

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Items of Interest Gathered in and About Town

W. F. McAdams is still at the sea coast and the laughing water is making white caps for him.

Last week we saw considerable wheat and oats almost ready for cutting and the stand is certainly fine.

For sale, 4 lots and good seven room house in North Independence for \$1500. Inquire of R. J. Taylor.

Mr. White, of the Oregon Power Company, with headquarters at Dallas, autoed over to Independence, Monday on business.

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

La Grande had a \$400,000 fire, burning the big mill yards there.

K. C. Eldredge is spending a few weeks in the east on business and pleasure.

Bryan and Wilson are busy, Tripp still sells real estate.

Mrs. Skinner's parents, after spending several weeks in this city left for their home in Pennsylvania Monday.

The new home of Pearl Alexander is going up and will soon be finished. It will be one of the best in the town.

We have cash buyers for Lincoln Co. timber. What have you to offer? Winn & Moran, Independence, Oregon.

H. G. Seeley returned home last week from his trip to California and we understand the dark brown atmosphere left a dark brown taste in his mouth and he returned perfectly satisfied with old Polk.

Abstracts of Title made promptly, carefully and at reasonable prices. Brown & Sibley, Attorneys and Abstractors, 610 Mill St. Dallas, Oregon.

R. D. Cooper, formerly of this place, made a visit over Sunday with his brother J. S. Cooper and family, returning Monday morning for Grass Valley where he is in partnership with E. W. Cooper in the merchandise business.

Lost—Scotch colly dog, long hair, heavy built, white in face and front. \$5.00 Reward. F. L. Wester, Jefferson, Oregon.

J. A. Mills and family spent Sunday in Independence, visiting while here with Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Conkey.

For Sale—160 acres, artilian well, desert land, well located. Price, \$3,000. Will consider Valley land in trade. Also residence at Bend, Crook county, Oregon, at \$1,500. R. J. TAYLOR, Independence.

Mrs. C. A. Pengra and children have been visiting several days with Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Kreamer and daughters.

Ladies' Trimmed Hats \$1.00 each at Miss Lawrenson's, next door to Postoffice.

J. K. Johnson and Dick Gaines are back from their vacation trip to the Springs, feeling fine.

Monday, at noon, a fire alarm drill was turned in and the whole town turned out to see the fun.

J. K. Wetherbee has been out for a summer outing the last two weeks.

The new depot at Monmouth is coming along nicely.

The Independence flour mill has been improving and repairing their warehouse at Airlie the last two weeks.

W. A. Lawton returned a few days ago from the Rosenberg country where he found a homestead that he thinks looks good to him.

Miss Opal Hall is home again this summer for her vacation from New York. She is visiting her parents in Monmouth and her sister, Mrs. Claud Skinner at Independence while home.

20 acres all to be sold in 5 to 10 acre tracts at \$125 per acre. Near town. R. J. Taylor.

Art Baker started the first of the month to work for McAuley & Cook in their market.

Editor Brown, formerly of the Independence Enterprise is now on the Lebanon Express, having purchased the plant.

50 acres 3 miles from Independence, good soil, price \$125 per acre. R. J. Taylor.

W. T. Hoffman is improving his residence property on Fifth and Railroad street materially.

Allen Clark returned the first of the week from a trip to Portland, Tillamook and other points. He was at the Moose Club bake at Tillamook.

FOR SALE—Span of mules four and five years old, gentle and sound, weight about 1050 and 1100 pounds. Geo. West & Son, Airlie, Oregon.

Born to the wife of O. M. Allen of Saver, Saturday morning, July 26 at 3 a. m., a fine baby boy. Mother and baby reported doing nicely.

Born, Wednesday evening, July 23, at the home of Guy Vaughan a little girl, and she was christened Vira Victoria Vaughan.

The Monitor is in receipt of the announcement for the dates for the "Letter Buck Round Up" at Pendleton. September 11, 12, 13 are set for the exhibition this year.

160 acre property at Summer Lake, Oregon, with artesian water to sell or trade for valley property. Price \$3000. R. J. Taylor.

The Monitor is in receipt of a letter from the Willamette Valley Press Association, calling a meeting of the editors at Newport, August 17, if enough of the boys can attend.

We have a few copies of the big special edition left for sale at 10 cents per copy at the Monitor office.

Why not a boat racing tournament at Independence?

D. B. Taylor who left here several weeks ago for the east, returned to Independence Sunday and is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Willard Craven, before returning to California.

100 acres all in cultivation but 1 acre. Hay and grain, 25 acre apple orchard, 5 acres three years old. Big barn, 8 room house, chicken house, smoke house, etc., \$15,000. R. J. Taylor.

OUR FARMERS' IMPROVEMENT PAGE

Information Gathered Everywhere that is of Interest to the Men and Women on the Farm. Good Roads, Dairying, Horticulture, Fine Stock, Hogs, Etc.

THE GRANGE

Conducted by J. W. DARROW, Chatham, N. Y., Editor of the New York State Grange Review

A GRANGE AT WORK

Progressive Pomona Grange in Pennsylvania.

Owens and Operates an Extensive Rural Telephone Service, Runs a Big Fair and Encampment and Co-operates in Buying Supplies.

[Special Correspondence.]

The grange activities of Center county, Pa., are noteworthy. There are twenty-four subordinate granges in the county and a Pomona grange, which is the center of the grange movement in that central county of the state. The grange hall, located at Center Hall, Pa., is the headquarters of several lines of co-operative work, all of which are eminently successful. It has become the evident sign of a new era of educational and social life in the little village of about 500 souls because the benefits that radiate from it have spread beyond the narrow limits of the town and have affected the community for miles around.

Among the noteworthy activities of Center county grange are the fair and encampment grounds, owned by the grange and incorporated. Grange park embraces twenty-eight acres and cost the grange \$5,000. Every year it holds a fair and an encampment. Last year there were 3,000 entries in the exhibition hall on the grounds, and a small cash premium is paid on every article placed on exhibition and paid when the fair opens. No blanks, no disappointment, no contest, no prizes, no horse racing, no gambling. Public meetings are held daily in the large auditorium, addressed by eminent speakers, and every evening entertainments are given there by reputable companies. In the encampment are a thousand farmers and their families living in tents furnished by the grange fair association, thus combining enjoyment and instruction.

This grange also operates an extensive rural telephone service, the company being incorporated with \$10,000 capital, and the plan of co-operation and representation runs through the whole scheme. The central company pays all taxes and makes reports to the state and national governments. It also pays the rental of exchanges and charges stockholders a yearly rental of \$10 per phone and nonstock holders \$12. There are now about 400 phones on the grange lines in the county. A branch company may be organized with not less than six phones, the branch company erecting its own pole line. Each such branch elects one director to the central company, and the county grange elects six directors and makes all the rules to govern the company. The county grange is a subscriber to every branch company, the price of the shares being \$10 each. It may be interesting to know that the cost is about \$50 per mile for wire, poles, brackets and setting, the price varying with the cost of labor. The success of the system is remarkable, but it could not have been so without the personal service feature which enters into the plan. Each farmer keeps the line in repair that runs through his property, and there are no salaries. This is the secret of its success. It is practical, not theoretical, co-operation.

Another one of the activities of Center county grange is its fire insurance

company. This was organized nearly thirty-nine years ago, and for that time the average cost of insurance per \$100, including survey, premium and policy, has been 20.23 cents. Here again the organization is representative and co-operative. Only grange members can be insured. If a man loses his grange membership he must withdraw from the company. No one is eligible to office in the company unless he has property insured. Each subordinate grange elects one director, and the directors elect the officers. The county grange elects three auditors, who audit the accounts of the directors. The plan works out admirably. Besides this co-operative insurance, the grange is developing a scheme of co-operative buying which is already saving dollars to the grange farmers of Center county. By buying in large quantities and by the use of trade cards on approved houses a large saving is made on the necessities of life, and in this manner the cost of living has been materially reduced.

This co-operative work in a Pennsylvania county can be duplicated in almost any county in any state where the grange is strong and where such operations are wisely and economically managed. But businesslike management there must be. There must also be a willingness on the part of farmers to get together in this way and stay together. And yet it is the one thing that kills attempted co-operatives in many places—inability to hang together through thick and thin and distrust of one another. But this is not a characteristic of the grange farmers of this Pennsylvania town. Why should it be of any?

J. W. DARROW.

A Grange Market.

At Manhattan, Kan., the grange is preparing to establish a market where farmers may sell direct to consumers. They will secure space in the city for the purpose and give the plan a trial.

PAYS SIX TO ONE.

A man who could invest a quarter and get back a dollar and a half would think he had struck a good thing. That is about what a farmer can do in the handling of manure. Twenty-five cents' worth of acid phosphate added to the stable manure will return 150 cents' worth of crops. The Ohio experiment station has proved it, many farmers have found it to be so, and yet most of us fail to invest the quarter or make the worse mistake of failing to care for the manure at all.—National Stockman and Farmer.

FOUR SPUD CROPS A YEAR.

Spaniard's Methods May Be Good For Others to Imitate.

From Spain comes the report of a Spaniard who grew four crops of potatoes on the same land in twelve months. The potatoes were grown under ordinary conditions, and the ground was fertilized with horse manure.

First crop, Scotch seed potatoes, planted Aug. 22 and dug Nov. 6, 1911, fair size, firm and good quality; second crop, Scotch seed potatoes, planted Nov. 9, 1911, and dug Feb. 19, 1912, fair size and very good quality; third crop, Scotch seed potatoes, planted Feb. 21 and dug May 19, 1912, large size and much better than those of preceding crops; fourth crop, Spanish seed potatoes, planted May 22 and dug Aug. 19, 1912, poor yield and potatoes small.

The grower attributes the poor quality of the last crop to inferior seed, lack of water for irrigation and to several very hot winds that prevailed in July.

COUNTY NEWS NOTES

Items of Real Interest from Others

SUNNY SLOPE NEWS

August Ohms and family of Canada visited several days with his sisters, Mrs. Emma Beck and Mrs. Bertha Layson.

James Goodman and Frank Clark of Monmouth have been hauling wood from this neighborhood.

Jack Leask and H. K. Sickafors of Monmouth were seen here Saturday.

Several from here were trading in Monmouth Saturday.

Will Mack and George Bennett of Monmouth were out to the former's place last week taking care of his hay crop.

Jim Riddell made a business trip to Portland Thursday.

John Riddell went to California last week on business.

Dave Olin and Harry Clinton were trading in Independence Saturday.

Pearl and Ina Fishback did some shopping in Independence Saturday.

Chas. Osborn recently erected a new hay shed.

Jease Johnson and wife of Luckiamute were guests of relatives here Sunday.

John Moran of Monmouth was in our section Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bookley of Talamage were out here Saturday after some cord wood.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Fishback, Wednesday, July 23, a 10 pound baby boy.

Mr. Cheeseboro is erecting a new barn.

The Best Is Good Enough and You get only the best when you buy meat from us

A new refrigerating plant keeps the meat cool and fresh, and when you once buy from us you buy again, because our meats give satisfaction.

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