

INDEPENDENCE MONITOR

GET CONTRACT FOR GRAVEL

Amity Buys Gravel From New Bunkers Here

PLANT READY TO RUN SOON

Polk County Has Contracted for Large Amount of Gravel This Year

The Independence gravel bunkers are nearing completion and will be ready to deliver gravel and sand by the first of the coming week.

The plant will have a daily capacity of 300 yds. and will furnish any kind of material desired. At the present, river run material, screened gravel and sand will be delivered for all purposes. Later a crushed rock plant will be installed. Storage facility will be made, as soon as the present orders are under control and the local demand can be filled, so as to have the necessary materials of all kinds on hand in case of emergencies.

This week a contract was signed by Amity to take 1000 yards of gravel from the Larsen & Skinner bunkers for delivering in August and September and Polk county, through the county court, has already agreed to take 4,000 yards during July, August and September.

The plant is equipped so as to furnish material that will insure good work for paving and building purposes as well as a good supply of river run gravel for county road work.

RAILROAD PLANS STARTING WORK

Portland, Eugene & Eastern Have Engineers Here to Start Work on R. R. Street

A number of engineers for the Portland, Eugene & Eastern arrived in this city the first of the week, shaping up for the moving of their track on Railroad street to the west side of the street, so they could put the track down to grade and pave their part of the street. The new track will be in conformity with their work in other cities, the heavy rails and new ties being laid to grade through the city and the cement pavement placed imbedding the ties, making this one of the best streets in the city.

SPECULATIONS BREAK BANK

Pittsburg, Pa., July 7.—Deposits aggregating \$30,000,000 are tied up here today by an order from the assistant controller of the currency closing the First-Second National bank, the second largest banking institution in the city. The First and Second National banks recently consolidated the majority of the stock being held by the J. S. and W. S. Kuhn interests.

A receiver will soon be appointed for the American Water Works company, a \$24,000,000 concern operating in many cities.

The capital of the First-Second National bank was \$3,400,000 and its surplus and profits given at \$1,950,000.

The Kuhn interests are heavily interested in water power and water rights and other industrial enterprises.

W. S. Kuhn, the bank's president, is at the bedside of his wife in Massachusetts, to whom a son was born yesterday.

The institution's closing followed a three weeks examination by special examiners from Washington. Reassuring statements to the effect that depositors would be

protected when the bank's affairs were straightened out were issued.

McKeesport, Pa., July 7.—The First National bank of McKeesport closed its doors here today, as the result of the failure of the First-Second National bank of Pittsburg. The McKeesport institution also was owned by the Kuhn interests.

New York, July 6.—The failure of the First-Second National bank at Pittsburg today did not disturb Wall street.

IS BUILDING UP A DAIRY FARM HERE

H. E. Bessett Scouring the County for Milk Cows for His Place

J. A. Wood of Walla Walla, Wash., was in town Monday and in an interview with the editor of the Monitor said: "I am down helping Mr. Bessett select about 40 head of milk cows for the farm north of Independence. We have a fine 320 acre place there and are milking about 15 head now and will get a good herd there this fall if possible."

Mr. Wood is a successful rancher and is a horse man of the Eastern Washington section, where he buys and sells, and has a fine farm on which to run his stock.

In speaking of farming he said: "We should have started this dairy two years ago. I consider the hog and dairy business the best farm business of today and am helping in shaping up a fine dairy farm here." Mr. Wood in company with Mr. Bessett and family left in an auto Monday to see if they could find any good dairy cows around Albany, Corvallis and the territory surrounding them with which to stock his farm here.

TIES FOR PORTLAND, EUGENE, & EASTERN

Nash and Simmons were down from Buena Vista Monday. They have just finished a contract of ties for the Portland, Eugene & Eastern at the Paul Hanson mill, where they cut 300,000 ties, delivering them at Parker to the company. They have been at the work now about two months. Mr. Hanson has just made a sale of the place to J. S. Strawn of La Grande, who will take charge of the property at once. Mr. Nash and Simmons may take another short contract at the mill in the near future.

COUNCIL MEETS IN ADJOURNED SESSION

Majority Present. Curbing Lines are Established. Contract for Painting Hall Let

At the adjourned session of the city council Monday night five new lights, of 100 candle power capacity, were ordered placed in different sections of the town needing lights.

The matter of curbing on Railroad street was taken up and the curb line from C street north was placed at 10 feet, parking allowed between the walk and curb line.

The matter of painting and papering the city hall came up and the contract was awarded to Eck & Barry, their bid being \$115 and included the painting of all furniture in the building, the hall ways and hose rooms, and the building complete outside and inside, also papering of all rooms. The outstanding bills were all read and ordered paid.

Mr. and Mrs. George Henkle left last week for Newport where they will spend the summer. They intend to make considerable improvements in their cottage over there.

CONTRACT LET FOR FIRST TWENTY-FOUR MILES OF VALLEY & SILETZ R. R.

Bids Opened at Portland Saturday and Twohy Brothers Are Reported to Have Secured the Contract for Building Line

Work Will Begin at Once—Ties Probably to Be Cut at Once—Right of Way Almost All Secured—Fixing Up Things at Hoskins Preparatory to Building—Will Begin Work Near Airlie and Go to Timber First

The Monitor is reliably informed this week that the contract was let Saturday for the building of the Valley and Siletz Railway which is to open up to Independence the most magnificent body of timber in Oregon. Twohy Brothers, the big contractors have the contract (we are informed) and will take charge of the work at once. Mr. Liggett, a grading contractor now living near Independence, had his scrapers and grading outfit shipped to Independence this week and has stored them near the Clark warehouse. He went to Portland this week and will probably have a sub contract upon this line.

SHOULD HAVE SILOS ON THEIR FARMS

The Value of Hay Spoiled by Rain on Many Places this Year Would Pay for One

We are informed that a properly built silo will keep green damp clover in just as good a state as if it was cured in the field and put in the stack or barn. If this is the case, there is hardly a year passes when a farmer could not almost pay for his silo, if he had one, by cutting and putting away his clover crop that often gets caught in the wet weather and is frequently an entire loss. This is the case here this season. A silo is a necessity any farmer can ill afford to do without, and especially so if he is in the dairy business.

An engagement of much interest in society announced recently is that of Miss Jeanette Boyer, says the Evening Telegram, to Homer Link of Independence. Mr. Link is a farmer and hop man, living about 14 miles from Independence. Miss Boyer is one of the very popular girls of the younger set. She is exceptionally talented as a singer, having sung in Trinity choir the past year, and her versatility along other lines is marked. Miss Boyer received her early education in a French school in British Columbia, and later she attended Portland Academy, and Mrs. Allen's Preparatory School. The wedding will take place the latter part of this month.

A special to the Oregonian from Monmouth, under date of July 7, says: The Southern Pacific Company placed a crew of 30 carpenters at work today on the construction of the new depot, two blocks north of the old depot. The question of the relocation of the depot site has been quite interesting. Opposition was made by the mayor and others to vacating the street until a compromise was effected by the railroad company, giving a deed to the city for west half of the old public square, which will be used for a city hall site and park. The new location of the depot will enable all trains to run through town without backing.

house. He went to Portland this week and will probably have a sub contract upon this line. We are informed the line will first be started from near Airlie and be built west from there to the timber. The old mill at Hoskins is being repaired and will probably be used to cut the timber. Andy Wilson of this city expects to get the contract for driving the piling for the bridges and will be given the timber along the right of way free for use upon this work. He expected to

INDUSTRIAL DEPT. OF OREGON SCHOOLS

The Matter of Exhibits at the State Fair Also the Matter of Accounts Being Kept

Among the first things taken up by Superintendent J. A. Churchill was the work done in the industrial department. In order to get a line on what is being done in different counties, Mr. Churchill called a meeting of the county superintendents who were in session last week at the State House in the capacity of the State Board of Examiners. Each superintendent reported an increasing interest in the movement and in most all cases the local exhibits bid fair to be better and larger than last year. The State Fair board was anxious to ascertain as nearly as possible how many counties would make collective county exhibits and how much space would be required for the juvenile department.

According to reports from the superintendents we feel confident of a dozen county exhibits and perhaps twice as many district exhibits, which, in connection with the individual exhibits, will make the largest and best display of school children's industrial work ever assembled in any state.

It was decided at this meeting to waive the rule requiring library tables, made and exhibited by the children at the State Fair, to be of certain dimensions (28x46 inches), and permit the showing of different sized tables.

We find some of the children do not understand what is meant by "best account" in "poultry specials." A financial account is what is wanted—a statement of receipts and expenditures, showing as nearly as possible the profit or loss, as the case may be, that the child has made with its poultry business since January 1, 1913.

The object is to have the children learn simple bookkeeping and get the habit of keeping accounts of their business transactions. In doing this they will be able to ascertain the cost of production and what they can get the most profit on.

In connection with this financial account a nicely written statement regarding the methods employed and experiences with different details of the business will add to its value.

We hope to have a large number of children competing for the nice prizes offered for the "Best Account" as it will be good experience for them.

N. C. MAIS, Field Worker Industrial Fairs.

leave to look over the work Monday but was detained several days here. The first contract, awarded Saturday, covers only about 24 miles of the route, it being the plan to work on the line west from the Southern Pacific tracks first and then finish up the remaining part of the line later. Cobb and Belcher were both in town the first of the week and stated the road would be built and the mill also just as soon as they could get things in readiness.

REMARKABLE REPORTS MADE BY RAILROAD

Southern Pacific Lines Has No Casualties During the Month of May

Portland, Oregon, July 7, 1913. The Southern Pacific Company issued what is believed to be the most remarkable report ever given out by a transcontinental railway. The S. P. Company went through the entire month of May without the taking of one single human life through the operation of its train service, or a single fatality among the employees of the company.

When it is understood that the Southern Pacific Company operates 11,000 miles of tracks, that it moves hundreds of trains per day carrying hundreds of thousands of passengers each 24 hours, and that it requires 46,000 employees to handle its business, a large percentage of the latter being engaged in the train service, dangerous occupations in switching yards, repair shops, etc., it will be easily understood that the railroads are making strenuous efforts to minimize the dangers of travel.

Than this report nothing could be furnished which would better inform the public of the value of steel car construction, and the numerous safety devices now in use on the Southern Pacific, and other railway companies. Among railroad men much credit is given the officers and operating departments for their careful handling of train service, as well as speaking in a most complimentary manner of the carelessness shown by men down to the section foremen who are responsible for the condition of the track.

WAS ELECTED AND HAS QUALIFIED

Mrs. Fletcher is Advised by District Attorney Upjohn to Take Office

Prosecuting Attorney D. H. Upjohn of Dallas was in Independence Monday in regard to the matter of the election of Mrs. Fletcher to the office of school director for Independence. As the advisor of the county officials he represented County Superintendent H. C. Seymour in this matter.

His advice was that having been duly elected by the people's vote, any act of hers while a member of the board would be valid, and assuming, without deciding that her election was legal and that she was qualified, she should take the oath office and qualify and

then if opposition was made, the matter could be taken by legal process, otherwise the matter was not before the people and open for a legal test. Some action must be taken to oust her. She took the oath office Monday and stated to a representative of the Monitor that she had qualified as a director.

Attorney Gen. Crawford in a written opinion in answer to an inquiry regarding the legality of the acts of Mrs. Fletcher as a member of the Board of Directors under date of July 7, to B. F. Swope, one of the board states: "This office has previously held she would be an officer de facto and her acts as such would be legal, even though her name does not appear as owner of property in the district, upon which she is liable to pay a tax as shown by the last county assessment of March, 1912."

From Observer, Dallas

A local of the Farmer's Society of Equity was organized last night at the Liberty school house southwest of the city by County Organizer Petty. Mr. Petty will hold a meeting tonight at the Rickreall hall to take the preliminary steps toward organizing there. He says the people of that vicinity are very much interested in the movement.

AT BAPTIST CHURCH

Corner Third and B Streets
W. E. TAPSCOTT, Pastor.
Residence Fifth and E Streets.

Sunday School at 10:00 a. m. Preaching services at 11:00 a. m. and 8:00 p. m. B. Y. P. U. at 7:00 p. m. Wednesday Prayer meeting at 8:00 p. m. Thursday Ladies' Aid at 2:00 p. m. Mission Circle 1st Thursday afternoon of each month.

The subject of Pastor Tapscott's morning sermon will be: "Adoniram Judson," next Sunday being one hundredth anniversary of his arrival in Burma. The evening subject will be: "Paying the Fare." A cordial welcome to all.

THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

BEN C. CROW, Pastor.

Bible School, 10:00 a. m. Morning worship and communion, 11:00 a. m. Evangelistic service, 8:00 p. m. Prayer meeting, Wednesday, 8:00 p. m.

Morning sermon: "What Every Christian Needs." Evening discourse: "The Third Step; What Is It, Why Preach?"

An unusual service was enjoyed at the Christian church Sunday evening, at which time C. E. Swander, state corresponding secretary for Oregon, addressed the large audience present. His theme was: "The Transfigured Life," and was presented very forcibly. The music was of a very high standard and artistically rendered.

This Sunday special music will be given both morning and evening as well as a gospel song service just preceding the sermon of the evening. You are invited.

At the close of the evening service a meeting will be held for the members of the church to plan for future work.

Rev. W. T. Tapscott's eldest daughter, Mrs. Albert Devlin, and her little son are here from Pittsburg, Pa., on a visit to her parents.

VISITOR PLEASSED WITH THE COUNTRY HERE

Spends Fourth in U. S. and Enjoys It. Sees and Admires Our Hops

J. L. McIntosh, of Vancouver, B. C., with his family visited his brother, J. G. McIntosh, of this city for the past week. Mr. McIntosh is a representative of the Toronto Pharmacy Co., having for his territory the prairie county between Vancouver and Winnipeg. He states that the prospects in that country are for bumper crops. Numbers of American immigrants are going into that country and make excellent citizens. Very friendly relations exist between the Americans and Canadians in the middle west. He was well impressed with what he saw of our country here, and had the privilege of enjoying the glorious Fourth in Uncle Sam's country. The most wonderful sight of all to him was the vast acreage of hops he was able to view from an elevation of a few feet.

He spoke of the high cost of living in this country and comparing it with his home province said we did not know anything about high prices here. Mrs. McIntosh spent some time in Portland and Salem shopping and was surprised to be able to buy articles at a very much lower price than in Vancouver.

In all they were well impressed with our country and city, and returned to their home via Salem, taking the Shasta Limited for Seattle, Sunday morning.

A DAILY BOAT FOR INDEPENDENCE

O. C. T. Co. to Put on Daily Service Commencing July 15th

The Monitor learns this week that the Oregon City Transportation Company has made arrangements to give Independence a daily boat service to Portland commencing July 15. The new service will use the Grahmona from Portland to Newberg and the Oregona from Newberg to Independence. The freight will be transferred from one boat to the other at Newberg. The Oregona is a light draught boat and will be able to handle the freight on the upper river, while the Grahmona is of deeper draught and is more satisfactory on the lower river run. The company have an immense amount of freight to handle this summer and are shaping up to do the best they can with it.

M. E. CHURCH NOTICE

FRANK SANDIFUR, Pastor.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Classes for all ages. Preaching at 11 a. m. Epworth League at 7 p. m. Evening worship at 8 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.

Theme for morning sermon "Is the Baptism with the Holy Spirit Essential to Eternal Salvation?"

Topic for Epworth League "The Distressed on our Jericho Road." Leader Miss Anna Outhbert.

Theme for evening sermon "Solomon."

Everyone is welcome. Strangers especially invited.

Dick Games and John Johnson left Monday for Brightenbush Springs above Mill City, where they will spend a few days resting and having a good outing.