

# County Correspondents Sweep The Field.

## D. SIMPSON

Friend and Teacher Passes  
to the Great Beyond  
Saturday, May 21

General Joubert Gives Interest-  
ing Lecture in the Normal  
Chapel on Boer War

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### MONMOUTH SPECIAL

Claude D. Simpson died at the home of his parents in this city, Saturday, May 21st. Mr. Simpson was born near Lewisville, May 22, 1880. His education was received in the public schools of this county and the Normal school, he being a member of the February '04 class of the latter institution. The funeral services were held at the Christian church Monday, under the auspices of the I. O. O. F. and W. O. W. of this county. Mr. Simpson was Noble Grand of Valley Lodge No. 2 I. O. O. F. Independence at the time of his death. The beautiful and impressive funeral services which were given to all that was mortal of this noble young man was but a fitting tribute to a life that had been spent in such an earnest endeavor to attain that which was higher and better. The faculty and students of the Normal and the teachers and pupils of the Independence school, where he has taught so faithfully and successfully for the past two years, attended in a body. Many were unable to gain admission to the church and stood outside listening through the open windows to the words of hope so eloquently delivered by Rev. J. A. Brown. His untimely death has cast a gloom over the community, for to know Mr. Simpson was to love and respect him, and the heartfelt sympathy of all is with the grief-stricken family in their hour of sorrow. The remains were interred in the I. O. O. F. cemetery south of Independence.

Oscar Hayter was on our streets Tuesday.

N. L. Butler of Dallas was a business visitor Saturday.

V. O. Boots has put a windmill and tank on his residence property.

Many of our citizens attended the teacher's picnic at Rickreall Saturday.

N. S. Butler of Portland visited with his parents here the last of the week.

Prof. A. C. Hampton has returned from McCoy where he has been teaching.

E. L. Hiteman of San Francisco spent Sunday and Monday visiting here.

Pres. B. F. Mulkey of the Ashland Normal was a visitor here the first of the week.

Prof. A. F. Campbell and family spent Saturday and Sunday in Portland.

Miss Opal Boothby has returned from Portland where she had been for several months.

John Brown of the Newberg Handle Factory was here this week buying oak timber for his factory.

The Normal base-ball team will meet the McMinnville team on the diamond at the Ballston picnic next Saturday.

Mrs. J. H. Hawley went to McCoy Monday where her daughter-in-law, Mrs. C. L. Hawley is seriously ill.

No services will be held at the churches here next Sunday morning and the various congregations will attend the Decoration Day services at the Auditorium in Independence.

Mr. Denyer of Turner was here Sunday. He will attend the Normal next year and as he is a musician of considerable ability, will be quite an addition to the band.

While cutting wood Raymond West, a student of the Normal made a mislick which resulted in a badly cut foot. He is doing nicely however, and will soon be able to get out again.

Mayor Hawley has returned from Nevada where he went to look after the interests of the Pilot Knob Mining Company. He reports very flattering prospects and visions of wealth are floating before the eyes of the stock holders.

Falls City's news man becomes unduly excited and reports to several of the papers that their baseball team defeated the Normal team last Sunday. The State Normal does not, and never has, permitted Sunday contests in any line of athletics and it is an injustice to this institution for such a report to be published. We have no doubt, however, but that the article was caused from a misunderstanding. When it comes to Falls City defeating the Normal facts "we must be showed."

### NORMAL NOTES.

Miss Jessie Sand, an alumnus of the Normal visited the "old school" on Tuesday. She was on her way to her home in Astoria, having taught in Lakeview during the past year.

Mr. Mahoney was unable to meet his classes on Monday.

Maoy from Monmouth attended the picnic at Rickreall. A drill in callisthenics was given by children from the training school under the direction of Mr. Forbes.

General Joubert, supposed to be a nephew of the great commander, Joubert, gave an interesting and instructive lecture in the chapel Thursday evening.

Miss Kruse of the class of February '04, came over from Salem on Sunday. She has resigned her position in the Salem public schools and will next teach in the school for the blind.

Some fifteen pupils in the training school took the eighth grade examinations which were given last week.

A lecture under the auspices of the Prohibition League was given by Mr. Tiffany in the chapel Saturday evening. The Philomath Glee Club furnished excellent music.

Miss Minerva Call, a graduate of the Normal and now critic teacher at the Drain Normal, will stop at Monmouth for a visit, on her way to her home in Portland.

An interesting program and encouraging report comes from Miss Maude Kimball, a former student, who is now superintendent of the schools in Kathlamet county, Washington. Miss Kimball has planned to take some special work in household economy and manual training.

### BIRD ISLAND.

S. Warren was called home to Lebanon by the serious illness of his brother.

Wm. Orr will get out a thousand trellis poles for Horst Bros.

Joe Hirschberg is having trellis poles cut for his thirty-five acre stake yard. He will convert this yard into a trellis yard this fall.

Horst Bros. are using shovel plows instead of the turning plow for the third and fourth plowing of their hops, and they seem to do as nice work and more of it than the old style of turning plow.

Fitchard & Wolfe will build new hop houses and drying kilns this summer. Their yards are in nice shape and are in a high state of cultivation.

### COOPER HOLLOW.

Last Sunday Wm. Alderman and wife of Falls City started down to Wm. Yeater's. The horse became scared and started to run and in making an effort to stop him Mr. Alderman was thrown against a telephone pole, cutting his face and rendering him unconscious. Mrs. Alderman was also hurt very badly. They were carried to the home of Will Lee and received the best of care until they regained consciousness and were then taken home.

Mrs. Maud Fraty and little son Willis are visiting relatives here.

James Goodman spent Sunday in Portland.

"Grandma" Sullivan with her son Ira were at their home place in McTimond's valley Sunday.

Miss Wills of Monmouth spent Sunday with Alice Mack.

Mr. Wunder and daughter Minnie visited with Mr. Johnson and family last Wednesday.

Mrs. Mack visited with Mrs. Wm. Yeater Sunday.

## DALLAS NEWS.

Much Interest in Politics  
Around The Court House  
at Dallas.

Republicans Make Great Preparations for Saturday Night.  
Democrats Don't Talk.

Republicans are making great preparations for their grand rally to be held here next Saturday evening. Senator Fulton and Hon. Binger Hermann will address the good people of Polk county in general and the voters in particular, on the issues of the day. The rally will be held at the court house at 8 p. m., on the evening above mentioned. Music for the occasion will be furnished by the Dallas Zouave Band. A free train will run from Falls City to the county seat, and a special free motor from Independence and Monmouth. It is the intention of the republican managers to make this event the most successful of its kind ever held in Dallas or Polk county, and no expense will be spared in perfecting every detail.

Hon. Frank Motter, the noted campaign orator of Portland is to speak at several different points in the county next week in the interests of the republican cause. On Tuesday afternoon Mr. Motter will address the voters of Buells; Wednesday evening at McCoy; Thursday evening at Airlie; and Saturday evening at Independence.

The democrats do not intend to make campaign speeches of any kind. Their candidates are working each one for himself, and they maintain that better results can be obtained in this way than by undue amount of noise and fireworks.

The Prohibitionists are working hard in the cause of local option and expect to make it carry in this county. The contests in the county offices are taking all the time and absorbing all their interest, and the question so dear to the hearts of the Prohis must needs take a back seat.

Leaders of both the democratic and republican parties state that while they expect to land most of the ticket, yet the majorities received by their candidates will be small. It is generally conceded that never before in the history of Polk county has the result of a county election been so much in doubt as at present.

Mrs. Claude Gatch, of Salem, Grand Matron of the Eastern Star, made Naomi Chapter, of Dallas an official visit last Tuesday evening. Several local candidates were initiated into the mysteries of the Order. A large delegation from Salem attended the ceremony, returning home about midnight.

### PARKER.

Sheriff J. T. Ford was a Parker caller Wednesday.

Mrs. Emmons and daughter visited Mrs. Emmons' son Robert, Sunday.

Miss Lucy Bolter is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Alexander.

Miss Katherine Gentry was a home visitor Thursday.

Miss Maggie Kerr returned to her home Saturday.

Mrs. Jas. Helms returned from a visit to Albany Saturday.

Mrs. Fuqua visited her brother, Mr. G. B. Suver, Sunday.

David F. Young and Will Adams have gone to Mr. Hiltirbrand's to do some paper hanging.

Miss Lizzie Arlandson visited her sister Saturday.

The bridge carpenters at Luckiamute and another crew will finish the work. The material for finishing the bridge is not all on the ground as yet.

Mr. L. L. Sirer was calling on friends here Sunday.

A number from here attended the picnic at Rickreall Saturday.

Mrs. Nancy Kerr, an old pioneer, and for about eighteen years a resident of Parker, died in Portland at the home of her daughter on May 20.

Mrs. R. W. Swink is visiting here and attending the depot in the absence of Mr. Powell, who is taking a short vacation.

The program to be given by the Parker school on the evening of May 27 at 8 p. m. is as follows:

Greeting Song..... School  
Pledge to Flag..... School  
Recitation..... Guy Peterson  
Recitation..... Valena Fuqua  
Instrumental Solo..... Maggie Evans  
Song..... School  
Recitation..... Walter Kerr  
School Recitation..... Six boys  
Solo..... Mrs. E. Davidson  
Recitation..... Mrs. R. W. Swink  
Recitation..... Owen Peterson  
Recitation..... Flo Powell  
Song..... School  
Recitation..... Ermon Wheelock  
Dialogue..... Five pupils  
Recitation..... Oscar Peterson  
Recitation..... Francis Lacey  
Song..... Carrie Evans  
Song..... School

### FALLS CITY

Sunday May 29 there will be a game of baseball between the Falls City and Independence teams played at Falls City. A big crowd and a good time is anticipated.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Butler are attending the state grange at Corvallis this week.

J. B. Teal is having the road worked between his house and F. Butler's place.

### The Record Breaking Winter.

Never have the harbingers of spring been more cordially welcomed than now. We have had quite enough of the "good old fashioned" winter. Reports from all parts of the country seem to show that it was the most severe in years if not the worst on record. The mean temperature of the winter for Boston was 24.05 degrees F. above zero, with sixty-six inches of snowfall. In New York the season was the coldest on record, with a mean temperature of 26 1-3 degrees above zero. This is 5 1-3 degrees lower than in any winter for more than thirty years and 1 degree colder than that of 1874-75, hitherto the coldest on record. Blizzards and heavy snowstorms were responsible for a fall of twenty-eight and one-half inches, which cost more than \$800,000 to remove. In fact, according to the officials of the street cleaning department, no such amount of snow has ever been shoveled from the streets of New York in any previous winter in the city's history. Chicago experienced a mean temperature slightly lower than New York's and suffered no less severely from the heavy falls of snow.

Railroads all over the country were greatly hampered by snow, particularly in Canada and the northwest. The freight service on three Canadian lines was abandoned altogether for a time, and only a fraction of the passenger trains were running. So great was the interruption of railroad traffic caused by cold and snow that some of the larger systems were scarcely able to earn operating expenses.

The most distressing feature of the long, cold winter has been its effect upon public health. The theory that a cold winter is conducive to good health has been pretty thoroughly exploded, the reports from all parts of the country showing unusual prevalence of physical ailments caused by low temperature. Serious epidemics of grip and pneumonia were prevalent in many of the larger cities, particularly in New York and Chicago, where the death rate was alarmingly high.

After these long, tedious months of storm, snow, ice, sleet, blizzards and zero temperature, which have taxed human endurance well nigh to the limit, it is with special earnestness that we say, "Come, gentle spring; ethereal mildness, come."

### The Duration of the War.

Judging from journalistic expressions, Europe seems to have made up its mind that the Russo-Japanese war will last a long time. The Birsheviya Viedomosti, the most anti-British of Russian organs, asserts that "the war is certain to be protracted unless France should be induced to forget the lost provinces and join Germany and Russia in punishing England's treachery." The English journals do not venture to fix a time limit, but the military correspondents of the Standard, the Mail and the Telegraph do not see how the military situation can be cleared up for months. The British government is supposed by the London Times to be in a position to prevent any immediate need for the intervention of neutral powers, although it expresses itself on this point with reserve.

In France the expectation of a long war is candidly set forth, more particularly by the Figaro, which says:

What is the use of self-deception? There is every reason to fear, in view of the present situation, that the war will last a long time. Nor is this a vain prognostication, an airy apprehension. It is an observation dictated by common sense, based upon the more or less complete success of the Japanese at the outset.

Subject for the most serious reflection is afforded by the fact that the initial advantages, although doubtfully obtained by the Japanese fleet without a previous declaration of war, open up limitless horizons to the duration of hostilities. Suppose the contrary had happened—suppose the Japanese had been vanquished on the water and their fleets sunk or dispersed. It being generally conceded that the Russian army would obtain sooner or later a vindication of its prowess on land, that very fact must not only have localized the conflict, but have limited its duration. This was the earnest hope of all the powers.

The stroke at Port Arthur and in general the superiority of the Japanese on the water have destroyed this hope. The net result has been to intensify their enthusiasm, and it may now be deemed certain that a land war alarms them no more than a naval war. All the news that comes from the far east shows that the Japanese rely for ultimate victory as much upon their soldiers as they do upon their warships.

And this is the Japanese delusion which, it seems to us, must fatally prolong the war.

That the Russians themselves expect and are preparing for a long struggle before the Japanese are beaten is apparent and is covertly voiced by more than one St. Petersburg journal. It is possible, thinks the Novoe Vremya, that another Sevastopol awaits Russia and adds:

We are willing to concede that the Russian nation may find that the Japanese phantom has reality. We cannot go back. Before the outbreak of the war we were

at liberty to attempt everything that seemed possible. We could have put off the question of the far east, leaving it to posterity, which will be stronger and more enterprising. But now we must take this question upon our shoulders in all its immensity, after the fashion of Atlas, who, according to the ancient Greeks, bore the earth upon his shoulders. Russia is an Atlas.

According to the report of State Labor Commissioner McMackin, labor conditions in New York were better for the workman last year than in any other year in a decade, with the possible exception of 1902. The hours of labor were shortened in many cases and wages increased. One pleasing feature of the commissioner's report relates to child labor. While some 3,000 children were found to be illegally employed, yet the employment of children is decreasing, the percentage of child labor in factories being only a trifle over 2 per cent of the whole number employed. That is distinctly encouraging.

Senator Dolliver is correct in his statement that the sons of rich men are entitled to much sympathy. Take, for instance, poor Willie K. Vanderbilt, who is constantly in trouble because people whom he runs over with his automobile have no more decency than to want to fight or sue for damages.

It is said that all the members of the Panama canal commission are sacrificing higher salaries than they will receive in their new capacity, which is no doubt true. Their pecuniary loss, however, will be more than offset by the distinguished honor that will be theirs if their work is well done.

Now that Mme. Patti has returned to her home in Europe she might collaborate with Signor Mascagni on the styles of trouble furnished foreign artists on their American tours.

Another unique revelation of the war is that there are Russians whose names do not end with "off," "vitch" or "sky," though they appear to be greatly in the minority.

If Colombia waits much longer before recognizing Panama the isthmian republic will be so much improved that Colombia won't be able to recognize it.

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## Correspondents Contest.

### LIST OF PRIZES.

FIRST PRIZE—Encyclopedia Britannica Revised, 1904 edition, Value \$39.  
SECOND PRIZE—Scholarship, including books, Scranton International Correspondents School, Value \$30.50  
THIRD PRIZE—An elegant Album.

### STANDING OF CONTESTANTS.

ANTIOCH	1405
SEVER	682
COOPER HOLLOW	210
MAPLE GROVE	81
ATLIE	81
OAK GROVE	44
BIRD ISLAND	118
BUENA VISTA	54
OAK POINT	36
PARKER	156
PEDEE	34
RIEKREALL	6
HIGHLAND	43
BALLSTON	29
CALVARY	12
SUNNY SLOPE	9
FALLS CITY	37

The present Correspondents Contest commenced Thursday, March 10, with one prize, a scholarship in the Scranton Penn. Correspondence School, valued at \$30.50. Other prizes are to be offered so that no one will be urged to put forth extra exertion for nothing. Though other prizes are yet to be announced every point won since March 10, is credited to the correspondent who sends it in. The one thing that contestants are counseled against is holding back anything upon which points are given. Prizes of cash value are put up and it is the purpose to require contestants to be perfectly fair with each other by sending in everything each week, while the paper is fair and impartial toward all contestants.

### CONDITIONS:

The correspondents page of the WEST SIDE ENTERPRISE through merit of giving the news of the county that no other paper gives is attracting attention and favorable comment. No county weekly in the state has a better corps of correspondents than this paper. The standard of excellence will be kept up on the correspondents page.

For every item accepted one point is allowed in the contest. For every item of more than ordinary interest 15 points allowed. For every item of extraordinary interest 25 points. Every yearly subscription 85 points. Every yearly renewal 75 points. Three months subscription 25 points. Six months and less than a year 35 points. For every dollar's worth of new business, outside of subscriptions, turned into the office, 50 points. The first points earned in this contest were by Wm. Fishback. Watch for other announcements next week.