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## PROF. A. C. SHAW, AGRICULTURAL EXPERT OF THE GREAT NORTHERN RAILROAD, SPEAKS TO POLK COUNTY FARMERS MAY 31, IN INDEPENDENCE

### BETTER LINE OF RAILROAD

Albany to Independence Direct Is the Plan Now

CHIEF ENGINEER VISITS HERE Made Trip to See if Good Route Was Feasible from Here in Place of Wells

J. H. McClymonds, chief engineer in charge of all the survey and location work for the Portland, Eugene & Eastern electric lines in this part of the Willamette Valley, was in Independence this week looking up a way to build the cut-off from Albany to the main line of the Portland, Eugene & Eastern at some point easier than at Wells. He took Verd Hill and J. S. Cooper, Jr., Thursday afternoon from Independence through the American Bottom to Buena Vista, following above the over-flow lands and going through this section of rich hop farms, taking in Newt Prather at Buena Vista, following as near as possible a line of survey to Spring Hill, where a small cut will be necessary, on almost a direct line to Albany.

We understand he was well pleased with his observations and would probably have his surveyors here this week to make temporary survey over the proposed route.

If this change should be made it would give Independence an excellent service with the Albany-Tallman extension reaching east from that city, and which may be extended to make more important connections.

### LAYING RAILS FROM TOLEDO TO SILETZ

Published Report from the Toledo Leader

The following announcement will prove interesting to our readers as it will make a certainty of a through transportation system from Independence to the coast when the Valley and Siletz is built from this place to the Siletz timber belt. "Rails are being laid on the Toledo-Siletz railroad, says the Toledo Leader. The grading is being rushed and bridges being built. Considerable filling will be done with dump cars. The road will be hauling logs before many weeks.

### THE BEST METHOD OF FEEDING YOUNG CHICKENS

A good quality of rolled oats is suggested as an excellent first feed for chicks by the poultry husbandry department of the Oregon Agricultural College. Bread crumbs or stale bread soaked in milk and squeezed dry are also very good. Another good feed for the first few days is a raw egg mixed with bran and a little shorts or middlings, fed in a crumbly condition twice a day. Any of these may be fed twice a day with the addition of cracked wheat and cracked corn. Until the chicks have learned to eat, the food should be given on clean sand. After a couple of days the cracked wheat and corn should be fed in chaff so as to make the chicks scratch. The depth of the chaff should increase with the development of the

chicks. After the first week the bran and egg or bread and milk should be discontinued and in its place a mash of bran and shorts or bran and middlings with ground corn (about three parts bran to one of middlings, and one of corn) should be fed.

If the ground corn is too high priced, finely ground wheat may be used, and later finely ground oats, with a pinch of salt and enough milk or water added to make a crumbly mixture.

As much as the chicks will clean up readily in an hour or less should be given once a day. The cracked grains in the chaff should be fed until the chicks are six weeks old when whole wheat may be given them. The soft food should not be left in the feeding troughs after the chicks have had all they will eat.

A dish of charcoal should be kept where the chicks can get at it all the time, and a small dish of dry middlings will provide a good cure for ordinary diarrhoea.

When the feeding of the egg is discontinued beef scraps should be substituted in a box or hopper where the chicks can help themselves any time. The feeding should be planned to keep the chicks busy most of the day.

As much range as possible on fresh ground should be given the chicks and they should be kept free from mites.

### DANCE AT SUVER HAS GOOD CROWD

Several from Independence Attend and Report Good Time There

About 150 were present at Suver Friday night in attendance at the dance in the hall at that place. This hall has floor space of about 40x70 and is one of the best halls in this section of the county. Several were present from Monmouth, Buena Vista, Airlie and Independence to help swell the crowd from Suver.

### HELPING FARMERS WEATHER REPORTS

System of Weather Flags for Washington Town

A plan that might be followed profitably in this section is being planned at Ritzville, Washington, according to a report in the Spokesman Review.

A meeting is planned to see if arrangements can be made to have a farm expert in their vicinity. The state legislature of Washington makes provision in this matter in a general way.

They also took up the matter there of having weather flags shown, the flags to be placed above a three story mill in their city.

### GETTING READY FOR WORK NOW

Steam Engine Power to Do Road Grading Work

T. W. Hart was busy the first of the week getting his steam engine in shape to put on the county road grader. Mr. Durrell is grading the road from Independence to the hill south, where ever needed and is using this engine as the power. He also will use this same engine in grading the new road being built south from Talmage.

Moss Walker had his auto tires filled this week with Essenkay the tire filler advertised by Edwards & Ball.

### SCHOOL BOARD PICK TEACHERS

Complete Change in High School this Year

G. F. WALTMAN NEW PRINCIPAL

Public School Teachers Are All under Contract but Two for Year

The board of directors have elected G. F. Waltman of Brownsville, principal; D. C. Bones, assistant principal; Miss Genevieve Tillery, domestic science instructor, and Miss Mabel Stevens of Newberg, instructor in history and science.

In the public school grade Miss E. Pearl Smith and Kora Browne are retained for the first grade, Miss Edith West, second grade, Miss Margaret Shinner, third grade, Miss Helen Myers, fourth grade, Miss Margaret Galbreath, fifth grade, and Miss Ella Thacker and Hazel Bohannon for the sixth grade. The teachers for the seventh and eighth grades have not yet been announced.

The Misses Burton, Cate, Palmer and Seelye resigned their positions for the coming year. Miss Palmer has accepted a position in the Dallas schools.

### NEW MACHINE SHOP

Walter Bradley Opens Up on Main Street

Walter Bradley, a graduate automobilist, has opened a machine shop and garage in the building belonging to Chet G. Long just north of the old Hillard blacksmith shop. He states he has the machinery ordered for a first class place and will do all kinds of machinery and auto repair work.

In a conversation with the editor he said, "I have a turning lathe, emery wheel and a small forge enroute, and am going to put in a first class auto filling station for gas and air, the latter to be free for the use of the public.

### CHOICE STRAWBERRIES

"You will probably find the Clark's Seedling to be the most satisfactory strawberry to grow for canning or for shipping away any distance," says Prof. Victor Gardner of the Oregon Agricultural College in response to an inquiry from The Dalles.

"If you wish a fine flavored berry, somewhat larger in size and more productive, for home use, the Marshall, Oregon, or Magoon will be found more satisfactory. These last three varieties, however, are not firm enough for commercial canning or shipping any distance."

### BETTER PRUNE GROWING METHODS IN OREGON

Speaking of the prune survey of the state made by the Oregon Agricultural College division of horticulture, Prof. C. I. Lewis, head of the division, said recently, "Already as a result of this survey, several investigations are under way. We are hoping that it will be the means of building up a healthier co-operative spirit among the prune growers of the state, which will result in better methods in what will be recognized as the common practices for prune growing. A more intimate knowledge of the business, a little more co-operation

and a better standardization of the orchards are evidently some of the chief needs of the fruit growers.

"Green prunes sell for various prices depending on the size of the crop and quality of the fruit. The prices range from 50 cents to \$1.25 a crate, which means a net profit to the grower of 50 cents to \$1.00 a bushel. The cost of crates, packing, paper, and loading on the car is placed at 20 cents a crate. At additional profit might be obtained by using a small drier in connection with the packing house, in this way obtaining a profit from the culls and overripe prunes, which would otherwise be a complete loss."

### DIES IN CALIFORNIA

I. M. Butler at Los Angeles, California, Tuesday, May 6, 1913, at the age of 81 years, 5 months, and 4 days, from the results of a fractured hip and old age.

I. M. Butler was born December 2, 1831, in Warren county, Illinois. He was married May 11, 1856, his wife having died a few years ago at this place. He had two daughters, Bessie and Ella, Bessie alone surviving him.

He was the youngest son and the last to die of ten children. He came to Oregon in 1852 with his father, settling on his father's donation land claim in Polk county. He served in the early Indian wars in this state. In 1860 was elected sheriff of Polk county, and was reelected in 1862. During the time he was sheriff he drilled a company of soldiers for the Civil War. After his second term he returned to the farm. He spent four years in California coming back to Polk county, he opened warehouses here with L. W. Claggett. Later he served one term as Justice of Peace, never having one of his decisions reversed.

The funeral services were conducted from the Christian church Tuesday, Rev. K. H. Sickafosse of Monmouth officiating. Interment was made in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

E. W. Cooper was present from Wasco county as were many relatives and friends. Miss Bessie Butler accompanied the remains and was present at the last rites in this city.

Mr. Butler was one of Polk county's early pioneers who helped in the first development of this section and numbered among his staunch friends many of our very best citizens. He led an honest life and leaves an enviable record for goodness and honesty.

The City Council at Dallas at its regular meeting Monday, elected T. P. Bevens day marshal and D. J. Grant night watchman; Herbert J. Flagg, city engineer, and retained Edward F. Coad as City attorney. An appropriation was made for the improvement and beautifying of the city park. The ordinance with reference to saloons provides that but one license shall be issued for each 1000 inhabitants. There is doubt as to there being over 2500 people in this city, but as the ordinance does not provide the method of ascertaining the number of inhabitants for the purpose of this ordinance, the council, upon the advice of counsel, took the stand that the matter was entirely at its discretion. It is not believed that the matter will be contested in the courts.

Gyp Thurston purchased a Mighty Michigan Sunday from Edwards & Ball.

A number of the band boys from Independence and Monmouth were at Rickreall Sunday to practice with the Rickreall band.

### SALES DAY BIG FEATURE

Farmers to Organize Union at Independence

AUCTION SALE A FEATURE

Prof. A. C. Shaw, Soil Expert of the Hill Lines, Will be Here

Prof. A. C. Shaw, who is recognized as one of the greatest agricultural experts in the United States, and who is employed by the Great Northern Railroad to interview the different farming sections has responded to an invitation from the merchants and Monitor to be in Independence on the afternoon of May 31, to address the farmers at the organization meeting of a "Farmer's Union" in this city at that time.

It was merely an accident that we were able to secure him, but seeing that he was booked for Woodburn on the evening of that day, we got busy and the Great Northern people stated "you can have Mr. Shaw that afternoon."

This meeting will be for the farmers and the matter of crops, conditions, methods, etc., will be discussed at this meeting. Officers will be elected for a permanent "Farmer's Union" along the lines of those at Colfax, Washington, Sandpoint, Idaho, and Burns, Oregon. Such matters as "marketing the products," "improving the roads," "finding the cost of production," "eliminating the jobbers' profit," "classifying the soils," etc., will be taken up and discussed.

At the first meeting committees can be arranged for to get information for the next meeting and the organization can be the best in the west for the farmers of Polk county if properly handled.

On the same day an auction sale is announced and already a number of articles have been secured for the auction.

Remember on May 31, you can join the Farmers Union for the benefit of your own business, attend the big public auction, visit the stores at Independence and get the benefit of their reduction prices that day, and hear A. C. Shaw, the best land expert in the west and at no additional expense. Independence is planning on co-operating to help build up the whole of Polk county while building up the hop center city.

### NEW SHOE SHOP

Geo. C. Campbell is getting a fine business worked up. He has already made several pairs of new shoes and some new boots. Besides his repair work, the "fit your feet" boots and shoes he makes are advertising him. Read his ad in this paper.

### COST OF PRODUCTION CLUB IS NEW PLAN

Spokesman-Review Starts a New System for Subscribers

A "Cost of Production Club" is being organized to benefit the farmers of the Great Inland Empire section of the West. The plan is to have records kept of the crops raised so as to get a basis of cost and profits. A farmers' organization or club, if organized in Polk county, could take up matters of this nature, and the Monitor hopes to see enough farmers in Independence

May 31 to start a fine farmers' union club.

Another matter worthy of consideration is the matter of a market for your vegetables and surplus crops. These matters require the united effort of the farmers of this vicinity.

A farmer's union could get much help from such companies as the Union Stock Yards of Portland, who purchase large quantities of Willamette valley hogs and sheep, or from the Hill and Harriman lines in Oregon who will back up any plan to get more shipping.

These are but a few of the plans a "Farmers Union" organized at Independence May 31 can secure. Don't fail to be present and help in organizing this union for the benefit of the Polk county farmers, Sales Day, May 31.

### GOVERNMENT MAN VISITS INDEPENDENCE

J. C. Muerman of the U. S. Bureau of Education Looks Over Schools

In an interview with a representative of the Monitor, J. C. Muerman of the U. S. Bureau of Education, who is stationed at Salem studying the Oregon school system, said: "I am now making a study of the school system of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, and I selected one county in Oregon in which to make a complete study and report, visiting every school district in that county. I chose Polk county for this state on account of your home credit system and the advancement in your schools. I have the Western States, eleven in number, but am making my main study in the three named. There are three other government men in the United States doing the same kind of work I am doing. One has the Central States, one the New England States and one the Southern States. I shall also visit the other counties and work in connection with their county superintendents, so as to have a complete report, and the reports from the different districts will be used to work out a common report for the benefit of the whole country."

In speaking of the old system of the rural school and the inefficient teacher, he said the plan was to find if the conditions were better, to learn if the schools of the country districts had capable teachers and if it was true that high school teachers were inefficiently doing the work in these districts or if the standard of education was being raised.

While in this city Mr. Muerman visited the Independence public and high school and stated he was highly pleased with the work in the schools here.

### DIED

At 5:30 a. m. Monday morning Alonson Mattison died at the family home in Independence, at the age of fifty-six years, eight months and seven days.

About ten weeks ago Mr. Mattison suffered a stroke of paralysis, never recovering from the shock and had been growing weaker up to the time of his death. He has lived at Independence for many years and besides having many friends he leaves a wife and three brothers. The brothers are Hank and Will of Independence and Dick Mattison of Salem.

The funeral services were conducted from the Presbyterian church at 2 p. m. Tuesday morning by Dr. H. Chas. Dunsmore, and the interment was in the I. O. O. F. cemetery at Independence.

Dr. H. A. Foster returned last week from Condon.

### MOOSE LODGE IS ORGANIZED

Hop Center Lodge Name of Moose Baby

EIGHTY THREE TRAVEL ROAD

Pegs Set at 150 for the New Lodge by Next Meeting Night

On every corner it, "Are you a Moose?" "If not, why?" About a week ago the organizers arrived in town and said, "We will organize a Moose Lodge at Independence if you wish. The boys bestirred themselves and in less than eight days one hundred names were on the petition as charter members. The charter is being kept open two weeks more and at least 50 will avail themselves of becoming members to the Hop City Lodge of the Loyal order of the Moose. The next meeting night is set for Tuesday, May 27. The boys plan getting their own hall and having the finest lodge in this section of Oregon.

The Moose order was organized in 1888 and has a membership of 700,000. The benefits are \$7.00 per week in sickness or accident; \$100.00 in case of death; free medical attention to members and their families by adoption of the subordinate lodge; \$2.50 dues payable quarterly, one no assessments; free Moose college at Munice, Indiana, and a free home for aged members, being built at Anderson, Indiana.

S. W. Greene, national director and Tom Durham, organizer are in charge of the organization work at Independence.

The Independence band joined the Moose as a body and the name of the band has been changed to the Moose band of Independence.

The following officers were elected: C. W. Henkle, Post Dictator; M. C. Williams, Dictator; Ely Fluke, Vice Dictator; H. Chas. Dunsmore, Prelate; W. F. McAdams, Inside Guard; Homer Miller, Outside Guard; Paul Brickley, Secretary; R. R. DeArmond, Treasurer; S. H. Edward, Sergeant of Arms; D. D. Good, Sherman Hayes, and Ross Nelson, Chairmen.

### ABOUT A FARMERS' UNION

State Senator Hawley of Monmouth passed through this city Monday for his farm at McCoy and while here stated to a representative of the Monitor that he favored a "Farmers' Union" in Polk county and would be present in Independence, May 31, to help, if one was organized. This is the tenor of reports the Monitor is getting from the farmers everywhere.

In the case of Sanford Snyder vs. the Falls City railroad for damage for getting hit with a train while crossing the track in a buggy, the jury found in favor of the railroad, holding that proper care was not taken by the plaintiff and that the defense used all the precaution that could be expected of it.

In the case of Dick Arselanian for \$1000 for money borrowed by A. M. Brown, the jury brought in a verdict for \$700. The evidence of Arselanian was corroborated by his countrymen, while Brown's evidence was corroborated by his family.

Guy Walker of the firm of Conkey & Walker, made a business trip to Portland last week returning Monday.