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The Historic Town of Monmouth The Seat of the State Normal School is Livelier than Ever Before.

Model Farms of Oregon that Helped to Capture Blue Ribbon for Polk County Situated Near Monmouth.

Early in the spring of 1852 an emigration was organized at Monmouth, Ill., for the purpose of making the journey to the far away Oregon country of whose resources returning traders, trappers and miners told such wonderful stories. The membership of this company was composed of sturdy pioneer men and women willing to face the hardships and dangers of the long journey that they might obtain homes of their own. To this little band of pioneers is due the credit for founding the town of Monmouth. That the foundation laid for the town and community was not the ever shifting sand but upon the solid rock has fully proven itself during the fifty years of its existence. The founders were men who fully believed in the influence of the church and the school and one of the first acts was the establishment of Monmouth Academy, later Christian College and finally merged into the present State Normal, a full history of which appears farther on in this article. Some of the party took up homestead claims of 640 acres upon their arrival in the Willamette Valley but even at that early date most of the best land was taken, consequently, many bought homes near Monmouth. For many years wheat was the chief product, and was a very profitable one, the wonderfully rich soil producing from 40 to 60 bushels per acre and the price was from \$.75 to \$1.00 per bushel.

With passing of time the condition gradually changed, when crops began to decrease in yield. Summer fallowing was adopted as a sure restoration for the soil. A few years experience disproved the theory as the relief was but temporary. Early in the '90s an added burden in the shape of extreme low prices, wheat selling at one time as low as 35 cents, sounded the death knell to the already unprofitable business of raising wheat exclusively, about the same time the green aphid made its appearance on the grain and fields that had never given a yield of less than 25 bushels went down to 7 or 8. Truly the lot of the farmer at this time was an unenviable one and many of them went to the wall. During this time however, the brains of the country had not been idle and extensive experiments were being conducted with a view to introducing a system of diversified farming that would prove profitable and rebuild the land. Foremost among the farmers doing such experimental work were such men as J. B. Stump and Wm Riddell. How well they have succeeded is fully demonstrated by the appearance of their respective places. Much has been said in the various papers of the state concerning these two farms and their fine stock and beautiful fields of various kinds of crops and one is liable to reach the conclusion that when these farms have been seen all that is worthy of

notice has been gazed upon. Such a conception of the conditions existing in the county are far from correct. Such men as F. S. Powell, J. H. Mulkey, C. Lorraine, J. J. Russell, B. F. Whiteaker, Wm. Fugate, C. C. Stone, W. Meeker, H. F. Cartmell, G. W. Gibson, W. P. and T. A. Ireland, T. J. Pettit and K. Campbell, all of this immediate neighborhood and with farms from 150 to 400 acres, have kept fully abreast with all the experiments and conditions of the times and are all prosperous and contented. Many farmers with from 10 to 50 acres are enjoying an equal degree of prosperity. The reasons for the marked change in conditions are obvious, an intelligent diversifying of crops and the breeding of only the best stock has brought its own reward in the shape of fat bank accounts

Keep Politics Out of the Schools

By WHITELAW REID, Editor, Chancellor of the Board of Regents, University of the State of New York

LET us see to it that all our educational work, and ESPECIALLY THE WORK OF THE COMMON SCHOOLS, is done on the basis of absolute fairness to all the people. You carefully keep a saloon a certain number of yards away from a schoolhouse or a church. You are even more particular about other sources of possible contamination. But there is one thing not enumerated in the law which would damage the acceptable working of your common school system almost as much as these abhorrent and forbidden influences.



Far be it from me to disparage politicians; no man can be a good citizen without being a politician. But, whatever party he belongs to, it is reasonably certain that, half the time nearly, or more than half, the people having an equal interest with himself in the common schools will be opposed to his party.

POLITICS AND POLITICAL AIMS THEN CAN HAVE NO MORE BUSINESS IN THE SCHOOLROOM OR IN THE SCHOOL DIRECTION THAN THEY HAVE IN THE CHURCH.

A town is but a mirror of the financial condition of the farmer, consequently, during the hard times of the '90s Monmouth lost in population and real estate values slumped materially. The excellent financial condition of the entire community has caused a decided change and prices are on the up grade. Many people have come from other states and located here and the investment of their money has contributed materially to the present prosperity. A large number of sales of town property have been made during the past six months.

State Normal School
The course of study is correlated with the state course so that the students of the normal find no difficulty in taking regular State examinations as they occur during their course so that when they receive the diploma from the school they seldom have more than one short list of papers to write. The vacations come at such intervals as to make no conflict with these examinations and the students work. The four years diploma of this school is recognized and given equal credit by the state of Wash-

ington with its own Normal school. Diplomas arrangements are being made by which the same results may be reached in Idaho and California.

The course of study is so arranged that one period each day is given for the review and study of elementary English work; particular stress being laid upon the ability to speak, write and spell English correctly. Nature study is given in a practical way so that the students may receive some actual benefit there from beyond the theoretical beauty of the science.

The location of the school is ideal and accommodations may be had at a very reasonable expense. The school has been increasing in numbers for the last four years and the prospects for the coming year indicate a still larger increase. The excellence of the work done is indicated by the fact that the demand for the teachers graduated at this school far exceeds the supply and their work throughout the state has had a marked influence for good in every way.

In 1882 Christian College which was well known throughout the state on account of the splendid educational work was merged by a legislative act into the State Normal school at Monmouth. Being thus planted upon the old foundations so firm and well laid this school has amply deserved all the assistance which has been given it by the state and is now recognized

both theoretically and practically and is a first class man on the gridiron and diamond as well as in the house. He was a member of the Colorado State University team at the St. Louis exposition and captured both first and second places in two events.

Mrs. J. D. Housman and children are visiting at Mr. Bosley's at Sunny Slope.

W. L. Bristow and family spent Sunday with friends here.

Mrs. Thomas Williams of Lewisville spent Sunday with friends here.

Glen Work has been quite sick the past week.

Crops of all kinds are looking well, and threshing has begun. The fruit seems plentiful and gardens are looking fine.

Quite a number of students have been here selecting rooms for next winter.

Property is rapidly changing hands and many new families are coming in so the demand for houses is increasing.

Mrs. Elizabeth Percival is visiting her sister Mrs. Guthrie.

Mrs. M. E. Percival, formerly a resident of this place but now living in Shaniko, is visiting here.

W. F. Scott and Rebecca Avery have moved here from Falls City.

A. F. Campbell returned Saturday from a fishing trip on the headwaters of the McKenzie river. He reports a very pleasant trip and says the fishing up there is fine.

Prof. W. C. Byrant, principal of the Moro school, spent Monday and Tuesday here renewing old acquaintances.

T. J. Campbell came down from Albany Saturday and is visiting at the home of M. Mulkey.

Messrs. J. B. V. Butler, L. Ground, Dr. Butler and G. T. Boothby returned Friday from a hunting and fishing trip in the Yachats country. There is a spirited contest each year among these gentlemen for the fishing championship, for he who catches the greatest number of the finny tribe is King on the next trip and has none of the onerous duties of the camp to perform. Dr. Butler was the lucky one this year and will probably lord it over the rest of the bunch next year in great shape. When approached with the question as to how he did it and how many he had to buy the Dr. refused to be interviewed.

I. P. Reese has bought the Ira S. Smith property, C. E. Force the J. F. Powell residence, and J. R. Gordon the G. R. Huff place, and the end is not yet, for several other real estate deals are practically closed.

Miss Margaret Owen has closed her millinery parlors and will go to Salem where she has a position in a millinery store.

Wheat is yielding much better than was expected and the cry about short crops seems to have been a trifle premature. Fall wheat is yielding from 25 to 30 bushels.

W. S. Campbell is building a hay warehouse 50x80 with a storage capacity of 500 tons of baled hay. The enormous quantities of hay raised in this locality this year makes such a building a necessity as many of the farmers have not

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