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## OIL AT MONMOUTH

**Discovery In Well at State Normal Proves to Be Petroleum**

**Oil to Be Had Without Going to California, Texas or Far Away Alaska**

When the discovery of what was thought to be oil was made on the campus grounds of the State Normal three weeks ago, Secretary J. B. V. Butler sent a sample of the fluid to Eugene for chemical analysis.

A dispatch from the University of Oregon says: "That the sample is a derivative of petroleum is determined by the analysis just completed by Professor Stafford, of the University of Oregon, of an oil-like fluid taken from a well on the State Normal grounds at Monmouth. The test is of no little significance as indicating that petroleum deposits exist in the vicinity".

That there is petroleum underneath the surface of the ground near Monmouth has been thoroughly demonstrated. It offers a promising field for exploitation.

The analysis of samples sent to the University is but one of the many proofs that oil exists in Polk county. The interesting of capital to develop these oil deposits is the next step in order. A successful development will make things hum as even the most optimistic have never dreamed of. Outside capital is becoming interested and work will doubtless commence before many months on a well.

## CITIZENS BANQUET

**W. C. Brown of Dallas gives Banquet at Cottage Hotel For Old Citizens**

Wednesday W. C. Brown gave a banquet at the Cottage Hotel in Dallas to Polk county Citizens who have passed their majority.

Present on the occasion were. Jno. Ashbough age 83; Wm. Wilson Havter 70; E. Cadwell 70; Mrs. Cadwell 43; Mrs. Harriett Shreve 75; Cornell Hughes 70; Mrs. Cornell Hughes 68; F. M. Collins 70; Mrs. Lizzie Collins 65; W. C. Brown; Mrs. Eliza Emmons; J. M. Campbell 71; Mrs. J. M. Campbell 60; Mrs. E. L. Delashmutt 74; C. H. Chabman 75; Mrs. N. J. Frink 73; N. W. Allen 76; G. D. Robinson 73; A. Shultz 81; Mrs. E. Shultz 74; C. G. Rowell 71; Mrs. H. N. Webb 68; Mrs. M. Peterson 70; W. C. Pollan 70; Mrs. M. Pollan 45; W. W. Miller 73; Mrs. W. W. Miller 65; J. P. Starr 72; Mrs. A. E. Starr 65; Mrs. E. Lawrenson 73; T. C. Nye 77; Mrs. M. A. Brown 70; Mrs. F. A. Harris 82; Mrs. A. M. Williams 73; J. J. Williams 75; Mrs. E. T. Miller 75; M. Guy 89; Monroe Miller 77; Ab. Byrely 72; Aleck McDonald 80; Thomas Elliott 75; Mrs. Thos. Elliott 72; F. Ludwig 71; Mrs. Ludwig 65; E. R. Cutler 88; Mrs. Polly Robinson 81; Mrs. Mary Hubbard 79; Mrs. Fannie Nye 74; Dr. Hunter 70; Mrs. Dr. Hunter 48; Mrs. J. C. Wagner 65; Mrs. Josephine P. Bayle 74; J. L. Collins 72; Mrs. Mary E. Collins 56; Mrs. S. L. Irvine 82; T. J. Cummings 71; Sam Coad 72; Mrs. Sam Coad 48;

You can tell a successful farmer by looking at the wife's fruit in the closet. You can tell a slouchy woman by looking at her hair, you can tell a dry goods box statesman by the patches on his pantaloons. You can tell the poisonous serpent by the bluntness of his tail. But the easiest thing of all, you can tell the enterprising merchant by a glance at the local papers. This is not divine revelation but business and gospel truth.

## The Need of Freight Transportation.

The driving of 1140 head of mutton sheep from Corvallis to Portland, a distance of about 100 miles, shows the kind of service people in the Willamette valley are getting in the way of freight transportation. Stockmen have for a long time complained of this service without avail, and in order to get their stock to market are compelled to resort to old-time methods before railroads were built. The shrinkage in driving fat stock such a distance is great, consequently an expensive method of shipping. We believe if this matter was put before the Southern Pacific Company in the right light they would come to the relief of the shipper, thereby encouraging a larger trade along their lines. We do not believe that any railroad that has been so friendly to the interest of the farmer in the Willamette valley as has the Southern Pacific, would allow these conditions to exist any length of time, were they fully aware of the damage to their own interest.—Rural Spirit.

## THE GERLINGER MILL

**An Up-To-Date Lumber Factory to Be Put In By Douty and Simpson**

"Yes, we have bought a saw-mill plant from Gerlinger" said F. A. Douty, one of the owners of the Independence saw-mill, yesterday. He added that the machinery is now being boxed for shipping and will be here very soon.

The plant purchased is near Boring, a station on the O. W. P. Co's. road in Clackamas county. The plant is practically new, and is said to be a good one. It is in a locality burned over during the forest fires last summer, and there is little timber left accessible.

The mill will cut, Mr. Douty estimates, 50,000 feet in ten hours. It has a 100-horse power engine. The Douty & Simpson mill here has a 60-horse power engine. When the new plant is in place, it is the purpose of the proprietors to apply the power of the larger engine to the big saw while the smaller engine will be used to run the planers.

It is now a question of only a short time until lumber orders, large or small can be filled right here in Independence. A large manufacturing plant will be in operation here, which will carry a considerable pay roll. In connection with the mill will be a dry-kill as well as planers for it is the purpose of Douty & Simpson in putting in a large plant, to not only be able to fill orders promptly, but to turn out as fine a finished product as is to be had.

The hard wood mill of Fred Oberer recently removed here, it is understood, will start up soon also, and the prospects are that within a few weeks, any kind of lumber order can be filled at Independence.

## Poles Purchased

The Board of Directors of the Independence Telephone Company met this week and purchased 100 poles to be set between Independence and Monmouth. Poles 30 feet in length and 8 inches in diameter were bought. They were secured from C. N. Thorp and will be on the ground within ten days.

Lavish preparations are being made by the members of Salem Lodge 336, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of Salem for holding the annual memorial service of the order next Sunday afternoon. The exercises will be held in the Grand Opera House at 2 o'clock, and will be open to the public free of charge. L. T. Harris of Eugene, will deliver the memorial oration.

## DIED YESTERDAY

**Harbin Cooper a Well Known Polk County Citizen passes to The Beyond**

**Miner, Prospector, Business Man Whose History Recalls Life of Pioneer Days**

H. M. Cooper, known better as Harbin Cooper, died at his home in Independence yesterday morning. The announcement came as a surprise to people generally although he had been sick since Thanksgiving day. The immediate cause of his death was heart trouble, though he had been afflicted with asthma and bronchial troubles for some time.

H. M. Cooper was a brother of John B. Cooper, and leaves a widow and five children. Curtis Cooper the youngest and Mrs. Viola Hall, live here. William Cooper lives in The Dalles, Theodore in Yakima county, Wash. and Wilmur in Sherman county, Oregon.

H. M. Cooper\* was born near Louisville in Kentucky, December 5, 1829 and therefore would have been seventy-five years old had he lived until next Sunday. In 1839 he emigrated with his father's family to Missouri. There he remained until 1849, when like many others he left for California to engage in mining. In one year he returned to Missouri and was there married to Miss A. J. Stewart, who is now the surviving widow.

In 1853, together they set out with ox team, for Oregon. They located in Cooper Hollow, Polk county, where his father's family had settled the year before. The Cooper Hollow vicinity took its name from Lewis L. Cooper, father of Harbin and John R. Harbin spent a few years mining in Kittitas county, Wash. and owned and operated a grist mill in John Day. He sold the mill in '93 and returned to Independence where he since remained. At the time of his death he owned a farm of 300 acres just south of town and with Mrs. Hall, a 200 acre farm near the Krebs hop ranch. He also has interests in the Gold Creek Mining Co's property in Marion county. The greater part of Mr. Cooper's active life was spent mining and prospecting. As a mountaineer, he had few peers. He traversed the Cascades from California to British Columbia. The solitude of the mountains had charms, the hidden mineral wealth attractions for Harbin Cooper. He knew what it was to sleep alone in the mountains where the howl of hungry wolves and shrieks of panther's disturbed the tired man's slumbers. His was the nature of a Davy Crockett, though he never carried a gun. As a citizen, Mr. Cooper's life was exemplary. For a number of years, he was a consistent member of the Christian church.

## Pleasant Reception

A reception was given Monday evening by the Ladies Aid Society of the M. E. Church for the new minister Rev. E. W. Elayer and family at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Skinner of this city. A short but interesting program was rendered, after which delicious refreshments were served. A very pleasant evening was enjoyed by all present who were as follows:

Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Elayer and children, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Skinner, Mr. and Mrs. Stansbury, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Knox and children, Mr. and Mrs. Draxler, Mrs. E. E. Paddock and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ingermanson, Mr. and Mrs. Alms, Mrs. W. H. Craven, Mrs. Reese, Mr. and Mrs. Byers, Mr. and Mrs. Ingram, Mrs. Reaves and mother, Mrs. A.

J. Wilson, Mrs. Johnson, Jackson and Clara Purvine, Maud and Bertha Sharp, Leona Hopper. Alpha and Gladys Wilson, Claud Tharp, H. E. Conger, Mr. Williamson, Mr. Heppney, Mr. and Mrs. B. Wilson.

## A Serious Injury

Geo. Farrier received serious injury while operating a stump puller on Bird Island yesterday. He was following the horse when a clevis slipped off the end of the sweepstake. The sweepstake flew back, striking him on the thigh and broke the bone of his leg completely. Dr. Butler dressed the wound and sent the crippled man to the Salem hospital to be cared for. It was in the operation of the Carl Russell stump puller, the accident occurred. Mr. Farrier formerly worked for Fred Oberer.

## IN PORTLAND COURTS

**Mr. and Mrs. W. M. McLaughlin Take Their Troubles to Bad City of Portland**

W. M. McLaughlin and wife, Elmira, of Polk county are sharing with those who are attracting public attention through the courts at Portland. Mrs. McLaughlin first got her husband into trouble by turning over to the U. S. District Attorney, a letter from Mr. McLaughlin. Then she brought suit for divorce and asked for \$150 to pay the expense of the suit. The husband has filed an affidavit in answer to the petition for the \$150 allowance. The Oregonian's account of the matter says: He recites in the affidavit that, as a matter of fact, he is not her legal husband at all, for the reason she was married to him within six months from the time she was divorced from Thomas W. Jenkins, in Seattle. The divorce decree forbade her to marry until after the expiration of six months. She was divorced from Jenkins September 26, 1903, and her marriage to McLaughlin was solemnized in McMinnville, March 24, 1904. This is a close shave, because it gives McLaughlin only a margin of two days to get within the six-months' limit, but he thinks he can make the point stick. Before she was Mrs. Jenkins, McLaughlin asserts that she was known as Mrs. Lee. McLaughlin denies all the charges in the complaint.

The allegations of Mrs. McLaughlin are that the defendant was jealous of her, and carried on a vexatious espionage on her movements. She says he wrote a vile letter to her in October last containing false accusations, which she submitted to the United States postal authorities and caused him to be arrested.

McLaughlin owns property in Polk county valued at \$7000. Mrs. McLaughlin asks the court to decree her one-third of it and \$40 per month alimony.

## Presbyterian Bazaar

The Presbyterian Bazaar next Friday at the Opera house, will be the headquarters for pretty things for Christmas.

The ladies will be there all afternoon to show and sell kimonas, aprons, fancy slippers for old and young, hand made handkerchiefs, fancy cushions and sofa pillows, besides other articles too numerous to mention.

A musical and literary program will be given in the evening to which an admission of 10 cents will be charged.

## Announcement

I hereby announce myself an independent candidate for the office of marshal of the city of Independence.  
 J. W. Ball.