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## COMMISSIONER TAKES TRIP ON INSPECTION TOUR

### Goes Over Valley & Siletz Railroad In Company With Its Officials

Railroad Commissioner Miller, accompanied by several officials of the Valley & Siletz Railroad, went over the line one day last week on a tour of inspection. This trip was for the purpose of acquainting the commissioner with the railroad before actual service is commenced.

That the officials of the railroad are making efforts to commence service as soon as possible there is no doubt. None of them can say just when the eight miles between Independence and Airlie will be built. But the time is close at hand.

## MONEY WASTED

Though Polk county hired a man to represent it at the San Francisco Exposition and had thousands of booklets printed descriptive of the county for distribution there, the Willamette Valley Exhibit Association has ruled that the whole valley must be advertised and no individual county will be allowed to "toot its own horn." By this selfishness on the part of the gentlemen composing the association, Polk County's expenditure of \$1600 is nearly useless. The Monitor thought at the time that the taxpayers' money was appropriated that it was ill advised.

## THANKS

That the Civic Improvement club of Independence has accomplished something is evidenced by the appearance of the residence section of that town. Surely Dallas will have to move up a notch or two to keep pace with its neighbor.—Dallas Observer.

## DIED

Mrs. Fry, an elderly lady who has lived in Independence for a year, during which time she has been in poor health, died Saturday. The funeral services were held Sunday, Rev. Birtchet officiating.

The Monitor always leads.

## HOP MEN ELECT OFFICERS

Number of Polk County Men Selected For Directors; M. L. Jones, President

The Oregon Hop Grower's Association has elected its permanent officers as follows:

President, M. L. Jones, of Brooks.

Vice President, J. L. Clark, of Springfield.

Secretary, C. G. Coad, Dallas.

Treasurer, Ladd & Bush.

Executive Committee: Chairman, M. L. Jones; secretary, C. G. Coad; J. L. Clark, J. R. Kirkwood, Springfield, F. N. Stump, Suver.

Board of Directors:

J. L. Clark, Sheridan; F. W. Hassing, Mt. Angel; T. L. Ambler, Mt. Angel; W. A. Parrish, Newberg; J. S. Cooper, Independence; M. A. Burch, Rickreall; M. L. Jones, Brooks; J. R. Cartwright and Robert Stroda, Harrisburg; C. Thomsen, Jefferson; H. B. Fletcher, Independence; J. W. McKay, St. Paul; C. G. Coad, Dallas; Marion Palmer, Silverton; O. L. Hatteburg, G. W. Morley, G. M. Opsund, Silverton; M. W. Mahoney, Gervais; John H. Gooding, St. Paul; W. H. Roy, Jefferson; W. A. Sloper and W. H. Murphy, Independence; Fred N. Stump, Suver; Franz Kraxberger, and Byron Grimm, Aurora; Walter C. Miller, McMinnville; W. R. Kirkwood, Amity; Guy Nelson, Yamhill; F. J. Miller, Forest Grove; William Bagley, Hillsboro; W. F. Young, Sherwood; Conrad Krebe, Portland; F. K. Heider, Sheridan; J. H. Brophy, W. H. Eagan and L. H. McMahan, Salem; George Ball, Balltown; Manning Leonard, Eugene and A. M. Bolter, Brooks.

## A GOOD IDEA

The Polk County Observer makes the suggestion that inasmuch as automobile travel from the south this year on account of the Panama-Pacific exposition promises to be heavy during the summer, there should be an effort made to induce that travel to proceed from Salem to Dallas and thence through Independence, McMinnville, Newberg and other points through which tourists might pass with profit to themselves and to the community. The Observer suggests that this movement could be accomplished through advertising and with the cooperation of the towns mentioned. The character of the advertising would be inexpensive and would be composed largely of sign boards distributed along the Pacific highway in conspicuous places from the California line to the state capitol. The course mapped out by the Observer is certainly the finest scenic route that travelers could take, as undoubtedly the west side both for scenery, agricultural excellence and rural improvement is the most famous part of Oregon.—McMinnville Telephone-Register.

## SEVEN INDIAN WAR VETERANS

### RECALL DAYS OF 1855

#### Of 200 Men Who Enlisted From Polk County, Only Seven Are Now Living

Of the 200 Polk County men who enlisted in the North Yakima Indian war of 1855-56 now only seven survive.

The Indian War veterans are among the county's oldest residents. Samuel Tetherow, of Falls City, aged 79 years, came to Polk County in 1845. He settled near Monmouth and afterwards moved to Dallas.

"In 1852 we went to Walla Walla where we were engaged in a four days' fight," Mr. Tetherow said. "The soldiers lay there a month on guard and then ran the Indians across the Snake River into the Palouse country. At Yakima, in the fight, Captain Hembree and many of his men were killed, and the horses were stolen."

David L. Hedges of Independence, says he remembers clearly the time when the Polk County men were camped at Palouse and lived on horse meat for a number of days. He was sent to The Dalles as an escort with provision wagons, and was there discharged. For 62 years Mr. Hedges has lived in and near Independence, coming to Polk County when 15 years old.

James M. Campbell, of Dallas, served as private in the first regiment of Oregon Mounted Volunteers from October 5, 1855, under Captain A. N. Armstrong and Captain Benjamin Birch, until May 8, 1856. He recalls: "I lost one horse and one mule while on duty, lived on half rations most of the time, chased Indians and was in a number of skirmishes. My health was good and I am still active and in the best of health." Mr. Campbell passed his 81st anniversary on October 9. His brother T. J., celebrated his 81st anniversary on the same day. The two have lived 61 years in Polk County.

Coming from Missouri in the spring of 1846, James Layton Collins settled near Dallas, where he has lived 68 years. His 82d birthday will be observed May 9.

Sixty-one years a resident of Polk, Lafayette W. Loughary, of Monmouth says: "We were mustered in at Salem, January 25, 1856, went from there to The Dalles, via Portland, thence to Wild Horse Creek. We remained here a few days, then proceeded to the fort at Walla Walla, where the commander hanged an Indian spy. After we crossed the Snake River we saw the first wild Indians. From there we moved to the Columbia River below Priest Rapids, crossed the river to the west side. Horse meat formed our chief diet. Next we went down stream to the mouth of the Yakima and received provisions. Three days more we traveled and struck some Indians. Captain Embry was killed. We killed one Indian. We went on to Klickitat Valley and lost our horses. Again we moved. This time it was to Salem and we were mustered out on May 8, 1856."

Thomas J. Hayter, of Dallas, and Thomas H. Montgomery, of Rock Creek, are the others who survive. Their story runs close to the recollections of Mr. Loughary.—Oregonian.

## VERD HILL RETURNS HOME

Has Interesting Story To Tell Concerning What He Saw and Heard

Verd Hill, of Independence, a member of the 1911 legislature and prominent Polk county citizen was in Albany this morning on a short visit with friends.

He has just returned from a trip to San Francisco, San Diego and Honolulu, being numbered among the passengers taking the excursion trip on the Great Northern's maiden voyage to the Hawaiian Islands.

Mr. Hill was a member of the party that were on their way to the famous volcano on the island of Hawaii when the two Portland women were killed by the grade giving way under their auto. He was an eye witness of the accident in which Mrs. Bell, wife of Captain Bell who was for many years in charge of Willamette river steamers visiting this city, was killed.

Speaking of the fair at the two big California cities Mr. Hill says he would advise all Oregon people who were contemplating attending the fair to wait for at least two months before attending the fair as the exposition at San Francisco was far from complete. He said that some of the foreign exhibits had not even been started. Many others are half finished, and it was his opinion that it would be the first of June before the exhibits would be all completed.

The fair at San Diego is pronounced very good and is for the most part all complete at present. Although he says the big Frisco fair is better than he expected but that it will be far better when all the exhibits are complete.

Speaking of the country in California Mr. Hill stated that vegetation in Southern California was not any further advanced than here in the Willamette Valley and at the same time remarked that the Willamette Valley had not experienced the damaging rains that had infested that section of the neighbor state the past winter.

Winter crops of all kinds have been completely ruined but the California people whom he characterized as "loyal to the core" refuse to allow any statements damaging their section of the country to receive any larger circulation than possible. Everybody is a booster. The frost has damaged the orange crop there this year to a considerable extent but this fact is kept quiet.

In regard to the trip of the Great Northern to the Hawaiian Islands Mr. Hill stated that the big boat seemed more to him like a metropolitan hotel than an ocean steamer. Every convenience that could be desired is provided. The boat averaged 530 miles a day on the trip.

As is always the case Mr. Hill said he was glad to get back to the Willamette Valley and still retained his opinion that this part of the world was just as good as any.—Albany Herald.

## FENTON WINS CUP

J. J. Fenton and R. R. DeArmond, who were tied for the Gilbert cup, settled the contest last Friday, Fenton winning. Out of a possible 100, Fenton got 83 and DeArmond 80.

Score of the week's shoot: Out of a possible 75—Alexander 70, Allin 68. Out of a possible 50—Cockle 41, Skinner 41, Withers 39, Williams 38, Bogan 35. Out of a possible 25—Huff 22, Whitney 17. Eleven shooters from Salem were present and participated.

## BERT TEATS HEADS SCHOOL

### AN EXCELLENT CHOICE

#### His Election As Superintendent of Independence Schools Is Certain

Bert Teats, now of Sheridan, has been chosen for superintendent of the Independence schools. That he will accept the place seems certain. Prof. Teats is unusually well qualified for the position and his selection is a matter of congratulation. He taught in the High School in Independence for a few months several years ago, after which he held a similar position in the Dallas schools. He is just closing his third year as superintendent at Sheridan where his record has been excellent.

Several teachers for the grades have been selected but the fall corps is not completed and probably will not be for several weeks to come. The school board is taking its time in filling the places. As it is the custom here to receive no applications, the acceptance of the teacher must be first received before the position is filled for certain.

## ENTERTAIN COMMANDER

H. S. Fargo, department commander of the G. A. R., visited the local Post yesterday and was given a banquet by the old soldiers and W. R. C. An informal reception was held and a good time enjoyed by all. Commander Fargo was very much taken with the Independence style of hospitality and promised to pay another visit here soon.

## TO ELECTRIFY

It is again reported in Portland that the Southern Pacific will electrify its line from White-ton to Corvallis. Competition all the way with the Oregon Electric makes such an improvement necessary and it is only because of the recent business depression that the change has not been made before.

## THE PILL BOX

O, little flea, keep off of me! The Monitor Ed. has received a letter from the east, wanting to know if this country is full of fleas, and turned it over to this department.

Neither the Pill Box nor any of its neighbors have any fleas. If there are any fleas here, they are living a secluded and quiet life and are not attempting to get intimate with white people. They may be associating with the dogs—the dogs have not spoken of it. We hope that this information will satisfy the questioner from the east. However, he may bring one with him if desired—there is no law against it—providing the flea is properly equipped with a license number and two lights in front. There is only one possible objection to the flea. It is some pleasure to know that Jerry Simpson, the eminent Kansan of the past, agrees with us. Said Jerry one time: "I will admit that the flea in all his religious and family relations is eminently above reproach. As far as I know he lives a life of probity, economy, industry, and represents all the domestic and civic virtues. He is kind to his children, loving to his wife, charitable to the poor, eminently a good citizen in every way. My only objection to him is on account of his physical status—in short, the way he gets a living." Two great men thus agreeing, further argument is unnecessary.

Be a booster. Pull hard.

## TONIGHT

### Don't Forget It. "The Liar & The Baby" Home Talent. Its Good. Its Comical. Its Clever. Benefit Civic Improvement League. Come!

## TOWN CROOKED

County Surveyor Canfield was in Independence the first of the week helping the local authorities to figure out just where to start to get anywhere or where to get after starting. The surveyor had his jigmill and his feebellis in action and pronounced this city a very crooked town.

## TONIGHT

Everything is ready for the staging of the splendid comedy, "The Liar and the Baby" tonight. All the actors and actresses are familiar with their lines and Independence will see its best in home talent production.

## FROM THE MONMOUTH HERALD

A. T. Clark was roused at 4:30 Tuesday morning being one of the guests at the Grand Avenue apartment house at Portland when the fire alarm awoke the occupants. Allen scrambled out and made his retreat somewhat hastily but is credited with having saved one canary from the conflagration.

J. L. Murdock received a telephone from his wife at Island City this week, telling him that he is again grandfather, a son having been born to his daughter, Mrs. Clyde Kiddle.

A. H. Craven is looking for the return of his better half next Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. James moved to Independence, Tuesday where they purpose making their home.

Monday evening Miss Butler, Miss Taylor, Miss Hoham and Miss Dunsmore were hostesses at a birthday dinner in honor of Mrs. Evenden and Miss West.

Miss Burtchell, one of the Normal girls, had the misfortune to split one of her great toes in trying to split kindling wood. Three stitches were necessary in dressing the wound.

## KNOCKING AND PROSPERITY

### DONT GO TOGETHER

#### Prosperity Is Retarded By Knocking; So Please Throw Your Little Hammer Away

## MRS. HEDGES PASSES

Surrounded by loved ones, the end came late yesterday afternoon and Mrs. D. L. Hedges passed away. A pioneer, widely known, loved and respected by all was Mrs. Hedges.

Funeral services will be held from the home tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

## JERSEY SALE

Among the Polk county breeders who will have stock of high merit on sale at the Jersey Breeders' Sale, which will be held in Independence May 12 are: Clark Hembree, Frank Laughary, Guy Hewitt, John B. Stump & Son, Frank Linn, W. O. Morrow, Ward L. Hull, Ross Nelson, W. P. Allen and Fred Loy.

## 35c FOR PICKERS

If the hopgrowers in this vicinity maintain the same attitude when it comes time for harvesting that many do at present, hop-pickers will receive from thirty to thirty-five cents per box this season instead of the regular wage of fifty cents. This is only one of the changes in hopyard custom which are being contemplated by the growers in Marion and Polk counties. Lower wages, cleaner hops and shorter picking hours will undoubtedly be inaugurated this summer.—Salem Messenger.

Growers in this vicinity say it is too early to say what will be paid for picking this year.

## HOW MANY?

Much curiosity is in vogue relative to the number of men who will get up Sunday morning and go to church at seven o'clock. A number may absent-mindedly take their fishing tackle with them.

## BULLETIN FROM THE FRONT.



INDICATIONS ARE THAT SOON WE MAY EXPECT A GENERAL ADVANCE FROM THE WINTER QUARTERS IN THE TRENCHES

—Chapin in St. Louis Republic.

## Novelties for Easter

--- We Have Them ---

Cards,  
Candies,  
Baskets,  
Toy Chicks  
And Bunnies.

Also a consignment of entirely new and original novelties, including

Panorama Eggs, Beauty Girls and Cradle Babies

CRAVEN & WALKER

Where everybody goes.