

## BUILDING UP ROADS

### Road Supervisor is Doing Good Work

### PEOPLE GIVE MONEY OR LABOR

### Big Fill to be Put in South of Town

A car load of cement pipe and tile came in this week for improvement work on the 25 1/2 miles of country roads under the supervision of Chas. Durrell, road supervisor of this district.

The cement pipe is two foot pipe and will be used in the new fill to take the place of the Harnet bridge about two miles south of town on the river road. The old bridge is to be taken out and a fill the full width of the road, 40 feet and about 40 feet in length will take its place.

The new tile is to be used on the new road and the Lewisville road. The new road is the one west of Independence, running south. In the work on this road much volunteer labor has been given and considerable money by the people of this district, thus keeping the expense at the minimum.

Mr. Durrell in his work has employed from 11 to 16 men at different times and has been doing some very effective work for the district. There has been considerable grading and graveling done and the raking of big rocks from the roads has been a big help.

It is Mr. Durrell's plan to get as much work done, at the places needed worst, as possible and yet keep within the allowance of this district.

## ICE CREAM SOCIAL SUCCESSFUL AFFAIR

### Besides The Pleasure Of The Program a Neat Sum is Cleared

The social at the opera house Friday night, given by the Christian church was a success. The program as printed in last week's issue of the Monitor was carried out and the icecream and cake supper was well patronized. After paying all expenses, about \$20 was cleared to the church. About 150 people were present.

## HOTEL IS NOW UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

### F. B. Lacey of California Took Charge Monday

W. F. Stine and Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Lacey arrived in Independence Friday and arrangements were made for Mr. Lacey to take over the management of the hotel Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Lacey come from Folsom, in the Sacramento valley, California, and will give Independence a good hotel service. They are old acquaintances of Mr. Stine's. Mr. Walker turned over the keys Monday morning after having served the public efficiently for several years at Independence.

## BANKERS MEET AT SALEM SATURDAY

### Polk County Bankers Were Represented at Meeting

Ira C. Powell and W. E. Smith of Monmouth, W. G. Vassall, B. H. McCallon, Eugene Hayter and J. M. Woods of Dallas, C. W. Irvine and H. Hirschberg of Independence attended the meeting

of the Willamette valley bankers at Salem, Saturday.

J. M. Poorman of Woodburn was elected permanent chairman; J. H. Albert of Salem, vice chairman; S. G. Sargent, of Salem, secretary; and Mr. Vassall of Dallas, treasurer. The executive committee consists of J. M. Poorman, S. G. Sargent, Ira C. Powell, A. L. Johnson and J. W. Ebner.

The next meeting will be at Albany in November. The question of assessment and taxation was one of the live subjects of the meeting.

## POLK COUNTY IS BETTER

### Parts of Eastern Oregon are all Taken up at Present

Hampton, Ore., Apr. 15, 1913.

B. Wilson: Your late letter received. Our crops this year are very backward for want of rain but the weather has been nice for farming and there has been lots of good weather and farming done this spring. There has been seven wells drilled in the valley this winter ranging from 150ft to 214ft in depth, and with abundance of water and good, and some of it is a little warm but it cools as soon as it is brought to the surface. There is lots of people coming in this spring but there is no more land in this valley to be taken now, still some are taking up what we call "scab" land which does not look good to us but I hope they will make good.

The longer I stay here the more I am convinced of my first opinion of the country. It is not a grain country but a stock country. There is lots of out range, and those that have made stock their business have all made good. There is not much use of sowing on bush plowing and spring grain should be on fall plowing and vice versa for fall sowing. The more the ground is tilled the better it gets. My nephew contested a claim lately and won, but it is the only one that could be gotten that I know of.

Yours Respectfully,  
H.C. Miller.

## NEWS FROM DALLAS TOLD

### Some Late Doings at the County Seat Town

### HARD SURFACE PAVING PLAN

### Dallas Observer Clippings That Will Interest Our Readers

H. G. Campbell last week finished the work of planting 6,500 prune trees on his ranch known as the "Palmer Place," four and one half miles southeast of the city the news of which gives emphasis to the statement that there is no danger in the future years of the Dallas vicinity being short on prunes.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Fenton were in Portland Saturday, where they assisted Mr. Fenton's mother in celebrating her eighty-third birthday. It was also Carl Fenton's twenty-third birthday. Carl is a son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Fenton.

Ordinance providing for hard surfacing of certain streets in the city of Dallas, as already outlined, was passed at the regular meeting of the city council on Monday night, without a dissenting vote. Notice will now be given to property owners in the district affected, stating that the total expense of the proposed improvement will not exceed \$35,000, and the council will meet on Friday, May 2, when protests will be heard. At this meeting it will be possible for property owners to ascertain exactly what the improvement will cost them.

## PAVING AND GRADING

### M. E. Church Favors Paving Street

### GREATER PART ON MONMOUTH

### Several Strongly Favor Cement Curb and Grading of Many Streets

The city will probably pave Railroad street and Monmouth street this year. While there is some opposition to paving on Monmouth street, it is believed the majority favors paving. The matter of paving was taken up by the M. E. church and we are informed the vote stood 5 to 4 favoring paving.

Rep. Verd Hill and J. S. Bohannon were favoring considerable street improvement work being done this summer, and a move was started to see about placing cement curbing over the city, and having all streets graded to grade. The plan seemed to meet with general favor.

The city council failed to produce a quorum Wednesday evening for the special adjourned meeting this week.

## NORMAL NEW BULLETIN

### Summer Session to Begin June 23

The Oregon Normal School is just issuing its Normal School bulletin calling attention to the summer session, which will begin June 23 and continue six weeks. This school is designed not only to give pupils the opportunity to make the regular Normal credit to be credited toward graduation, but also to furnish a strong school of methods for teachers who are in service during the remainder of the year. All the regular training school teachers will offer courses in the summer school, which courses will include methods from grades one to eight, inclusive. That is to say, a teacher can take six weeks' work in methods in any grade or grades that she may wish. Nearly all the other members of the faculty will offer regular Normal courses. Without doubt this summer session will offer the strongest pedagogical and methods courses ever offered in the State of Oregon, and teachers will make no mistake in planning to take one or more of these courses. It is hoped to have the new dormitory ready for occupancy by that time and, if so, a splendid home may be secured in the same. However, the people of Monmouth are able to take care of as many students as may wish to enroll at a nominal cost. The Normal authorities report that from the correspondence the attendance bids fair to be a large one. There is no doubt that the school will prove a great success.

## AT SACRED CONCERT

### M. E. Church Sunday an Interesting Program

The Sacred Concert at the Methodist church given under the auspices of the choir was a real treat. The numbers rendered

consisted of solos; a duet, double quartet, and anthems by the large choir. Every singer was in excellent voice and did his or her part well.

That the good people of our city enjoy good music was shown by the full house that listened so appreciatingly to the songs.

There is no need of importing musical talent in order to have a high class concert when such artists are in our very midst.

The whole tone of the sacred concert was in harmony with the day and place, and every one felt real uplift of soul by reason of it.

It is the intention to have such concerts at more or less frequent intervals.

## HEAVY LOSS BY FIRE

### C. A. McLaughlin Loses 16 Head Horses and Other Property

A fire occurred Wednesday evening on the H. Hirschberg farm, about one mile north of town, burning the big Hirschberg barn and entailing a loss of about \$15,000 in personal property for C. A. McLaughlin. Sixteen head of horses, one being a fine stallion, about 70 ton of hay, several binders and other farming implements, harness, grain, etc., were a total loss from the fire.

The fire started early in the evening from the hay in the second story, and when first discovered there was no possibility of saving anything in the barn.

The building was insured but the balance of the property had no insurance.

McLaughlin started out Thursday morning to purchase some more horses for the farm.

## PARKER IS PROGRESSIVE

### Group of New Buildings to Go Up

### E. ZEILECH IS TO BUILD

### Improvements of Permanent Nature Going Ahead

T. E. Zook has secured the contract for building a new store, a new blacksmith shop, two new residences and a 40x80 shed for teams at Parker. The buildings are to be erected for E. Zeilech, who has a fine 800 acre farm at Parker.

The work is to be rushed on the buildings and they are to be first class in every particular. The total cost of the improvements planned will probably reach from \$12,000 to \$15,000 and will be a big improvement for Parker.

The Independence Creamery is receiving a new coat of paint.

"What the Church Stands For" will be the subject upon which Pastor Tapscott will discourse in the morning "Tenderness of Heart" will be the evening's discourse. Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. B. Y. P. U. at 7 p. m. Cordial welcome to all.

Miss Bohannon has inaugurated an interesting plan to create interest in the Sixth B and part of the Seventh grade which she is teaching. The students have been writing the different Commercial Clubs of Oregon for pamphlets. These they use in the study of Oregon geography. The students also get the instruction in correspondence that is a direct benefit to them.

## RAILROAD MATTERS

### Rumors and Reports This Weeks News

### STEEL GANG ON S. P. GO

### Report is That Hill Lines Will Bridge River Here

The railroad news this week is mostly from reports we have heard.

The Salem Statesman this week stated that it was reported that the Hill system had applied to the war department of the U. S. at Washington for permission to bridge the Willamette at East Independence. We have not verified the report.

Survey work on the Valley and Siletz is going right ahead and the surveyors are now reported at the summit between the Luckiamute and Siletz.

The steel gang were taken off from the west side work Wednesday evening for Canby and they will be put on the main line work. Another crew will be sent from Portland to finish up the work from McCoy south to the present new rails below Independence.

A report has been circulated that the Hill interests have secured 52 per cent of the capital stock of the Southern Pacific, but we have no information from any authoritative source that would justify such a report.

## CREAMERY MAKES BIG RECORD

### Over Two Tons of Butter Shipped Wednesday

The Independence Creamery received Tuesday 245 cans of cream on the different trains that day, and Wednesday the championship of butter for this year was made, there being 5100 pounds shipped out that day.

## PUBLIC SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

### Building to Have Coat of Paint

### NEW STEPS AND WALK ALSO

### Croft Brothers Get Painting Contract Johnson and Coquette Cement

The board of directors had a meeting Tuesday evening to take up district matters. At the meeting bids were opened for the painting of the public school building. The contract was let to Croft Brothers, who bid \$390, which was the lowest bid for the work. Several painters bid on the work.

Monday evening the contract of building a cement walk from the street to the main building, and cement steps from the walk to the portico direct in from the front was let to Johnson & Coquette. The side steps are to be taken out entirely.

These improvements are needed badly and will give the school house a much neater appearance.

## MUST IMPROVE ROAD

### Railroad Commission Says Line is Bad

As a direct result of the recent trip of the railroad commission over the line of the Corvallis &

Eastern railroad, it is not improbable that unless all of the company's line from Corvallis to Yaquina is rebuilt and put in first-class condition, an order will be issued by the commission requiring the company to do this. The line for a distance of seventy-one miles is affected.

New rails and ballast must be laid between the two cities mentioned, and the whole line for a distance of 140 miles must be rebalasted. It is said that the commission found the equipment of the road very unsatisfactory. At one point fifty-six pound rails laid in 1887 were still in use and there was no ballast to the tracks. Between Corvallis and Yaquina fifty-pound rails laid in 1884 were found and these are considered insufficient for the traffic.

It is suggested by the commission that the rails and ballast be placed in two seasons, that is, one portion of the road repaired the first season and the rest the following season. Numerous derailments it is thought will be eliminated when the proper repairs have been made.—Salem Statesman.

## BAPTIST MISSIONARY CIRCLE

The ladies Mission Circle will meet at the Baptist parsonage corner 5 and Railroad streets on Thursday, May 1 at 2 o'clock p. m. There will be a short program.

Interesting talks will be given by different members of the circle on the subject of Mormonism and the early life of Joseph Smith and Brigham Young. You are cordially invited to meet with us.

Mrs. W. H. Park, Secretary.

## AT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The musicale given by the Christian church at the opera house Friday evening was a great success from a musical standpoint as well as financially. It was pronounced the best ever given in Independence by local talent.

Our Bible School had twenty-three new pupils in attendance last Sunday so we expect to reach the one-hundred mark in a very short time. Mr. Crow will organize a young people's class this Sunday and all young married people and young ladies in Independence who are not attending elsewhere but are desirous of enrolling in a wide awake class are urged to be present with us Sunday at ten. We also have a fine place for all young men not enrolled elsewhere.

"The Christian's Life" as portrayed in the 12 chapter of Romans will be Mr. Crow's morning subject. Special music also. In the evening "The Way, the Truth and thh Life" will be the theme. At the conclusion of our much talked of services Miss Grover will play the violin offertory. Our attendance still increases, are you enjoying these services with the rest?

## HIGH SCHOOL BASE BALL

### Independence Cross Bats With Monmouth

### FIRST CONTEST IS SATURDAY

### This Game Begins the Fight for Champion Ship Honors

The Independence high school base ball team will meet the Monmouth high school team at Monmouth the coming Saturday. This is the first game in the contest that ultimately leads to a Polk county team playing a Yamhill team for county honors.

The teams of the west end of Polk county play each other, and the teams of the east end do likewise until the contest is brought down to the winning team in each section, when these two teams will meet and cross bats at Dallas for the championship of the county on the day of the field meet. The winning team of that game will play the winning team in the Yamhill county meet for the championship of the inter-county meet.

The money is being raised this week to cover the expense of carrying on the field meet for Independence and the boys have commenced the practice work not only in base ball but in all athletic features. Considering this to be the first year of the track meet features the boys are doing fine. Dr. McIntire has charge of the team and is working them out as much as possible.

## I. O. O. F. AND REBEKAHS ELECT

### State Grand Lodge Meets in Medford This Year

The Odd Fellows lodge of Independence have chosen their delegates to the grand lodge meeting at Medford this month as follows: Joe McCloud, W. E. Craven and J. Hubbard; the Rebekahs elected Mrs. Clara Graves, Mrs. Nettie Bohannon and Miss Edith West.

Both lodges have a large membership and are always well represented at the state meetings.

## PRIZES TO THE SCHOOLS PLANNED THIS YEAR

### Exhibits From the Different Schools to Make Strong Features

The Oregon Agricultural College through its extension department has just published a pamphlet listing the prizes to be awarded at the state fair for the individual exhibits of the public school children of Oregon. The prizes are extensive and cover all the departments of poultry husbandry, animal husbandry, domestic art, agronomy, floriculture and garden products. The prize list is in two divisions, the special prizes being individual in character, coming from associations or private parties interested in some special line or product work.

It might also be well to remark that this year is the first year that an examination will be required in agriculture in the public schools. Any child who raises a good garden at home will be credited with 30 per cent on the agricultural examinations and will be required to answer but seven of the twelve questions. If he should fail to make the examinations a credit of not more than 25 per cent is allowed for making an exhibit at the state fair, the plan being to get actual farm knowledge from the plan of doing things.