

**THE WEST SIDE.**

Every report from the country, in regard to crops is, that if prices are good this fall, that the crops will place the farmer on a good financial footing once more.

**DEMAGOGUE WEAVER**, having been repudiated by the Iowa populists, will now probably try to organize another new party.

Wasn't that Cleveland convention a corker? The Republican National League was never in better fighting trim.

The United States treasury has over \$100,000,000 in gold now. Wait until after October 1st, and see it vanish.

It is said that the Corbett-Fitzsimmons fight is being more talked about in Texas than silver.

Nervous people are not rejoicing at the prospect opened by the unusual cheapness of freetrackers.

The Japanese should heretofore be used exclusively as missionaries to China.

**The Keystone of the Arch**

In the edifice of health is vigor, which means merely muscular energy, but an active discharge of the various functions of the body, secure through the secretion of the bile, the action of the bowels, the circulation of the blood. Nothing more actively and thoroughly contributes to the united performance of these functions than the renowned tonic and regulator, Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. The result of its use is a speedy gain in strength, together with the agreeable consciousness that the tenure of life is being strengthened—that one is laying up a store of vitality against the unavoidable draughts which old age makes upon the system. The fortifying influence of the Bitters constitute a reliable safeguard against malaria, rheumatism and kidney trouble. Appetite and food, become through its use, and it protect the system from the effects of cold and damp.

**The Farmer and Good Roads.**

(Oregonian.)

Why the cause of good roads meets so little encouragement from farmers has often puzzled legislators and editors. It has been left for a Milwaukee newspaper to offer the explanation that the good road does not benefit the farmer so very much after all, the townspeople being the real beneficiaries and this view is bolstered up with such a show of ingenuity that it should increase the Milwaukee paper's circulation in the rural districts of Wisconsin. One great moving force for better roads is bicycle-riding, and when the cyclist urges the farmer to improve roads by work or by taxing himself, his reply is: "You want us to build good roads so you may ride on them. If you want to dance, why can't you pay the fiddler yourself?" Again, the farmer hears the merchant complaining of dull trade, and the excuse given for it is the bad condition of the roads. So the farmer's defender asks: "Is it not strange that when the farmer is told by the city people of the vast benefits which will accrue to him if he turns to and builds good roads, he is inclined to stick his tongue into his cheek."

The best answer to this argument is the history of the effects of roadbuilding in progressive districts, as, for example, those in New Jersey, which have recently taken advantage of the new law in that state. In Burlington county some fine roads have been built about Moorestown and connecting it with Camden. As a result the trade about Moorestown and connecting it with Camden have been improved to a very large extent. The effect of it is seen in a much brisker demand for farms in that vicinity. For years past it has been exceedingly difficult there, as in agricultural sections elsewhere, to settle estates owning farm lands, when there was a necessity to sell, because purchasers were rare and offers unenvying. The improved roads have changed this, and the farm lands near Moorestown are in demand. In Camden county, on the line of improved roads, farmers find they can get their produce to market quicker and cheaper than formerly. In the old time a wagon weighing 1600 pounds, with four horses and two men, could take 2 1/2 tons of produce to market, and bring back the same weight of manure in a day, if the team had good luck and escaped getting mired. Now one man with two horses, in a wagon weighing 2300 pounds, carries four tons forth and back, and makes the journey twice in one day.

Road work has not had much attention in Oregon for some years. But it is not possible that in these New Jersey experiments may be found a valuable suggestion to aid in solving the problem of breaking up these 700 and 800-acre farms in the Willamette valley? Along many parts of the valley lying contiguous to the river the roads are covered with water in long stretches during the winter. In the summer these roads are dusty. In hilly countries, like Washington and Polk, and, in fact, in the foothill regions of all the valley counties, most of the roads are rough and uneven at all times of the year, muddy in winter, and in summer beset with roots, stones stumps and pits. It is often a source of wonder why the farms in these regions are not more sought after, and why more of the yet untenanted foothill lands are not brought under cultivation. Who shall say how much of this slowness is not directly due to the inaccessibility of the land by reason of our poor roads? One of the most potent enterprises for the settlement and development of these districts would be a good-roads movement, participated in cordially by farmers and townspeople jointly.

**Oregon Press Association.**

The Oregon Press Association will meet in executive session at Newport, July 26th and remain in session four days. Accommodations will be ample and the visitor can have his choice of either private residence or hotel. The rates will be from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per day, per individual. President Beagle, of St. Helens will look after the transportation.

By order of the Committee.  
ALBERT TOZIER,  
J. R. BERGEE,  
E. L. WHITE,  
L. L. CAMPBELL,  
H. G. MATTHEWS.

Two important transportation enterprises are destined to have a wonderful effect on the prosperity and population of the Pacific coast; one of these is the Nicaragua canal, and the other the great Siberian railway. The effect of the railway through Siberia will be to open to settlement millions of acres of land now worthless on account of being too far removed from market. These lands will be planted in cereals, but a market will be developed for our manufactures and instead of our transcontinental railroads bringing freight for the Pacific coast alone, thousands of tons will cross the water and supply the inhabitants of Russian Siberia.

The completion of the Nicaragua canal, will give an increased impetus to our ocean carrying trade and also largely increase our trade with Central America. The vast importance of these two enterprises on the Pacific coast can scarce be estimated. There is every indication that the Pacific coast will be the most densely populated of any part of the West, and this will be largely due to the great amount of ocean carrying trade brought into existence by the completion of the Siberian railway and Nicaragua canal.

The example of the Dalles, in Eastern Oregon, is worthy of imitation. Not having competition in transportation they formed a steamboat company and were successful in controlling the freight business. The effect on the business of the town was very apparent as it improved greatly. Efforts were made to buy the stock of the company and cripple it, but without success. Now the Dalles is becoming a great competitive point in freights and the railroads are bidding for the trade. What has been done there could be done in Independence.

Our people should offer every encouragement for river transportation as thereby this becomes a competing point and railroads will favor it. We need better transportation facilities on the river. Let us encourage it.

Another evidence of the turn of the tide in business affairs is the publication of the *Monthly Oregonian* the first copy of which has been received at this office. Its main purpose is to direct hither the increasing stream of immigrants now flowing westward from the storm swept and drought cursed middle west.

Were times not noticeably better, such a publication would not have been attempted. The *Monthly Oregonian* will devote itself to benefiting the entire state, and its columns are filled with articles from the leading papers of Eastern and Western Oregon. It is impossible to estimate the value of such a paper, and the *West Side* earnestly hopes that its success may be as great as its merits and the benefit the community will derive from it.

Senator John H. Mitchell is a free silver man out and out. He said so in 1890 and he still so declares himself. He is willing however to serve the people as United States senator again even if the Republican party should not be a free silver party.

A great many women have found the adoption of a newspaper career but a step on the way to wifehood, and as their husbands are mostly newspaper men it would seem that they are feared as rivals.

Oh yes "Dave" Hill is very likely to work himself to death trying to carry New York, in order that "Bill" Whitney may get the democratic Presidential nomination. Hill is just that sort of man.

The extension of the civil service rules to the employes of the Government Printing Office was a victory for the "ins."

Bishop Newman's practice, of writing down at night every thing said to him during the day, would never do for a newspaper man; he needs too many people who talk without saying anything.

The Nicaraguans think the British are bamboozling Ambassador Bayard as to their intentions in Central America. People in this country, have known it for some time.

**CORRESPONDENCE.**

**BRIDGEPORT.**

The school entertainment at Antiuch on the 21st was a decided success. Some excellent music was furnished by the orchestra, consisting of W. H. Mack, Wm. Brossier, John Brossier and J. M. McCaleb. The program was interesting, and some valuable prizes were awarded to the scholars. This is Mr. McCaleb's first school, and he has given entire satisfaction. It is hoped that Charley may teach many more terms in our midst.

Mrs. Wm. Yeater, who has been spending the past week with relatives near Sevier, has returned to her home in very poor health.

Report from the hopyards in this vicinity are that there will not be a large yield, but the quantity will be excellent.

We have two good Samaritans in our neighborhood so Wash, of the *Times*, says.

Mrs. John Hulter returned home from Portland, Friday, much improved in health.

James Lawrence and wife, of Little Elk, are visiting the family of John Rhodes.

L. V. Baker and wife have returned to their home in Beaton county.

Wm. Yeater and C. C. Yeater are hauling lumber for a hop drier.

**OAK POINT.**

Frank Rider and Wallace Huntley returned last Saturday from the Big Neotoma where they had been fishing for several days. Both report a good time and lots of fishing.

Our school closed last Friday after a successful term of nine months. Taught by Miss Maud Brooks of Warren Co. Penn.

J. B. Knowles, our road supervisor, has done some fine work on our roads. J. B. is the right man in the right place.

T. B. Huntley, the Independence road supervisor, was among us last week.

Sabbath School every Sunday at the Byerly School House at 4 p. m.

Oliver Webster's little son, Loren, is very sick at this writing.

A. J. Byers will soon have his Hop House completed.

Wheat looks well throughout this section.

**PALESTINE ITEMS.**

Miss Ida Pagenkopf, who has been teaching in the public school at McMinnville, came home on her bicycle last week.

The girls want to know what the boys mean, when they say they will for or so. Ask Steve and you will find out.

What did K. V. mean, when he told Henry he wished he could stay in town last Saturday night?

Sam Johnson got the pillow that was given away at Albany last Saturday. Good for you Sam.

Iva and Alma says it seems like it has been nearly a week since they saw the boys.

Why was it the girls would not go boat riding with Ralph last Sunday?

V. A. Carter and B. J. Cret have finished hauling their winter's wood.

V. A. says S. is the proper person, but S. says he is afraid Ed Blake is.

The Sabbath school, heretofore, was conducted by W. A. Windors.

Rev. Knapp, of Albany, will preach here next Sunday at 11 o'clock.

J. D. Woods' school closed last Friday, but the visitors got left.

Who was it made the catch on the new girl? Ask S. J.

D. R. Hodges and wife went to Sodaville last Saturday.

**SEVER.**

The click of the sickle can be heard on all sides. The hay crop is good this year, but the wheat is not going to come up to the average in yield.

James Withrow has purchased a threshing outfit. He will run his machine in the Airline and Lewisville neighborhood.

A. H. Collins and family attended the commencement exercises at Corvallis last week.

Frank Bowers, our blacksmith, is kept busy these days repairing old machinery.

Quite a number from here attended the campmeeting at Lewisville last Sunday.

Miss Josie Hubbard, who has been sick for some time is able to be about again.

D. A. Hoag spent Sunday at Rickreall.

**PARKER.**

Mrs. Wm. McCurdy has gone to Southern Oregon to spend the summer, her health being very poor. Bill and Ned (bird dog) are bathing and you can hear Wm. singing "I am silent and alone," while his evening bacon is sizzling over a very slow fire.

The Christian Endeavor society is enjoying a healthy growth under the able management of its president, Miss May Bradley. We rather court the favor of the society for they might consolidate with the peoples party and carry the city election.

Joe Helmeck and family returned last Saturday from Centralia, Wash., where they have been attending the bedside of a sick relative.

Haight & Burbank's mill, near Kings Valley, is furnishing a lot of timber for the addition to Wm. Fuqua's hop house.

Frank Burch Jr. and J. O. Davidson Sr. have gone to the Helms Springs in Southern Oregon for their health.

Arthur Kayes was down to Dallas recently. We suppose Mulkey would not let it out on him any way.

The Atlas Milling company, of McMinnville, has been doing a good deal of business here lately.

Marvin Mix and Wm. Percival were handling sheep at Sevier last week.

Ben Huntley, Ed and Wm. Cackie were visiting in town Sunday.

**Wm. Fuqua was down on the Siletts Indian Agency last week.**

**BUENA VISTA.**

Wm. Davidson we believe is the first one in Polk county to start the binder this year. Last Tuesday he commenced binding his oats. Has anyone a previous record?

Quite a number of our people were attending the United Evangelical campmeeting at Lewisville last Sunday.

Mrs. Steele and children, also Mrs. Wilcox, of Halsey, were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Miller this week.

Rev. Yost will preach in the evening of Sunday, July 14th, instead of Sunday morning.

J. Kaye, Monroe Kreutz and Hamlin Emmons, went to Neotoma bay last Monday.

Ed Hall and his son, of Moscow, Idaho, were visiting here this week.

**MONMOUTH.**

The annual meeting of the Polk county bank was held last Saturday. The same officers and directors were re-elected. The condition of the bank as reported by a committee appointed for that purpose, was to the effect that the affairs of the bank were in excellent shape, the management up to the usual standard, and the prospects for the future very favorable.

The statement made in last week's *West Side* that Sam Work had been afflicted several years ago with a spell similar to the one lately experienced is said by his friends here not to be true. They say this is his first indication of insanity.

Rev. R. W. Hastings will preach in the Evangelical church next Sunday at 11 a. m. and in absence of the pastor the Young People's Alliance will hold their session at 8 p. m. instead of 6:30. All are invited.

The father of Rufus Smith, living on the Luckiamute, is the oldest son of any revolutionary soldier now living in Oregon, being 76 years old. He has tax receipts in his possession which are over 100 years old.

The Rebels, of Monmouth, have elected officers as follows: Mrs. J. E. Miller, N. G.; Mrs. L. Ground, V. G.; Miss Constance Hawley, Treasurer; Miss Maggie Butler, secretary.

Norwood & Tatum, the Monmouth merchants, are putting in six days in the week catering to the wants of the people of Polk county in groceries, dry goods, boots and shoes.

Prof. Campbell leaves next week for Denver, Col., to attend the National Teachers' Association, and later will spend three weeks in Chicago at the Cook County Institute.

Frank Fisher, Curt McGrew and Oscar Baird took a stock of confectionery, etc., over to Newport to stay during the celebration of the 4th of July.

Representative Ira Smith has a family record of his ancestors back to the time when they came to America in 1709, in Virginia.

Mrs. W. A. Wann and her mother Mrs. West left on Tuesday for Seaside. Mrs. Wann will spend several weeks at the seaside.

Dr. Epley, A. Bertley, Prof. Ginn, Frank Mulkey, Mr. Coats, Dr. Poole and wife are out camping in the mountains.

Prof. Thos. Wann and wife, of Tulare Co., Cal., were in town Wednesday. They are visiting relatives at Ballston.

Doors, windows and moldings of all kinds kept in stock at suitors' lumber yard at Monmouth.

John Miller and his niece, Miss Jennie Powell went to Portland Wednesday.

The summer Normal is going ahead nicely with 22 teachers in attendance.

Mrs. Noble, of Heppner, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Rufus Smith.

Work on the warehouse has stopped on account of lack of lumber.

Ira Smith was in Portland a day or two this week.

People are returning from the Turner Campmeeting.

The Gem Saloon.

On Wednesday morning workmen commenced to prepare for moving the Gem Saloon from its present location to the lot next the alley adjoining the bakery on C street. The building there and the lot was purchased by J. R. Cooper and the building will be torn down. The Gem Saloon will face on C street, instead of Main. From Mike Rosendorf we learn that in 1865 he owned the lot adjoining where the Gem Saloon now stands paying Henry Hill \$25 for it. On the corner lot a large oak tree was standing, and Mr. Hill wanted \$30 for the lot. Mr. Rosendorf took the inside lot for \$25 because he did not want to cut down the tree. Later two men, Batiwin and Burch came along and paid Mr. Hill his price and built a shanty there about 12 by 16 and used it for a saloon, the only one in town. Later it was burned down in the fire of 1879 and J. R. Cooper and Phil Johnson erected the present building a very pretentious and imposing structure in its time which has always been used as a saloon.

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**Polk County Annual Teachers' Institute.**

The Annual Teachers Institute for Polk county was held in the Normal School Building at Monmouth, June 24, 25, and 26. It was well attended, there being 65 teachers enrolled, and each day a number of visitors were present. A very interesting and profitable time was enjoyed by all.

The instructors were as follows: Sup't J. H. Ackerman of Multnomah county, who presented the following subjects in a very able manner: Arithmetic, Spelling, Languages, and Theory and Practice of Teaching; Prof. H. B. Buckham, of the Normal School, who handled the subject of Psychology in such a manner that the teachers could not fail to be greatly benefited. Prof. E. A. Balcomb, of the Normal School, who presented the important and lead generally known points of Physiology in a live and interesting way, a dissertation before the class being one feature of his work. Miss Cassavant, of the Normal School, who presented Geography and Reading, bringing into prominence the points on which many teachers were weak, an important one of which is "thought getting." The instructors are all experienced teachers and the work done ought to be very helpful to the teachers attending.

Two evening sessions were held, the first consisting of an Address of Welcome by Prof. Campbell, of the Normal School, a response by Sup't Ackerman, and short addresses by others. The second consisted of a lecture on "The History of Literature" by Hon. E. Hofer, of Seaside, which was very interesting and well received, supplemented by two quarters, a solo by Miss Longmire, an Essay by Mr. Freeman, and a recitation by Mrs. Balcomb, which were all of a high order.

Every session of the institute was highly profitable and we feel that the teachers will go to their homes encouraged and filled with an enthusiasm that will enable them to do better work than ever before. This institute was on the whole, one of the most successful ever held in Polk county.

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**Council Proceedings.**

City council convened in regular session July 2, 1895. In absence of Mayor Hurley, council was called to order by President Councilman Cook. Members present: Cook, Cladfield, Finch, Strong and Walker. Absent: Percival. Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved. An ordinance passed entitled "an ordinance to provide for extinguishment of fires, etc., and to provide for and create a fire department within the limits of the city of Independence, etc." Also an ordinance passed entitled "an ordinance to protect the property of the Independence Water Company and to punish persons interfering with the same."

The saloon bonds of J. R. Cooper, Layton Smith, Owen & Gaither approved and license ordered issued thereof. The sum of \$9 refunded to Chas. Durrell on sale of horses and warrants for same ordered drawn in favor of Peter Cook. Bills against town ordered paid as follows: Deary & Locke, \$140; W. H. Kelley, \$2; J. W. Richardson Jr., \$7.50; Peter Cook, \$9; J. T. Ford, \$11.20; J. W. Fetzer, \$30; A. J. Tappan, \$40.35; L. C. Gilmore, \$50; Electric Light Co., \$35.25.

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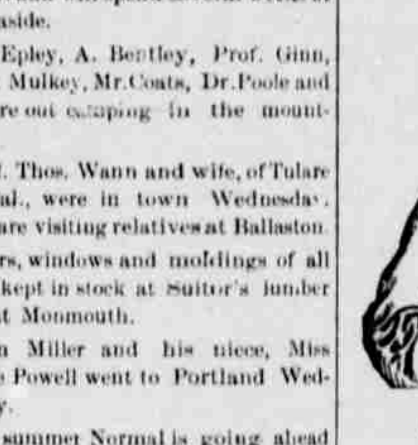
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