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### WE GIVE THANKS THIS DAY FOR A YEAR OF PROGRESS IN EVERY LINE

Independence has Taken Development Steps That Will Insure Her a Steady and Permanent Growth. Home Trade is Increasing, Larger and Better Stocks are Being Added in All Our Stores and Realty is Advancing in Value

### PRELIMINARY SURVEY STARTED WEDNESDAY BETWEEN INDEPENDENCE AND SALEM ON EUGENE--EASTERN

#### REPLENISHING POLK STREAMS

#### Government Furnishes Trout to Parties

#### 15,000 BLACK SPOTTED TROUT

#### R. W. Baker Distributed Them in Different Streams

Fifteen thousand black spotted trout were received by R. W. Baker of the Independence Seed and Feed Co., Saturday, and were immediately taken out to the little streams running into the Luckiamute, where they were placed in Berry creek, Lead creek and one other small stream. These fish were shipped from the government hatchery at Bozeman, Montana, with other shipments to Oregon as far as Portland, and from there were shipped to Independence, coming in six large cans.

Men come with them, and keep stirring them in order to keep plenty of fresh air in the cans.

The second year the trout spawn but the increase is not as healthy and strong as in the third year, when they are more matured and produce more and stronger young. These trout are very small when sent out from the government hatchery and put in the little streams where the larger fish will not be so apt to kill them off.

Mr. Baker stated that the largest per cent of fish came in good condition, although a percentage of them had died on the road. He placed his order some time ago with the Oregon senators and the fish were sent out free by the government, the plan being to furnish the mountain streams with fish as fast as possible.

#### LIKE POLK COUNTY BEST

#### Kansas People Decide to Locate With Us

Mrs. John Ground and daughter Ruth, and Mrs. John Kurech and son, of Wichita, Kansas, are visiting at the home of F. P. Ground and wife, of near Buena Vista.

They are so well pleased with Polk county and the Willamette valley, that the families have both decided to leave Kansas for good and locate in this section.

#### Mrs. Martha Simpson.

Mrs. Martha Simpson, aged 97 years and 14 days, died at her old home near Airlie Friday morning, of senility.

Martha Jackson was born in Franklin county, Tenn., November 8, 1815. In 1830 she moved, with her parents, to Alabama, and after three years went to Arkansas for ten years and was married there to Isaac Middleton Simpson on August 16, 1844. They moved to Missouri and remained one year, coming to Oregon in 1845 by an ox team over the Meeker route. They came down the Columbia river from The Dalles on a raft, landing near the present site of Linnton, in the month of October, and settled at Airlie, Polk county, Dec. 2, 1845, where she has since resided.

Four children were born, three of whom are living: Marshall W., of Elk City; Isaac M., of Airlie; Mrs. Eliza Leughary, of Monmouth. Her husband died in 1887.

"Aunt Patsy," as she was familiarly known throughout the valley, was quite active until lately and possessed a wonderful memory. She leaves several grandchildren and great-grandchildren—Oregonian.

#### WILL CONTEST ELECTION

#### Arthur Allen Asks for Re-count for Assessor of This County

We are informed that Arthur Allen who, when the votes were all counted in, was declared loser of the election by six votes as assessor, has decided to ask for a recount. He believes mistakes have been made, and since the total vote shows him to have lost by only six votes, it would require but a very few errors to change the result. Mr. Myres was his Democratic opponent at the recent election.

#### ROSEDALE ADDITION TO CITY

#### 1144 Feet of Cement Walks to be Built at Once

The new addition platted last week, just east of Ash creek has been named "Rose Dale Addition" and consists of 14 lots. Mr. C. W. Bise, the cement contractor, has started putting cement walks in the addition and will lay 1144 feet of cement walk this winter. The addition was surveyed out by county surveyor Suter, who has been plating out the addition for record in the clerk's office.

#### BEAUTIFYING YARDS

#### Several are Cleaning up, Planting Flowers, Improving

O. T. Solie is working in his yard and along the side walks putting in flowers and improving it. He has one of nicest yards in the city and takes pride in it.

W. T. ... was cleaning up his yard this week, burning the brush and refuse, and shaping it up for the winter. He has a pretty residence property and keeps it in good shape.

Mrs. Geo. W. Henkle has been making a new yard at their property on Rail Road street, and have been planting roses and flowers.

Mr. Rice who purchased the property just south of the M. E. church, has been trimming up the trees, and getting the grass cut down in order to fix up the yard and improve the appearance of the property.

O. A. Kramer had a quantity of soil and fertilizer hauled to his property on Fifth street and is improving the yard and the parking along the walks.

J. S. Bohannon took down his fence, cleaned up his yard, and is making his place more attractive.

Remember the big dance on Thanksgiving.

#### PRELIMINARY SURVEY IS ON

#### Company Surveyors Start Wednesday on Cut Off

#### ABOUT 4 MILES OF NEW TRACK

#### Save Time in Trip to Portland from Independence Is Plan of Company

Just as we go to press we learn the Eugene and Eastern surveyors have arrived in this locality and started at the preliminary survey on the cut-off from Independence to Salem. The survey starts at a junction with the S. P. line below Independence and will connect with the S. P. Falls City, and Salem branch at or near McNary. This

is a part of the Electric line from Eugene to Portland announced in the Monitor several weeks ago.

"Be ye thankful" and attend the Thanksgiving service at the Calvary Presbyterian church, next Sunday morning, at 11 o'clock.

#### Presbyterian Bazaar, Dec. 6

An excellent literary and musical and general program is being prepared and a one act drama will be given at the Presbyterian annual bazaar at the Opera House Friday evening, Dec. 6. A full program will appear next week.

Don't forget that Thanksgiving dance.

Among those attending the O. N. S. dance Wednesday were: Bart Mix, Rollo McKinney, Crosby Dalton, Fay Dunsmore, Ernest Williams, Soi Herzog and Chet Henkle.

#### LET US BE THANKFUL TODAY

Once more the pendulum of time has recorded the complete annual circle of the dial and Thanksgiving day is here to remind us that as we succeed we should take stock of our success and if it is good, then let us give thanks.

You do not have to be rich to be thankful; you do not have to have position or power to be thankful; you do not have to be a person gifted with some great talent to be thankful; no, you can be thankful if you have plenty to eat and wear, good health, true friends and the stark of love for your fellow man.

He who walks in the field of nature, breathing the pure atmosphere of honor and justice; who drinks from the fountain of charity and benevolence; who takes nourishment from honest thought and noble action; makes his every day life a thanksgiving sermon to his fellow man more potent in power than the most eloquent address that could come from human lips.

The gold of a Rockefeller, a Gould, a Carnegie or a Vanderbilt would be as tinkling brass in comparison to the compassion and charity of the faithful friend whose alms come unsolicited and who helps because he, like Abou Ben Adham, loved his fellow men.

This day we recall to mind the little acts of the past; and the pleasant recollection of duty well done and faith well kept, bring thanksgiving to us and to those who we can count as friends.

We all belong to one big family and should not forget, that though we may differ in religion, in politics, in position and wealth, we are "men for a' that" as the great Scotch poet said. We came here neither with riches nor fine clothes, education or special marks of importance, and we have no lasting assurance of keeping that which we have gained by hard labor or shrewd genius. So in being thankful we should not overlook the fact that the power that has made us, can also unmake us, and that we alone are but entities that can be easily crushed beneath the iron hand of adversity.

The God of love is a God of fairness and his child, ren should keep their eyes and ears open to the call of justice and the beating of that monitor found within every man called conscience.

Be thankful therefore for that which has been good and honest and help your friends this day to be thankful also.

#### IMPROVING RIVER DOCKS

L. Damon, who owns the river warehouse and docks, is having new piling driven along the dock so as to improve the landing place. A great deal of freight is being handled by the Altona and Grahamona to and from Independence and Mr. Damon decided to improve the landing as much as possible.

#### At Calvary Presbyterian Church

At the Calvary Presbyterian church, next Sunday morning.

The Thanksgiving season will be observed by an appropriate sermon by the pastor. Evening service at 7.30. A cordial invitation is extended to all who have no regular place of worship to meet with us.

H. Chas. Dunsmore, Minister.

#### NOTICE

The Ladies of the Presbyterian Church will give their Annual Bazaar at the Opera House, Friday, December 6.

The Election of officers for Arrah Chapter No. 34, O. E. S. occurs Tuesday, Dec 12.

#### ASSAULTS WITH KNIFE FACE CUT

#### Homer Inflicts Two Bad Wounds on Face

#### CAUGHT IN TOWN TUESDAY

#### Mr. McDonald of Wierich Ranch assaulted by Tom Homer

Dr. McIntire was called to dress two bad cuts that Mr. McDonald received at the hands of Tom Homer, an employee of the Wierich ranch. One of the wounds was a four inch cut on the back of the head, going to the skull, the other a two inch slash through the right cheek. Three stitches were taken in the wounds.

Mr. McDonald, who was in charge of the work there, discharged Homer, who became enraged, and before any one could interfere had severely wounded McDonald.

The sheriff was notified of the crime and went at once to arrest Homer, who had skipped out and when last seen was headed towards Buena Vista.

It is generally thought that Homer is demented.

Homer was taken in custody Tuesday, while in a barber shop getting a shave.

#### CARPENTERS WORKING AT EAST INDEPENDENCE

Claud Skinner, owner of the launch, Independence, is having the stairs and the landing at the East Independence station improved this week. Purvine and Byers are doing the carpenter work. The passenger traffic on the boat to the Oregon Electric is increasing every day and a new schedule will probably be established in a short time that will give the people even a better train service than they have at the present time.

#### POLK COUNTY SPELLING MATCH NOV. 8

The position of the different schools for 1st place, 2nd place, and 3rd place will be given in order as they occur.

#### Class A, Comprising Schools of more than 5 Teachers

Fourth Grade: Independence, 96.4; Monmouth, 95.4; Dallas, 90.0; Fifth Grade: Independence, 98.3; Monmouth, Falls City, 95.5; Dallas, 94.0; Sixth Grade: Falls City, 96.95; Monmouth, 95.9; Dallas, 95.6; Seventh Grade: Falls City, 98.5; Dallas, 95.4; Independence, 94.6; Eighth Grade: Falls City, 93.7; Dallas, 98.6; Independence, 93.7.

#### Class B Comprising Schools with from 2 to 5 Teachers Inclusive.

Fourth Grade: Airlie, 98.8; Black Rock, 98.6; Bethel, 98.3; Fifth Grade: West Salem, 98.9; Black Rock, 98.5; Ballston, 98.4; Sixth Grade: Ballston, 98.75; Rickreall, 97.4; West Salem, 97.2; Seventh Grade: Salt Creek, 100; Perrydale, 98; Mountain View, 97; Eighth Grade: West Salem, 98; Perrydale, 96; Rickreall, 95.

#### Class C Comprising Schools with only one Teacher.

Fourth Grade: Lincoln, Fir Grove, McCoy, 100; Butler, High-

land, 99; Pioneer, 95.9; Fifth Grade: Lone Star, Mistletoe, 100; Red Prairie, 99; Crowley, 93.

Sixth Grade: Lone Star, Pioneer, Mistletoe, 100; McCoy, 99.5; Fairview, 99.

Seventh Grade: Bridgeport, Fairview, Lone Star, McCoy, 100; Concord, Mistletoe, 98; Highland, 97.6.

Eighth Grade: Lone Star, 100; Fairview, 98; McCoy, 97.2.

Schools taking the highest average for all grades are as follows: Falls City, 95.5; Rickreall, 96.14-25; Lone Star, 100.

The following schools made 95 per cent or more in the following grades.

Fourth Grade: Ballston, Perrydale, Rickreall, Mountain View, Red Prairie, Parker, Ward, and Crowley.

Fifth Grade: Perrydale, Rickreall and Fern.

Sixth Grade: Perrydale, Polk Station, Montgomery, Crowley, and Sunnyslope.

Seventh Grade: Rickreall, Black Rock, Pedee, Red Prairie, Harmony, Montgomery and Hopville.

Eighth Grade: Black Rock, Parker, Fir Grove, and Guthrie.

The spelling work this first contest has been above what was expected. All have taken much interest in the work and all schools excepting three took part in the contest.

The next test will be held on Friday, Dec. 20.

Every child in the school above the third grade is expected to take part, and we are glad to report that all are doing so. We would ask that all parents encourage their children in this work as much as possible.

H. C. Seymour, School Superintendent, Polk County, Oregon.

#### BASKET BALL GAME

#### Juniors Defeated By Freshmen and Sophomores

#### Seniors Will Play the Winners the Coming Monday and Good Game Promised

About 100 spectators saw a real interesting contest Monday night at the auditorium when the Sophomores and Freshmen team of the I. H. S. played the Juniors at the auditorium in a basket ball game when the score stood 17 to 10 in favor of the former.

The game was fast and furious and considering the teams, both are new at the sport, the game was a good one. McKinney, Russell and Addison did some good work for the winning team while Swope and Richardson did hard work for the Juniors. Huntley made two baskets, Reeves, one, Purvine one for the Juniors while Purvine threw two on fouls making a total of 10. McKinney made 5 of the baskets for the winning team, Russell 1, Addison 1, and 1 on a foul, making 17.

The winning team are to play the Seniors at auditorium Monday. This will be a good game as the Seniors are mostly first team men.

The line up was as follows: Juniors: Huntley, Reeves, Purvine, Swope, Richardson; Sophs. and Fresh: C. McKinney, F. Russell, Byers, G. Addison, Pomeroy.

#### ARE PLANTING FRUIT TREES

#### Oreco Nursery Company Selling Trees Here

#### MRS. BOWMAN BUYS 1000

#### Towns People Purchase Roses, Shrubs and Trees For Yards

T. R. Weeks, of the Pacific Nursery Company of Oreco, Oregon, is now making Independence his headquarters, and in a conversation with the editor of the Monitor this week he stated:

"This is a fine field for the selling of fruit trees, flowers, shrubs etc., and the people are purchasing in both large and small quantities for immediate delivery." In the city he sold shrubbery, rose bushes, shade trees, etc., to J. R. Cooper, M. Merwin, F. G. Chute, J. G. McIntosh and others in Independence, while Mrs. Bowman of Monmouth had purchased 1000 prune trees, J. E. Meeker 150, and others had purchased up to as high as 1000 trees in a lot.

When questioned regarding the fruit industry, he had no hesitancy in speaking strongly in favor of Polk county as a promising field for the planting of fruit in quantities for commercial purposes.

Mr. Weeks stated he would be permanently located here until spring soliciting and taking orders. The company he represents has an immense acreage at Oreco, near Hillsboro.

#### SEVERAL CHOICE LOTS SOLD

#### Hill Addition Again Attracts Attention of Purchasers

Last week saw the sale of six desirable lots in the new Hill addition to Independence, east of the High School. Ely Fluke purchased two lots; Clint Moore, two lots; and J. C. Long, two lots. It is understood buildings will be erected on the property in the near future.

Mr. Hill stated other sales were pending and would be announced later.

#### HORST BROS. BUILDING BRIDGE

#### Will Span LaCreole and Build Warehouse on Rail Road

Special from Eola correspondent.

The E. Clemmens Horst Co. has let the contract for the building of their bridge which will span the LaCreole at this place to Mr. H. Landon who will begin operations in a few days. The Co. bought a right-of-way from the Eola Live Stock Co. and have recently purchased 4 acres more of them to build their warehouses and side-tracking and it is understood the S. F. C. R. R. will have a flag station there which will be very convenient for the people of this section.