

INDEPENDENCE, THE TRADE CENTER AND MARKET CITY

River and Rail Meet Here Where the Hop, the Hog, the Cow, the Clover and the Fruit Do Well

One of the great features for any community is adequate marketing facilities. Where water and rail transportation meet the market is assured, and where competing railroad lines invade your territory you have made for you a great factor for future development.

You then must turn to your soil and your manufactures. To make the farmer contented you must treat him right and he must also have the soil to produce the crops that pay and the ability to use the soil for that purpose. This requires education—application—experience and the courage to experiment. These are factors that are now becoming more and more dominant in the section tributary to Independence. Independence is the center of a great farming section of Oregon. She is the center of a growing dairy community and the monthly pay check from the cream, and the marketing of the hogs that take the skim milk that is left is making our farmers independent. As a hop center Independence is known far and wide and during the picking season not less than 10,000 people take their outing in the Polk county hop yards. In 1880 there were 35 acres in hops in Polk county now Independence is the trade center of probably 5,000 acres of hops alone. Her tributary country reaches across the Willamette river taking in the rich bottom land along the Oregon Electric, reached by a free ferry, kept and maintained by Polk and Marion counties.

Industrially Independence has the largest and best equipped creamery in Oregon. From this creamery, in open competition butter was made that excelled all butter producing institutions of Oregon at the state fair. This creamery also manufactures ice cream and has its own ice plant. Its capacity has been doubled and doubled again in the last seven years, until it now produces more butter annually than any creamery in Oregon. Independence has a first class flour mill, which handles all classes of grain, and has five different ware houses in different sections of the county from which it draws its supply for shipping or milling. This city also has a steam laundry, a feed mill, gravel bunkers where sand and gravel, screened or river run can be secured for the market, to which the railroad is building switches and which promises to be an important industry for the town, a sash and door factory, where all classes of mill work is done. It has under contract the erection of a saw mill that will employ over 100 men and through the building of this mill comes a railroad extending direct from Independence to the largest and best body of timber in Oregon. It is estimated that this timber is of quantity sufficient to keep several mills of the large capacity of the one planned at Independence busy for fifty odd years.

Independence from a view of transportation facilities is one of the few big towns of the Willamette valley to be on the direct Portland, Eugene & Eastern main line from Eugene to Portland. It will also be served by this same company with two branch or connecting lines, and the present

motor service which with the new service that will reach the valleys along the Siletz means much to Independence. This is not all that Independence has, for by boat connections at East Independence, Independence secures close connections with all trains on the Oregon Electric and still



Farm Scene Near Independence

there is the river transportation and river boat service that helps to make this town one of the best commercially in the whole valley.

You now want to know what we have done. During the past two years we have built here a \$40,000 hotel, located here a new

takes a lead. She has the full equipment and course of instruction in her schools for both manual training and domestic science, has the full four year high school course, and competent teachers in every department. This is one of the few towns in Oregon that has taken the advantage of the



Picking Hops Near Independence

state bank, added dry goods, hardware and confectionery stores, secured a new paper, the Independence Monitor, built a fine opera house and theatre building, the Isis, seating 500 odd people, that is modern in every detail, with the latest moving picture machinery possible to secure, built several new store buildings and a Masonic hall not equaled in any town the size of Independence in Oregon, we have paved our main streets and are now paving more. We have built a fine new high school, having outgrown our present school quarters and needing more room. We have secured two machine shops and garages, and have made many progressive movements along all lines of commercial industry.

Independence has a good sewerage system, a good system of electric lights, and pure water for domestic use. The water under test has proven as good and as healthful as Bull Run water, the pride of Portland. The water plant has been much improved during the present year, new wells and pumps being established. There are now eleven wells in the plant here and three pumps none of which are less than 350 gallons in capacity.

Educationally Independence

and all the lodges.

Independence is endowed by nature with a fine location and a rich surrounding soil and it is up to her to make good and she is doing it. There is room here for the energetic, active man who means to succeed by honest methods and there are opportunities open here for just such men.

CORVALLIS EXTENSION WORK REACHES HERE

The "Movable School" sent out by the Extension Department of the Oregon Agricultural College will if proper arrangements can be made hold a two days session in Independence, Monday and Tuesday, August 25th and 26th. A member of the Extension Staff has been in the city during the past few days making preliminary plans for the work.

Whether or not the school will be held here depends on entirely the interest and enthusiasm shown by the people of Independence, for the Department will not make definite arrangements until a good attendance is assured.

Three so called "movable schools" will make tours of the state during the summer months. Two of these schools will visit the smaller towns and will work largely along agricultural lines. The "General Welfare School" which it is hoped will visit this city represents the biggest undertaking that has ever been attempted in this state. This staff will start at Ashland August 11th, and make a six weeks trip, arriving at Huntington September 20th. This school will visit only the larger towns and will give lectures, demonstrations, class work and exhibits in such subjects as domestic science and art, child welfare, home decoration, landscape, gardening sanitation, social hygiene, food adulteration, illustrated lecture in travel and literature. It has been planned preliminary for city people and will be an attractive



Orchard and Corn Scene, Endolane Orchards, Near Independence

Independence is the shipping center of more products than any town on the west side of the valley south of Corvallis and when her mill is built here she will equal the best cities in the valley in this industry. In the business section we find two banks, one hotel, two lodging houses, six dry goods stores and clothing stores, four grocery stores, three hardware stores, two furniture stores, one variety store, one bakery, three restaurants, one photographer, two millinery stores, two newspapers, creamery, flour mill, sash and door factory, lumber yard, gravel bunkers, two meat markets, three confectionery stores, two drug stores, two harness shops, two garages, two livery stables and a feed barn, a seed and feed store, two blacksmith shops, laundry, a bicycle shop, two law firms, two dentists, four physicians, five real estate offices, two billiard halls, two jewelry stores, two tailor shops, two plumbing shops, one chopping mill, five churches

ive and instructive program. The work will be carried on by the leading men and women from the college along these various lines assisted by the State Social Hygiene Society who will send a representative on the trip and also their splendid exhibit.

"Carrying the College to the People" is the slogan of the Extension Department and it is by means of these movable schools that this purpose can be accomplished. Never before has the college been able to accomplish so much in this phase of educational work, but due to the appropriation made during the last session of the legislature it has been possible to greatly broaden and extend the service. Experts in various lines have been employ-

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ed whose duty it is to give their entire time in aiding in the various industries of the state, faculty men and women will be able to give greater help, and it is with this in view that the movable schools have been established.

It is hoped that the citizens of Independence will get behind this great movement and show the college people that they are interested. The classes and lectures will most surely be of great benefit to all of us in building up our homes and our city.

Some way a neat farm home with buildings well painted always goes with a good farm and good farming. Does anybody wonder why?

Turning Alfalfa Into Pork. At the Kansas experiment station 800 pounds of pork were made from one ton of alfalfa hay and 170 pounds from an acre of alfalfa pasture. At the Nebraska station hog ration consisting of one-fourth alfalfa hay showed the alfalfa hay worth its weight in corn and superior to the same weight of bran. The Iowa station made pig pork at \$3.84 per 100 pounds and realized 71.1 cents per bushel for corn. With alfalfa and corn, pork cost \$2.88 per 100 pounds, and corn returned \$6.6 cents per bushel, a difference of 33.13 per cent in favor of alfalfa.

To Kill Burdock. To kill burdock put crude carbolic acid on the roots after cutting close to the ground with a hoe. This method is effective and probably as cheap as anything. The carbolic acid may be applied with a small oil can. A few drops poured into the crown of the plant will be found effective.—National Stockman and Farmer.

Be Merciful to Your Dog. Unless there is a running stream near by, so that the dog can get a drink when he is thirsty, fix him a dish and see that it is regularly supplied with fresh water. A dog is a dog; he is your dog and your friend; treat him as such.—Farm Journal.

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