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Our State Normal.

The State Normal School at Monmouth has brought to a close one of the most successful years in its history. Friends of the institution and those connected with it flocked from all parts of the state to be in attendance at the closing exercises. Governor Geer, Supreme Court Justice Wolverton, Hon. A. B. Aiken, A. Noltner and others were present and lent dignity to the occasion. Great surprise was expressed at the extent and character of the work done. Its course of training embraces the history and philosophy of education, school room tactics, methods and devices which enter into every feature of school economy. These intangible things are taken from the realm of theory and put into practice in the training school and workshop where in the processes and theories become the veritable tools in the hands of the cadet teacher. Our state owes a lasting obligation to President Campbell and his efficient assistants for the high standard achieved by the Monmouth Normal.

County Road Fund.

The expenditure of county money for any purpose whatsoever should claim the closest attention of every taxpayer and especially is this true of road money. Good roads are so vital to our farmers, to everyone in the country in fact, that we wish to particularly call attention to the amount spent for good road work in each precinct up to June 1, 1902. The apportionment below practically includes two-thirds of the amount of road fund for 1902. The statement is as follows:

Precinct	Apportionment	Expended
Douglas.....	\$304 00.....	\$ 94 50
Jackson.....	544 00.....
Salt Lake.....	365 00.....	43 00
Spring Valley.....	341 00.....	137 84
Eola.....	500 00.....	103 75
Rickreall.....	714 00.....	50 25
South Independence.....	333 00.....	32 25
South Monmouth.....	405 00.....
Buena Vista.....	359 00.....	51 00
Suver.....	306 00.....
Luckiamute.....	599 00.....	8 40
Bridgeport.....	229 00.....	156 78
East Dallas.....	434 00.....	51 00
McCoy.....	369 00.....	90 00
South Dallas.....	284 00.....	189 75
North Independence.....	443 00.....	204 75
North Dallas.....	363 00.....	113 62
Rock Creek.....	76 00.....
North Monmouth.....	307 00.....
Falls City.....	140 00.....	112 50

The spirit of improvement is abroad in Independence. Not for years have the people shown such a desire to beautify and improve their property. This is a good sign. It shows that money is plentiful and that our people are willing to spend it. It is wonderful how far a little paint goes to make a town attractive. Keep right along in the good work. Independence can be made the most attractive spot in the most beautiful valley on earth.

We have received a very attractive little pamphlet descriptive of the attractions of Yaquina Bay as a summer resort. It was got out by the Corvallis and Eastern Railroad and should be instrumental in persuading many to spend their vacation at "the peer of all north-west summer resorts."

The desperate Salem convicts are still at large. They are now in the state of Washington with favorable chances of eluding their pursuers. It is claimed by some that the pursuit lacks good management, and results would seem to justify such a conclusion. The pursuers have fired into each other with what may prove fatal effect. If the man does not die he will be lame for life. Of course it is an easy matter to criticize at a safe distance. There is not much danger in it. Perhaps the critics would change their minds if they hit the trail themselves.

Details of the State Normal commencement at Monmouth will appear in next week's ENTERPRISE. Our correspondent at that point deemed it best to give the exercises as a whole rather than have them appear by piecemeal, as would be necessary owing to the fact that our publication day comes on Thursday and matter for that issue must be on hand Wednesday. Hence the delay.

Bring your old Tin Types
and have them

Copied and Enlarged.

Orders for

Crayon and Pastel

Portraits promptly and
satisfactorily filled.

I also have the agency for the

Premo Poco and Cyclone

Cameries and Kodak Supplies.

The dollar dozen photos my
SPECIALTY.

McCaleb's.

C Street, Independence.

Fire Insurance.

V. O. BOOTS

Monmouth, Oregon,

.....REPRESENTS THE.....

Fire Association of Philadelphia

AND THE

London & Lancashire Fire Insurance Co.

Losses promptly paid.

NOW

That the stock, in our several lines, is full and our store crowded on every floor, we feel that it is time to tell the people of Independence and vicinity of a few of the things which we are offering at very close prices. If you are needing anything in the line of

FURNITURE



You will likely find what you want at our store. We have a good assortment of *Child's Cribs*, both in wood and iron.

Our line of

Iron Bedsteads

Is not surpassed by those of any

store in the valley. Nearly everybody nowadays buys Iron Bedsteads in preference to the older and more objectionable wooden ones. You should consider their advantages before buying.



You can bank your money
on our

Dining Tables

Being good values. They are the finest make and finish we ever had. The style is up with tables of higher cost made by other factories. They are made 6, 8, 10 and 12 feet in length. We have them as low in price as

\$4.50.

Some people do not know that they

can get a **Lounge** made to order at our store, which will out last several common lounges and not cost any more. We make all of our upholstered work and by so doing put dollars into the pockets of every purchaser. Why? Because we make each piece upon honor. We try to see how good, not how cheap and poor, we can do our



work. Box couches for cosy corners and bed rooms are quite popular at the present time, and quite a lot of our time is occupied with special orders of this kind. We have them as low as \$4.



We have Artificial Palms for decorative use. Why bother with live plants when you can have artificial ones with so much less trouble. From 60c to \$2.50 each



Buren & Hamilton

HOUSE FURNISHERS

SALEM,

OREGON.