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## WILLAMETTE'S NEW ERA ON SOLID FOUNDATION

No More Inflated Prosperity  
By Selling To Tenderfeet;  
Make Values Ourselves

Here in the upper Willamette valley we have a specific cause of our own for feeling that better times are ahead and that the future holds in store even more of sound prosperity than the past. That cause is simply this: We have checked speculation and have correspondingly strengthened real industry. We have quit swapping lots and have gone to work. We have learned that we cannot go on forever selling to the other fellow at an advanced price, and have turned our attention to developing what we have. And in doing this the Willamette valley has stepped off of shifting sand onto solid rock.

We could not go on forever planting orchards to sell to the newcomer from the East. We could not attract a permanent population by making speculation our chief industry. We cannot build up a prosperous community by capitalizing climate alone. We need more population, but if we are to attract settlers who will stay we must have something definite to show them—for the argument that the land they are buying can be sold for a higher price a few months hence will not endure forever.

It was inevitable that changing conditions should result in inflation, but it is fortunate for us that inflated conditions are passing. The man who learns how to make money by milking cows and keeping hogs and chickens, or who learns how to market his fruit or his vegetables to advantage, or who finds out a way to make his soil produce more than it produced last year is laying a solid foundation for prosperity not only for himself but for the entire community. The Willamette valley is turning its attention to these things more strongly than ever before, and the result is certain to be beneficial in the extreme. —Eugene Register.

## QUEEN IS GAILY CROWNED

May Day Exercises at Normal School  
Witnessed By Large Crowd

Over 1000 people gathered at the Oregon Normal school to witness the annual May-day festivities. People from the surrounding country brought their picnic dinners and enjoyed a holiday, merchants closed their places of business to see the games, and numbers of alumni returned for the day.

The opening feature was a procession of students and training school children who assembled on the court to greet the queen, Miss Beatrice Chaney, and her attendants.

The different classes competed before the "queen" in pageantry, May-pole winding, folk dancing, club swinging, tennis and volley ball. Pageants of French, English and Spanish history and colonial times were given with spectacular efforts. Gaily costumed girls wound May pole and danced quaint folk dances. The contest in the tennis and volley ball were close and exciting. The children from the training school performed in costume, drills and marches.

When the scoring in the events was completed the decision of the judges showed a tie between juniors and seniors for the handsome cup awarded by President Ackerman. The judges were Miss Lewis of Corvallis, Miss Porter of Portland and Superintendent Elliott of Salem.

## ROAD WORK WUNDER

Herman Wunder has been doing excellent road work in the vicinity of Monmouth Heights and is getting his roads in good condition. Mr. Wunder is credited by A. F. Huber, our rural mail carrier, with having done the best road work ever performed in that locality. Keep it up.—Monmouth Herald.

## RUN OVER BY AUTO

A 5-year-old daughter of Frank Cole was run over by an auto driven by Mrs. William Schaffer Thursday morning near the school house five miles south of Independence. The child was placed in the auto and hurriedly brought to town for medical treatment. While rendered unconscious, no bones were broken and the little girl was not so badly hurt as was first supposed and reported.

## NEW RAILROAD MEANS MUCH OPENS NEW COUNTRY

Building of Valley & Siletz  
Will Certainly Put Independence Out in Front

Unquestionably one of the biggest pieces of development work to be undertaken the coming summer and the one which means more for the Willamette valley than any other one thing is the proposed connecting up of the Valley & Siletz railroad between Independence and Airlie and the extension of the line from King's valley over into the Siletz timber region. The line is already built and is in operation between Airlie and King's valley, one of the richest little valleys in the state, and the right of way is practically secured between Independence and Airlie when the construction work will be begun. This year's work will involve an expenditure of about \$300,000.

R. L. Donald, the man who did the preliminary engineering work and the major portion of the construction work on the Oregon Electric, will have charge of the construction work of the Valley & Siletz. Mr. Donald states that J. L. Hanna, who is in charge of securing the right of way between Independence and Airlie, a distance of 12 miles, is rapidly closing up the gap and it is expected that the line will be rushed through to completion and put in operation this summer. Further than that Mr. Donald did not care to state.

From prominent citizens of Independence, who are familiar with the situation, however, it is learned that the road from Airlie into King valley taps one of the richest farming regions in Western Oregon and that when the road is connected up with Independence, affording an outlay for the products of that valley, they expect to see some great strides in agricultural development in that section. From Airlie it is proposed to extend the line on to the head of the Siletz river in Lincoln county to tap a wonderfully rich body of virgin timber.

The estimated cost of construction between Independence and Airlie is \$300,000, which work will be performed the coming summer, but it is not expected that the road will be extended into the Siletz until the lumber market opens up and the depression in the money market is relieved so as to make it pay to develop the lumber industry in Western Polk and Eastern Lincoln counties at the head of the Siletz. It is understood that the ultimate intention of the promoters of the Valley & Siletz railroad is to extend on from the head of the Siletz to Newport, a distance of about 50 miles, which will afford a short cut, from the valley to the seaside and make traveling to and from this popular summer resort, more convenient and much cheaper than the present route. —Salem Capital Journal.

## PARENT-TEACHERS MEETING

Resolve To Make Last Session of  
Year on June 5, a "Booster"

There was a real live, get-together meeting of parents and teachers held in the Public School building Tuesday evening. The attendance was not large but the ones there showed marked enthusiasm over the subjects which were generally discussed.

Miss Galbraith read an article on the subject of Junior High, a subject most interesting to teachers and mothers of seventh, eighth and ninth grade pupils.

It was decided to make the next (and last) meeting June 5, a booster meeting for both the school and association and for the general arrangement a special committee was appointed, consisting of Mesdames Claude Skinner, L. L. Hewitt, T. R. Alexander, Jenny Parker, J. L. Hanna, Crosbie Davis, M. M. Mix, N. F. Gillispie, Esther Morgan and W. H. Craven.

It is hoped that all parents will throw their interest into this work and make the last meeting of the association for this year, a real booster meeting. Contributed.

## MOOSE TIME

The Independence contingent consisting of the drill team and live members from "Hop City Lodge" made the trip to McMinnville by automobile. The band of Oregon Lodge, of this city, with George Bangasser as drum-major, headed a column 300 strong which paraded up and down Third street.

The lodge session was called to order by Director W. T. Vinton and the initiatory work was turned over to the Independence drill team. The music was furnished by the local lodge's orchestra.

The good of the order program consisted of sly and clever speeches by Mr. Eaton of Sheridan, Mr. McIntosh, Mr. Bloch, of Independence, Organizer Dickey and others.

"Billy" McAdams, Independence's Irish warbler, sang with fine interpretation "The Rose of Sharon" and responded to an encore with "It's a Long, Long Way to Tipperary," the assemblage joining in the rollicking chorus, standing on their feet. The applause was deafening and McAdams came back with the parody "It's a long, long way to Independence" which made a distinctive hit.—McMinnville News-Reporter.

## MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day, May 23, will be observed by union services at the Methodist church. The G. A. R. and W. R. C. will attend in a body. Rev. Stewart, the Methodist pastor, will preside. Rev. Birtchet will read Lincoln's Gettysburg address and Rev. Stewart, Baptist, and Rev. Wood will deliver addresses.

## DOCTOR'S MEET

The Polk-Yamhill-Marion Medical Society held an interesting and instructive meeting in Independence Monday night. The Independence M. D.'s made the twenty visitors feel at home.

## MEAT HOUSE BURNS

Nelson's slaughter house, between Independence and Monmouth, went up in smoke last night. What meat there was in the building was taken out. There is a little insurance to cover the loss.

## NO RELIEF IS OFFERED COUNCIL FAILS TO ACT

So North Independence Is  
Again Doing the "Watchful  
Waiting" Act

Wednesday night's regular session, was attended by a crowded house. It was believed that the North Independence property line question might be solved because of the fact that one-third of the city has its walks torn up and its people walking in the mud and no relief is possible except by definite action of the council. Other than to receive and read a petition signed by nearly every North Independence property owner expressing their desires in the matter, no action was taken by the council. Nary a word was said either about replacing the west bridge which has been condemned and its ends torn out to prevent traffic upon it. As a matter of fact that part of the east bridge now used by footmen is more dangerous to life and limb than was the west bridge.

In behalf of the Oregon Power Co., Manager Martin appeared and proposed a compromise and a change in the contract between the city and company in which the city is given free water for flushing paved streets. Mr. Martin was willing to refund in water the overcharge of the past 14 months after which the city was to pay for water used for flushing purposes at one-half the commercial rate. The meaning of the word "flushing" is somewhat in dispute. Can sprinkling be called flushing? Mr. Webster defines "flushing" as "to cause to be full; to flood; to overflow; to overwhelm with water; as to flush the meadow; to flood for the purpose of cleaning; as to flush a sewer." However, the council passed it up and laid the proposal over.

## MOTHERS' DAY

Sunday is Mother's Day and throughout the United States white flowers will be worn in honor of "Mother" whether she be living or dead. The Salvation Army hymn, "Tell Mother I'll Be There" will be sung by millions on that day. A portion of the day will also be given to writing "Mother" a letter.

In Independence the morning services at the several churches will be devoted to eulogies of "Mother" by the pastors with appropriate music.

## WINS FREE TRIP

Mrs. G. C. Birtchet came within twenty dollars of winning an automobile in the Portland Telegram contest. That is to say if she had sent in twenty dollars more subscription, she would have won. As it resulted she gets a free trip to the fair.

## MARRIED

Two well known young people living at Parker, Ray Laey and Miss Hazel Cook, journeyed to Vancouver, Wash., one day last week where they were married.

## MAN HANGS HIMSELF IN BARN

Tired of Living, C. A. F. Wolf, Aged 60,  
Ends His Life At Monmouth.

Shortly before noon Monday, C. A. F. Wolf of Monmouth committed suicide at that place by hanging himself to a rafter in his barn by a rope. Despondency over imaginary troubles is said to have been the cause for the rash act. He was sixty years of age and leaves a widow, but no children so far as known.

Mrs. Wolf found her husband's dead body dangling from the end of the rope. Missing him after an absence of an hour or more, she instituted a search, first going to the barn at the rear of the premises, where the horrifying spectacle met her gaze. Crying for help, the body was cut down. Life had been extinct for more than an hour, according to estimate.

Mr. and Mrs. Wolf had been residents of Monmouth about three years, and were esteemed by all who knew them.—Dallas Observer.

## NOT ENCOURAGING

That the present growing crop is very much inferior to the crop of last year there remains no doubt. Reports are coming from all districts to the effect that conditions are very bad.

The upland hops are by far the worst, but in a great many cases the bottom land yards are in very poor condition.

There was no overflow of the Willamette River this winter, and this, coupled with the fact that there is a shortage of rainfall has left the land in a very bad condition.

What the size of the crop is this year depends entirely upon the weather conditions from this time on. If plenty of rain comes the crop may recover. If we should happen to have a summer as dry as last year was, the production for Oregon would not surpass 75,000 bales.—Pacific Hop Reporter.

According to Tuesday's Oregonian, George D. Rose has sold 40,000 pounds of the new crop to Lewis and Shafer & Hartley 40,000 pounds to Durbin, all at 10¢. Two 20,000-pound contracts were made at Airlie at 10¢.

The Monitor always leads.

## JERSEY SALE NEXT WEEK

150 HEAD TO BE SOLD

Large Tent To Be Used,  
Parade To Be Feature;  
Many Buyers Expected

One hundred and fifty head of registered Jerseys have been entered by the members of the Polk County A. J. C. C. Breeder's Association for the coming sale on May 12. Of this lot, fifty head are Register of Merit cows. On May 13, a grade sale will take place at which about seventy-five head of high grade cows will be offered. The cattle will be assembled by Saturday of this week and will be ready for inspection at that time and on the 11, the stock will be paraded through the streets.

Col. D. L. Perry will have charge of the sale. A large tent, seating two thousand people, has been secured and possible rainy weather will have no effect.

The Polk County A. J. C. C. Breeder's Association is composed of the most prominent farmers and breeders in this section of the state and has an active membership of thirty-five. Polk county is noted for the number of high grade Jerseys within its bounds and it is the intention of the Association to make the sale an annual event. Moving pictures will be taken of the stock and crowds the day of the sale and will be exhibited throughout the country.

## OFFICIAL VISIT

The official visit of the Worthy Grand Matron and Grand Secretary to the Independence Chapter of the Eastern Star last night was a great event. Further mention must be postponed until next week.

Independence's best days are about here.

## TIME TO WAKE UP.



—Bartholomew in Minneapolis Journal.

## NOW THAT SPRING HAS ARRIVED.



"Look, Edward, our nice neighbor is getting a lot of garden and lawn tennis."  
"Fine! We won't have to buy any!"  
—Reese in New York World.