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WHY NOT POLK COUNTY BE THERE?

C. C. Chapman of the Oregon Development League has written to the local Commercial Club, to enlist its co-operation in the efforts of the league to install a creditable Oregon exhibit in the Eastern land shows this fall, says the McMinnville News Reporter. The letter says: "With Yamhill county's resources in roots, crops, dairying, small fruits and vegetables, you should be able to add wonderfully to the general effect of the exhibit as well as to receive splendid advertising for your section and growers. The grower is to be given credit for whatever showing is made with his products. Will the country farmer help the club?"

This opportunity could well be taken advantage of in Polk county and an exhibition made. Polk formerly demonstrated her success in farming methods when she won the blue ribbon at the Oregon State Fair for several years in open competition. We could do so again.

Independence took a step in the right direction Saturday.

Why not make Independence the market center of this part of the Willamette valley?

The race track is getting to be quite an attraction. Independence has some good horses scheduled for the races, June 18, 19 and 20.

The little towns of Polk county will never grow unless the surrounding country grows. It, therefore, behooves the city man to work industriously to develop the farm.

The farmers are working all the time producing something for the merchant, the broker, the stock gambler or the laborer to eat, so why should they not have a hand in its distribution?

A clean-up day would mean much to the city. The appearance of Independence would be improved a hundred per cent, if the city would declare a general clean-up day and notify everyone to make their premises look clean and attractive.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Items of Interest Gathered in and About Town

\$1.00 buys a good pair of reading glasses at Kreamer's.

H. Winder was in from Sunny Slope Saturday.

J. H. Thurston was in from Saver Saturday on business.

I. M. Simpson of Airlie was in town Tuesday on business.

Will Walker and wife and George Henkle and wife made a trip to Corvallis Friday by auto.

Mr. Carmichael of the Wighrieh hop ranch was a noon Saturday visitor in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Bickley were passengers Saturday evening to Eugene to visit with their parents.

The auditorium was offered for sale Saturday by the Sheriff under foreclosure proceedings but was not sold.

George McLaughlin was in from his ranch Saturday trading and while in found time to buy a Bain wagon at the auction sale.

The forty-first annual reunion of the Oregon Pioneer Association will be held in Portland Thursday, June 13. A program has been arranged and reduced rates have been made by the railroads.

Lee Robinson is the proud possessor of a fine young calf. Lee says the animal is bashful and won't look at him.

Frank Laughery was in the city Saturday to hear the lecture by Professor Shaw and meet with the farmers.

Quite a number of the members of the rod and gun club were out Friday afternoon shooting clay pigeons, etc.

The Portland Daily News was cleared in the recent criminal libel case, which action was brought as a result of charges made by the News against certain Multnomah county officials.

O. M. Welch and family of Patterson, California, with Miss Hazel Seelye who has been attending school at Berkeley, were incoming passengers Friday, the former as guests at the home of H. G. Seelye the latter to remain at home this summer.

The stores of this place all closed at noon Decoration day and while no services were held in town many went to Monmouth to take part in the services conducted by the W. R. C. and G. A. R. of this city in connection with the Normal schools. Many were

at the grave yards decorating the graves.

Clair Irvine and Hank Mattison returned last week from the Luckiamute with as fine a string of fish as you would want to see. It is reported that Hank went prepared and took along some extra fishing tackle for trading purposes and, confidentially, this was the tackle that got the fish.

B. L. Croft and brides went their honeymoon at Portland and other points in this state, having left immediately after the wedding for Salem accompanied by the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Reeves, and Mrs. W. W. Croft of this city, and from there made a trip to the metropolis.

F. M. Brown announces this week that the Brownsville Times is celebrating its 24th birthday and that he has been at the helm about 18 years. Editor Brown was formerly in the Enterprise with Bailey before the consolidation of that paper with the West Side. We wish our former townsman success.

In the recent trial in which Theodore Roosevelt sued George Newett, editor, for libel, the jury brought in an instructed verdict of six cents damages for the plaintiff, the ex-president asking that the damages assessed be only nominal stating that he was seeking vindication against the charge of drunkenness and not money.

The churches held union services at the M. E. church Sunday, the occasion being the baccalaureate sermon delivered by Rev. Tapscott. The graduating class, 14 in number, marched into the church in a body. The services consisted of an invocation by Dr. Du smore, a solo by Miss Jean Ketchum, Scripture reading from the 19th Psalm by Rev. F. N. Sandifer, a solo by Miss Irvine, a solo by Mrs. Lacey, and the sermon by Rev. Tapscott, music and closing prayer. The church was well filled and a fine choir furnished music.

DALLAS OBSERVER ON COUNTY COURT NEWS

Matter of securing gravel for the improvement of the roads of Polk county is just now occupying the attention of the county court to the exclusion of everything else, and the result of their investigations has been that some very flattering offers have been made by parties who have the material to sell. While the commissioners recently closed a deal for the purchase of a 10-acre gravel bar in Marion county on the Willamette river directly opposite from Eola, it is highly improbable that anything will be done with this tract this year. It will require the expenditure of a large sum of money to install the necessary machinery to handle the gravel, and to carry it across the river to the Polk county side, and the court feels that it has already gone to sufficient expense along this line for the present season. Commissioner Petre who has been an enthusiastic supporter and adherent of the Marion county bar, insists that the gravel can be placed aboard cars at Eola for not exceeding six cents per yard.

On Wednesday the entire court made a trip to Corvallis and Independence in quest of gravel. They found two fine plants at the former place already in operation, and two more at Independence in process of construction. At Corvallis a company offered to supply all the gravel needed by the county for 24 cents per square yard f. o. b. at that place. As

the freight rate asked by the railroad is one cent per yard per mile, it would thus be possible to deliver gravel in the county for less than 50 cents per yard which is considered a very favorable price.

Owners of the Independence gravel bunkers, however, informed the court that they would soon be in a position to furnish gravel, and insisted that no contract be closed until they had an opportunity to submit their figures. While it is thought that possibly the Independence company will not be able to furnish the gravel at the low price offered by the Corvallis concern, the county will still be able to effect a considerable saving in freight rates if the material be furnished at the former bunkers. The matter will be settled in a few days.

The entire court Thursday made a special trip to Willamina where a thorough examination was made of the rock quarry and crusher plant near that place, and also the road which it is proposed to improve during the summer. There will be about two and one-fourth miles of rock work done on this road, extending from the end of the present work to the Auer bridge and the rock crushing and hauling will be let by contract to the lowest bidder according to advertisements now being printed in The Observer. Already several have signed their intention of bidding on the work and some exceptionally favorable proposals are looked for. Among the probable bidders is a Portland company which contemplates doing the work with auto trucks.

To make an inspection of road conditions in Kings Valley and to find, if possible, a more convenient grade over a troublesome hill in that vicinity, County Judge Teal and Commissioners Wells and Petre, made a trip to that locality on Tuesday. The main road from Dallas to Newport passes over what is known as the "Edwards hill" in Kings Valley. This necessitates a very steep grade, and it was the desire of the court to eliminate this if possible. They found, after an investigation that by building about one-third of a mile of new road around the base of the hill, the heavy grade could be avoided and a much better thoroughfare provided. The only question confronting the court is the matter of securing right of way around the hill and this is now under consideration.

BACCALAUREATE SERMON SUNDAY

As the text for this sermon to the graduating class of the Independence high school Rev. Tapscott selected these words "And this also we wish, even your perfection."

A synopsis of the sermon is as follows: "I wish to congratulate you for having so good an equipment so far. I desire for you the prayer of the text and that in your chosen calling you shall stand 100 per cent. While absolute perfection may be beyond you, you should make your aim that high. High ideals mean high character, while low ideals mean a low character. "Education" says Spencer "is preparation for complete living." Education is not how to make a living but how to make a life. To make a living is but a by-product of education. The average boy at 14 finishes his common school education, at 18 his high school course. The average high school graduate receives a much higher wage than the average common school graduate. This has been demonstrated by statistics.

The training of the mind is but a part, the training of the character and character is a necessity. Your life with all its powers and gifts is a stewardship from God. I want you to make the best of it. Now is the time for you to

resolutely decide for your future.

The matter of success and failure can be measured by your earnestness and application. "Genius" said Edison, "is capacity for hard work." Honor and character are the main elements to be kept. Position, brain and power may be cherished as wealth, and education but yet lose the power to enjoy. Wealth may buy fine clothes but still the heart may be heavy. There are as many aching hearts behind brown stone walls as in other homes. It is better to be rich in friends, rich in health and rich in all that makes true life. It is not what a man has but what a man is that counts.

The Hebrew word for wealth means "heaviness." "It represents a burden of work in getting it and a burden of care in keeping it and a burden of remorse in losing it."

Will you make pleasure your life goal? We usually get that which we resolutely set out to get. The man who gente's his life on the gratification of selfish desire is a failure. A great writer, in writing of fame said "Fame is a mountain of ice and very chilly."

This word I wish to impress upon you—serve. Whatever your calling make the best of it and the most of it.

Cultivate a pure moral character. Read good books. Continue your work. Live a virtuous life. Have an unselfish love for others and as a supreme end of life seek the favor of God.

MORE HORSES FOR THE RACES

Elgh Head to Come From Grants Pass.

The races at Independence this year promise to be the best ever held in this city. Reports are coming from different points to the effect that the very best races in this part of the country will be at this meet.

A telegram was received this week stating that Graffe Bros. of Grants Pass would ship eight head of runners to Independence in a few days and asked that stall room be reserved for them.

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