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INDEPENDENCE TO GET NEW RAILROAD

The Iron Horse to Displace Buggy and Wagon and Steel Rails to Compete With County Highway from Buena Vista on the Willamette to Independence

TAPS HOP YARD

Line Leaves S. P. Track Two Miles South

LINE TO BE 3 MILES IN LENGTH

Train Service Daily from Independence to be Given and Line to be in Operation this Fall

Surveyors have been busy the last two weeks surveying a new railroad for H. Hirschberg from Independence to the Krebs hop yards and ultimately from there to Buena Vista. The new line will leave the S. P. line about 2 miles south of town and will be about 3 miles in length. Daily train service will be operated over the line. As soon as the right of way is secured (and the farmers are all anxious to have the line through this section) work will be rushed and a large construction crew will be shipped in to hurry the work through in time to ship the season's hops to market. This line will be an important addition to the various lines now centering at Independence and is but one of three new ones which the Monitor mentioned last week as coming to this city in the course of a very short period of time.

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

BIG STORE ROOM

Craven & Huff to Add Line of Implements

ROOM TO BE BUILT AT ONCE

Implements Ordered for the New Warehouse and Stock Complete One

Craven & Huff are to have a fine new warehouse built just to the rear of their store building on C street. The building when complete will be 36x40 feet and will be used as a storage room and display building for the implements and machinery department of the Craven & Huff hardware stock.

Mr. Craven, in a conversation with the editor of the Monitor stated, "We have our complete line of implements ordered and will carry the P. and O. lines of goods, consisting of wagons, plows, harvesters, harrows, rakes, etc. The line will be complete and we are waiting the completion of the new building to ship in the stock. This new firm has been opened but a few months but are getting shaped up to take care of a share of the increasing business around Independence.

2 NEW HOUSES

Brown and Young's New Country Homes

Elbert Thompson, of the firm of Thompson Brothers, of Salem, was in Independence this week, and in telling of the new residences around Independence, mentioned two of the best as being that of A. O. Brown, who lives just north of town and has

a new 13 room home all completed which cost \$6000. This house has all the modern conveniences, is well arranged and modern in every respect. Mr. Brown located on what is known as the Hattie Jones property a few years ago and has worked out all of his indebtedness and built this new building complete through his own energy and management in the course of a very short period. This demonstrates that the Willamette valley farmer who makes use of his land can get results. The other new home we wished to mention is that built by the same firm for E. M. Young on his farm. This is a nine room bungalow, with a full basement, acetline gas light plant, hot and cold water from a compressed air plant and sewerage system by means of a septic tank, giving him all the modern conveniences of a city home. He also has a fine new barn, chicken house and other necessary buildings. This property complete represents an expenditure of about \$7400.

NEW DEPARTMENT AT O. S. N. S.

The Oregon State Normal is preparing for their winter term now and will increase the efficiency of the course by adding a domestic science department to the school. Plans are out and the contract will be let during the week, in all likelihood, for the fitting up of the old sloyd building just West of the school for this purpose. This building is large enough to make them a good domestic science department and the public schools are now requiring that the teachers be able to teach these new subjects in the public school and the Normals are thus compelled to prepare to handle them.

President Ackerman is planning on giving the graduates of the Normal the best training available for teaching purposes, and has put in considerable time looking into the work of the different schools of the east to be prepared to add the work required here. Many new teachers have been brought to Monmouth from the very best schools of the east and where they have had the latest experience, and this experience Mr. Ackerman is using in helping build up a fine institution at the sister town of Monmouth.

No school in the state comes so directly in contact with the little folks as the Normal, because its graduates go out to do the work that reaches direct to the little children. Their first schooling in the public school is at the hand of the teacher and the more Normal students we have the better training the little ones secure. There are too few educated teachers and too many who are not educated. What we need is the very best Normal work we can secure in Oregon. The big eastern Oregon counties realize this and vote in favor of Normal education.

We have been unable to learn how much thrashing has been done up to the present time or the location of machines working but reports arrived this week stating that the wheat was being delivered to the different warehouses in quite extensive quantities. The Independence mill received over 3,000 bushel last week and some this week. The quantity coming this week has not been so great as the recent rains and thundershowers kept back the thrashing crews for several days and thus caused a cessation of the grain to the warehouses.

PLANT ALFALFA

Crop Does Fine on Rich Valley Bottom Land

PROGRESSIVE FARMERS TRY IT

Editor Interviews Farmers and Learns Valuable Information on Good Hog Food Crop

Alfalfa does well in the Willamette valley bottom lands. In no section does it do better than around Independence where the river bottom overflows every year and leaves a rich deposit of new soil and sand preventing the land from becoming worn out and non productive. That is one reason why the Independence hops are recognized as the best in Oregon, and why other communities when speaking of their hops state they may equal the famous Independence hop.

Catlin & Linn were the first to plant the alfalfa successfully which was done on their farm about four years ago in the territory known as American bottom. This section above Independence has been an experimenting station for the alfalfa raising business. Sloper Brothers, about three years ago, tried the crop and found it productive. Krebs Brothers followed with a forty-five-acre tract of alfalfa, which is producing a fine yield and demonstrated the fertility of the bottom soil. Joe Pincus tried sixteen acres on his place and is well pleased with his returns. R. H. McCarty, three years ago planted three acres and this year Mr. Hartley has produced two crops already from this little tract and will get more.

As feed for hogs the alfalfa settlement in the American hop bottom claim alfalfa is king and the returns indicate it. There is no reason why this crop should not be raised more extensively. It is a fine producing crop when once it is well stooled and being a perennial crop it does not have to be replanted every year, and then too when it gets sufficient water it will produce several crops during a year. It isn't like merchandise on your shelves. It grows money while you sleep.

DEATH OF FLORENCE I. ALLIN

ALLIN—Near Eugene, Oregon, on the upper Mackenzie, Sunday, August 11, 1912, at 5:15 p. m., Florence Inez Allin, of uremic coma, brought on by diabetic condition, aged 34 years, 11 months and ten days. Florence Wagoner Allin was born in Springfield, Illinois, September 1, 1877, later moved to Dayton, Washington, and from there with her parents and brothers came to Independence in 1893, so the greater part of her life was spent in this city. She was married to Dr. W. R. Allin eight years ago, and to the union one boy was born, William, who is five years of age. Besides her husband and son she leaves a mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Wagoner, of Portland, and two brothers, Harry E., and Clarence R., and no death has ever occurred prior to this to mar the family happiness.

For several years Florence had suffered from diabetes, and that too, without hope of permanent cure, but through it all she was cheerful, hopeful, uncomplaining. At her bedside were husband and son, two doctors and

a trained nurse. She had the very best of care. The family in Portland made every effort to be with her, but were late a few hours.

The editor of the Monitor has been personally acquainted with Florence for nineteen years, and words fail to picture her as she was. "The purest treasure mortal times afford, is spotless reputation," and the heart, character and life of Mrs. Allin is an open book. She was as true as steel, and as inflexible to wrong doing as human character could be. Her friends were legion, and when once made they remained as true, tried and trusted.

"We speak of our friends as dead. The casket contains her outer covering; she still lives. She looked with those eyes, spoke with that tongue, those lips, used those hands, for there was that within the body which employed these organs as instruments. She has passed through the door, invisible to us, into a world of ghosts but a world of substance—of human forms. She has gone forth clothed with immortality and stands today in the presence of her father and her God of her Savior and ours. She is carried with her the fruits of her true and kindly words, brave and generous deeds, noble conduct and endurance; for in that sphere character alone survives and every one shall find the place for which he or she is fitted. We can not tell what things may be given her to do, but we are sure her higher life in that glorious world unseen by us will be one of activity, of ministry to others, perhaps to us, in ways we cannot understand."

The vacant chair in this household must ever remain empty and the husband loses a helpmeet, the son a mother's love and guidance, but to us all life is swallowed up in death. It is a tender chord that unites us to this world and death may linger long or be as swift as the flight of a meteor. Everything in nature dies to live again. The flower withers on its stem and dies; the leaves fall in the autumn and become a part of mother earth; the forests are consumed by fire and destroyed by man; the frost comes from a clear sky and kills the fruit so promising before it has had time to mature; floods and hurricanes and fires sweep over whole areas and leave devastation in their wake. So with life, some are gathered to their resting place in infancy, others in the full strength of manhood and womanhood, while others are allotted the full span of life given to man, but with us all, life is swallowed up in death, for this corruptible must put on incorruption and this mortal must put on immortality. O death, where is thy victory? O grave, where is thy sting?

The funeral services will be held in the I. O. O. F. hall today Thursday, at 10:00 a. m., under the auspices of Clover Leaf Rebekah lodge of this city, of which she was a member. Dr. H. C. Dunsmore delivers the funeral sermon. The interment will be in Portland, probably the River-view cemetery.

There is no occasion to leave Independence to buy your merchandise. You can get all you want right here. The competition is keen enough to insure you bed rock prices, and the stores large enough to carry a stock to select from. This town needs no more grocery, drygoods, hardware, or drug stores. She is well equipped in all those lines with those here and those that have announced their coming.

RESULTS TALK

Post Office Out Grows the Agent's Estimate

MORE BOXES ARE REQUIRED

Business Increases 40 per cent in Six Months and District is Restricted by River

In October, 1910, the Government sent an agent out to make an estimate of the size of office needed for Independence, and stated that a lock box service of 336 boxes would satisfy this town for ten year's time. Since then the service here has grown to such an extent that 126 more boxes were necessary and have been added, and the indications now are that another section will be needed in a very short time.

The increase of the office business in the first six months of the last calendar year is over 40 per cent. If this increase is kept up for two years it will make a second class office here. That would place Independence on an equal footing with all offices in the state except Portland and Salem, which are first class offices.

One reason this place does not now have a second class office is from the fact that there is no bridge across the river and the rural mail that should go out from here to the immediate territory tributary opposite Independence now goes out from Salem, Albany and other points and this poor service to these people can only be remedied when a bridge spans the river at Independence.

Mr. Merwin also stated in his conversation that a larger building would be required if the business kept increasing at its present rate and an addition would be put on to the present property if demanded. There are 23 second class offices in Oregon but very few of these have as limited a territory to draw from as does Independence.

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

OUR ANTIOCH NEWG ITEMS

Mr. Kenyon preached at the Antioch school house Sunday.

Theodore Moffit of Oakdale, passed through here enroute to Monmouth Friday.

Ralph Barber finished hauling wood to town for Mrs. E. Clarke Thursday.

Clarence Bruce, of Oakdale, was in this vicinity trying to buy a horse Thursday.

Mrs. C. E. Clapp and mother, Mrs. Snell, were Monmouth visitors Saturday.

Grover Hinkle and Jim Riggles spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Clarke, of Lewisville.

Joe Swearingen, who was water boy with Rogers' threshing crew, was brought home sick last Saturday. He was suffering from a severe sore throat during the recent rain.

Bill Bogynska, who has been working for Mr. Holman on the threshing machine, quit Saturday and Riley Rhodes has taken his place.

He Likes The Monitor

C. E. Nash, special representative of the Occidental Life In-

urance Company, called on the editor Tuesday. He is an old acquaintance, having been in the State Normal at Monmouth together. Mr. Nash formerly hailed from Buena Vista, but was recently assigned to the Salem end of the accident work of this company. He stated we are paying \$8.16 a week to Mr. Jordan, who got his hand hurt a few weeks ago, also to Mr. Williamson and Walter Boyse, all of Independence.

Mr. Nash said: "I got your first issue of the Monitor from a boy selling it on the street, and I was surprised at the cosmopolitan appearance of the paper; its make up; clear, clean print; in fact I have not seen a better county weekly in the valley, and I tell you it speaks well for Independence." We wish to state it almost makes us blush to print such praise as this, but we take it for what it is worth and suppose you will also.

THRASHER GOES TO THE LUCKIAMUTE

Luckiamute is to the thrasher again. This time she is ready to thresh her own grain. They were all down Saturday in their wagons and with their best horeflesh to get their new separator. M. Scraftford, E. Chamberlain, Mr. Green, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Rutschman, Ernest and Glen Hiltbrand make up the seven that have combined together and bought this new machine. Enoch Chamberlain has an engine of his own and they have all the perquisites to put the grain into sacks and get it ready for the market.

What surprises the editor of the Monitor is that they had not thought of this matter before. They are wide awake up there and will soon have a railroad through their farms to the coast, or near them, and they are preparing to get ready for the onrush of settlers.

Mrs. J. E. Caldwell has consented to take up the soliciting work for the Monitor and is authorized to collect and receipt for subscriptions. We have no bargain days, cut price offerings or specials to offer.

NEW POOL HALL

Asa Taylor Property Is Leased by Gaines

Asa B. Taylor rented his new store building now being built on C street this week to W. W. Gaines, a brother of Dick Gaines, who will open up a first class cigar and tobacco store, and in connection will carry a complete line of soft drinks, candy, fruits, ice cream, etc. He expects to put in about four tables and will have one of the best places in the valley when it is finally completed and ready for occupancy. The store has a frontage of 33 feet and a depth of 90 feet, making it a model place for a good store. In connection a small restaurant may be opened in the rear of the building. The place will be opened and running before hop picking time and will be a good resort for the hop pickers when in town after their day's work.

NEW TELEPHONE

Ten Arm Two Party Service Planned

FROM AMERICAN BOTTOM IN

Joe Pincus in Town Saturday Perfecting an Organization of Farmers and Hop Men

Joe Pincus was in town Saturday and with him he had a list of telephone subscribers. Their line up American bottom is in bad condition and they decided to see what could be done towards a new company. A number of the ranchers between Independence and Buena Vista were in town and they pretty generally signed up for stock in the new company. Three hundred telephone poles were started down the river over a week ago to be stopped at the Carmichael yards for a line from the old Krebs place to town. If the rest of the people signed up these poles would be used for a ten arm two party service to town, giving the people of this section one of the best services in the country. They were generally signing up when in town Saturday and a meeting was held to effect a general organization in the afternoon at the Lerona hotel. The line will be pushed along so as to get it in operation before hop-picking.

GENERAL STORE

To Open in the Whiteaker Building Soon

L. A. CAREY LIKES THE TOWN

States he Comes to Stay and Hopes to Have Stock on Hand Soon

L. A. Carey of Spokane, commenced fixing up his place on Main street a few days ago. He is boxing in some well arranged windows, putting in shelving and expects to get a new stock of merchandise on the shelves in a short time. He has the Whiteaker building, joining the Lerona hotel property and is improving it before securing his stock. He said to the editor of the Monitor, "I have been all over this valley looking for a place to locate a good, up-to-date, general stock of merchandise, and three months investigation has caused me to select this town. I am here to stay. I did not come here for hop picking as some intimate, but am fixing up permanently to begin business and have just ordered my stock. I will carry from \$10,000 to \$15,000 stock and if I find the trade will justify I will put in a \$20,000 stock here.

A new building 50 x 100 is being erected at the corner of the three hop ranches of H. Hirschberg, Horst Bros., and Mr. Wolf. High Buffum and sons are putting up the building, doing their own carpenter work and getting the building in shape for the fall dancing at the hop yards. The old story of work and pleasure combined is causing this new monster 50 by 100 dance hall to go up and being situated at the corner of a thousand acres of hops it will undoubtedly be a busy spot during the whole of the hop picking season.