

# INDEPENDENCE MONITOR

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## WE SAW MILL NEWS

Independence Plant Will be Started by February

### Survey, Platting, Pile Driving and Preliminary Work Begins Early

The editor of the Monitor is informed this week that owing to this city not being platted out and no blue prints of the city being in existence, the first work of the saw mill people will be to plat out the Tharp town, Tharp addition and Hills town and Hills addition so as to get the correct lines for the right of way down Ash Creek to the river. This stream running in different directions and different degrees makes a technical description to be required for every piece of property through which they will go from their mill site to the river. Then the franchise rights on Sixth street will require a survey of that part of the town in order to give them a complete map of their whole plant and buildings. The engineers are expected here in the course of a week to take up this work. Their head engineer was here the first of the week and did some preliminary work, preparatory to having the general outlying work taken care of. A report was brought to the editor of the Monitor that a Salem firm had secured the contract for driving the piling. What piling we are not informed but as the dam site will require considerable piling for an earth dam, piling may be used along the course of the creek to the river and for bridging the stream from Hills town to Tharp town for the railroad, there will be enough of this work to require considerable time. From Falls City a report was given to the Monitor that they were rushing the work on the mill there and would commence work on this mill as soon as that one was far enough completed to allow them to cut timber for the mill to be built here, and that some of the main workmen on that mill would probably be used here. It was thought that this would bring the work on the mill proper to about Feb. 1. In the meantime work will be done on the dam and other parts of the plant, and we expect a set of engineers to be in Independence this week to take up the survey work for the milling company.

### Later News Reports

Wednesday, Tom R. Pearce, an engineer of Portland, in the employ of the Falls City Lumber Company started the survey work for the new mill at Independence. Mr. Pearce is working under R. L. Donald, who is the chief engineer for this work. Mr. Donald formerly was the chief engineer for the Oregon Electric through the Willamette valley from Portland south and was in charge of the work east of Independence.

Mr. Pearce stated to a representative of the Monitor that "he is making a preliminary survey, showing the topographical features of the tract of land owned by the mill people, preparatory to making plans and estimate for the construction of the mill" also that he was surveying for the dam to the pond which would probably be placed across Ash creek at the east line of their tract, about 200 feet beyond the foot bridge, there being a narrow site there for a dam. He expects to be here about two weeks, and when he finishes the

tract for the mill proper he expects to run the lines down Ash creek to the river. The mill site abuts on A street and its western line is at Sixth street. The saw mill will probably be located north of the pond and office building, lumber yards, and residences will probably be built along the north part of the tract.

### Notice of Installation

Lyon Lodge No. 29, A. F. and A. M. and Adah Chapter No. 34 O. E. S. will install Monday evening, December 23. All wives of blue lodge members and husbands of Eastern star members are cordially invited to attend the installation. All visiting star members and Masons in the city are welcome.

### OLD COUNCIL HOLD LAST MEETING

### Reports Read—Tax Levy Made and General Business Transacted

At the meeting of the council Monday night a tax of 7 mills was levied for the coming year, as follows 2 1/2 mills for sewer, 3 1/2 for general purposes, and 1 1/2 mills for library. The taxable value of the property of the town is between \$500,000 and \$600,000, which will bring something over \$3500 into the city fund. Last year the levy was 6 mills. The records report 99 arrests during the year, also that all paving accounts due had been paid but from two and both of these being expected to be settled by the end of the year.

The new council will meet the first Monday in January, the date of meeting being set by the charter for this meeting annually after every election.

The financial report of the Treasurer was as follows:

City Treasurer's Report	
General Funds:	
RESOURCES	
Balance on hand	\$1876.99
Taxes	3191.58
Saloon license	8000.00
Donations	1000.00
Fines	426.73
Dry licenses	181.40
Dog licenses	108.50
Show licenses	70.00
Hawker's licenses	20.00
Pool license	40.00
Bowling alley	3.00
Fortune telling	4.00
Prize wheel	9.00
Peanut and popcorn	20.00
Stock in pound	9.75
Sale of calf impound	6.75
Sale of sewer pipe	2.40
Sale gravel to I. O. F.	2.00
Polk Co. act Road & H	47.00
Lemon Dodge license	2.00
Night watchman	4.50
Total receipts	\$10,025.90
LIABILITIES	
Warrants paid	9,178.04
Balance on hand	\$ 847.86
PAVING FUND	
Balance on hand	\$ 359.00
Receipts	3799.49
Total	3758.98
Paid by warrants	\$3573.33
Balance	185.65
SEWER FUND	
Received as per receipts	\$2343.68
Overdrawn	\$ 44.15
Warrants	1539.31
Interest and warrants	510.00—2093.46
Balance	\$ 150.22

### HAULING LUMBER FOR BRIDGES

Frank Clement is hauling wood at present for L. A. Ferguson, Mr. Ferguson having taken the contract for delivering the lumber and piling from the cars here to where Horst Brothers are building their bridges on their right of way they purchased from the Eola Live Stock Co. One bridge spans the Rickreall and a smaller one spans the Slough.

Special prices on candies for Sunday Schools and churches at Fluke & Johnsons. Dr. Hewitt made a business trip to Salem Tuesday.

## CHRISTMAS EXERCISES

### Reports From Different Parts of County Tell Story

### Santa Claus is to be in All Parts of Polk County and Programs are Being Arranged

Christmas entertainments and trees will be a feature at the different churches, Tuesday evening, Dec. 24. While it is too early to get the complete program we are able to announce the programmes as follows.

At the Baptist church a special program is being arranged for the Christmas tree and the Sunday school will have charge. A musical and literary program will be given and trees will be beautifully decorated for the occasion.

The Sunday school of Calvary Presbyterian church will have a Christmas tree on Tuesday evening, Christmas eve. There will be a program given by the children of the school and presents distributed from the tree. All friends of the school are invited to bring their presents to the tree for distribution.

At the M. E. Church the children of the Sunday School will be assisted by the Church choir and a fine programme is planned. A tree and Santa Claus will be in evidence.

The Christian church Sunday school will have charge of the services at this church and a tree is planned and a fine program outlined.

### SUNNY SLOPE

Our correspondent reports the program for the Christmas tree at Antioch has not yet been completely made up but will be in charge of the school of that district and will be held in the school house.

### BUENA VISTA

Following is a program of the Christmas entertainment to be given in the Evangelical church at Buena Vista on Christmas Eve.

Joy to the world. Choir Prayer J. K. Neal Recitation, Shepherds Vision. Lena Roy

Solo Marjorie Reynolds Our last years Christmas presents, class

Song Beautiful Bells choir How Santa made his trip. Cyril Reynolds

Moon song Little girls Christmas dolls Leono Wells Duet Leonilla Smith and Gladys Reynolds

The Winter child Seven girls Rec. and song Nine boys Rec Edna Schrank Song, "Oregon Grape" choir Tom's Angels exercise

Solo Mrs. Ed. Harmon Boys drill and song eleven boys Pantomime Rock of Ages Tableau, a little boys dream of Xmas Harry Mixer

We are making preparations for a programme and Xmas tree here. The following programme will be rendered under the supervision of Mrs. B. I. Ferguson. All are invited to attend and spend a merry Xmas eve. Solo The dawn of Xmas morn Mrs. G. W. Chapman Reading Mrs. E. Carlson Dialogue Miss Mitty Rec. Miss Santer Instrumental solo Miss Santer Reading Emil Carlous Dialogue Acrostic Rec. Dialogue Duett Mr. Carlson and wife

### Quartette

E. Carlson, R. Ferguson T. L. Acuff, Mrs. Carlson T. L. Acuff Miss Lottie Landon Reading Mrs. Mitty Solo Miss Santer Coon Dialogue Earl Ferguson and Glen Haskell Duett Miss Otheta Fryer and Norma Carlson Rec. Argyl Stanton Eola Glee Club Song Eola children Rec. Eola Glee Club Song Eola Glee Club Tableau. Distribution of presents by Santa Claus.

### SCHOOL OFFICERS ANNUAL MEET

### The School Officers of Polk County Indorse the Supervisory

The Annual School Officers' Convention of Polk County, which was held at Dallas in the County Court House, was attended by over one hundred school officers, and the greatest of interest was shown by all present. Hon. T. W. Brunk was re-elected president of the association for the coming year, as was Superintendent Seymour re-elected secretary.

Many subjects of school interest was discussed, among which were the following: "The Compulsory Educational Law," "School Holidays," "Supervisory Law," "Eighth Grade Examinations," "The Home Credit Work," "Standardization of Schools" and "Length of School Term."

### VERD HILL WILL SUPPORT MGARTHUR

### Makes Report to Editor of Monitor this Week

Rep. Hill in an interview with the editor of the Monitor, stated "It is my intention to support C. N. McArthur for Speaker of the House of Representatives. I have known Mr. McArthur for years and consider him qualified and capable and as an old friend and acquaintance, I see no

reason for not giving him my vote. The Monitor believes Mr. Hill strikes a popular chord when he makes this announcement and we have been desirous of seeing Polk county support Mr. McArthur because we believe he was by far the best man now before the people for this office. Mr. Brunk made his announcement of supporting McArthur several weeks ago.

and the home into nearer relation. Eighth: We heartily indorse State Superintendent Alderman's recommendation that greater latitude be given in the eight grade examinations.

Ninth: We ask that a copy of these resolutions be placed on the minutes of the association and that they be published in the papers. Committee—D. L. Key, F. W. Wilson, C. C. Gardner, J. H. Brown and A. J. Shipley.

Fourth: We hereby instruct our representatives to use every means to have the superfluous holidays eliminated, as we believe the time had better be spent in actual school work.

Fifth: We heartily commend the Standardization introduced by Superintendent Seymour, as we know that it is producing great results.

Sixth: We recommend the appointment by the president of this convention a legislative committee of three, including the county superintendent, to look after educational interests in the legislature.

Seventh: We recommend the introduction of the Home Credit System in all public schools in the county as rapidly as possible, as we believe such introduction will result in bringing the school

## SCHOOL CENSUS NOW COMPLETE

### Forty One More Boys Than Girls Report

### Tax Levy for School Purposes Made for Sinking and Regular Funds

The school census just completed for District No. 29 shows 603 persons between the age of 4 and 20 in the Independence district. This enrollment just completed give 322 boys and 281 for girls. From this enumeration the district secures \$8 a head, or about that, which means about \$4800 besides the special levy which will mean about \$8000 additional.

At the school meeting Dec 9, an assessment was levied of 8 mills on the dollar, which based on the valuation of \$1,000,000 for the property of this district will mean \$8000. Of this sum 1 mill or \$1000 goes with the sinking fund for the purpose of paying off the bonded indebtedness. The other \$7000 together with \$4800 from the fund due the district by its enumeration will make a total of \$11,800 for running expenses of the coming year.

### INDEPENDENCE TEAM WINS GOOD GAME

### Basket Ball Team From Lebanon Plays High School here

The Independence High School basket ball team met the Lebanon team Friday night at the Auditorium and won from the visitors by a score of 48 to 4. The Independence High School's first team had not played a game before this and the boys did some fast work. The Lebanon boys were a husky bunch and played a good clean game. "Big Bart" Mix was the greatest point getter for I. H. S. scoring 23 points. Williams got 11 points being hurt in the middle of the second half. McKinney took his place and played a good game. Reeves scored 6 points and Sealey 6 McKinney 2. Reeves defensive work was fine. I. H. S. will play Capitol Business College on home floor Friday Dec. 20 C. B. C. has a good team and a good game is assured. Everybody help boost the home team as they are out for a record. Game called next Friday at 8.15. Admission 25c.

Referee; Burkhead of Monmouth; Umpire, Morlan of Monmouth; Score keepers, Pomeroy and McIntorb. Halfs 20 minutes; Field baskets, Mix 11, Williams 5, Sealey 3, Reeves 3, Arehart 2. Fowls thrown, Mix 1, Williams 1. Substitutes; McKinney for Williams.

Lebanon's lineup was: L. G. Armstrong L. G. Mackey C. Maise L. F. Mills R. F. Arehart.

From Independence they went to Dallas where a game was played resulting in a score of 54 to 6 in favor of Dallas.

## RIGHT OF WAY MEN AT WELLS

### Exclusive Report to the Monitor just Received

### The First Indication Route Planned from Albany to Wells is Here

Late reports from Wells have just been received to the effect that right of way men are negotiating for the purchase of the right of way from Wells to Albany for the P. E. & Eastern Electric line. Our information is to the effect that five different surveys have been made from Albany to Wells over this route. What seems to be the most practical route is one that runs from Albany going up the hill at the Rothell place at Horseshoe hill and through the canyon to the Williamson property or the old Jonathan Carter D. L. C. The line passes just a little beyond the Palastine church, through what was known as the Pagenkopp, Scrafford and part of the Riley places, which the North Albany Land Co. have purchased and this company, it is stated, have offered \$5000 in cash and the right of way of about a mile through this property, if they would route the line through their property. They leave the Scrafford place, pass through the Widner property the Virgil Darter farm, the Wallett place, through Dutton's and E. M. Dudley's, striking the S. P. line about 150 yards south of Wells station at R. N. Williamson's place. The Monitor, from the latest information it has received, believes that the Albany-Wells line as outlined above will undoubtedly be the one chosen. The appearance of right of way men this week at Wells, where they have been negotiating for the land along the route as above outlined seems to indicate this intention.

### AT THE M. E. Church

Sunday School at 10: A. M. Preaching at 11. A Christmas Sermon. Epworth League at 6:30 P. M. Evening service at 7:30. Theme—Conscience. F. N. Sandifur.

### AT THE CHRISTIAN Church

Bible School at 10 A. M. Preaching at 11, A. M. and 7:30. P. M.

### OREGON ELECTRIC TIME TABLE

Boat leaves Independence to connect with trains going south at 7:15 A. M., 10:05 A. M., 12:55 P. M., 4:25 P. M. and 8:15 P. M.

### HOME WARMING AT EOLA

One of the most enjoyable social events of the season was the housewarming given to Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Brown last Thursday by their many friends. It was a complete surprise in every way. We took possession of their beautiful new home about 10 A. M. and held sway until about 4 P. M. The Ladies of the party brought well filled baskets and the tables fairly groaned under the burden of holiday delicacies. The day will long be remembered by those present it being spent by eating, drinking, singing and being merry. Those present Messrs. and Mesdames Brown and family, Frank, Ernie and Roy, A. J. Brown and sons, Orville and Charles Mitty, Edmister, A. R. Swales, A. Martin, B. L. Ferguson, Homer Heister, W. S. Brown, A. Chapman, Mesdames G. W. Chapman, H. H. Hayden, L. H. Thacker, T. L. Acuff, Marion Putnam, W. G. Gelurke, Berry, Jno. Shaffer, Jno. Robbins, F. Pease, the Mises Nettie Edmister, Myrtle Brown, Roy Martin, Herman Brown, Grant Beth, Geo. Mitty and Chancey Putnam.