

A YEAR'S HISTORY AS TOLD EACH WEEK IN THE MONITOR

We Count the Year Successful and Take Pride in Refreshing Our Readers Minds With Facts

August 1. Property is selling in Independence. Mrs. Martha Hill has made a proviso that houses must be built on Main street property she sells. Mrs. Miles Porterfield and Dane J. Purvine buy two of these lots and later build on them. Vena Goff and B. M. Estes buy lots near the high school. G. N. Newton builds a new home on his place on the Pedee. Conkey & Walker enlarge their store by putting in a big balcony to hold their increased stock. H. Hirschberg plans to erect a fine store building to be occupied by Wetherbee & Jones, which is finished and occupied during the year. Asa B. Taylor has the walls up for his new 33x90 foot store building on C street and later W. W. Gaines rents the building for his cigar store and billiard parlors. Summer Normal finishes with 153 enrolled and school is a success. Attendance almost as large as the combined attendance of O. A. C. and the University.

August 8. Big dairy ranch south of town planned and D. W. Stapleton building big barn to handle 75 head of cows. Southern Pacific starts on its plan of electrification for the valley. C. A. McLaughlin starts a fine residence on Fifth street in Independence. State authorities decide referendum matters and Oregon Normal gets the new \$50,000 dormitory which is finished during the year. Lerona Hotel built and occupied only a short time, best in the valley for town of the size of Independence.

August 15. Independence to get new railroad. Buena Vista country gets line that lets out the products of the American Bottom section. Craven & Huff add line of implements and get warehouse promised, which is built during the year. E. M. Young builds fine new home in country on his farm. A. O. Brown also erects fine home on his ranch. The Monmouth Normal decides to add domestic science department to the school. Alfalfa grows well on bottom land is report of farmers. Post office business at Independence increases 40 per cent in six month period. Farmers of Luckiamute buy thresher for their own use. American Bottom plans better telephone service and get later a ten arm two party system established. L. A. Cary decides to locate in Independence with his fine stock of general merchandise. High Buffum & sons build new building near Horst Bros. and Hirschberg hop yards. 50x100 for dance hall. Flour mill decides to put in gas power plant.

August 22. Frank Coquillette starts residence building. J. A. Martin and W. B. Milhollon also start residences. Railroad to Siletz projected.

August 29. Fine returns reported from clover seed \$38.50 per acre on one tract. A. Nelson moves meat market to the new J. S. Cooper building on C street. Nelson & Henkle decide to build new theatre and Masons a new

brick on Main street. New bungalow started by contractor Bise. O. A. Macy starts residence this week.

September 5. J. S. Cooper lets contract for fine residence. Wm. Riddell buys a clover huller.

September 12. Independence creamery butter takes

estate deals made at Independence. L. V. Baker property bought and improved. New addition platted in west part of town.

November 28. Trout received for Polk county streams. Company of surveyors start surveying new route for railroad from Independence to Salem.



The J. R. Cooper Residence, Independence, Built This Year

first prize at state fair. Polk county heads list at state fair stock exhibit. Independence National Bank declares a dividend. Sheep shipped to Eastern Oregon at fancy prices for fancy stock.

September 19. Falls City lumber mill get franchise for railroad right of way and sign contract to put in a saw mill to employ 100 men. Independence school board orders manual training equipment and more equipment for domestic science department of schools. R. H. De Armond gets \$90 per acre for his clover seed. Riddell Bros. start threshing 230 acres of clover seed on their farm. Homer Wood building two new residences in Independence and K. C. Eldridge starts a bungalow. Wetherbee & Jones store opened building during the week. Independence warehouse had at that time received 400,000 pounds of hops.

September 26. About 2,000,000 pounds of hops now at Independence warehouse.

October 3. Koser of Rickreall exhibits his fine sheep at the eastern fairs and takes first prizes against the best from England and Canada. New cement walks being built at Monmouth. Several new buildings being built in North Independence.

October 10. J. R. Cooper starts a fine 29x65 foot two story bungalow on Main street.

October 17. Flax raised successfully in this county producing about \$56.00 per acre. W. S. McClain increases capacity of his chopping mill at Buena Vista. Independence creamery enlarged and increased business materially.

November 7. Orchard planted near Eola last spring are now looking fine. Rickreall gets a new store.

November 14. Independence raised \$5000 to get new saw mill. Endolane orchard exhibit shows up to be best in country. New bungalow started on Sixth street by Biseetal. Good water system is started for Monmouth and reservoir on Cupids Knoll is completed for to hold the water.

November 21. Several real

estate deals made at Independence. L. V. Baker property bought and improved. New addition platted in west part of town. November 28. Trout received for Polk county streams. Company of surveyors start surveying new route for railroad from Independence to Salem. 1144 feet of cement walks started in Rosedale addition to city. East Independence passenger station being improved. Eley Fluke, Clint Moore and Chet Long buy lots in the Hill addition to town. Horst Brothers start bridge to span Rickreall and flag station on R. R. will be established near their hop ranch. 100 fruit trees planted by Mrs. Bowman and others plant some fruit.

December 5. Independence schools declared the only schools in county with manual training complete.

December 12. McBeth & Wiltshire secure a new build-



Polk Prize Winning Sheep, Photographed near Monmouth

ing for plumbing shop, a 30x50 building to be built joining the Independence National bank. E. J. Fowler takes up restaurant business on C street.

January 2. Several thousand and prune trees received for planting by farmers near Monmouth. Monmouth creamery reports decided growth.

January 9. Banks deposits aggregate \$400,000. School district census of Independence shows 600 children and a taxable wealth of \$1,000,000. Masons decide to build big store and modern lodge hall. Sunny Slope section reports A. J. Shipley, A. J. Johnson, Noah Heffly, Charlie Osborn, Mr. Miller, Allen and Lefe Johnson, George Heck, Dan Calbreath, C. Nelson and others building, clearing, putting in fruit or improving their poultry business. Herbert Wallace purchases gravel pit of Dave Hedge, which has

since been made into gravel bunkers for the Oregon Electric railroad opposite Independence.

January 24. R. L. Collins of Suver plans going into Holstein cattle as well as Jerseys.

January 31. Monitor secures new office building, being erected by G. A. Rich on C street. W. F. Gordon opens a restaurant and lunch counter in the Gaines billiard hall room.

February 7. W. H. Walker purchases the opera house. The \$40,000 Hotel Lerona is purchased by W. F. Stine who decides to add more room. City Council goes on record for more paving in Independence.

February 14. Portland, Eugene & Eastern bridge across river at Salem is finished.

February 28. Monmouth to get fine new depot states Southern Pacific officials.

I. L. Patterson improving and building near Eola station. Railroad station is to be built at Scrafford.

March 7. The U. S. Government appropriates \$10,000 to improve the Willamette at Independence. Cement bridge to river on C street planned at cost of \$6000 by county for Independence. Edwards & Ball add machinery to their garage, putting in up-to-date machine shops.

March 14. E. E. Hiltbrand reports \$158.16 a month from 11 cows in his dairy herd. Hop stakes made near Independence aggregate 3,000,000 stakes this year. P. M. Kirkland starts building additions to his stores on Main street. The Conkey & Walker store requiring a room 40 feet deep to take care of their business. Frank Matomi put in quassia chipping plant in the other building. P. E. & E reach Independence with their track laying crew, putting in

over \$200 to the acre in logan berries. Henry Ford purchases pressing parlors in Independence. Baptist church calls minister permanently. April 4. City plans to pave Railroad, Monmouth and B. D. and E between Main and Railroad streets at Independence. The Valley and Siletz company buy right of way for a railroad from Independence west into the finest body of timber in Oregon.

April 11. Meat market on C street puts in cold storage plant. J. R. Cooper moves into his fine new home. Furniture and fixtures arrive for the new brick moving picture theatre. The city water system gets two new pumps and new well. County opens a new road for the farmers between Independence and Monmouth south from Talmage. Farmers of American Bottom plan draining 200 acres of land to get more farming land.

April 18. Government engineers decide to improve Willamette below Independence by putting in wing dams. G. G. Hewitt of Monmouth ships car of 17 fine Jerseys to parties in Washington.

April 25. Roads receiving much improvement by county road supervisors under supervision of the county court. H. G. Campbell of Dallas plants 6,500 prune trees on his place. Dallas decides to pave its streets. The Independence Creamery ships over two tons of butter in one day this week. Public school building at Independence to be newly painted and new cement walks and approaches to be put in. Parker to have some new buildings built. Monmouth flour mill gets promise of a spur from the Southern Pacific and plans new buildings. Riddell & Sons put in big catpillar engine and eight plows to break their land. They will plant to clover. Have their own threshing outfit to handle the clover. The Independence Creamery in one week paid out \$200 for express on cream alone.

May 9. Eola egg farm a big industry. Company plans to bring the capacity of this plant to 15,000 chickens annually. John Law is building new dairy barn near Buena Vista. Mr. Stine of the Beaver hotel starts new addition 28x40, 2 story high to rear of the present structure. County court orders new cement bridge to river at Independence at cost of about \$6000.

May 16. Chief engineer of Portland, Eugene & Eastern visits Independence, inspects a route from Independence to Albany, via Buena Vista and reports easy grades for a new line for this company. Walter Bradley secures ma-

chinery and opens a new machine shop at Independence. J. C. Muerman, expert of the U. S. Bureau of schools, visits Independence, and says Polk schools chosen for investigation because they are the most advanced in the state. Moose lodge organized and membership is boosted to over 200 mark.

May 23. Surveyors start to find route for electric line from Independence to Albany. McAuley & Cook purchase meat market at Independence. Polk county is out of debt and all outstanding warrants are called in. Independence postoffice in year ending April 1st made an increase in receipts of more than \$1100 over the previous year in Independence. F. R. Arrell purchases furniture store.

May 30. Bud Alexander and George Reuf start fine new dairy barns. The A. J. Brown hop drying plant is improved with new cooling room 28x48 and new kiln 20x24. Residents of west section of town petitions council for better streets in new part of town.

June 6. Prof. Thos. Shaw at Independence said: "I never saw a country so capable of producing so many varied products. This is the greatest hop country in the world."

The dairy industry is capable of the best results in the world here." Larson and Skinner purchase gravel pits and start putting in gravel bunkers. Railroad promises to run switch to river for them. City council accepts bids and set time for remonstrances to be filed to paving.

June 13. Isis moving picture house opens this week in finest building in the valley of town size of Independence. W. L. Bice starts new bungalow, having sold his residence to N. L. Butler who has opened law office in Independence. Railroad company has secured almost all the right of way on the Siletz road. Independence postoffice shows big growth in eleven years, gradually going from a \$1100 office to one paying \$1800 a year in salary. Business having increased from \$2200 a year to \$7000.

June 20. Independence plans on having a gymnasium at high school. Matter to go before district later.

June 27. Monmouth plans a new rural mail route to reach a number of farmers. Oregon Normal regents ask for plans for a new gymnasium, manual training and domestic science building combined to cost about \$7000 and to purchase additional land.

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The Methodist Episcopal Church of Independence, while not the oldest denomination, has grown until it occupies a foremost place in church activity here. Its organization was effected in the early 70's by settlers from various parts of the county, who were members of the Methodist church where they came from. At the first there were but eight charter members, two of whom still reside in Independence, viz: J. E. Elkins and Mrs. Lucy Whittaker. The little society worshiped on alternate Sundays in the church building then owned by the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, afterwards sold and at present owned and used by the Catholic church at the corner of Monmouth and Fourth Streets.

The Evangelical Church erected an edifice at the corner of Fifth and Monmouth Streets, which they sold to the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1894, and this property has remained in the possession of the church since. In the summer of 1910 the old church building was entirely remodeled and greatly enlarged under the able pastorate of Rev. W. J. Weber and was dedicated in November, 1910.

There have been many changes in membership as people have come and gone, but the services have been held regularly from the first. A very live Sunday School is maintained which is training a large number of the children and youth of this community for Christian activity.

The church has been served by some able pastors, among whom might be mentioned Rev. Joseph Mottershead, Rev. E. W. Elayer of Minneapolis, Minn., W. J. Douglass of Portland, W. J. Weber of Hillsboro. The present pastor, F. F. Sandifur, formerly of the Illinois Conference, is an alumnus of DePauw University and Boston School of Theology.

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