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## INDEPENDENCE PROMISES GREATER BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS THIS SEASON

City is Just Beginning to Open Up for the Future and We Prophesy Industrial and Railroad Activity in the Next Few Years That Will Mean a Big Center of Trade at This Point. Hops, Fruit and the Dairy Farm Will Also Help

### CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS

**Open Bids for Paving but No Decision**

**BICE SUCCEEDS DIXON RESIGNS**

**List Bills Presented and Allowed or Referred for Further Consideration**

The city council had a busy session Tuesday night finishing the evening's work about 11 o'clock. The hall was filled, mostly with paving contractors and 12 bids for paving and curbing were opened by the council.

After the council assembled, the roll call showed all present but J. H. Dixon and his resignation, on the grounds of moving out of town was read and accepted. The matter of electing a new councilman was taken up and W. L. Bice, W. L. Wetherbee, and A. L. Thomas were nominated, after several ballots W. L. Bice was duly elected and being present, was sworn and qualified.

Claims against the city were presented and ordered paid as follows:

- W. A. James, painting \$7.50.
- Sweeping and sprinkling, \$44.24.
- A. J. Tupper, salary \$65.00.
- Enterprise printing \$7.40.
- J. W. Fetzer, salary \$25.00.
- Oregon Power Co. Light \$106.09.
- Oregon Power Co. Water, \$34.00.
- Oregon Power Co. Sprinkling, \$5.70.
- Williams Drug Co. bill, \$3.00.
- Independence Monitor, \$7.40.
- B. F. Swope salary fees, \$29.35.

A bill of \$51.50 presented by Verd Hill for surveying, dedicating and abstract of street dedicated to city read and referred to street committee.

Matter of street paving came up and the bids were opened and read. There were so many and the conditions and specifications so varied that they were laid over for special consideration one week from tonight.

The bids were as follows:

- August Kehrberger \$1.08.
- Bidwell, Hayden & Co. .87.
- Linden, Kibbey & Co. 1.05.
- Clark & Henery 1.25.
- Ore. Paving & Quarry Co. .90.
- W. D. Pugh .90.
- The Arenz Const. Co. .90.
- Warren Const. Co. 1.45.
- Montague, Rully Co. 1.12.
- Coquellette & Johnson and E. Cooper made bids on curbing alone.

The highest bids were for different bituminous or asphaltic pavements, the cheaper for cement.

From a cursory examination of the paving contracts we find the cheapest bid is that of W. D. Page of Salem, his bid being \$36,008.18 for paving, grading, curbing etc., the paving being 90 cents per square. This is for cement paving with no surface coating. For a surface coating pavement the Oregon Paving & Quarry Co., make a bid of \$30,542.66 or \$1.05 per square, this is for an asphaltic covering 1/2 inch deep on a 5 inch cement gravel pavement and under a 5 year guarantee. This is the cheapest pavement offered with an asphalt surface and is the same class of pavement being used in California under the state bond paving system where 150 miles are being built under an \$18,000,000 bond appropriation.

The price on this pavement is about 20 cents per square less than any concrete pavement with a coating of any kind.

The council have as yet made

no decision as to their preference but are looking the matter over thoroughly with a view of getting the best pavement for the least money.

### A GROWING INDUSTRY

**The Raising of Chickens at Sanitary Egg Farm**

The editor had the pleasure Sunday of looking over the finest poultry plant in Polk county, the Sanitary Egg Farm, a part of the big farm managed by W. H. Patterson, a former resident of Independence.

In the suburbs of Eola, the town that almost became the capitol, on the hill side above the main Salem road, is the location of this plant. It takes two persons time to take care of the chicken farm alone and this is in its infancy as an industry as a part of this big farms systematic manipulation. A big chicken house, two stories high and another one story house make up the buildings, while several yards are fenced off for the care of the birds. In the lower story of the main building are five twelve hundred incubators and one small 240 egg incubator. While looking over the plant we saw 992 little chicks taken off that morning which were in the first room, adjoining the incubators where they were so thick you could hardly walk among them. Beyond this room were about 600 more chicks which were not over one week old. They were in the scratching rooms and their brooder room was just beyond.

Upstairs we saw the roost, laying and feeding room of the grown hens. Two candy buckets of wheat in the evening were fed them while the editor was inspecting the plant, and the room looked like a sea of white chickens. On the hill sides were probably 700 or 800 young fries, all in fine condition.

It is the plan of the company to increase the plant to a capacity of 15,000, probably next year and it is becoming one of the big features of the county.

### THE DAIRY INDUSTRY

John Laugh is improving his dairy farm by the erection of a fine new dairy barn at his place near Buena Vista. L. E. Chase has the contract for building the new building. It will have a concrete basement and will be as good a barn as there is in Polk county.

### MORE ROOM IS NEEDED

**Hotel Starts Addition to Rear of Building**

**SAMPLE ROOM AND ROOMS**

**Addition 28x40 Two Story High Now Building**

The Lerona Hotel is to have a 28x40 addition for a sample room down stairs and six sleeping rooms above. The building was started this week. The present building is not as large as is needed to accommodate all the travel and this is to be remedied with a new building started this week.

### PRESIDENT STRAHORN

**Drops Offices in Other Lines in Oregon**

**PORTLAND, EUGENE & EASTERN**

**The Presidency of the Willamette Electric System His Main Position**

Saturday President Strahorn of the Portland, Eugene, & Eastern electric relinquished his positions with the lines not a part of the Southern Pacific and will devote all his energy and time to the work in the Willamette valley.

During his short career as president of this line the electric has secured the street systems of Salem, Eugene and Albany, as well as the short stub lines that were available. He fathered the move to electrify the Southern Pacific lines in Oregon excepting the main east side Portland-San Francisco line and the fight for supremacy in the Willamette valley between the Portland, Eugene & Eastern and the Oregon Electric is just begun.

The following from the Oregonian show some of the successes of Strahorn, "The Man of Mystery" in the western railroad field:

Mr. Strahorn became vice-president of the O. W. R. N. Company at the conclusion of the sensational railroad campaign which finally identified the mysterious North Coast road of Washington with the Harriman system. The North Coast was an aggressive invasion of the rich territory of the Hill lines and Mr. Strahorn undertook the task in 1905. The silence which surrounded his operations soon excited the intense interest of the entire railroad world, and some reporter happily dubbed him the "man of mystery." His successful struggles for possession of Marshall Canyon, Union Gap and other strategic points occupied by the Northern Pacific and Great Northern companies, how he acquired a large portion of the Spokane terminal grounds owned by the latter company, his refusal to break silence when attempts were made to identify his North Coast Company with the Canadian Pacific, the Chicago & Northwestern, the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul and other companies, his great fight for a franchise in Spokane, which involved the entire Inland Empire on account of the injection of the terminal rate question, are matters of recent history.

### CIRCUIT COURT

**Matters Were Tried in This Term at Dallas**

The following appears of record on Judge Galloway's docket for the term:

Adam Muller vs. Thomas E. Dwyer et al; foreclosure, sale confirmed. G. W. Stapleton for plaintiff; S. H. Heltzell for defendant.

D. E. Emmett vs. Ida Haynes, suit to correct deed, demurrer overruled; Brown & Sibley for plaintiff.

Frank L. Brown vs. Elda Jones, partition; Asa B. Robinson, Jr. appointed guardian ad litem for minor defendant; Sibley & Eakin for plaintiff.

R. L. Thorndike vs. Bessie Thorndike, action for divorce; default entered; testimony taken, decree as prayed for. Sibley & Eakin for plaintiff.

Allyn Yocom vs. E. V. Dickey, default entered and decree as prayed for; Brown & Sibley for plaintiff.

L. E. Crowe vs. Della L. Thomas, et al; foreclosure; sale confirmed; Brown & Sibley for plaintiff.

Ella Ellis and F. J. Coad, plaintiff vs. C. G. Griffin, Wm. F. Lutz, et al; suit to quiet title; default entered, decree as prayed for; Ed F. Coad for plaintiff.

G. W. Hill vs. L. H. Shultz; foreclosure; dismissed on motion of plaintiff; H. H. Belt and T. W. Vreeland for plaintiff.

O. A. Knox vs. Kate L. Coad, executrix; registration of title; correction in Decree allowed to conform facts; Simpson & Lewis for plaintiff.

Arthur M. Purvine and John F. Purvine vs. Jordan Purvine; action to quiet title; dismissed upon stipulation filed by the parties to the suit; McNary & McNary for plaintiff; Carson & Brown for defendant.

D. A. Benty vs. O. A. Sariff, et al; recovery of possession of lots in Benty Townsite, Grande Ronde.—Polk County Observer.

### HOP MEN SAY SHORT HOPS

**Growers Find Many Hills Missing This Year**

**STAND POORER THAN USUAL**

**Young Yards Are Looking Fairly Good This Year**

The hops are coming on fast and many have their training and cultivating well under way. There is found to be many missing hills and in the Luckiamute country some claim there is a third of the hills missing. Opposite Independence in the river bottom there is also quite a shortage. J. R. Cooper, Morrison, Percival and most of the other growers report some shortage.

In the yards on this side of the river there is also a shortage but not so much.

The vines are growing very fast and while some are not entirely through twining their yards, many have their vines well up the twine and are cultivating the soil. Several hundred men are now employed in the yards. L. Damon has one of the prettiest yards in Oregon, his hops now up several feet on the twine.

### ICE CREAM SOCIAL AT SUVER

The Teacher's and Parent's Club of Suver will give an ice cream social at the school house Friday evening, May 23, with object of raising money to buy a new organ for the school.

### IMPROVING HIS DAIRY STOCK

**Frank Laughery Continually Getting The Best**

Tuesday Frank Laughery had a fine thoroughbred registered Jersey heifer to arrive and he came down to take it home. He secured her from the "West" sale at Scappoose. Frank has been getting better cattle as fast as he can find them until now he has as good a line of thoroughbreds as can be found in Oregon.

### RACE MEET ATTRACTS

**Others Speak Well of Independence**

**FROM THE PACIFIC HORSEMAN**

**Some of Polk County's Best Horses are Mentioned**

Down here in the center of the hop-growing district of Oregon the thoroughbred horse is King and has been for thirty-five or forty years; Independence is perhaps the most prosperous town of its size in the Northwest and the surrounding country is the richest in the far-famed Willamette valley. Two of the wealthiest hop growers are W. W. Percival and C. A. McLaughlin and to these two men the thoroughbred horses owe more than to any others that I know of. Both have been breeding and racing thoroughbreds for many years and never a day has their courage and love of the game failed them.

Year after year Independence has given the most successful race meeting and horse show in Oregon, outside of the State fair; the purses have not been as large as at some places but every dollar that was advertised has always been paid—and paid on the minute, which is a lot more than can be said for some of the other places that make more of a noise. The Independence Driving Club is the name of the organization that has given these meetings and while Mr. Percival and Mr. McLaughlin are the backbone of the organization they have the support and co-operation of the best business men of the town and the farmers of the surrounding country.

This year as usual an excellent racing program and horse show has been arranged, the full particulars of which will be found in our advertising columns, and just here it is worthy of note that while the two men above referred to have been particularly interested in the thoroughbred they have always lent all the aid in their power to the breeding and racing interests of the harness horse; through their efforts the Independence Association has always made liberal provision for the harness horses on its race program. Any man who has ever raced there is always anxious to go back again for he knows he is going to get a square deal. The annual spring meeting will be held June 18 to 21 inclusive; two harness races and two runs are on the card each day, the harness horses going half-mile heats, three-in-five for \$150 and \$200 purses, with the program so arranged that almost every horse will have an opportunity to race twice during the meeting. The running races are for purses ranging from \$125 for two-year-olds to \$200 for a Derby at a mile and a sixteenth. A feature of the harness races is that the purse is divided in three moneys, 70, 20, and 10 per cent. The horse show features will be in the forenoon, Wednesday and Thursday.

A lot of good thoroughbred horses are in training and in the stud at Independence. Percival has the good stallion, W. F. Barr, imp. Kismet-Jennie K, by imp. Sir Modred, in the stud and the three good brood mares, Sister Reklis, by Handsome-Blue Bells 3rd, by St. Paul. Beck Sue, by Handsome-Blanche 4th, by St. Paul, and Chita, by Harold Main-top, by imp. Mariner. In train-

he has the five-year-old gelding, Carl P. that raced well as a three-year-old but was lame last year; he looks as though he would stand up now; he is a well bred horse, by Commercial Traveler, son of Hanover, dam Black Sue. Julius Pincus, a two-year-old chestnut colt and looks like a race horse. Two yearlings, by F. W. Barr, out of Chita and Sister Regis completes the string.

C. A. McLaughlin has a grand looking three-year-old chestnut gelding in Mike Krebs, by Kamsack, dam Misty's Pride, by Handsome. Misty-Morn the greatest race mare ever bred in Oregon. Wm. McNames has the good bush racer, Steel, South Bros. have the old timer, Schwitzer. Lee Robinson has a good two-year-old filly by St. Salvana-Chita, that he recently bought from W. W. Percival.

Last, but far from least, is our old friend, Les Galbreath; he has Tony Faust in the stud and he is unquestionably the best bred stallion and the best race horse that ever made a stud season in Oregon; he is bound to sire race horses from the mares he has covered this season.

Agars, a five-year-old stallion, by Wadsworth-April's Lady, was put to jumping last year at Alan and Vancouver and set a new record for steeplechasers in the Northwest, by running the Vancouver course, two and a quarter miles in 4:57 2-5. Les thinks he can beat any jumper in the west. There is a "dark horse" in this stable that Les wants a killing with this summer; he is seventeen hands high and the story that goes with him is just as big, but Les would say nothing for publication at this time.

Among the harness horses are two pacers owned by R. C. Staats, Chiquito 2:10, the other is the green pacer, Lo Lo; both of these were raced by Staats last year and will be out again when the first bell rings.

Dr. S. M. Ellsworth, a veterinarian, has two green four-year-old trotters that are as good looking as anybody's horses; their education has just started and I did not get their breeding but there is no doubt that they are well bred.

Jim Collins has two colts by Tidal wave 2:06 1/2 that are promising.

Independence lays claim to greatness in another respect. She has more well preserved horses of extreme old age than I have ever seen in any other town. A Mr. Fryer has a family horse known to be thirty-seven years old he is a bay horse and his head has turned almost entirely gray, otherwise he does not appear to be over fifteen; he is used almost every day when the weather is good. C. A. McLaughlin drives a son of the old Oregon trotting stallion, Rockwood 1:47, that is twenty-seven years old and I heard about a number of others.

It is reported that there is a few cases of German measles in Buena Vista.

A Worthy Patron is to be elected at the regular meeting of Adah Chapter No. 34, O. E. S. Tuesday May 13.

All members of Chapter are requested to be present.

J. B. Yeon, of the Yeon Building, John Mack, C. Parker and Thomas Prince of Portland made up a party of four who stopped in the city a day while travelling through the valley.

C. A. McLaughlin is having a cement curbing put in around his Fifth street residence property.

### CITY TO GET NEW BRIDGE

**County Court Orders New Bridge to River on C**

**UNSIGHTLY STRUCTURE GOES**

**Five Arch, 21 Foot Wide Bridge to be Built at Once**

The mayor and the members of the city council were summoned to meet with the county court Tuesday. The court took up the matter of building a new bridge from Main street to the river and agreed to stand 75 per cent of the expense if the city would stand 25 per cent toward the construction of a first class cement bridge with five cement arches, the bridge to be 21 feet in width.

The council on Tuesday night at their regular session made a report of the county's offer and by resolution accepted the offer. This will be a fine improvement for the city.

### PIONEER PASSES AWAY

Jacob Jefferson Burch, one of Polk county's early pioneers died at his home at Rieckreall, Saturday, May 3 at the age of 75 years, 3 months and 22 days. Mr. Burch was born in Chariton county, Missouri, and crossed the plains with his parents in 1847, settling on a donation land claim in the Rieckreall Valley. The Burch family has been prominent in the history of Polk county, the late B. F. Burch, an older brother having served in the constitutional convention in 1857, as well as in several sessions of the territorial and State Legislatures, and Samuel T. Burch, another brother who survives, having served as Sheriff and County Judge. Mr. Burch was married in 1869 to Miss Angeline Nance, who survives him, as do the following children: Alice Burch and Mrs. Forest Craven, of Rieckreall; Mrs. George Schneller, of Sherwood, and Warren and Lee Burch of St. Johns.

The funeral was held at Rieckreall Sunday, under the auspices of the Rieckreall Lodge of Masons. Dr. Dunsmore of Independence acted as master at the ceremony. A large number of people were present from the surrounding country. Rev. Chester Gates of Dallas delivered the sermon and the interment was in the cemetery at Rieckreall.

Mr. Burch was a man with many friends and his death is felt throughout the whole community.

T. G. Sefton had his team to run away the first of the week, making a run of about 5 miles to the Hamann place, no damage being done.

A Mule team took a spin in Monmouth this week, broke the wagon, reach pole, and scattering furniture and stoves from the College avenue to the railroad on Main street.

Is it you who wants that silk dress or who needs silk for trimming? If so, get it at Conkey & Walker's. All \$1.00 Messalines now 85c.

Jim Alderson is having an addition built to his residence on Fourth street.