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## ROAD PAVING CONSIDERED

### ONE MILE IN PROSPECT

State Engineer and County Board Come To Independence and View Road

The State Engineer, Judge Teal and Commissioners Wells and Beckett of the county court and County Road Master Finn were in Independence Monday and reviewed a portion of Independence-Salem road. The county court seems very favorable to paving a mile of this road this year and the inspection tour was for the purpose of familiarizing the state engineer with the situation and giving him an opportunity to say whether the paving would be advisable. As the road is in excellent shape for paving, there is no reason to doubt but what he will give his official "O. K." Citizens of Independence have promised to help pay the cost of the paving.

### TEAL'S DEFENCE

Judge Teal objects to the statement to the Dallas city council at its last meeting by Alderman Westover, in which the gentleman said there was a deficit in the county road fund last year of \$45,000. The judge says the deficit amounted to \$31,000 and not \$45,000, and holds that Dallas should willingly contribute its just proportion of taxes in liquidating the amount, inasmuch as its citizens reap a large benefit from good highways. And, furthermore, says the head of the county administration, Polk has been liberal with the city in various ways, one of which was the expending of about \$30,000 in the construction of hard-surface pavement around three sides of the court house square, besides giving the municipality free use of the county's jail for months past. Judge Teal avers that Independence contributes to the construction of county highways, and he therefore sees only justice in aiding that community in building good roads adjacent to that city.—Dallas Observer.

## SHASTA LIMITED KILLS FIVE

Among Them Being Two Children of Former Independence People

Creswell, Or., April 25.—The northbound Shasta Limited of the Southern Pacific Company today struck an automobile driven by F. E. Sly in front of his home here, smashed it to fragments and killed four small children who occupied the tonneau, besides injuring Mr. Sly so badly that it is thought he cannot recover.

The dead: Beulah Morse, aged 12. George Robinette, aged 6. Vineat Treanor, aged 8. Dorothy Treanor, aged 6. Mr. Sly sustained concussion of the brain and a broken shoulder. The accident was witnessed by Mrs. Sly, his wife, and Mrs. Clara Maxwell, his daughter. H. C. Flick, a neighbor also saw it.

Mr. Sly is an elderly man. He had just brought his auto from the garage and alighted to open the gate leading to the Southern Pacific track, intending to cross the Pacific Highway, when the four children came along on their way to Sunday school. They were invited to ride and clambered into the car. It was apparent that neither they nor Mr. Sly saw or heard the approaching train, for Mr. Sly got in and ran the automobile on the track directly in front of it. The horrified witnesses heard a crash and saw the automobile hurled high in the air and fall at one side of the track. The train sped on without stopping, its engine crew unconscious of what had happened.—Sunday's Oregonian.

The two Treanor children were the son and daughter of Mr. J. W. Treanor, who lived in Independence for a long time, leaving here about six years ago.

### A FINE TROUT STREAM

The Big Luekiamute in Polk county is among the finest trout streams in the state. Sportsmen of that locality have complained on account of the lack of adequate fish ladders over some of the dams. An effort is now being made to have these constructed. A new railroad is soon to be in operation up the stream which will make the region more accessible to anglers.—Oregon Sportsman.

## COUNCIL IN DEADLOCK

### PROPERTY LINE CAUSE

North Main Street Question Makes a 3 and 3 Tie; Fire Department to Be Improved

The extra session of the city council last Friday night was red hot. Councilmen Goetz, Henkle and Sloper stood like a stone wall against the assaults of their associates who attempted to modify the street committee's determination to make the property line on North Main street where the county surveyor has reported it should be. Oratory was much indulged in and the remarks were peppery and personal. Residents from the north side butted in quite often but Goetz stood like Azax defying the lightning and never moved an inch. The 3 and 3 snarl remained to the end of the chapter and when adjournment was taken, both sides went home with their hands on their guns.

The fire department was brought in and punched around the chamber. It got both a handful of praise and criticism. Birdseye descriptions of the run to the Rickman fire were given and were humorous as well as interesting. The fact that the fire bell tolled was commented on which brought out the fact that the poor girls in the telephone office do the best they can and that it is quite impossible for them to make the bell act like a fire alarm when it would rather ring for a funeral. So the council resolved to get a whistle and passed it up to the fire and water committee to do it. Under the leadership of councilman Sloper, the fire department will be renovated and likely some new faces will be seen in the ranks. As an extra inducement to cause the fire boys to work at it occasionally, they were voted two dollars a month for practice and a dollar for each fire. A proposal to buy a chemical engine was voted down. Hubbard, Goetz and Paddock all spoke feelingly of the financial condition of the city and made bold to say that it was necessary to put out a red flag down the track and not run by it. So many hands have been dipping into the treasury lately that the bottom was commencing to show in spots and an empty purse was considered not much on an asset to enter a lean year on as 1916 will be with \$9000 of saloon money absent. Williams voted with them against the purchase.

It gave Councilman Sloper much satisfaction to report that the old traction engine belonging to the county had at last been moved off Second street through his efforts. "This," said Mr. Sloper, "is about the only thing the present council has ever accomplished." We are not sure that Mr. Sloper used the word "about," but we put it in to be on the safe side. Many will disagree with Mr. Sloper and say that the present council has been very successful in everything but establishing property lines in North Independence.

## ALLEN T. CLARK MARRIES

Weds Miss Pauline Olin in Portland On Thursday Evening, April 22

Allen T. Clark of Monmouth and Miss Pauline Olin, of Portland, were married at the residence of the officiating clergyman, Rev. John H. Boyd of the First Presbyterian church of Portland, on Thursday evening, April 22. Other than the minister and his household, Dr. and Mrs. Maurice Butler, Miss Ethel Snow of Portland and C. S. Caplinger were the only ones present. Mr. and Mrs. Clark returned to Monmouth Saturday evening where they will make their home and receive a warm and enthusiastic greeting. Independence friends captured them early in the evening and brought them to this city where they were paraded and shown off promisciously, cow bells being attached to Mr. Clark so that he would sure be heard as well as seen.

Allen T. Clark is engaged in the general mercantile business at Monmouth. He is one of the most popular young men in the county. Mrs. Clark is a charming young lady and after becoming acquainted here, will share her husband's popularity. At one time she lived at Dallas, her parents moving from there to Vancouver, Washington.

### MRS. BIBBY PASSES

Mrs. T. J. Bibby, a resident in former years of this locality, passed away at 1309 South Liberty street, in this city, at midnight Wednesday, April 21, 1915, after an illness of more than a year.

The deceased was born at Independence, Or., in 1869, and was the daughter of W. W. Lucas, a highly respected and early pioneer of this state, who was one of the well known placer miners of eastern Oregon. Most of her early life was spent with her father in the blue mountains. She was married to Mr. Bibby July 3, 1912, at Sumpter, Or., where they resided for a year after their marriage, when they came to Salem, hoping that in this locality she might regain her health.—Salem Statesman.

The funeral was held at the Presbyterian church in Independence last Friday afternoon. Mrs. Bibby was a niece of Mrs. J. R. Cooper.

### W. C. POLLAN DIES

After an illness of over a year, William C. Pollan died at his home in Monmouth, April 15. He leaves a widow and six children, two of his sons living at Monmouth. Mr. Pollan came west when he was sixteen years old and lived in California and Washington before coming to Monmouth four years ago.

### RARE MUSICAL TREAT

Katherine Neal-Simmons, Soprano Solist from Portland, will give a benefit concert for the First M. E. Church, May 27. Mrs. Simmons is an artist of unusual ability and a rare musical treat for Independence is assured. She will be assisted by Mrs. Gilhausen, a prominent violinist, with Miss Florence Jackson, accompanist.

### FAMOUS BARN GONE

W. F. Campbell sold his famous barn one day last week and the purchaser at once tore it down. Thus the "peace, happiness and welfare" of the city has been preserved, the council need "resolute" no longer and all is serene.

## MINOR NEWS OF INTEREST

### MANY BRIEF MENTIONS

All About Your Neighbors, the City, Community, Etc. This Is a Busy Town

O. A. Kreamer is better. The May Day festivities at Monmouth tomorrow.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Houlter yesterday.

Dr. Claud Fryer arrived in Independence last night to visit his father and mother.

The boats are now only making two trips a week because the Willamette is so low.

Lieutenant Parker and wife of Vancouver, visited relatives in Independence over Sunday.

Rose the Jeweler will hereafter conduct his business on a cash basis. It means better prices.

Every papa and mamma fly killed today saves you the trouble of swatting thousands in August.

Thomas Fennell was in town Monday and stepping around lively considering what he has been thru.

The Monmouth creamery made its first shipment of cheese Tuesday—3100 pounds to Portland.

Wm. Quartier, proprietor of the Fair Store, is expecting to have his family with him in a short time.

G. A. Rich reports that there will be a number of Saxon 4 cars purchased in this vicinity within a few weeks.

The Monitor has been informed that work on the Valley & Siletz extension will be begun at this end because of the gravel supply.

Independence will have another restaurant, real estate office, general store and photograph gallery if buildings can be secured.

It is reported that Portland parties are buying lots in North Independence for speculation. They expect the boom to come with the railroad.

Mrs. W. H. Walker returned from Salem last Saturday where she has been in a hospital for some time. She is feeling exceedingly well.

Salem Statesman: Ripe strawberries were picked Sunday on the Leahy Ebert place, two miles up the river in Polk county. They were of the Gold Dollar variety.

Mrs. Nellie McGowan of Medford, worthy grand matron of Oregon, will pay an official visit to the Independence Chapter, O. E. S., on next Thursday evening, May 6.

Rev. and Mrs. Birtchet and their many friends are awaiting with much suspense the outcome of the Portland Telegram automobile contest. There has been over seven million votes cast for Mrs. Birtchet.

The trouble in the High School last week between Prof. Bones and a student has been adjusted and nothing of a sensational nature resulted therefrom. The student apologized and is now attending school.

Ben C. Crow and Mrs. Mable Johnson returned last Saturday from California where they have been appearing in recitals with much success. Mr. Crow will make his home in Salem for the next three weeks at least.

The Christian church people are congratulating themselves upon securing Rev. A. W. Wood as their pastor until fall. Rev. Wood is an interesting speaker and his two Sunday sermons are looked forward to with much pleasure.

Monmouth Herald: David Campbell, son of Mrs. Mary Campbell of this city, has signed a contract for two years to assume charge of the piano department of the Whitman Conservatory of Music, Wala Wala, Washington, and we understand will leave here the first of next month for that place.

### PIONEER DEAD

S. K. Crowley, a pioneer, died at the home of his daughter in Dallas, aged 83 years. He was well known in Polk county, having lived for many years at the station named in his honor.

## FOOT BRIDGE IS CONDEMNED

By Tearing Away Both Ends, Traffic Is Prevented; New One To Be Constructed

The Log Cabin street foot bridge, judged dangerous to life and limb, is no longer open for travelers. Both ends have been torn away to prevent traffic upon it. A new one will be built. Chairman Goetz of the street committee, says work will be commenced upon it just as soon as the property line in North Independence has been established. As the city council is deadlocked over the property line, no definite time for the building of the viaduct can be promised. People in the northeast part of the city are now forced to go over the east bridge, making it very inconvenient for them. It would gratify them very much to have the city council at its meeting Wednesday night order the foot bridge built at once, regardless of whether the property line is settled or not. Build the bridge to meet the cement walks on each side and nobody will complain.

### ACCUSES SISTER

Albany, Or., April 27.—Alleging that his sister, Ada L. Long, used undue influence on her aged father, Samuel G. Collins, to induce him to deed her some land, John R. Collins, of Independence, as guardian of his father's estate, has instituted proceedings in the State Circuit Court here to set the deed aside. The deed which has been attacked conveyed to Mrs. Long a one-half interest in 197.12 acres of land in this county.

Mr. Collins alleges that his father was adjudged incompetent to transact his own affairs by an order of the County Court of Linn County and he had been appointed guardian. He says that while his father was residing at his home at Independence his sister came there and induced her father to leave and to live with her. While he was so living with her in the State of Washington he made the deed in question on December 10 last. Mr. Collins is 93 years old.—Portland Oregonian.

### BUELL FOR BUENA

W. E. Buell has been elected principal of the Buena Vista schools to succeed R. G. Dykstra who goes to Perrydale. Mr. Buell is a good teacher. At one time he taught the eighth grade in Independence.

## "CLEAN UP" ON TODAY

### CITY BEING RENOVATED

Spurned On By the Ladies of the Civic Improvement League, Many Are at Work

Today is "Clean Up" day in Independence. It is a beautiful day and the crusaders were out early. Rallied by good ladies of the Civic Improvement League, the army of willing workers are removing all rubbish, cans and other debris from the streets, alleys and other places. It looks as if they were doing a good job of it. For the sake of civic beauty and the public health, they are working and their only reward will be the satisfaction that their efforts are for the good of themselves as well as their fellows. Individual "clean ups" of the homes during the first part of the week were very noticeable which is being followed by much painting. A "clean up" is not complete without it and next week should be given to painting.

(The Monitor desires to deny that it is a "beautiful day" as we stated above. It has turned out to be cold and stormy.)

### FOUNTAIN INSTALLED

The water fountain secured thru the efforts of the Civic Improvement League, has been placed on the Reeves corner. Contrary to the general belief in neighboring towns, most of our citizens, living in both town and country, still like water and drink it, and this fountain is a much needed improvement that is appreciated.

### ELECTRIC STORM

Something unusual for western Oregon was the electric storm of last Thursday. While it was mild compared to the ones they have in the East and South, still it was fierce enough to cause a little excitement among Oregon tenderfeet.

A 3-year-old son of Fred Ober-son while standing at a window was knocked unconscious by an electric shock. The little fellow was in a bad way for a time.

## Opening Day at Panama-Pacific Exposition Broke All Exposition Attendance Records

All attendance records for expositions were broken at the opening of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition in San Francisco on Feb. 20. Vast crowds thronged the grounds when President Wilson pressed the button in Washington, and each day since the attendance has been enormous. The huge buildings and beautiful thoroughfares hummed with activity and have continued to do so. The Exposition has already demonstrated at this early date that it will be a great success in every way.



From Left to Right Are Shown the Palace of Education, Palace of Liberal Arts and Tower of Jewels.

**Katherine Neal Simmons**  
Soprano Solist

—ASSISTED BY—  
**MRS. GILHOUSEN, Violinist**

—AND—  
**MISS FLORENCE JACKSON, Pianist**

—AT THE—  
**FIRST M. E. CHURCH**

**Thursday Evening, May 27**

Under The Management of Elizabeth L. Glafke.