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PROPOSES DIVISION OF POLK COUNTY

The Post, was visited by a resident of West Salem one day last week who proposes a division of Polk county, cutting off the south part and creating a new county to be called Willamette.

He would make the division as follows: Starting at the river and going west striking the Salem-Dallas road about Log Dump and continuing west to a point a mile west of Monmouth. From this corner straight south to the Benton county line. We have not "measured up" to ascertain if the new county, as he proposes it, would be large enough to comply with the law.

"Should Monmouth not wish to go into the new county," he said, "a jog could be made in the line and leave it in Polk county." He thought that Monmouth would be better served by going into the new county and he built the court house between the two towns.

"A division of Polk county," he added, "would put an end to sectionalism and the people of all parts would reap the benefit. The rival cities of Dallas and Independence would no longer be rivals. Each county would do its own road improving thus eliminating the great bone of contention that makes the life of every Polk county judge a night mare."

He is keenly interested in a division because as a resident of West Salem he hopes and proposes that a section of West Salem be given to Marion county in exchange for a strip on the east side of the river from somewhere about East Independence south to the Linn county line.

"I propose this division seriously," he said, "in the hope that the people of Polk county, who are now groping in the dark, will see the light and be delivered from factional and sectionalism." A question of county division must be submitted to the voters of all districts effected.

The Post certainly agrees with the West Salem man that a division of Polk county would be a good thing in every way, including financially, for the people of all its sections.

Mrs. Louise Harmon Passes

Mrs. Louise Harmon, well known woman of Buena Vista, and the mother of four daughters and two sons, died at her home Tuesday morning at the age of 77 years. She had been in poor health for some time. Funeral services were held at the home Wednesday and interment was made in the Lewisville cemetery.

Mrs. Harmon lived a very useful life and had a world of friends.

Rufus M. Smith Dead

Rufus M. Smith, age 78, civil war veteran, died at Monmouth Nov. 12. He crossed the plains in 1853 and resided at Monmouth until his death.

CORN SHOW COMING

The principal event in Independence next week aside from the usual Thanksgiving festival, is the Corn Show which takes place on Tuesday and Wednesday. It promises to be an event of merit as all those interested in the display have worked energetically to arouse the interest of corn growers and otherwise contributed their best efforts to make it a success.

Wells-Snyder

Orville Wells, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Wells, and Miss Clara Snyder, who has made her home with Mr. and Mrs. George McLaughlin, were married in Portland Saturday. They will live in the pretty little bungalow, south of Independence, built by Gordon Bowman. Independence and Buena Vista friends of Mr. and Mrs. Wells extend congratulations. Both young people possess all the qualifications that are required to enjoy a happy and prosperous married life.

Chapman-Wilson

Isaac Chapman and Miss Ruth Wilson of Independence were married in Dallas last Saturday. They hear many well wishes on every hand.

Olson-Miller

Hilmar Olson and Miss Nettie Miller were married in Salem Monday and on their return from Portland, where they went for a few days, will begin house keeping near Suver, Mr. Olson being engaged in farming. Mrs. Olson is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Miller and a sister of Frank and for several months has been an assistant in the Independence postoffice. Their friends are quite sure that their married life will be a very happy one.

Berrys To Leave

The Auto Utilities Co., which has maintained establishments at Independence and Dallas, will operate but one place in Polk county after December 1, and that will be at Dallas. U. G. Berry, who has had charge of the Independence end, will move to Dallas.

It is greatly regretted that Mr. and Mrs. Berry are to leave Independence. They have a host of friends here.

Back From Alaska

Layton Smith arrived last night from Cordova, Alaska, and will remain here permanently. Mrs. Smith and Walter Smith and his wife have been here for several weeks.

The Smiths lived in Alaska for about four years, but concluded the old home best.

Fires!

The farm home of Ed Lucas near Buena Vista burned Monday.

A hop house belonging to Vance Butler went up in smoke Thursday night.

MONDAY AND TUESDAY, NOV. 22-23

ALICE BRADY

in "SINNERS."

"There is so much bad in the best of us and so much good in the worst of us." Does Opportunity make "sinners" or is it man's design? Three days in Atlantic City! Was it worth the price? She wanted to dance and was willing to pay the piper.

Comedyart—3 Reels

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, NOV. 24-25

WILLIAM FARNUM

in "HEART STRINGS."

He was a humble violinist! His art was his life! He saw his chance to emerge from obscurity and to win the girl he loved! But he willingly sacrificed his future for his sister's sake. A story of honor's fearful vengeance. The drama of a musical genius whom villainy could not crush! Thrills and unending suspense. The great Farnum at his best.

Comedy and International News

FRIDAY, NOV. 26

CHARLES RAY

in "THE PINCH HITTER."

The greatest base ball play ever written. "A picture every red-blooded American will enjoy," says John K. Tener, former president of the National League. "The Pinch Hitter" will appeal to every man or boy possessing a drop of sporting blood, and it will reach out to the sympathies of the women because of its intense human qualities.

Rolin Comedy and Pathe News

SATURDAY, NOV. 27

FRANK MAYO

in "HONOR BOUND."

Peculiar things happen to men who stray from civilization. The strangest triangle ever thought of is that of a man who is moral, a man who is immoral and a woman who is simply unmoral.

Ford Weekly and 2-reel Christy comedy

SUNDAY, NOV. 28—(Afternoon and Evening.)

MARY MILES MINTER

in "NURSE MARJORIE."

Monkey Comedy and Outing Chester

MONDAY AND TUESDAY, NOV. 29-30

Beginning "Ruth of the Rockies"

Starring RUTH ROLAND.

The first episode of the galloping western serial sensation in fifteen thrill tingling chapters! A romance of the plains! A tale of adventure in the heart of the Rockies! She fights like a bearcat and rides like a cyclone! More thrills than can be found in the most daring circus act! First episode, "The Mysterious Trunk", Monday and Tuesday nights; then every Monday and Tuesday night thereafter until completed. This in addition to the regular show on these nights. No extra admission price.

ISIS THEATRE

INDEPENDENCE

AIRLIE

The new log chute at F. L. Tubandt's camp is nearly finished.

Davis and Weber expect to resume sawmill operations the first of the year.

A. L. Titus moved to Salem Monday. He left his garage in care of Marvin

Calkins.

Miss Gertrude Holmes of New Haven, Conn., and Mrs. W. W. Belcher of Portland are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Hadley.

Dallas Observer: Miss Leona Sloper of Independence was the house guest of Mrs. Amelia Gooch over the last of the week.

THE PILL BOX

RAISING THE BLINDS OF
THE PAST

It has finally got around to the Pill Box that when Independence had two preachers by the same name one was called Dip and the other Sprink.

WE'VE OFTEN WONDERED
WHAT EXCUSE A SALEM
STREET CAR HAD FOR
RUNNING

(A Reader in Salem Journal.)
When it comes to such a point that married men will see a miss to her home after dark so far as the street car goes and then, because he thinks no one is on who knows him, to kiss her good night, it is high time to dig at the root of why some girls are led astray.

A DEVILISH TOWN

(Arkansas Thomas Cat.)
Tuesday evening at a meeting of the Snagtown Educational Society, Miss Mae Slimbatt read an article on "Personal Devils." Seventeen were present.

A Happy Mother

Mrs. Martha Richardson has been a happy mother this week. Her son, Frank, arrived and spent several days. Then after he left, son John appeared and was here Sunday. She took John to church Sunday night and otherwise straightened him up.

ELKINS

The Boy Scouts of Elkins have been making cider for different parties at fifty cents a gallon. This money goes into the scout fund.

The Elkins high school played her first basket ball game of the season at Airlie Friday night, defeating Airlie 12 to 6. Splendid work of the center and guards of Elkins kept Airlie from scoring any field goals, but getting everything from the foul line.

Missionaries Teach Boys

"On the road to Mandalay, where the old flotilla lay," steam launches built by the Burmese boys of a Baptist Mission school are now making frequent trips and the profits from their sale to the natives are helping in the establishment of practical industrial education in that country.

The Rev. Dr. C. A. Nichols is the man that is directly responsible for this industrial development. In far-off Burma, on the actual soil of old England, even though as Kipling says, "there ain't no buses runnin' from the bank to Mandalay," he secured a sawmill.

It was in Bassein, one of the towns grouped about the numerous mouths of the Irawaddy, that the enterprise was begun. The Irawaddy is the very river upon which Mandalay is built and up which "the old flotilla" made its way from Rangoon. Rev. Dr. Nichols went to work as a Baptist missionary among the Sgaw Karens, one of the forty races in cosmopolitan Burma, conducting a missionary school along the standard lines.

One day a British commissioner visiting the school asked why the boys were not taught a trade. Dr. Nichols made the time-honored missionary excuse, lack of funds to purchase equipment.

The commissioner, however, was so well impressed with the progress that the boys were making in their studies that he undertook to put a dozen of them in the government railway shops to study as machinists. Here the boys spent five years learning their trade and during that apprenticeship retained their membership in the mission church. This was the first step in the development of the industrial education idea. The next was the purchase of the sawmill.

Incidentally the Northern Baptist Convention has grasped the significance of Dr. Nichols' idea, and in its New World Movement program includes a project "to establish a trade school at Moumein and introduce education in the industrial arts, for industrial independence will make for the strength of Christian society in India as in America."

River on a rampage.

GOODBY, OPERA HOUSE! HELLO, ARMORY!

The Independence opera house is being remodeled and converted into an armory and assembly hall for Co. K. Partitions will all be removed and the entire upstairs will be one room excepting a corner apartment which will be used as a company office. Dr. O. D. Butler, who has been located on this floor, has moved to rooms over the Independence National Bank.

In the remodeling the stage and theatrical fixtures will all be removed and Independence bids farewell to this lofty elevation from where many a graduate has heralded to the world a cure for all its evils, where many an ambition youth and damsel has debuted fully resolved to become as famous as Joe Jefferson or Lillian Russell, where Florence Nightingales and Carusos in the making have struck the high notes with great eclat, where "child wonders" have touched the keys of the piano before fond papas and mammas, where famous lecturers propounded wisdom and knowledge, where road shows, from kicking girls to phenologists, have made us laugh and weep, where democratic orators have torn the republican party to shreds, where republican orators didn't leave the democratic party a leg to stand on. The place is going. Soon to be only a memory, but sacred to those who passed thru the boyhood and girlhood age here.

Yesterday it was the opera house. Tomorrow it will be the armory. Several days will pass before the transformation is complete, but the old has passed away and the new is being born.

So, goodbye, opera house! Hello, armory!

Yeon Succeeds Benson

John B. Yeon of Portland has accepted an appointment as a member of the state highway commission to succeed S. Benson, resigned.

Benson said he couldn't harmonize with the others.

Prunes

A few days ago that good old scout, James K. Polk Harris presented The Post with ten pounds of choice prunes since which time we have become very much acquainted with the famous Oregon fruit. We have had stewed prunes, baked prunes, prune preserves, prune salad, prune pie and as a special treat Virginia makes such delicious prune cake. By serving prune cake to callers, she has had the house full of women ever since Mr. Harris' prunes arrived. We are mighty glad to have "met up" with the Oregon prune so extensively and our associations with it have been very pleasant.