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## HE HAS RIGHT PLAN ON FARM

### Big Dairy Ranch South of Town is Planned

#### BUILDING A FINE LARGE BARN

##### D. W. Stapleton Sees the Hand Writing on the Wall and Starts a Monthly Income

D. W. Stapleton was in Independence Tuesday after a load of lumber. The editor of the Monitor interviewed him and found he was building the largest barn in this part of the country on his fine 160 acre farm south of Independence. He is getting his lumber from the Spaulding Logging Company and is building 75x100 feet, with 26 foot posts for his mammoth dairy barn. When it is completed there will be room for 200 tons of loose hay and 100 tons of baled hay, and 75 head of dairy cows. Mr. Stapleton said "I am going to try out the dairying business and will increase my little herd of six milk cows to a good size band of graded milk cows and expect to have 75 head as soon as I get every thing in shape for business."

There is no reason why every farm could not afford to have a good size herd of milk cows on it. Nothing brings in more ready cash and that every month than this class of farming. The man who depends on the annual crop only gets his money returns once a year, while the dairy man gets his milk check every month and butler is a good price with bright prospects of its staying in just the present condition. There is a growing market in the west that the farmer must take care of and the Independence territory can just as well be in the forefront as any section of the west.

Too much stress is laid on the fact of a permanent pay roll in a city. While the permanent pay roll is a big thing and helps develop a community, the little farm and the prosperous diversified farmer does more real developing than any single industry you can secure. Two things are necessary for a live community. One adequate transportation the other is the things to transport. If you raise the commodities and have the methods to get them to market your community's prosperity is assured.

## IT'S EXTENSIVE

### Plans of Portland, Eugene and Eastern Electric Lines

#### TWELVE STORIES ARE USED

##### Lines Building Through Independence Use Immen- sence Office Force

The Oregonian speaking of the Portland, Eugene and Eastern says:

After August 1st every office in the great 12-story Wells-Fargo building will be occupied by the Harriman railroads.

But one concern not connected with the Harriman system remains in the building now. It has orders to vacate at the end of this month. Its present quarters will be taken by the Portland, Eugene & Eastern, under which name the Southern Pacific's electric lines in Oregon will be known and which now occupies almost the entire fourth floor of the building.

Even after this change is made the Wells-Fargo building will not be large enough to contain all the Harriman offices. Some departments now find room in the Fenton building across the street.

The claims department and part of the legal department of the Southern Pacific have their headquarters in the Fenton building. As the business of the Harriman lines continues to expand it is probable that additional space will be sought in neighboring buildings.

If the Southern Pacific erects a terminal depot on North Fourth street, such as is proposed for use of its electric cars, some of the offices may be moved into quarters created there.

The above announcement is only additional evidence of the electrical system that will reach Independence as a center for branch line feeders for east and west points from this place, as given out in the announcement by the S. P. officials a few weeks ago.

## NEW APPROACH FERRY

### Bridge Will Soon be an Absolute Necessity

A ten-foot approach to the free ferry was put in this week at the foot of C street. There is an immense traffic between Polk and Marion counties at this ferry and if the business keeps increasing as it has another ferry may be a necessity in a short course of time. There are often more teams ready to cross than the ferry can accommodate. A bridge across the Willamette here is a necessity and will be built in a short course of time. The Hill people building along the bottom on the other side is also causing more settlement and travel in this section.

## AT HIGH SCHOOL

### Much Improvement to be Done on Grounds Here

#### EIGHT ACRE PLOT IN ALL

##### O. A. C. to Systematically Lay Out This Fine School Ground Permanently

Prof. F. G. Chute, in speaking to the editor of the Monitor this week, stated he was too busy with other work to get the school work in shape at the present time but expected to start shaping up things in a very few days.

In speaking of the school grounds he stated he was planning on having them scientifically laid off by the Agricultural College field department in detail so that the ground work could be done according to system. Tracts will be laid out for gardening, parking, driveways, trees, shrubs, athletic fields, etc. Of course the actual work on the grounds will not be done at once, but a plan will be secured so that as the school board secures the money for improving the premises work can be pushed along in a definite manner so as not to be a waste of money.

There are eight acres of land in the tract of which the high school makes part, and it will make a very desirable property for the farm development and outside extension work which the public schools all over the United States are commencing to develop and make a prominent feature in public and high school work.

Eggs go as far as cash for groceries at Fluke & Johnsons.

## WE EAT PRIZE BERRIES

Peter Kurve, the prohibition candidate for county judge, came into the office the other day toting a big blackberry vine and on it was a couple of bunches of as delicious blackberries as we ever saw. I did not get but one of them as my wife is very fond of this kind of fruit and hid them from me. The sample I had was the best we have tried this year. They were the Lawton berry and were extra large in size and rich in flavor.

## INDEPENDENCE ELECTRIC LINES

### Southern Pacific Putting Main Line Through

#### EUGENE TO PORTLAND ROUTE

##### Link From Eugene to Monroe Will Place Independence on Main Line Electric System

Saturday's Oregonian has an item of railroad news that is of great commercial importance to Independence. That part of the report bearing directly upon the west side situation and thereby materially affecting Independence, reads as follows:

"Eugene, Or., Aug. 3—The climax of the summer's railroad activity is promised for next week, when the Oregon Electric track-laying crews are expected to reach the city and the graders for Flagg & Standifur begin active work on the construction of 25 miles of electric roadway for the Portland, Eugene & Eastern, extending from Eugene to a point a little north of Monroe, in Benton county, thereby connecting Eugene and Corvallis with a direct electric line."

L. R. Flagg, of the contracting firm of Flagg & Standifur, left Eugene today by automobile to follow the line of the survey from Eugene to Monroe, and expects to have grading under way not later than Monday of next week. His firm, which was the lowest of 12 bidders for the work, was the only one to agree to complete the contract within 60 days—the time limit demanded by President Strahorn."

The above announcement means that the Portland, Eugene & Eastern will route their fast electric cars on the west side through Independence, and this announcement as above given by the railroad people is the carrying out of a part of the plans outlined for the Southern Pacific systems a few weeks ago in which they stated they would electrify the whole of their west side system from Corvallis to Portland, erect and maintain an electric system from Independence to Salem, and connect across to Albany above this place.

This means that all farms along the main line from Independence to Corvallis, Independence to Salem and Independence to McMinnville will be but a few minutes ride from the metropolis of this section and of easy access for trading purposes. Land values will of necessity increase and large tracts of land will find ready sales as they are diversified and made into small acreage for the energetic farmer.

While this improvement has been to a certain extent forced by the arrival of Hill, the great railroad builder, into this section, yet you must not overlook the fact that other hands have control of the Southern Pacific system and every effort is being made to push along the work so as to hold the trade of this rich valley.

This paper prophesies the assertion that ten years hence will see this valley classed as the richest section of the whole United States, and there is no denying the fact that Independence holds a unique position as a center of trade. She has the Willamette river transportation, the Harriman system, motor connections with Salem, Hill electric connections across the river by boat ferry, and the probabilities of two lines of road direct to the coast from this point. As a shipping center for manufactures she will soon be the peer of any valley town from Portland to San Francisco.

## REMODELS HIS HOME

Eli T. Henkle is having his residence opposite the Baptist

church renovated and remodeled. C. W. Purvine has the contract for the work. The building has been raised and new porches are to be built to it, new windows placed, the building shingled, and floors taken up and rebuilt. The property when completed will be one of the most attractive buildings in town. The porches are to be seven feet wide and 20 feet long, one the full length on the east and the other on the west side of the building. When completed the building will have the appearance of a modern bungalow.

Sam McKee, living a few miles south of Independence, has his fine new barn completed. The barn is about 40 by 60 feet in dimensions, and the painting of the same was the finishing touch that was put on this week. The farm improvement is going on around the city and every indication looks toward better farms and happier country people.

M. J. B. Coffee sells better than any other—Why? Ask Fluke & Johnson.

## ARE IRRIGATING

### Several Hop Men Have Systems Established in Yards

#### CLAIM TO BE SUCCESSFUL

##### Carmichael's, Horst Bros. and Others Have Fine Systems Started

Horst Bros. and Carmichael's are both planning on irrigating their yards. They have pumping plants established and are getting busy with their irrigation systems and will use the irrigation method when the dry spells seem to be extended so as to retard the growth of the vines. Horst Bros. tried the experiment out last year and declared it to be profitable. The Krebs yard, now owned by Carmichael, has been systematically surveyed and placed in shape for irrigation. Crews of surveyors have outlined a grade and water will be pumped through large mains, we understand direct from the river, to irrigate the hops.

This is a new departure in hop growing but will undoubtedly prove a money winner as the hop growers can be assured of an abundance of moisture during the driest season by this method. These two yards are the largest in the world and hop men over the whole of the country are watching this experiment with considerable interest.

## ANTIOCH NEWS

### Correspondent Sends Interesting News Notes

#### Hauling Crushed Rock for Bad Section of County Road at Antioch

Charlie Osborne was a business visitor in Monmouth Monday.

Pern Lewis and wife, of Lewisville, were seen in these parts Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Clarke, of Lewisville, spent Sunday with Mrs. Clarke's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Hinkle.

Ed Wunder and wife visited the latter's uncle, Mr. Cockrell and family, who live near Independence, Sunday.

John and Charles Holman purchased a threshing machine of Mr. Mulkey and will do the threshing in this valley.

Jim and Grover Hinkle and Jim Goodman are hauling crushed rock on the road here. This will be a decided benefit for the farmers in this part of the country as it was almost impossible to get through in some places last winter.

## SOME OF LATE BUILDING HERE

### New Three Story Hotel a Sign of the Times

#### OTHERS OF CEMENT AND BRICK

##### All New Buildings Well Built and Occupied. No Calamity Howlers in Evidence

While the residence section that has seen the most development in the last few months has been in the Hill additions south and west of the main part of town, the north part of Main street has showed the most development in the business section.

The first improvement made was the building of the cement block from the Hanna Brothers store building north to the livery stable, which takes the place of the old Garrigus hotel which was an old landmark for almost forty years. Just opposite this section we find the new Lerona Hotel, a three story pressed brick structure in which are located the Hotel Lerona, owned and operated by Moss Walker, the Farmers State Bank, of which J. J. Fenton is President and C. W. Irvine, Cashier, the stockholders of which are all local men, and the Independence Bakery. The Lerona Hotel is probably as up-to-date a hostelry as there is in the valley. A large spacious waiting room, a large dining room, new sample rooms and a grill room make up the lower story of the building, while some sixty odd rooms are in the building. It has hot and cold water, patent toilets call bells and telephone connection for the benefit of the traveling public. The editor of the Monitor spent several weeks at this hotel and states from experience that the accommodations are all that could be desired in any town of twice the size of this.

Mr. Brown has built a new brick building on C street where he has opened up a general furniture and second hand store and he is getting a good business under way.

Bice and Calbreath have added quite materially to their building having put in a brick addition to the rear, taking the building to the alley and giving them more display room for their furniture, carpets, and other lines.

The above buildings make up the late improvements in the business section which have been built in the last few years, exclusive of those structures now under construction, a mention of which we made last week.

## A VERY FINE RESIDENCE

G. H. Grover has the contract for the C. A. McLaughlin residence on 5th street, one block south of the M. E. Church. The cement foundation is being placed this week and makes a full basement. Cement blocks cap the foundation from the ground level to above the yard grade. The building when completed will be the finest in Independence. It is a bungalow 32x64 over all, with a big brick fire place and flue on the north side. It will have all the modern conveniences including a late style hot water heating plant, hot and cold water bath, toilets, etc. There will be a large porch at the front and another at the back of the building. The building complete will cost in the neighborhood of \$3000. When completed Mr. McLaughlin will have one of the most modern residences in the valley.

Homer Mills, while employed at the Spaulding Logging Company planer mills on Main street, cutting quasi chips for hop spraying purposes, got his hand

caught in the saw taking off the thumb at the first joint. Dr. Hewitt was called to dress the wound and reported that he thought no complications would result and that there were practically no scratches on the other fingers of the hand.

## AN ANNOUNCEMENT

To whom it may concern: My relations with Kirkland's Pharmacy have been severed since about Aug. 1st, 1912. All accounts owing to or owed by Kirkland's Pharmacy up to that time are payable and receivable by me. All accounts payable and receivable since then are the accounts of my successor Mr. Vernon J. Brown, a competent Pharmacist and a trustworthy gentleman for whom I bespeak your generous patronage. Thanking you for your liberal patronage, I am Respectfully,  
P. M. Kirkland.

## SURPRISED AT GROWTH

### Portland Man Sees and is Pleased With it All

Phil Metschan, proprietor of the Imperial Hotel, and Ex-State Treasurer, was in Independence Friday. He was just returning from a trip to Corvallis, where he was looking over the hop yards in which he and J. S. Cooper are lessees.

He called at the Monitor office and took along a copy of the paper. He stated that this town was making a fine growth and had the earmarks of prosperity everywhere. He was surprised to see the changes that had been made here in the last few months.

## THRESHING ON

### Several Outfits Start to Work This Week

#### NEW MACHINES WORKING

##### Lew Stapleton and J. A. Kiser Have Fine New Outfits for Threshing

J. A. Kiser started threshing Monday with a fine new threshing machine which he purchased this year. He commenced work on the George Reuf place and the machine is running along without a hitch at the last report to the Monitor. Mr. Kiser has a J. I. Case machine.

C. Lawrence commenced this week to thresh in his territory north of Monmouth and will have a good run this year.

Lew Stapleton just received a new machine this week through Hanna Brothers, and it was put up in running shape Wednesday at their store and Lew started his crew out threshing this week.

Tom Hart was busy most of last week getting his outfit straightened up and in shape to start work and pulled away from his home on Fifth street with the machine the first of this week.

The first of next week will see all machines in operation and it is stated that a few weeks will clean up the grain.

The Oregon Milling and Warehouse Company have been busy for several weeks getting their warehouses and mill in shape to take care of the grain this year. This concern does an immense business and is one of the most successful industries of the county.

## FENNEL'S FATHER DIES

Word was received Saturday afternoon by Thos. Fennel that his father died Friday. Thos. Fennel, who was the father of our townsman, was 94 years of age, emigrated from Ireland to Wadina, Iowa, where Tom was born. There were eight children in the family, five men and three women, five were at home at the time of the death. All of the family were born on the old home place near Wadina and which was the home of Mr. Fennel when he passed away.

## NORMAL WINS A DORMITORY

### State Authorities Decide Referendum Matter

#### \$50,000 BECOMES AVAILABLE

##### Present Cramped Quarters to be Improved by the Erection of a Fine Modern Building

A report reached the Monitor office Tuesday morning that the \$50,000 appropriated for the O. N. S. at Monmouth would become immediately available. Pres. Ackerman was in Salem Tuesday in the interest of the school and will probably begin preparations to build the new building at once.

The Normal was held up through the Parkinson deal which held up the University but the case was not appealed and the Normal money is available. This will mean much for the Normal as it has been cramped materially for room and a dormitory is necessary.

The Salem Statesman commenting on the matter said:

"Despite former assertions to the contrary, the state department will not allow the referendum on the Monmouth Normal appropriation to go on the November ballot. This was decided at a conference between Secretary of State Olcott and Assistant Attorney-General Van Winkle. It means that the state will begin honoring the claims signed by Principal J. H. Ackerman and that the mandamus proceedings threatened by the later will not be instituted. It is said that the Monmouth authorities will immediately proceed with the erection of the \$50,000 dormitory authorized by the last legislature.

As Secretary Olcott views the case, the state never had a chance of winning, as in the former university case it was acknowledged that the Monmouth petition did not contain the necessary bona fide names, and it would merely have been necessary to call to the witness stand Secretary Olcott or others familiar with the circumstances. In this action, the state officers feel that they are enabled to combine pleasure with duty, as Monmouth is given badly needed teaching facilities and at the same time the state is saved what promised to be an expensive legal controversy.

## ALL HAY BALED

### Six Machines do the Baling About Independence

#### 1000 TON SOUTH OF CITY

##### All Hay Fine Quality and Quantity Larger than Few Years Back

Three balers were busy for a few weeks south of Independence between the D. W. Stapleton property and Buena Vista. They were the balers of Wm. Cooper, J. A. Kiser and Stapleton. It is estimated that the three balers put into bale about 1000 tons of hay in this section. The hay was reported to be good in quality and fair in quantity to the acre. The baling season is over and the hay balers have all been put up for the season. Besides these, three balers were at work south of town and they also put up quite a lot of hay, in fact it is estimated they put up considerably more than those south of town baled this year. W. F. Campbell finished his season's work several days ago, in fact much sooner than he had expected, as other baling outfits encroached on territory he thought he would handle this year.