without a misfortune to mar its career. The business was incorporated by D. T. Stanley while he was president of the Oregon State normal school. Due to the activity of P. L. Campbell, who followed Stanley as president of the normal school, the business was reorganized as the Polk county bank under state laws, June 16, 1890. On the first board of directors were P. L. Campbell, Frank S. Powell, J. B. V. Butler, I. M. Simpson, A. B. Griggs, John B. Stump, and I. A. Macrum of Portland. J. B. V. Butler and I. M. Simpson are still serving in this capacity. Frank S. Powell, A. B. Griggs and I. A. Macrum have passed away. P. L. Campbell was the first president and I. A. Macrum was vice-president. The remaining positions from cashier to janitor were held by Ira C. Powell, the present president of the institution.

J. H. Hawley served as president from 1903 until his death in 1911, when he was succeeded by J. B. V. Butler. In 1915 Ira C. Powell was elected president and has since been active manager of the business.

In 1911 the bank was reorganized as the First National Bank.

During the panics of 1893 and 1907, when many banking houses went under, the local bank came through with strong cash reserves and a minimum of losses.

With the history of the banking business in Monmouth is woven the defeats and triumphs incident to the establishment of the normal school system in Oregon. When state aid was withheld the bank supplied funds to keep the normal school in operation, and it became the headquarters for the campaign that terminated in the re-establishment of the institution by popular vote in 1910.

The policy of the bank since its beginning has been to support the business interests of the whole community and at the same time keep within the bounds of safety with liquid interests.

The bank has occupied its present location since 1896, when the two-story brick building, erected in 1890, was destroyed in the big fire that burned almost the entire business section of Monmouth.

The new building is of brick and cast stone construction. It is 52 by 41 feet in size, and 28 feet in height. Four large stone pillars present an imposing appearance at the entrance on Main street. The inside is finished in walnut with marble base and has an eighteen-foot ceiling. In addition to the commodious lobby there is a community room with fireplace, a private room for directors, and a savings deposits room.

Minnesota Picnic

Minnesota picnic at the state fair grounds, Salem, Tuesday, Aug. 8. Former Minnesotians invited. Bring lunch baskets.

Privilege of Nobility.

Lord Denbigh, whose coat-of-arms displays, appropriately enough, three carving knives, is nominally head-carver to the king of England. Similarly, Lord Mount Edgemoor is head butler; Lord Abergraveny, grand steward of the pantry; Lord Rothes, stirrup holder; Lord Winchester, cup bearer; while the duke of Newcastle is privileged to give support to the sovereign's arm when fatigued by the burden of the scepter.

To the bishop of Durham and Bath belongs the right of the bestowal of the royal person if the king succumb to faintness. Custom, too, requires that the archbishop of Canterbury shall prepare a bowl of soup should his Britannic majesty require it.

What is the Next Stop?

In New Zealand there is in use an automatic device for telling railway passengers the name of the next station. The names of the various stations are printed on a roll, which is rotated by toothed wheels. A "tripper" is placed about on the track or by its side, between each station, and this is so adjusted as to strike a lever on the passing car. The motion is communicated to the toothed wheels governing the roll bearing the station names, and the ringing of an automatic bell announces to the passengers the fact that the name of the next station is on view.

Wonderful Imagination.

A bright boy was asked by his governess to write a description of his (imaginary) travels in Italy. She was rather staggered, however, when she read: "After sailing about Venice on a gorgonzola and being disappointed in the smallness of the boasted 'Bridge of Size,' I went on to Rome. Again I was disappointed. The Coliseum there compared unfavorably with the one in London. The macaroni fields were white for harvest, but the spaghetti was only just in bloom. There was nothing on at the Vatican, as the pope no longer lives underground."

GROWERS DO TWO MILLION DOLLAR BUSINESS

A report recently completed by the Oregon Growers' Cooperative association in connection with the annual audit shows that during the past year business through the sale of fruit amounting to nearly \$2,000,000. Segregated into accounts for the different fruits the report is as follows:

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| Apples | \$522,411.11 |
| Pears | 258,942.19 |
| Dried Prunes | 843,577.99 |
| Cherries | 83,461.32 |
| Berries | 148,141.32 |
| Nuts | 26,495.00 |
| Vegetables | 33,882.99 |
| Plums and Green Prunes | 23,882.16 |
| Dried Apples | 322.50 |
| Grapes | 1,712.39 |
| Apricots | 19,212.33 |
| Peaches | 19,516.00 |

It is believed that this year's business will total \$3,000,000 or more. The association is now actively operating in practically all of the principal fruit districts in Oregon and controls over 3200 acres of fruit, which acreage is steadily growing.

A partial closing of the 1921 prune pool and the mailing of checks to its 1300 prune grower members, totaling over \$91,000 was announced early this week by the Oregon Growers' Cooperative association. This will be followed by another, and final payment immediately after the disposal of a small quantity of the larger sizes which have been held for higher prices.

The supply of the larger prunes is limited and with a large crop coming on with little prospect for large size prunes, it is believed the unsold supply will return very satisfactory prices.

Prune harvest prices have been set by the association as follows: Picking, 8c per bushel, if the pickers work throughout the season, otherwise the price will be 6c; drier help and other labor \$3 per day, and kiln men, \$5.

Aphis on cabbage and kale plants are particularly bad this year in many parts of Oregon. Black leaf-40 diluted according to directions on the package will clean them out when properly applied. A good soap suds rather than clear water will assist in spreading the solution, making it more effective and economical of labor and material.—O. A. C. Experiment Station.

FARM POINTERS

Silage is an insurance against a long winter and short hay crop, as well as an economical feed for sheep and cattle. The full value of the silo was felt in the late hard winter with hay out of sight. The Union experiment station has found that a combination of hay and silage produces twice the daily gains at half the cost of gains on hay alone.—O. A. C. Extension Service.

When ants become troublesome whole colonies may be destroyed by mixing a teaspoonful of tartar emetic with a tablespoonful of honey, spreading it on a piece of bread and placing this bait in the path of the ants. They carry portions of the poisoned honey to their young as well as eat of it themselves.—O. A. C. Experiment Station.

Land in the Willamette valley that is to be sown to fall crops can be diked to advantage before the fall rain. This puts the land in shape so that it can be plowed earlier, which is an essential thing for successful fall sown grain.—O. A. C. Experiment Station.

Shipping Sheet Rubber.

A new case for shipping sheet rubber has been introduced into Singapore shipping circles by an American firm. These reach local exporters in the form of sheets made of 100 per cent fiber, the riveting, packing and wiring being done by the shippers. The thickness of the sheets enables the cases built from them to hold from 12 to 25 per cent more weight of rubber than the old wooden boxes, and the new construction is practically unbreakable, very cleanly and waterproof.—Scientific American.

Speeches Quickly Reported.

When Governor Miller of New York makes a speech he takes along three of his own stenographers, a typewriter, and a mimeographing machine. The stenographers work in shifts, so that copies of his speech made in New York recently were available 9 minutes and 10 seconds after he had spoken the last word.—Exchange.

Change of Subject.

"Do you think Mars is inhabited?" "I'm looking the matter up," replied Senator Sorghum, "along with evolution. My wife says we men have made such a muddle as politicians that it's time we took up science or literature or something."

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