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## "THE BLUE RIBBON COUNTY OF OREGON"

(Lynn Davis in Portland Journal)

Incomparable in size or strength to any of the other seven districts of the Willamette valley, the right of Polk county to be called "The Blue Ribbon County of Oregon" has often been questioned, but justification for this claim lies in the quality and abundance of its diversified products.

When the lands contained within the boundaries of Polk county were first brought under cultivation they were devoted to the usual dry land farm crops, such as wheat, oats and barley. It took only a few years to prove that the soil was rich enough to produce far more profitable crops.

At present some of the finest berry farms, orchards, nut groves and dairy farms in the state are located in this district. Apples, cherries, pears and peaches flourish, and raspberries and strawberries thrive under the combination of an excellent soil and an ideal climate.

Polk county occupies a unique position in the Willamette district, being half within the Willamette valley itself and half within the Coast range mountains.

As a means of comparison, it has often been pointed out that its 700 square miles of territory is just one-third the size of the state of Delaware.

The half of the county in the valley proper lies at an elevation of from 400 to 800 feet and is mainly rolling in character. Soil is deep and fertile in character and readily adapted to diversified farming.

Small hills extending along the side of the county bounded by the Willamette river really make a separate valley out of the lower lands. This territory is drained by the Luckiamute river and La Creole creek with a small area in the northern part drawn upon by the Yamhill river. All these streams flow into the Willamette.

The entire valley section is suited to the growing of fancy fruits and vegetables, and to intensified dairy and stock farming. In the vicinity of Dallas, the county seat, there are 5000 acres of pruned farms alone and many more young orchards coming into bearing.

Apple culture is really in its infancy in this section but in future years it is believed that this will be one of the most profitable industries of the Polk county section. About 50 car loads of this fruit was shipped to various sections of the country this season.

English walnuts, filberts and almonds are being produced successfully. Hops have been a staple crop for this district and at one time Polk county was second in rank in the production of this crop. From the Polk county orchards millions of pounds of fruit are packed annually for shipment to all parts of the world. The district has two large packing plants of its own and plants in other counties draw from the products of this territory. Other packing and refrigerating plants are to be built next year.

There are still many acres of good fruit land in Polk county selling at from \$125 per acre up. There is also a small amount of berry culture land still available at what may be considered nominal prices under present conditions.

In addition to the berry, fruit and cattle industries there is still another that is a valuable asset to the county; that is the timber industry.

The half of the county that lies in the Coast range mountains is covered with dense stands of Douglas fir and other classes of timber. Altogether it is estimated that there is more than 8,000,000,000 feet of standing merchantable timber. Almost all of this is privately owned, as only one sixteenth of it is within the confines of the Siuslaw National forest reserve.

At Dallas there is a sawmill with a daily capacity of 125,000 feet. Other sawmills are scattered together with box factories over the entire territory. The lumbering industry is quite important and insures a future development and wealth even though all other assets should fail.

But little, if any, unappropriated land remains within the confines of Polk county, as the report of the

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## TWO WARDS COUNTED

The official census for the second and third Independence has been completed. If any one living in either one of these precincts was missed, they should inform the mayor or recorder at once.

The count in the first and fourth Independence will not be completed for several days yet.

## GRAY-LHEVINNE CONCERT IS GREATLY ENJOYED

Long live the High School! Long live Estelle Gray! Long live Mischa Lhevinne!

The Gray-Lhevinne concert given under the auspices of the High School at the Isis Theatre Tuesday evening was a decided success from every standpoint. The concert assumed the nature of a story-lecture recital with Estelle Gray as the interesting story-teller. The outstanding features of the evening was simplicity, both the artists believing that to make an audience feel happy and free, the entertainers should act as hosts and very natural ones at that. When presenting violin solos, Estelle Gray told in conversational way, the story of the compositions. Many of these were novelties by French composers of descriptive music. One group picturing farm life made a decided hit. She also demonstrated that she could play the classics with a sure, firm tone and technique. Her numbers were given with an ease that seemed to take no consideration of the difficulty of the composition. She uses a Cremona nearly 200 years old. Mr. Lhevinne is a brilliant pianist, who produces a singing, virile tone and who is decidedly poetic. Several numbers were his own compositions and were particularly interesting. Estelle Gray, who in private life is Mrs. Mischa Lhevinne, and Mr. Lhevinne live in Oakland, Cal. At their home is a little nursery they tell you about in interview and a little boy five months old, who already possesses a piano. We shall eagerly await a return engagement. The High Schoolers realized \$52 profits from the entertainment.

## EX-INDEPENDENCE GIRL MRS. LOTTIE BOYD DIES

"Auntie" Ingram received the sad intelligence a few days ago of the death of Mrs. Lottie Boyd, a former resident of this city. Death followed an operation for appendicitis. For the past 20 years she has lived in Sacramento, Cal. Still cherishing a love for Independence and for the Methodist church, Mrs. Boyd has reaped an annual pleasure from sending a box of Easter lilies from her southern home to be used to decorate the altar of her "old home church." The ladies of the Aid sent words of comfort to the bereaved wishing that her spirit may be as bright and happy around the Heavenly Altar as the lilies which they have all so greatly enjoyed.

## WENT UP IN SMOKE; TWO NOTES ARE BURNED

Last Wednesday afternoon the Ladies Aid of the Methodist church held a celebration. They have just paid two heavy debts which hung over their church, and during the afternoon, burned two notes, one being for the sum of \$500. At intervals they drank tea, ate, and blew the smoke away. These energetic women still have \$100 in savings at the bank and declare they have many other things to accomplish. What next?

## MEETINGS AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH WILL CONTINUE

Because of the increased interest in the meetings at the Baptist church, it was decided to continue them another week. Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Driver are a great help to the church and their work in this community is bearing fruit. The plain sermons and gospel songs are leading men and women into the right relationship with The Lord Jesus Christ.

The pastor will preach Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The Sunday school took a jump from 37 to 57 and more are in sight. We hope to increase our Sunday school to 100 and more. If there are any Christian children who are not in Sunday school anywhere, you are invited to come here; we have a teacher for you and a class for your age. If you love a live church and good preaching and singing, you ought to come to the Baptist church.

The public is most heartily invited.

REV. PROPPE, Pastor.

Governor Olcott is winning laurels by his vetoes of bills passed by the orgy special session.

# Douglas Fairbanks

## In "His Majesty the American"

TWO NIGHTS—THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

SATURDAY, JAN. 24—SESSUE HAYAKAWA in "The Man Beneath." The barrier of blood stood between this high caste Hindu and the pretty Scotch girl he loved. He accepted, with the fatalism of his race, the man-made barrier which made him "The Man Beneath." Comedy and Ford Weekly.

SUNDAY, JAN. 25—(Afternoon and Evening)—DOROTHY GISH in "I'll Get Him Yet." The great story of the girl who ran a railroad. She couldn't make him love her because she was a bloated railroad magnate—and he hated railroad magnates and the touch of a girl's money. She had to run away with her father's whole railroad—cars, engines, tracks and everything—to win him.

MONDAY, JAN. 26—BESSIE BARRISCALE in "Rose O'Paradise." Comedy "Lions and Ladies."

TUESDAY, JAN. 27—Miss LOUISE GLAUM in "Shackled." Comedy, "His Lucky Blunder." New Screen Magazine.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 28—LILA LEE in "Rustling a Bride," a tale of the cowboy West.

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, JAN. 29 and 30—The greatest of them all, the renowned DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS in "His Majesty, the American." A big, new picture of laughter and love, thrills and surprises—a romance with a regular hero, and heroine and oodles of villains an' everything. And such a hero! He cleans up everything from New York to the Mexican border and then hops to Europe to show them how to handle a revolution. If there's anything wrong with your stomach, liver or something, better go and see the joy-specialist.

SATURDAY, JAN. 31—WILLIAM DESMOND in "The Blue Bandanna." A rollicking good story wherein Desmond turns crook, bandit and detective for love of a girl. A snappy, fast drama. Comedy and Ford Weekly.

## ISIS THEATRE INDEPENDENCE

### WHEN EAST INDEPENDENCE WAS'NT ORVILLE

(By Virginia Southern)

Did you ever, ever in your life do something you couldn't explain why? The only thing you were sure of was that you did. You have have you not? Maybe you have not. Perchance you have and didn't want to tell. Well, I'm going to be generous enough to tell you about my doings, because fun is not fun and pleasure is not pleasure unless you share it with some one.

Last Tuesday, as I was returning from an Oregon metropolis via O. E., I had purchased a ticket to Orville, with serious intentions of reaching said place about 4:45 p. m.; but when East Independence was called, it sounded so familiar and homelike, I calmly descended the steps of said train and said good afternoon to E. I. I peered around for the supposed awaiting bus. It wasn't there. Neither was the train by this time. As I saw the rear coach fading into the distance, my mistake dawned upon me for the first time. About five other passengers had also gotten off the train and were still at the waiting room. I exclaimed, "Do you know what I've done? I should have gone to Orville and here I am at East Independence." One very kind lady said: "You go right up to my house and stay until the next train; it will be along about two and a half hours." The party at once formed themselves into an "advisory board." At last after I had asked about a million questions, they decided it would be better for me to walk down the track to Orville and wait there, for at East Independence everything would

soon be dark. One of the men said: "You ought to be a good walker." I told him I wasn't a Mazama. After convincing me the hike would be perfectly safe, or they would go with me. I started down the O. E. track, bent for Orville. At first I began swearing vengeance against the entire Butler clan, for if there had never been any Butlers, there wouldn't have been an Orville station, as it was named for Orville Butler. Then East Independence would have been the correct place to stop. This thought came to me: "This is a new experience, why not abandon the fear of bandits, bears, black cats, tramps, etc., and bask in the beauties of about two miles of the glorious Willamette valley. I believe you know, I think if you can't get something worth while out of things that confront you, one might as well go back to goose-grease and flannels. Then I looked at the sun. It seemed to take time to smile and wink at me, and I thought just a short time ago this same sun had been shining on the dear folks at home. I looked at it, not from an astronomical standpoint, for I was too busy counting ties to think of sun spots, craters and such scientific things, but as a good pal, who would be my companion on this trip. Together we saw some pussy willows, tho we kept going, buds on the trees, tho it was quite cold, seemed ready to burst, and insist that spring time was just around the corner. A flock of wild geese were returning to the northern climes. I thought geese had enough

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## "POP" GUNN NOT HERE

Mrs. Charity Gunn and two daughters of Wisconsin are here to visit at D. M. Hampton's.—Monmouth Herald.

## THREE IMPORTANT EVENTS ON WEEK'S SOCIAL CALENDAR

Mrs. O. D. Butler entertained very informally, but very pleasantly, last Friday afternoon, for Mrs. Richard Wells of San Francisco. Guests for the afternoon included a few old time friends of the honoree.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Mattison were very delightful hosts to the Kill Kare Klub last Friday evening. The evening was passed with Auction Five Hundred, closing with an excellent luncheon.

Mrs. George Carbray was a most delightful hostess to the S. S. Club Wednesday afternoon. A brief business session was followed by a social afternoon. Roll call was answered with "worth while events." Mrs. Conkey told a very enjoyable story of the "Gold Stripe," a tribute to the heroes of the Great War. Social converse and a very appetizing luncheon filled the remainder of the afternoon with good fellowship.

## GIVING A SHAM BATTLE FOR COLLEGE GIRLS

(From the Monmouth Herald) Mayor Wolverton rounded up two autos of Independence boys who have been in the custom of driving up and down in front of the Normal popping their autos until it sounded like a bombardment on the Argonne front, and showed the boys the ordinance forbidding such practice. The boys promised to desist in the future.

## THIS WEEK FIVE YEARS AGO IN SOUTH POLK COUNTY

(From the Independence Monitor January 22, 1915.)

Seth Fawk and Miss Janie Young married by Dr. H. C. Unsmore.

James Shelby Cooper III, born to Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Cooper, Jr., Tuesday, Jan. 19.

V. & S. railroad surveyors were in town.

The Independence city council refused to levy an occupation tax on "eating houses" there being eight of them in town at the time.

## PEDEE NOW ON MAP POSTOFFICE ESTABLISHED

The Pedee postoffice was opened today with V. J. Love as postmaster. Mail is carried over the V. & S. from Independence.

## CHANGE FOR CANNERY IN INDEPENDENCE

The opportunity has been presented to Independence to have a cannery. The company owning the plants at Brownsville and Corvallis has expressed a desire to build here if give the support of the city. A committee of business men are now considering the proposition and hope that satisfactory arrangements can be made and the cannery established here.

Sufficient acreage must be secured to justify the company in coming here. As the past two years has demonstrated the large financial returns possible from berry and vegetable growing, there should be no difficulty in securing the liberal support of farmers and gardeners for a proposition that will aid them greatly.

Not only the farmers and gardeners but every citizen of Independence should get behind the proposition and push it thru to success. It is an opportunity to add to the growth and wealth of the city and no efforts should be spared to "put it over."

## WHY THE COUNTY JAIL IS ON THE SQUEEGEE

(From the Polk County Observer.)

A county official opined: "Every man that comes to town asks why it is that the county jail is on the squeegie. That is easily explained. When the jail was built the surveyor set the stakes for the man who was to dig for the foundation. During the night along came a drunken man, who laid down on one of the stakes, knocking it over. When the men came to work in the morning they drove the stake in where they thought it belonged, with the result that the building does not line with the street, as the foundation was in and the building partly erected before the facts were discovered. But candidly the old building is a disgrace to the county and should be replaced. As it stands it certainly is a terrific knock to Dallas and Polk county."

## VOOTERS IN PRECINCTS CHANGED MUST REGISTER

Because of the changes in the boundaries of those election precincts, it is necessary for legal voters of Oakdale, Airlie, Lewisville and the several Dallas precincts to register again.

## INDEPENDENCE TO GAIN NINE BUSINESS CONCERNS

During the months of January and February, Independence will gain nine business concerns of various sorts.

# For Sale

## Ford Cars

Roadster and Touring

## Ford Trucks

Used but fully guaranteed

Reasonable in price

Either cash or terms

# Ace Garage