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FINE HORSES BROUGHT HERE

Bennie Smith and Les Galbreath Have Beauties

UNDEFEATED CHAMPION IN LIST

First Tim: Smith's Horses Have Ever Been on Pacific Coast

Les Galbreath arrived this week with his thoroughbred stallions Tony Faust and Agar and his gelding Eastman. Agar is a jumping cross-country horse and is an undefeated champion. He is preparing Eastman for the Spokane races.

Mr. Smith brought in his famous stallion Shorty Skillful and three fine brood mares, the four horses being all that are living of the figure 7 of the figure system of horses. The father of Skillful sold for \$10,000 at one year old, and the brother at \$196,000 in an auction. Shorty Skillful's dam is the Wasp.

It is Messrs. Smith and Galbreath's plans to make this their permanent headquarters for the breeding and raising of thoroughbred horses. They of course will send their thoroughbred racers to the fairs and race meets along the coast circuit, but this is to be their point of operation.

Rickreall News Items

Rickreall is up and coming for it can now boast of a menagerie. It has been said that a certain stranger on entering one of our stores heard a loud chattering under the counter that resembled the chatter of a band of monkeys, and he inquired if that was the winter headquarters of Barnum & Bailey's circus. The fact of the matter appears to have been this, that a couple of girls had just entered the store and several of our boys who happened to be there and who are naturally quite bashful had taken refuge under the counter. Come out from under the counter, boys. The girls won't harm you. Besides, just think of that basket social, Saturday night.

Last Tuesday afternoon the public school alumni met at the school house and elected the following officers for the coming year: President, Alta Black; vice president, Kenneth Lucas; secretary, Bess Davidson; treasurer, Kathryn Fox.

A big band concert and basket social will be given by the Rickreall band Saturday night, April 12th. If you want to hear a first class program and have a good time come out.

The ice cream social given here last Friday night was a success in spite of the bad weather.

Judges Burnett and McBride attended the Masonic assembly here last Saturday night.

Mrs. Ben Lucas and Mrs. Orval Price were in Dallas on Wednesday.

Jim Morton was called to Portland last week by the sickness of his brother.

W. E. Buell and Orval Price drove over to Dallas Wednesday afternoon.

Henry McKee of Perrydale was a business visitor here the other day.

Peter Cook attended to business affairs in Salem Tuesday.

Fred Koser was a business visitor in Salem on Wednesday.

F. H. Begun was a business visitor in Salem on Monday.

Mrs. Peter Cook visited Independence on Saturday.

Paul Bales visited friends in Salem Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Jones has returned from a visit to Perrydale.

John Simonton spent Sunday in Salem.

Don't fail to see those fine Mighty Michigan 40 cars at Edward & Ball's.

LINGOLN THE BROTHER OF MAN

Richard Lloyd Jones in Lafollet's. Like the Babe of Bethlehem Abraham Lincoln was born under rude shelter. From the common people he rose to again enunciate the eternal truth of brotherhood. Upon the black face he cast the white light of hope. His giant form and deep-chiseled face stood as the gentle friend of man without favor to section, creed or race. Through the black clouds of desperate despair he led his divided people to unity, peace and brotherhood. He made a continent hospitable to the humblest and loneliest soul. His pleading pity melted hearts hardened with hate. He lived to make this world, so tempest tossed, less imperfect. He found a people torn with anguish; he left them cemented with a kindly love. He made all men commoners. He was of us,—and still is. He knew sympathy as the only road to truth.

As the youngest member in the legislature of his state, he, with only one other, stood out against both his own party and its opponents and against the prejudices rampant at that time, in his fidelity to conviction and in faith in human rights. So stood he steadfast to the end.

He had the courage of a soldier, the wit of a philosopher, and the heart of a mother. His ideals were high. No exactions of time ever deprived him of the privilege of doing merciful things.

His life was an unbroken story of human tenderness. We have no greater national asset than his story. It is the yard stick of patriotic righteousness. The most hostile political camps vie with one another for the appropriation of his name. He is an inspiration to the purest patriots, and the corruptionists, with cowardly audacity, try to shield their practices behind his name.

Yet in spite of the stirring moral stimulant of his character and the towering courage of his clear intellect and stout heart it looked for a time after the distressing struggle which he patiently labored to end and heal, as if his life lesson might be without benefit to his people. Selfishness seized the capital; patriotism fell before the brutal attack of privilege; greed warred on and profaned his name by bearing it upon its battle banners even as in centuries before the cross was borne into battle by those who forgot the Sermon on the Mount and the Golden Rule which Lincoln repeatedly confessed was his creed. He applied his piety. He made his religion not for one day, but for seven. Today we are just beginning to measure his worth, to realize that politics is patriotism, that patriotism is brotherhood and that brotherhood is religion. So do we come, day by day and year by year, nearer to his way,—disciples of a great master. Following his steps, we are coming into the brotherhood which he knew and loved.

For a good up-to-date auto the Michigan 40, on display at Edwards & Ball's machine shop is equal to any.

MAYOR OF DALLAS ELECTED

J. G. Van Orsdel Formerly of Independence is Chosen

Dallas wanted a good, solid, honest mayor, so they took our former townsman, J. G. Orsdel and elected him. We ran him for sheriff and he made so good that Dallas had to have him for mayor. Hurrah for Van! Run, Van! Run,

CITY MARKET GETS PLANT

Cold Storage for Meats at C Street Market

MACHINERY BEING INSTALLED HERE THE BEST

Ammonia Plant Arrives in this City this Week for A. Nelson's Market

One of the latest style Armstrong ammonia refrigerating plants has been received at Independence this week and will be installed at his C street market, one door west of the Monitor office. The new plant has a capacity of 2½ tons a day. It will not be used to manufacture ice, but for the purpose of furnishing the proper degree of temperature to freeze his meats in both the front glass counter and the main ice box in the rear room.

This is a needed improvement to the city and one the Monitor is glad to see here. A representative of the company comes to the city this week to install the plant.

AT THE M. E. CHURCH

Sunday school at 10 o'clock a. m. The attendance last Sunday was well over the one hundred mark, and still we have room for more. Classes are arranged for all. You are invited to attend our school if not going elsewhere. Morning sermon at 11 o'clock. Theme: "The Latest Word on Sanctification." The Epworth League at 7 o'clock p. m. Topic: "The Coming of the Comforter." Evening sermon at 8 o'clock. Theme: "A Hireling or a Son, Which?" Good music and a most cordial welcome are special features here.

Rev. Frank Sandifer, Pastor.

HE LIKES NEW HOME

J. R. Cooper Moves Into His new Main Street Bungalow

Mr. Cooper has his new bungalow on Main street completed on the inside and has moved in. The place is finished throughout in the very latest style, the wood work being the very best. The floor is of hard wood, dressed and polished, the main sitting room has paneled ceiling, a fine fire place, book case and a mirror door which opens into a cloak room. The dining room is finished to match the living room, with a china closet between the dining room and kitchen. A fine sleeping porch, which can be used as a room or porch room has been arranged on the lower story, while two other bedrooms are down stairs. The second story has three large bedrooms. The basement is cement and a hot air furnace furnishes heat. Hot and cold water is throughout the house and the place is an attractive one from every view point.

ABOUT GOOD ROADS

Highway building of the right sort has come to be seen in its real importance, and the knowledge and the machinery for the work of road drainage, road cutting, building, surfacing, rolling, maintenance and repair, are sought after today as never before. Crushers, ditchers, rollers, concrete mixers, material and methods of construction are displayed as never before in state meets. We have always wanted better roads, but it is only recently that we have known just where

and how to get them. Now, that these problems are being solved, it won't be long before we can raise the money. When assured of value received legislatures will not be afraid to make appropriations for building and maintaining hard bottom roads.

In nearly all the states where good roads are built the state pays half, the county a varying per cent, and the local property owners a smaller per cent.

Minnesota is spending \$18,000,000 on roads and the division of cost puts the big end on the state and the small end on the adjacent property owners.

The general public is the real beneficiary of good roads and paved streets. In the city where in the end all streets are paved, there is no great injustice in compelling each property owner to pave his own frontage. But in building good roads there is injustice in this method.

BUILDINGS GOING UP VERY RAPIDLY

New Moving Picture Building and Masons Building Look Better

The furniture and fixtures for the new moving picture building have been ordered, the building is getting almost ready for the roof and finishing work on the outside and the inside work will be started in a few days. The new opera chairs are to be the very best and are estimated to cost over \$1000 alone. The building will be an ornament to a town of 10,000 people.

Work has started on the second story of the new Masonic building and they are working a large crew of men. The new building corresponds in appearance with the adjoining buildings, but is a much better building. The lower floor will be used by the Hibbs Hardware Company.

IMPROVING WATER PLANT MATERIALLY

Two New Pumps and Cement Work Being Done

Considerable improvement work is going on at the plant of the water company on Main street. A new well has been sunk and two new pumps are to be installed at once. The frames were being placed the first of the week for the cement room to be put in below the room now holding the main engine. The earth has been taken from the foundation of the pumping station at the south side and a pumping plant is to be installed in the room to be built at this place. When this work is completed the plant will be much better equipped for pumping purposes.

SACRED CONCERT SUNDAY

A Sacred Concert will be given by the choir of the Methodist church on Sunday evening, April 20th, at 8 o'clock. Other singers from the outside will assist the choir, and the public will be given a most profitable and entertaining treat at that time. Watch for full announcement next week.

BARACCA AND PHILATHEA CLUB

Entertained at Home of Mr. and Mrs. Park Tuesday

W. H. Park and wife entertained the Baracca and Philathea Club Tuesday evening at their home on 3rd street. The club was rendered a splendid program which was much enjoyed by all present. A portion of the evening was spent in playing simple games which caused much laughter. Light refreshments were served and the club adjourned, to hold their next meeting with the Misses Muehlman.

RAIL LAYING REACHES HERE

Portland, Eugene and Eastern Electric Gang Comes

MEN STATIONED AT INDEPENDENCE SATURDAY

Track Layers Putting in About a Mile of Track a Day Keeps Things Moving Right Along

The work train of the Portland, Eugene and Eastern Electric crews moved the camp train of the rail layers to Independence from Parker Saturday afternoon. There are about 60 men now working with this crew and Saturday afternoon they were about three miles south of Independence with their equipment, taking up the old rails and putting in new ones. It is estimated that with a good crew they can lay a mile of track a day. They have new rails to lay as far north as McCoy when they will have the gap connected on the main west side line of the railroad. Behind this crew is two smaller crews of about 30 men each, working north from Corvallis spacing and placing ties and putting the track in shape. When complete this track will be made to grade, with about six inches of gravel bed, all leveled and made perfect for fast traffic, giving excellent service to all the towns along the valley.

They will work on main line track only now is the report and the stacks of rails piled in the Independence yard will not be used until they commence extending their branch lines and their feeder systems. Everything though will be electrified that is connected in any way with the present Southern Pacific system on this side of the Willamette river.

ABOUT THE LAYING OF STEEL HERE

Railroad Leaves Stretch Through Town for Present Time

The rail laying crew were at the edge of town Wednesday laying the rails for the main track and for the switches, but no work was done from the bridge on Railroad street at the present time, the company skipping that section and going north of town to lay rails. This is probably done on account of the matter of paving and lowering the grade to that asked by the city, it being reported that the railroad wish to have the paving matter settled before putting in their track to grade.

A SWEET MEMORY

A New York business man suddenly said to his daughter, "Helen, have I been a good father to you?" "Certainly you have. Why do you ask such a question?" she answered. There was no reply, and the girl, turning, saw that her father's head had fallen on his breast. She went to him and found that he was dead. It was only a case of heart failure, with nothing supernatural about it; yet sometimes it seems as if Death sent a secret messenger ahead to warn the spirit of his coming, and the soul thus warned, rises and awaits the Presence standing. No one could ask to die with a kinder thought in his mind than that which this man had, nor can every daughter cherish so sweet a memory.

To be good to somebody is splendid—to be good to everybody

is better. No better consolation can come to a man at the close of his life than for someone to tell him that he has been good to them. The question of this father was a plea for entrance to the gates of heaven, and the answer to the daughter was sufficient to swing the gates ajar. It has been said that sorrow for the dead is the only sorrow from which we refuse to be divorced, but this sorrow is softened and sweetened by the thoughts that the dead was good to us and a hundred-fold more is it softened and sweetened in the knowledge that we were good to the dead! It was Robert Ingersoll who said: "I wish to live so that when I die my children can come to my grave and say, 'He who sleeps here never gave us a moment's pain; and from his lips, now turned to dust, never came an unkind word.'"—Yeoman's Shield.

NEW ROAD IS BEING GRADED

People from Talmage South Donate Money

County Road Supervisor, Durrell has a 1½ mile stretch of county road to grade and gravel at once. The road commences at Talmage on a road opened at that point and running south from there to the Highland road. The people along the new road raised \$170 to help in the expense and the county is furnishing the balance. A county grader and traction engine will be used to throw up the grade and a coat of gravel will be added. It will take about two weeks to complete the work outlined.

BAND BOYS MAKE MUSIC NOW AND THEN

Tuesday evening the Independence band had their regular practice at the city hall. They are getting so they make good music. Ernie Townsend is president of the aggregation, Guy Walker, manager, and Mr. Tyler, is directing the work, seeing that the boys make the right kind of music. A Sunday concert is due now most any time.

BAPTIST MISSIONARY CIRCLE ELECTS OFFICERS

The annual meeting and election of officers of the Baptist Mission Society was held at the home of Mrs. Baldwin on Thursday, April 3rd. Interesting addresses were given by Miss Tapscott of Leronto and Mrs. Tapscott of Independence on our work in India. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. W. T. Tapscott; vice president, Mrs. Ida Bush; secretary, Mrs. W. H. Park; Treasurer, Mrs. L. Baldwin.

Seeks a Divorce from Hubby

At Portland, April 7, Mrs. Lillian Elizabeth Bourne filed a suit for divorce against former Senator Jonathan Bourne, alleging cruel and inhuman treatment as general grounds. She specifically charges her husband with applying epithets to her, declining to join in entertaining her guests, refusing to talk to her, and, though occupying the same apartments to all intents, living apart from her.

Supper and M. M. Degree Work

Lyon Lodge No 29 held a meeting at their hall Saturday night, taking a candidate through the third degree, after which a fine banquet was served. They had considerable work ahead in the different degrees and the meetings will be busy ones for some months.

It's a Michigan 40 that pleases the purchaser. Let us show you, Edwards & Ball.

DALLAS GETS SCHOOL MEET

The Schools of County to Contest for Honors

WINNERS GO TO YAMHILL CO.

Independence Should Make a Fine Showing and Try for Honors

The Monitor is in receipt of a letter, under date April 7, from H. E. Barnhart, Secretary of the Polk county Principal's Club, stating that the principals of the county had decided on Dallas as the meeting place for holding the inter-school track and field meet between schools of this county.

Independence through its Commercial Club submitted an offer for the meeting as did Dallas and the decision went to the city of prunes.

The meeting will be held on May 7 and is for all the schools of the county.

The winners at Dallas will represent this county in a contest with the winners in Yamhill county, this contest being at McMinnville, May 24th.

EDWARD E. ELKINS DISSAPPEARS SUNDAY

Lived at Marion and Was Well Known Here

Edward E. Elkin took the train at Jefferson Sunday evening for Albany at about 5 p. m., and no word has been heard from him or news of him since. He was a father-in-law of Willard Bevins and a daughter married a son of C. P. Wells of Buena Vista.

Early in the spring he had an attack of la grippe and has complained of his head considerable since.

A reward of \$50 was offered this week by Mr. Wells and Mr. Neil of Buena Vista for any information leading to his discovery. He weighed about 150 or 160 pounds, had a light mustache, was about 55 years of age, wore a gray suit and derby hat.

COMMENCING THEIR PRACTICE WORK

Shaping up for the County Athletic Meeting at Dallas

The turnout of High School track athletes in answer to the first call of the coach Tuesday evening was not very promising. Only three men came out prepared to commence work. These men were started on the preliminary conditioning work to get the muscles loosened up and to strengthen their wind. Wednesday evening six men were out in suits and things were looking a little better.

This week will be taken up with light road work and next week the boys will get down to hard work which will not let up until the season is over.

The base ball team was out for a first work under Dr. McIntire and we are hoping for a fast team that will give a good account of itself before the season is over. The base ball team is practicing on the diamond by the high school and the track team are using the race track.

The Oregonian announces the marriage of Josephine Stapleton, daughter of Geo. W. Stapleton, at Portland Wednesday evening to J. A. Haley.