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THERE IS ONLY ONE WEEK MORE IN BIG CONTEST FOR VALUABLE PRIZES

The Monitor With Satisfaction Sees It's Circulation Grow and Thanks the Public for Their Patronage. We Appreciate the Kindness Shown the Contestants by the People and Promise You the Newsiest Publication in this Section of Oregon

BIG MEETING AT SALEM

Connection Link Between Polk and Marion

THOUSANDS TAKE PART

Independence is Well Represented at the big Celebration

The Commercial Club of Salem planned well when they had everything in readiness for the big celebration meeting Saturday at Salem. Thousands took part in the big meeting and the head officials of the P. E. & E. electric were all present as well as were many of the regular officials of the Southern Pacific.

Miss Helen West, daughter of the Governor was in the seat of honor, on the engine pilot, where she strewed red and white carnations in the pathway of the big official train. The train started out from the West Salem side at 11:38, taking the grade up the bridge with a flying start and every ounce of steam until it reached the main bridge, where it slackened speed and the flowers were scattered along the track and into the Willamette river.

The day of celebration is soon forgotten but the real fact of the bridge being there, linking together the two banks of the Willamette river by bands of steel, which reach from one end of the valley to the other, with feeders to the main trunk line is the real development feature which means a big growth throughout the whole valley.

The future of this valley will be made much greater by the reason of its electrification which brings every section to a closer market, causes better prices for land, more convenience for homes and better facilities for school. Independence will reap her share of this benefit by reason of the immense resources tributary to her which will be developed.

HOP ROOT BUSINESS

Many Hop Roots Being Shipped to California by Local Man

J. Merwin shipped 34,000 hop roots Monday to O. H. South of Tehama, California. Mr. Merwin has been shipping out several thousand hop roots every few days for several weeks and has a contract for shipping all he can get out for the next month. The supply does not equal the demand. He has already sold several thousand hop roots for California hop growers.

WILL BUILD BUNGALOW

J. G. McIntosh purchased two lots this week from Will Herron on the west side of Seventh street and south of G. He will remove his building at the corner of Monmouth and Seventh to this location, and will build a new bungalow on the location on Monmouth street for a new home.

SMALL FARM IS SOLD

The C. E. Dodson place near Airlie was sold during the week, the deal being closed Friday. J. D. Cook and son are the purchasers. The property consists of 60 acres. Thirty acres to be

taken by each party and the unimproved part will be furnished with new buildings, the place being made into two nice country homes. They plan going into the dairying business. McIntosh & Co., report the sale.

HOPS NOW ABOUT GONE

Last Full Car Shipped from this City Last Week

C. L. Fitchard loaded out a car of hops last week for Ohio. The ware house is about empty, there being left about three small lots aggregating about 30 bales in all at the ware house here. At the opening of the season this ware house was loaded to its fullest capacity, and hops kept coming in for several months keeping all available room filled as fast as the cars arrived to take out the hops consigned or sold for delivery to European and Eastern dealers. There are no hops left unsold to speak of in this part of the valley and the growers will go into next season's crop with no hops on hand.

SHIPPING OUT FLOUR

Independence Mill Marketing its Surplus by steamer

Two cars of flour were shipped from Independence last week by the Independence Flouring Mills for the Albina docks. The flour is to be loaded on ocean vessels and sent to the foreign markets. The surplus flour of this mill finds a ready market through the Pacific coast merchant vessels to the markets of the Orient.

"The Blacksmith" standard bred trotting horse will make the season at Independence and Dallas. C. L. Conlee Manager.

BASKET BALL

GAME SATURDAY

Independence plays Silverton at the Auditorium

Silverton is one of the best towns in the state of Oregon and if Independence wins she must do some fast work. At Silverton Independence lost by a score of 32 to 14, but the team is in much better shape now and plays better ball. Admission of 25c. is charged.

BIG SPECIAL EDITION

The Whole County Intersected in this Special of the Monitor

When we started getting information for this big special we had no idea of the vast amount of real information available and how little has been heretofore published.

The history feature is going to be extremely interesting, while the development articles will be of intense interest to those who are interested in the country as a place for investment and development.

We especially ask the help of everyone. We want information not only of the history of different early community settlements, but of resources capable of development. Such as fire clay, water power, timber centers, railroads, etc. If you know anything worth placing in this big edition tell it to us.

MILLS MAY GET ACTIVE

The finest body of timber in the west lies along the Siletz, tributary to Independence by the way of a railroad from this point to the coast at Newport.

The Spaulding Logging Co., and the Falls City Lumber Co., both have immense holdings in this valley, the former having timber for nine miles along the route of the proposed road the latter having timber sufficient to keep a large mill running steady night and day for fifty years.

The editor of the Monitor was informed this week that the mill at Falls City started cutting timber Saturday for the mill to be erected here by that company, and that as soon as the spring broke up a little work would start at the site chosen by the company.

The Spaulding people had a representative here during the week, Mr. Miles who is one of dominant factors in the big milling company. While here he was reported to have looked over their holdings carefully both at the foot of C street and in North Independence, and was also making inquiries relative to right of way for logs to the river. He was over the flat north of the Ash Creek bridge and seemed to be taking more than a cursory glance over the situation.

C. P. McGregor was tried Thursday before Justice Winn on charge of stealing \$23.00 Deputy Attorney Tooze represented the state and B. F. Swope defence. The justice found the defendant not guilty. The defendant was accused by C. P. Perkins of lifting his money. They were both in the steel gang of rail road employees, now at Parker.

At The Christain Church

Clara G. Esson, State Bible School Superintendent, will speak at the Christain Church Sunday morning at eleven. Mr. Crow will sing at this service also.

In the evening a service of song will be given with a brief talk by Mr. Crow on "The Death of Christ." You are most cordially invited to meet with us.

The following will be rendered at 7:30 promptly:

Prelude—Miss Kreamer
Hymn—Congregation
Evening Prayer
"Make a Joyful Noise"
Choir

Schriptide reading
Solo, selected—Mrs. Pad-dock

"Great is the Lord"
Choir

Offertory
Jerusalem—Parker, Mr. Crow

Quartet—"O Thou Whose Hand"
Hanson

Mr. Hooper, Mesdames Paddock, Clair Irvine and Mr. Duvall "Praise the Lord"—Meyers

Choir

Remarks

Closing Hymn

Contestants, Monmouth Gets Third Position

At the annual state oratorical contest Monmouth took third

place against the college representative's from eight schools. The subject of Miss Loraine Johnson's oration being "Education and Peace". A crowd from Monmouth was in attendance. The judges on composition and thought were Thomas N. Trueblood, University of Michigan, Professor Coleman, Reed College, and Walter G. Beach, University of Washington. Judges on delivery T. T. Geer, Judge McBride, Dr. Dunsmore. Pacific University was awarded first prize, second to University of Oregon.

OPERA HOUSE GETS NEW SCENERY

H. D. KEM IS DOING THE PAINTING OF THE SCENERY

New scenery is being placed throughout in the Independence opera house. H. D. Kem, who has just completed the work of making new scenery at both Cottage Grove and Brownsville is now painting a full set of new scenes for Mr. Walker in the opera house here. The front drop will be a scenic view of Mount Hood, with Lost Lake as a foreground. This curtain will have advertisements on it. The drop curtains will all be on rollers. The scenes are in sets consisting of one each of woods, garden, street, kitchen, and log cabin; besides the borders, tormentors and teasers. The sets are all box sets, and the old style slide curtains are being done away with entirely. There will be no wings except for the out door scenes.

FORMER SCHOOL TEACHER DIES

Rev. T. T. Vincent, a Presbyterian minister of Woodburn, died at his home Saturday. Rev. Vincent formerly taught school in this county.

SALEM MAN GETS INTO TROUBLE

A government detective took a party carrying parcel post and mail from the post office to the mail trains in charge for alleged taking of property belonging to parties going through the mail. It is reported he was caught with the goods in his possession.

A BIG CROWD SHOULD GO

Dallas to meet Independence Tuesday at Salem

What promises to be the hottest contest in basket ball ever held in Salem is planned for the coming Tuesday, when Independence plays Dallas for honors. The two teams have each won a game, Independence having one of its main men crippled so as not to be in the last game, makes the local supporters believe Independence has a little the best of it, if a square deal and no unforeseen accidents occur. The game will be a hard one as both teams mean to win and will use every bit of energy they can muster for the occasion.

There should be a big crowd in attendance from Independence as the boys need the assistance on the side line rooters, so every one who can must go.

RAILROAD ACTIVITY

The Monitor has repeatedly given information regarding the Valley and Siletz Rail road from Independence to Newport. We now feel certain that this line will be built this summer. Every indication points to its being a connecting link in the Oregon Electric system through the Willamette Valley. During the last few weeks there has been considerable activity that would indicate construction work in the near future.

We mentioned last week the survey made to the river from opposite Independence, the right of way matters already secured and settled in the city limits of Independence. During the week we spent a day along the Luckiamute where we learned the head engineers had recently inspected portions of the route to the Siletz and also that preparations had been made for establishing a permanent survey, the report being that the first camp would probably be on the Link place between Lewisville and Peedee.

The work being done opposite Independence by the Oregon Electric indicates an intention to make a strong pull for the trade of this section. A steep track has been built to the river, over which a car is to be used for loading and unloading express and baggage, and a large gasoline engine has been installed to pull the loads. This indicates an intention to give the best service possible while the line is building to the Siletz. Many also believe the west side line now projected from Portland south as far as McMinnville will be built up this side of the river to Independence connecting with this line from Independence to the coast.

The above coupled with the activity of the Spaulding Logging Company as well as the Falls City Logging Company in this field makes this speculation take on the appearance of assurance.

ROBERT ORR DIES

Robert Orr was buried in the Theilson cemetery near Derry, Sunday. Mr. Orr was a brother of John Orr and leaves many relatives and friends in this section. He was born in Scotland in 1869. He died in Portland.

Autowin Club Have Pleasant Meeting.

Mrs. Burton was hostess Wednesday evening to the Autowin club at one of the most unique and pleasant entertainments of the year. Miss Henkie of Philomath, Miss Myer and Ross H. Nelson were the invited guests. The membership consists of seventeen and they were all represented at this meeting. The picture show was visited where a full set of views were witnessed. A regular six course dinner was served at the Lerona hotel to the members and guests, after which the crowd repaired to the Burton home where five hundred was played for the balance of the evening.

L. Damon disposed of his gravel bar along the Willamette river water front a few days ago to the Spaulding Logging Company. They may use it as a base for a supply of gravel to the market. This week a car was shipped out of this city by the company to their yard at McMinnville.

Mrs. May S. Greer, state president of the Rebekah Assembly of Oregon, made the Independence lodge an official visit Monday evening. A special meeting was called, from 80 to 100 members responded to the call, three candidates were initiated, a banquet served and a thoroughly good time enjoyed.

Mrs. Greer in commenting on the work of lodge officers and team said "she had no correction to make, the work being perfect in every detail."

The following night, Tuesday, the regular meeting of the lodge was held, another candidate was initiated and a banquet served. The Rebekahs have in Independence one of the best lodges in Oregon.

The editor of the Monitor made a visit to East Independence Wednesday to see what was being done at this point. A new platform 15 feet wide and 200 feet long has been placed there by the railroad company, new steps have been built from the boat landing to the platform, and the carpenters are putting in a railway tramway reaching from the river edge to the top of the river bank at this point. This tramway is at about a 50 per cent grade, has a large gasoline engine installed to haul baggage up and down, a large cable to be used for this purpose. The car has not yet been built but will be so made as to take all the baggage and express the company may plan on handling from this point for Independence.

On March 25, the Corvallis bridge service will be installed and the company will run regular service into Corvallis. This will give Independence afternoon service into Corvallis and morning service out.

For best up-to-date union made suits see Dietz the tailor.

W. P. Ireland was a city visitor from Corvallis Tuesday.

Rickreall News Items

Aurelia Burch of Silverton visited friends and relatives here last week.

Mesdames Black and Lucas shopped in Salem last Friday. James Simonton of Salem and Willis Simonton and family of Dallas attended the Mason reception given by the Mason lodge last Saturday night.

Mrs. Ben Lucas visited in Salem last Saturday.

In the absence of Reverend Stogletz, Rev. Larson of Dallas conducted the service Sunday night.

Mrs. Jones is visiting in Perrydale.

J. R. Casteline was a business visitor in Buxton last week.

Walter Vaughan of Portland is visiting with his parents here.

Bud Lucas and wife are visiting in Seio.

The Masons gave a banquet to the Masons and their families last Saturday night. A large crowd was in attendance and a fine time was enjoyed by all present.

Mrs. Kirkland of Independence visited her daughter, Mrs. John Vaughan on Monday.

Fred Koser was a business visitor in Dallas Wednesday. James Nesmith of Portland visited with friends Saturday and Sunday.

ONLY ONE WEEK MORE

Candidates Working Hard and Each is Confident of Success.

Just one more week remains till the close of the prize voting contest, and as the race is nearing the end the candidates are redoubling their efforts to win the prize they are after. Most of them are piling up votes and holding them in reserve to cast after the last count is made by the contest manager next Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. From that time on no one will know how the candidates stand. The judges will hold the keys to the ballot boxes and these will be opened by them at 9:00 o'clock Saturday night, March 29th. (In answer to several inquiries and for the benefit of those who might not understand thoroughly): The boxes will be locked and the keys turned over to the judges at 2 p. m. next Tuesday, BUT THE VOTING WILL CONTINUE UP TO 9 P. M., SATURDAY, THE 29TH. No one will know who is in the lead or how many votes any candidate has until the judges make the count and declare the winners.

SEND IN SUBSCRIPTIONS

A number of complaints have been received from persons who have subscribed but have not as yet received their paper. No doubt some of the candidates are holding them back for their reserve. This is not necessary. Turn in the subscriptions and a vote certificate will be issued in your favor, which you may retain and cast any time you wish.

B. A. Y.

Have ye been yelling for Johnson? He has been gripping the (la)"grip" for a week. Is back again and will be glad to tell you "how it happened"; besides make you a good Yeoman.

Monday evening March, 24th, there will be an open meeting in the Woodman Hall and the State Manager, W. A. Bullock, will tell you all about the benefits, privileges and enjoyments obtained from being a member of the Brotherhood of American Yeomen.

After his talk, he will temporarily institute a Homestead with the present applications. About 30 are on the list.

Monday evening, March, 31st, the entire membership, at that time, will go to Salem and worry the goat in a "class initiation", enjoy the splendid banquet and return on the "owl" train and Independence boat.

If ye want to have a GOOD time, enjoy a feast, belong to a live order and have the assurance of leaving your loved ones protected, just yell for Johnson and get the proper credentials for Yeomanry.

Man with family and team wants work on farm. Phone 6011. P. O. Box 95, Independence.