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## INDEPENDENCE TO BE CENTER

Racing this Season Here to Be the Very Best

SOME FINE HORSES COMING

By Proper Planning This Point Can Be Made Permanent Quarters for Best Horses in Oregon

Reports have been received this week from owners of fine horses which shows that the June race meet at Independence this year will be the biggest racing event ever known at Independence. While there are a fine bunch of horses at the tracks now being trained, the stables being filled, reports are coming from the best horse men of Oregon, Washington and California, stating they expect to be here this year. If stable room at the track was available, probably most of these horses would be shipped here for training purposes, but the board was not prepared for the outside demands that seems now to be possible.

Anderson Bros. of Portland expect to be here with two harness horses, a pacer and a trotter and with one running horse.

C. W. Todd has given notice that he will be here with two harness horses, both trotters, one being Bonnie Antrim, with a record of 2:12. He has gone to Baker to get his horses and will take them to Forest Grove for training.

"Shorty" Powell will have charge of four running horses from Vancouver, Washington, while it is stated that six harness horses have already been booked for Independence from this same point.

## INDEPENDENCE WINS SO DOES DALLAS

Baseball Games Played in County This Week

The Independence High School ball team met the Monmouth High School team at Monmouth Saturday and won over the Monmouth team by a score of 9 to 7. The lineup of the Independence team is as follows:

Seeley, p.; H. Oberon, c.; Ira Mix, 1 b.; Don Pomeroy, 2 b.; Lynn Huntley, s.; Willard Reeves, 3 b.; Elmer Addison, 1 f.; Wyman Williams, c. f.; Morton McKinnon r. f.

Dr. McIntire is coaching the team and they are working hard to get in shape for the crucial test if they live long enough to meet it.

Independence will play Buena Vista this Friday on the Independence grounds.

Dallas played Perrydale Friday winning by a good score and Saturday they played McMinnville, winning there by a score of 13 to 3.

## AIRLIE POSTMASTER RESIGNS

Word was brought to Independence this week that the Post Master at Airlie has forwarded his resignation. It is whispered—very low and confidentially—that State Central Committeeman Smith of Airlie has on eye on the job. Now that's only a whisper and for all we know may not develop into a noise even.

## INDEPENDENCE DERBY

Will Attract Attention of People Here

This week we are printing a copy of the official program as

now outlined for the race meet at Independence in June. This event is one of general interest to all Monitor readers, the races being an annual event of importance.

Especially interest will center around the "Independence Derby" this year, it being a 1-1-6 mile run all horses passing the grand stand three times in making the distance of the race.

## SALES DAY A SUCCESS

Our Salem-Albany Advertising Competitor's Hammer Serves Only to Mash His Own Fingers--Painful, but Usual Fate of the Knocker in Live, Progressive Towns.

Although the Very Busiest Season of the Year Farmers Come to Town in Considerable Numbers and Take Advantage of the Many Splendid Special Bargains Offered by Our Merchants.

Most of Our Merchants Report Very Gratifying Results, and Express the Opinion That Sales Day Can Be Made a Permanent and Mutually Beneficial Business Institution of Independence--Yes, Sales Day Was All Right for a Starter, but It Will Be Better Next Time, Saturday, May 31.

Saturday's sales really turned out better than we had expected. The farmers are now in their busiest season and have no time to spare but in spite of this fact the merchants report Saturday's business the best this year.

Below we print personal interviews with some of those taking part in the sale offerings last Saturday:

C. D. Calbreath of the firm of Bice & Calbreath, furniture dealers, in speaking of the sales day said, "We were well pleased with the results of the first sales day, and did an excellent business that day, not only in the lines in which we made special prices, but on many other lines as well. We sold considerable wall paper and several fine rugs as a direct result of the reductions given. We believe the sales day feature should be continued and will be a popular day for Independence trading as it gets more generally known."

L. A. Cary speaking of sales day said, "Yes, I am satisfied with the first monthly sales day. We had all the business we could handle and some trade got away from us. It was my biggest day since I have been in Independence. By all means continue it is my opinion."

Geo. W. Conkey of the firm of Conkey & Walker, general merchants said, "We did a fine business sales day—the largest business we have done this year. The general trade was good and we had a number of calls for specials advertised. We believe it will take several months to get the best results but the feature is a good one and we are in favor of continuing it."

P. H. Drexler of the Drexler & Alexander general merchandise store said, "We have no complaints to make with the results of the first monthly sales day. We did a fine business Saturday and sold well in the special lines advertised; We are in favor of having the regular monthly sales day."

Mrs. Wallace in an interview with a representative of the Monitor said, "I am well pleased with the results of the first monthly sales day. I did a good business and much of it was due directly to the special sales day offerings."

Mrs. Bascue said, "I am perfectly satisfied. I did a fine business on sales day."

Mr. Davies of the Davies' photograph gallery said, "I had a number of settings for post card pictures as a result of the sales day. By all means continue it."

J. D. Hibbs of the Hibbs Hardware Company said, "We had a fine implement business and gave the customers the benefit of sales day prices. We are satisfied with the results."

Mr. Huff of the Craven and Huff store said, "We can report a good day Saturday. We had considerable inquiry for our Blue Lite Enamel ware that we advertised and sold several brooms besides doing a good implement business that day."

Mr. Brown of the Red Cross Pharmacy said, "I took more cash in Saturday than I have taken in in one day this year."

Mr. Williams of the Williams Drug Company reported a good day Saturday, although not offering any specials on that day.

The Wm. Herzog Company reported a good business in clothing and have no complaints to make of the sales day feature for the town.

## STATE FAIR IS OFF BAD

Thoroughbred Racing is Knocked by State Fair

EASTERN PAPERS KNOCKING

Oregon One of Best Breeding States in West and Why this Course By State Board?

Oregon's State Fair is getting considerable adverse comment through the eastern papers as a result of the "State Fair Board" refusing to allow thoroughbred racing at the state fair. The board seemingly has gone race crazy over "bucking" and "buckaroo" contests and thinks Oregon will get more benefit from the breeding of "cow ponies," outlaws and "rangers" than from pure bred stock. This state deserves racing features that will build up good horses and the State Fair Board should consider this matter from a state wide standpoint. The state fair is paid for by state money, raised by taxes and the breeders of thoroughbred horses deserve just as much consideration as the breeders of good cattle.

The Spirit of the West of Des Moines, Iowa, in speaking of the Oregon Fair Board boycott says: Breeders of thoroughbred horses in Oregon feel that the Oregon State Board has dealt them a hard blow by refusing to allow any thoroughbred racing at the state fair this year. They claim that the "buckaroo" events, such as relay races, wild horse races, etc., which the officials intend to put on instead of thoroughbreds, represent no value to the horse breeding interests of the state, whereas the thoroughbred horse does represent a real value to the breed of horses in general and the greatest possible value to the breed of saddle horses, therefore he should be recognized and encouraged by the state fair instead of being insultingly barred. The Oregon State Fair is one of the very few big fairs that has put the bars up against the thoroughbred and to all the lovers of the greatest horse on earth its action is like a slap on the face.—Ex."

## AIRLIE HAS CHALLENGE

Will Meet Any Ball Team in Oregon

W. E. Williams, the Airlie booster, while in town consulting with P. M. Kirkland, presumably over the Airlie post office plum, stopped a representative of the Monitor, paid a big cart wheel for the Monitor for a year, and said, we have the best base ball team in Oregon and challenge any non professional team in Oregon and he ginkled a few iron washers in his pockets saying 1000 backs. This includes the fans of Independence and Dallas too.

The Independence races this year are attracting more than the usual interest and every indication points to the event being a big affair.

In another page of the Monitor this week we publish the official program of the race meet, together with the conditions imposed, etc.

## SOUVENIRS ARRIVE HERE

Four Vertebrae of Mammoth Whale From Waldport

Dr. Butler, Geo. W. Conkey, P. H. Drexler and P. M. Kirkland received a vertebra each of a big whale that washed ashore at Waldport last fall while they were out on their usual summer

trip to the coast. J. H. Glines, who has been a resident of Waldport for many years shipped the large curios and they arrived the first of the week and can be seen in the front yards any day by all

who may wish to see the curios.

Mr. Johnson of the pressing and cleaning parlors spent Sunday in Salem, returning Monday morning. Suspicious circumstance.

## NOTICE FOR TAX PAYERS

County Judge Mails Out Interesting News

SOME FACTS ABOUT TAXES

County Tax Roll Less This Year than Last. State Levy More. Good Roads a Need

Office of County Judge, Polk County, Oregon, April 14, 1913—Dear Taxpayer:—I am sending you, herewith, comparative statements showing the tax levies for the years 1912 and 1913. I wish to call your attention to the fact that the total assessed valuation of the county for 1913 (1912 assessment roll) is \$492,078.00 less than for the year 1912 (1911 assessment roll). In consequence a 15 mill tax levy in 1913 produces less than the same levy in mills in 1912.

You will notice that the levy for state purposes is much less for this year than for last. The state levy will be higher again next year on account of legislative appropriations.

The second item in the tax levy for 1913 is for county purposes (county general and contingent expenses) and shows a levy of \$12,587.42 less than for last year.

The school and high school levies are fixed by law and show a slight increase over last year.

The fifth item, roads, shows a slightly smaller levy for 1913 than for 1912. While it will not be the policy of the court to do any less permanent road work every effort will be made to get a dollar's worth of work for every dollar spent.

A determined effort will be made to reduce the general expenses of the county and we hope to have a small balance in the county fund to transfer to the road fund later in the year.

I have shown in the last statement a levy of 3 mills which was made to cover the indebtedness of \$37,052.10 which appeared on the records January 4, 1913. This levy will produce more than the exact amount stated but the excess will be required to care for the interest, rebates, delinquencies, etc. Warrants were issued and have been drawing interest for many months. Rather than pay 6 per cent interest on these unpaid warrants, the court thought it better to take them up this year and spend less money in other ways. This amount properly belongs to the expenses of 1912 for the reason that it was expended last year or during the last two years and the county will receive no benefit from the levy for 1913. There will be no such deficiency next year.

Appreciating the necessity for co-operation between the taxpayers and the county court, I hope you will feel free to advise with us.

Truly yours,  
J. B. Teal, County Judge.

The band boys are now industriously at work. Tuesdays and Fridays are their practice nights. They will be playing some good music in a few weeks on the streets in place of inside the four walls of the fire department. There are about twenty-five members now when they are all present.

Asa Taylor and Allen Clark got four horses this week for C. A. McLaughlin. They were secured from Mr. Francis from Hoskins in the Kings Valley section. They are fine animals and will make Mc two of the best teams in the county.

## TALK ON CIVIC IMPROVEMENT

Interesting Sermon at the Methodist Episcopal Church Sunday Evening

Rev. F. N. Sandifur, pastor of the M. E. church of Independence, delivered an interesting sermon on Civic Improvement Sunday evening to a good sized audience. He read as an introductory eight verses of scripture, Rev. XXI: 1-8, a part of which reads as follows:

"And I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away; and I, John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband, and I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God."

The nature of his sermon was along the line of development in which he said, "Independence has its future before it, not behind it," illustrating the fact that this community is not like a town in Massachusetts where he formerly resided, where the zenith of its development had been reached and its manufactures were disappearing. "Here new manufactures are coming as the country becomes more diversified. Here the emigration is coming and the announcement of the ten thousand people from Canada now investigating this valley is but one of the many movements of development. We will have to compete with other cities and much depends on our people. We have the advantage of being near the Oregon Agricultural College, of easy access to the State University and the State Normal School, and only a few minutes distance from the State Capitol. We have the transportation facilities and are improving them, by electrifying our railroads. We have the promise of a new line to the timber and the coast, and the promise of a big saw mill. Not only have we the railroad transportation but the river transportation as well, and the government is planning on improving the stream so as to give us better service for our products."

"I favor the improvement of our streets by paving, the building of cement sidewalks, the parking and curbing of streets, making such streets as Railroad street a thoroughfare that attracts rather than an unsightly and almost impassable thoroughfare at times. Monmouth street also will probably be paved and the town should do all possible to put forth its best efforts."

The matter of a clean up day was discussed and those approving raised their hands, the audience approving the plan unanimously. The pastor was instructed to wait upon the mayor and council and see if a clean up day could be arranged.

Another feature of the address that evening was the matter of a morally clean city, in which references were made to those places that have a tendency to pervert the morals of the younger element. We should have a "clean city," a city where the very best of associations should be cultivated and where the growing youth will receive proper care. The temperance movement was discussed and the conditions following where a community was voted dry was considered.

The sermon was one in which the matter of "Civic Pride" was taken up and discussed thoroughly from the standpoint of the church as a factor of progress and was a real sermon worthy the consideration by our people.

## DIFFERENT WAYS OF PRESERVING EGGS

Eggs may be preserved for several months by different methods, says Prof. James Dryden of the Oregon Agricultural College. If put up right in the spring they may be kept till the following fall or winter. They will not be as good, however, as fresh-laid eggs.

A method that will preserve the original quality of the eggs for an indefinite period has not yet been discovered. By cold storage, eggs are put up in large quantities during the spring season when prices are low, but where it is desired to preserve a small quantity for home use the cold storage method is not practicable.

Eggs intended for storage should be fresh and clean. March or April eggs will keep better than May or June eggs. The sooner they are put into storage the better they will keep.

The Lime Method.—Dissolve a pound of lime in five gallons of water. The water should be boiled previously to sterilize it, and then cooled. Stir thoroughly and let settle. Then pour off the clear liquid into a wooden or earthen jar or tub. Fill with

eggs to within an inch of the top of the liquid. This will allow for evaporation. The liquid should not be allowed to get lower than the top of the eggs. When the vessel is filled with eggs, cover it with coarse muslin or factory, over which spread a paste of lime to exclude the air.

The Water-Glass Method.—Water-glass (sodium silicate) may be purchased at the drug stores. Use the liquid form and the commercial grade in the proportion of one part water-glass to eight parts water. Use earthen jars or wooden tubs or barrels that are perfectly clean, and store in a clean, cool place. The material used will cost about a cent for each dozen eggs stored.

## CHITTIM BARK INDUSTRY

J. Merwin Starts Crew of Men This Week

J. Merwin took out a crew of five men to the timber this week and started them at peeling chittim wood. He stated to a representative of the Monitor that he would get at least two cars of chittim bark ready for market now and would probably hold it until early fall before selling it. He has been in this work for some years and states he usually has a good market for the bark.