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## SAW MILL NEWS ITEMS

### Things Held up Temporarily Owing to Absence of President

### TWO WEEKS TIME BRINGS DESIRED NEWS

### Possible to Have Two Mills In Place of One is Latest Report on the Streets Here

It is barely possible that Independence will secure two big saw mills is the report that reached the editor this week. While nothing definite was announced it is possible that Spaulding will put in a big mill here when railroad connections are made to their timber which they would reach through the building of a road to the Siletz. This company already have desirable mill property in the city and all that would be necessary would be the buildings and machinery.

We are informed that they have considerable timber that has been burned over and which they must log within the next few years to save.

The Falls City Lumber Company have their site chosen here. It consists of a tract of about 15 acres, and their final decision will be made in the course of ten days, when their president will be home from the east where he was called on account of sickness. They have their railroad franchise granted and we are informed have accepted the terms of the agreement and await only a purely technical action of the company, which must be complied with to make their decision binding.

## TRIED GASOLINE HUNTED SAFETY

### Wilber Croft Tries an Experiment and Finds It Works Faster Than Planned

Wilber Croft attempts to light a fire by using gasoline as a means of fuel this week. The fire went alright and so did Croft. A small gust of wind came in as he lit the fire and the blaze follows back to a can of gasoline and started to burn. Croft kicked it out the door and in his exertion to make a goal toppled himself out along with the gasoline can, falling out of the house. He received a few burns but nothing serious. His brother jumped from bed and put out the fire that had started in the house and so all was saved whole and no damage was done.

## DIES AT PEEDEE

Harry Lacy one of the best known farmers in the Peedee country, died at his home Saturday of Tuberculosis and was buried at 11:00 A. M. Sunday at the cemetery near here.

Mr. Lacy leaves a wife and family. He had been sick for some time. He was a man well liked by his many neighbors and had many intimate friends. The family have the sympathy of the public in their sad bereavement.

## NEW WAREHOUSE COMPANY

Sam Irvine, H. Hirschberg, Monroe Kirkland and W. W. Percival purchased the cannery building from the incorporators and have been using it for a hop warehouse. They intend to incorporate under the name of the Independence Hop Warehouse Company and will store a large quantity of hops there this year.

## NEW TRUCK AND DRAY BUSINESS

C. A. Kurre returned to Independence a few weeks ago and has decided to open up a draying business in this city. He has made arrangements for a new truck of 5000 pounds capacity and will be opened up for business at once. He has established his office in the hardware store of Craven & Huff for the present time. Claude has many friends here and will do a good business.

## SOME PRIZE PUMPKINS

### It Takes Four to Fill His Wagon

### Wallace Huntley Expects to Carry Off the Prizes at Polk County Fair

Wallace Huntley hitched old Dolly to the shay and brot some prize pumpkins that would put Si of Pumpkinville entirely out of the running. One weighed 77½ pounds, one 79 and a big squash was brought along that tipped the scales at 57½ pounds. They were grown in among the baby hops and the pickers used them in place of boxes to sit on as they picked the first crop of hops from this yard. Wallace had one of them named Taft, one Bryan and stated he left Teddy Moose in the hop patch where he belonged.

## CLASSES ORGANIZING

The student body organized the first of the week and elected officers for the coming school year as follows: Marion F. Butler, President; Ernest E. Williams, Vice-President; Leona Sperling, Secretary; Ira Mix, Acting Manager of Athletics.

The Senior class elected Ernest E. Williams Pres., Victor Seeley, Vice-Pres., and Marie Jones, Secy. and Treas.

The Sophomore class elected Mary Howard, Pres.; Rollo McKinney, Vice-Pres., and Adeline Rockwell, Secy. and Treas.

## A Nice Country Home

Wm. Addison living four miles south of town has improved his property quite extensively making it one of the finest home places in the country. A large porch, the full length of the front has been built to the residence, a gasoline engine, well and big tank have been placed near the residence so as to furnish hot and cold water for the residence and a fine bath room which has been added. He plans building a large barn in a short time. Mr. Addison is an up-to-date farmer and is raising hay, oats and general crops and has a number of fine horses and cattle.

## FOR SALE

Seed cheat, vetch, wheat and oats. Inquire or phone Verd Hill, Independence, Oregon.

## INDEPENDENCE HIGH SCHOOL

### Preparation for Football Claiming General Attention

## CLASSES ELECT THE OFFICERS

### Game Scheduled With Corvallis High School and With Silverton the Coming Month and Dallas Invited to Try

The High School is getting organized in good shape all along the line. The boys have a good football team selected and are working out under Coach McIntire's instructions in fine shape. A new boy entered the school this year, formerly of Springfield weighing 178 pounds and it is believed he will make a valuable addition to the football squad. Charles Goyeau will stop with his grandfather, T. R. Williams this winter and try out with the football squad. He is also a pitcher and will help make up a good strong baseball team later. Games are being arranged between the Independence high school team and the best teams of the state. Corvallis will probably play on the local grounds Saturday, October 12th, and Silverton on the 19th. A return game with Silverton is scheduled for November 24 at Silverton. It is planned to arrange a regular schedule with the above teams and with Albany, Eugene, Salem, Woodburn, Newberg and Dallas.

## Young Couple Married

Harriman H. Brant and Miss Millie Addison were united in marriage by Rev. F. N. Sandifer Tuesday evening at the home of the bride's parents, four miles southeast of Independence.

The wedding was a quiet one, only a few of the immediate friends being present.

Mr. Brant has been living with his people on a ranch near Monmouth, and is a young man of genuine worth.

Miss Addison is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Addison, is a young lady of finest character and is greatly beloved by all who know her.

Mr. and Mrs. Brant leave immediately for Southern California where they intend making their future home.

## INITIATIVE MILLAGE TAX

### University of Oregon and O.A.C. on Millage Basis Is Plan

### Argument for the Initiative Millage Bill

The initiative millage tax bill, providing for a six tenths of a mill tax, four sevenths for the use of the Agricultural College, and three sevenths for the use of the University, and providing also for a single Board of Regents, was prepared by a joint committee from the Governor's special commission appointed to solve Oregon's higher educational problem, and from the Board of

Regents of the two institutions working in conjunction with the Governor and with the Presidents of the two institutions, and is offered as a substitute for all the present legislative bills for support and government of the two institutions.

This bill does not increase the average rate of taxation for the support of the two institutions as shown during the last ten years. The average during this period is a trifle over six tenths of a mill.

The state of Washington is at present paying for the same purposes seventeen hundredths of a mill more than the Oregon bill calls for; namely, forty five hundredths of a mill for the University and thirty two hundredths of a mill for the Agricultural College.

The growth of the two institutions will certainly keep pace with the growth of wealth in the state, as has been shown by the experience of all other states using the millage basis of support. The bill expressly repeals the \$500,000 appropriations of the legislative session of two years ago, now submitted to the voters under the referendum (official numbers on the ballot, 372, 373, 374, 375,) for their approval or rejection.

The present standing appropriations to be continued for one year are most urgently needed to give the institutions a start in buildings and to carry them through the period while the tax is being collected.

The passage of this bill will take the University and agricultural College out of politics. The efficiency and dignity of the institutions demand permanency of support and freedom from political entanglements.

Through the unified control of the single board, hearty co-operation of the institutions will be insured. The advantages of a combined institution with be secured, and the advantages which come from segregation will not be sacrificed.

Since the millage bill involved the question of taxation, it should be taken directly to the people. It is therefore not an abuse but a proper use of the initiative law and the bill should be voted upon its merits.

## Died Under Operation

FRANKIE TOZER BLOCK--Died at Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland, Sept. 22, immediately following a surgical operation.

Mrs. Block was born March 21, 1886 and was married September 20, 1910 in Portland, Oregon to W. H. Block of this city, removing to Independence in April 1911, where she made her home up to the time of her last illness. She was the daughter of J. R. Tozer, a well known pioneer of Ashland Oregon, where she lived among her many friends up to the time of her marriage. She was a young lady of high ideals and noble character and had a host of friends who mourn her death.

Mrs. Block was placed in the physicians care about eight months ago, since which time she has continually had a nurse and during the whole or this time was being treated for tuberculosis up to the time of the operation when the case was diagnosed by Portland surgeons who pronounced the case a dormant kidney from a bruise when a child. The operation was made to remove the kidney but her constitution was so weakened that she was unable to recover from the surgeons knife.

The funeral services were conducted in Ashland, to which place the body was removed from the hospital and interment was made in the Ashland Cemetery.

## For Sale

I have some Cheat seed Phone 663. S. Muhleman, Independence, Oregon. 4t 10-2

## HIGH SCHOOL RECEPTION

### Important Social Event in the New High School Building

## EVERY ONE HAS GOOD TIME

### Miss Burton Entertains the Teachers and Students With Well rendered Programme and Get Acquainted Time

A successful reception was held at the High School building Friday evening by Miss Burton, assisted by a number of Independence ladies and gentlemen, the occasion being the introduction of the teachers to their students and about 100 pupils together with friends made up the attendance present.

The entertainment started with a talking game consisting of 10 subjects, partners being arranged when a subject had been exhausted and the bell rang for a change. This part of the program continued until about 9 o'clock when the literary and musical part of the evening's entertainment was carried out.

This consisted of: Instrumental duet,--Gretchen Kreamer and Aletha McKinney, Reading, "Auntie Doleful's Visit",--Abilene Rockwell.

Vocal Solo--"All that I ask of you is love"--Mrs. E. E. Paddock.

Address--"Welcome"--Dr. H. Chas. Dunsmore.

Response--Prof. Chute, Prin. School.

Remarks--B. F. Swope, Member of Board of Directors.

Vocal Solo--"You're as welcome as the flowers in May" enchoire, "Where the river Shannon flows"--Billy Mc Adams.

After the game as above flowers were matched for partners for a "Dinner Party" guessing contest consisting of four parts:

## Meats

(1) Meats, (2) Vegetables, (3) Fruit and (4) The guests.

The questions and correct answers are as follows:--

Centerpiece--One of the Argonauts.--Caster.

A tool and a wise man--Sausage. (saw sage).

A celebrated English Essayist,--Bacon.

A silly fellow,--Goose.

A son of Noah,--Ham.

An insect and a letter,--Beef.

Employment of some women and dread of all.--Spinach.

Part of a house and a letter,--Celery.

What Pharoah saw in a dream,--Corn.

To waste away and Eve's temptation,--Pineapple.

Four-fifths of a month and a dwelling,--Apricot.

Married people,--Pear.

Feb. 22, July 4, Sept. 27,--Dates.

Guests

A kind of linen,--Irish or India(n).

Residences of civilized people,--Holmes.

To agitate a weapon,--Shakespeare.

Meat, what are you doing?--Browning.

Humpbacked but not deformed,--Campbell.

A lady's garment,--Hood.

Very rapid,--Swift.

Special mention should be made of Attorney Swope's remarks in which he spoke as a member of the board of directors of the fine school promised this year, stating that the board was ready and anxious to co-operate in making in Independence the best school in Oregon and that

there was no reason why we should not build here for such a school. With the new department added and the work outlined for the coming year as it is the growth of the school is assured and the board is willing to cooperate in every way possible.

## SUFFOCATED BY AN AUTO TO WRECK

Jesse McCorkle, foreman on the Wigrich ranch, while coming from Salem, had his auto to turn over about one hundred yards beyond the watering trough at Eola, pinioning him so that it was impossible for him to move his body or head. His face was forced into the mud and it is thought he was smothered to death as a result. Two men and two young ladies drove along in an auto immediately behind him and stopped, one of the ladies seeing a man underneath fainted and they rushed back to Salem giving the announcement of the wreck and death. Immediately autos rushed to the scene but they were too late to be of any assistance. An examination of the body showed no injuries on the body of any kind, which leads to the belief that his death came from his being unable to get his face clear from the muddy ground beneath him. The accident occurred about 11:00 A. M. Tuesday.

Mr. McCorkle is a man of family and his many friends are universal in their sympathy for the members of the family.

## Sunny Slope News Items of Interest

Paul Riley and family have moved on to Misses Maggie and Allie Butler's place.

Len Fishback went to Carlton Sunday to attend the high School there.

A. J. Shipley was a Falls City visitor one day the past week.

Miss Minnie Wunder began her school work at Oakdale Monday.

Roy Johnson is working for W. H. Mack.

Mr. Miller is erecting a new house on his place here which he purchased from Mr. Beckly.

Mr. Clinton and family of near Independence have moved on to Rufus Smith's place.

Mrs. W. H. Mack attended the sale of Peter Kurre at Talmage Thursday.

A. J. Shipley and sons are visiting relatives near Corvallis this week.

Misses Hazel and Daisy Johnson, Ina and Lettie Fishback called on Mrs. Guy Havitt of the Luckiamute Sunday P. M.

W. B. Ramsey made a business trip to Salem Friday.

Frank Hilke of Independence finished thrashing Geo. Heck's grain here Thursday.

Mrs. F. A. Wolfe and daughter Mrs. Teal of Falls City passed through our neighborhood Thursday enroute to Talmage where they attended Mr. Kurre's sale.

Mrs. Dewitt of Monmouth visited with Mrs. George Heck and Bertha Layson Thursday and Friday.

Mr. Guthridge and family of Falls City are moving on to Mrs. E. Clark's place here.

Samuel Henkle made a business trip to Salem Wednesday.

Leander Bellow of Bridgeport was in our neighborhood Tuesday.

Mrs. C. E. Clapp and son Elton were pleasant guests of the former's daughter, Mrs. Effie Fishback of Lewisville, Tuesday.

Joe Houseman is assisting Phil Riley with his work.

## OREGON SHEEP BEST IN WORLD

### Fine Stock Exhibited In East Compete Favorably

### Koser of Rickreall Has Them

### The Best in the Whole World Raised In Polk County Is Statement Made By Experts

Last fall A. E. Chamberlin, development commissioner of the Great Northern railway, a stranger to all of the Western breeders, who was visiting the Oregon state fair, noticed the superior quality of the Oregon sheep of these breeds and induced one of the breeders, F. A. Koser of Rickreall, to bring a small flock to the international live stock exposition at Chicago.

"Mr. Koser was a novice in the showing of sheep and found himself in competition with the best that could be bought in England or Canada or were produced in the U. S. And they were dressed for the show and his were from the pasture.

"Notwithstanding this handicap he succeeded in winning his full share of the prizes. Frank Harding, of Waukesha, Wis., noticed the quality of these sheep and this year instead of importing he went to Oregon for his show flocks. He has just concluded a round of the state fair circuits and has certainly won his full share of the prizes. There is no excuse for a farmer high priced extra quality live stock unless he lets those who want to purchase that class of stuff know that he has it. Judicious advertising is as necessary to the success of the breeder as it is that he have the stuff to sell.

"The best advertising a breeder can get is by taking stuff where other breeders are and showing them what he has.

"Mr. Koser did this. The result will be a development of a large trade between the eastern and western slopes of Oregon and Washington in sheep of these breeds.

"The Oregon stock men are breeders on these same slopes of dairy cattle of a superior quality as are their long woolled sheep. Why don't they bring some of them over the mountains and let the Eastern breeders see what they have?

"But why shouldn't they have a superior quality of dairy cattle? They have the climate and conditions under which the dairy breeds of cattle and the different breeds of long woolled sheep were developed. They have green feed or grazing for this stock the year around, and it was just such environment that contributed to and made possible the development of these different breeds to their highest type of perfection.

"With such conditions as they have in western Washington and Oregon there is no necessity of having to import long woolled sheep or dairy cattle from Europe and if the farmers of that part of this country who are favored with such excellent conditions will produce the stuff the eastern man will certainly buy it, and at very profitable prices.--Salem Statesman.

Mrs. Edna Dossett of Medford visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. Marble at their farm south of Independence this week.