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## OLD BRIDGE IS OPENED NOW BEING REPAIRED

### Remarkable How Strong It Got When Polk County Refused To Build New One

The bridge over the Willamette at Salem was opened to traffic Monday morning. There will be some restrictions and watchmen will regulate the traffic. By the alarming reports that were heard two weeks ago it was judged that the bridge was tottering and was about to fall into the river, but it appears that as soon as it was ascertained that Polk county would not assist in building a new bridge, the old structure was considerably strengthened and the conclusion was reached that with some repairing it could be used for ordinary traffic. Work of repairing was commenced this week and the total cost is estimated at about \$1500.

### TO OUR READERS

Every family in this county is now a subscriber to various magazines and newspapers. The total amount of money paid for these publications probably amounts to several thousand dollars annually. It is money well spent, of course, because we must have something for the family to read.

But if you can save about seventy-five per cent of this money, and still have all the papers and magazines you want, it is worth considering, is it not?

We have made arrangements whereby we can save this community hundreds of dollars by merely ordering their reading matter through our office. Our best offer is a club of four magazines with your own paper for only \$1.50 a year.

You will find this big offer advertised on another page of this paper. Look up the advertisement and read all about this remarkable offer. Send us your order right in—mail it, telephone it, or bring it to us, and we will fix it up at once so that you can get your magazines.

## PROFIT IN RAISING HOGS

Warren McGowan Has the Figures To Prove He Made \$23.58 on One Porker

Warren McGowan, of Independence, Or., is a Polk County boy who won a grand prize offered by William Daughtrey, of the Portland Union Stockyards Company, for the best records made in the pork production contest. Master McGowan became so interested in his pig club work that he stayed at home to take care of his pigs while the rest of the family went to the Coast.

His cost and profit sheet follows:

Cost of brood sow or pig	\$32.07
Rent of building, yards used by pigs	.60
Cost of feed—	
540 lbs. shorts at 2c per lb.	\$10.80
2 sacks ground wheat at \$1.40 per sack	2.80
3 barrels buttermilk at 30c per barrel	.90
Value of pasture used 1/2 acre at \$5	5.00
Value of labor required 20 hours at 10c	2.00
Total cost of raising pig or pigs	\$54.17
Total gain, live weight, per pig, 165 pounds, 525 pounds.	
Cost per pound gain, live weight \$4.40 per hundred.	
Receipts—	
Value of brood sow	\$40.00
Value of pig or pigs on hand	37.75
Total income from pig or pigs	77.75
Total cost of pig or pigs	54.17
Net profit	23.58

—Sunday's Portland Oregonian.

## AUTOS IN POLK

In Polk county, Oregon, some eighty miles have been oiled this summer and many new roads added as aid to dairy farmers and ranchers who are heavy buyers of motor cars. Every thirtieth person in Polk county owns a car, 116 new cars having been purchased in that county so far this year. Good roads and the purchase of cars are, as one might say, twin conditions, the one calling for the other.—Oregon farmer.

## MARRIES TWO PAIR

Rev. G. C. Birtchet, accompanied by his wife, went to Albany Wednesday night where he started two pair on the road to happiness by uniting them in matrimony. The double bill was a very elaborate affair.

## BOY IS GOOD DAIRYMAN WINS GRAND PRIZE

### His Experiences and Results He Obtained Make Very Interesting Reading

Earl R. Cooley, of Independence, is a Polk County boy who is getting started right in the dairy business. His milk, feed and butter fat records on the cows in his father's herd won him the grand prize offered by C. C. Colt, president of the Union Meat Company, Portland.

"I first got interested in dairy herd record keeping" when Professor W. A. Barr, of the Oregon Agricultural College, came to Bethel School and explained to us about the record keeping," he writes. He also explained Babcock testing. "I entered for the record-keeping project.

"We have two different breeds of dairy cows, registered Ayrshires and grade Jerseys. We have found a great deal of difference between the two breeds. The Ayrshires are hearty eaters and will eat what you give them, while the Jersey will mince away and look for something a little better. The Ayrshire is more of a rustler. They will browse from trees and bushes and are always hunting for something to eat, while the Jerseys will be up to the gate waiting to get into the barn to see if you haven't got something better for them.

"When the cattle are in the barn you cannot help noticing how nervous the Jersey is beside the Ayrshire. Of course we all know that the Jerseys give the most amount of butter fat to the amount of milk. But that is not all that we are after. We want the skimmed milk to feed our pigs and young calves.

"I was quite undecided what cows I would enter in on record keeping for the first month. The cows that I would like to enter were not fresh. I entered two Jerseys that had been giving milk for some time and were not giving as much as they should.

"The Ayrshires are well-bred stock. I fed my cows that were giving milk what the Oregon Agricultural College calls a balanced ration and the cows that are not giving milk also get a balanced ration, but somewhat different. I weigh the milk three times a month—on the 5th, 15th and 25th. I milk my cows around 5:30 in the morning and 6 o'clock at night and test once each month.

"There was a little change of feed from January to February. I did not feed quite so much hay as I did during January. I fed my cows more kale and roots in place of so much hay. The test of February varied some from that of January, as I have read, it is due to the change of feed. March 14 I started pasturing my cows on woods pasture. I charged it in my record at the rate of 50 cents a month for each cow.

"For the month of March I weighed the feed and milk and tested the same as usual. April 1 I started feeding the cows not quite as much dry feed, for the green grass had begun to grow. I did not feed roots during the month of March, for they were all fed out during the month of February.

"During the month of May we

## FARMERS ARE SEEKING LIGHT

Proposal To Extend Electricity To Buena Vista; Fifty Patrons Wanted

It is not at all improbable that the Oregon Power Co. will extend its system south to Buena Vista and give electric service not only to the people of that village but to the farmers who live around the way. At a meeting last Friday evening between A. L. Martin, the Oregon Power Co. manager, and a number of residents of Buena Vista and farmers living south of Independence, Mr. Martin agreed to extend the system from Independence to Buena Vista if fifty patrons could be secured. A committee is now canvassing the field for the required fifty and there is every reason to believe that it will be successful. It will only be a question of time until every farmer in Polk county may have electric lights if he desires.

## MEN'S CLUB

A Men's Club was organized in Independence last Monday night. It is to be only of a social and educational nature. Meetings will be held every other Tuesday night, the next one to be held on Nov. 23, at the Methodist church. The program committee consists of Cliff McBeth, E. E. Tripp, Billy McAdams, H. Sauer and G. C. Birtchet.

## POLK GETS SECOND

Polk county received second prize at the recent Lands Products Exposition in Portland. In announcing the awards, the chief judge said: "Polk county, second, with a most beautiful exhibit tells in no uncertain terms that the prune and hop industries are their leading features. This, with a most magnificent display of grains and grasses, with the various fruits and garden products, completes their artistic display."

## DOC'S LANGUAGE

Doc. Butler, the massive medico of Independence, rode on the escalator, a new set of movable stairs, at Portland last week. When Doc. told the tale to Mrs. Butler, who makes the best huckleberry pie in Polk county, he called the ascending contrivance an "exasperator."—Dallas Observer.

## CONSOLIDATION

There is considerable sentiment favorable to the consolidation of Monmouth, Lewisville and Buena Vista Granges.

fed green vetch to our cows. I valued it in my record at \$4.60 a ton. We planted during May a half acre of mangel beets to feed our cows, to get them in shape for the coming State Fair. We also planted an acre of rutabagas and three acres of field corn to feed the cows during the coming winter.

"I have spent many nights during this summer working on this record keeping, but I do not regret one minute of the time that I have spent. I know the cows that are not paying for their feed and they are the ones we are selling off. I also know that I have improved in my writing by copying so many times.

"I feel that if I do not win a prize at the different fairs with this project that I know I have won a prize by the experience I have had in feeding and care of my cows."—Sunday Oregonian.

## FIRE BURNS HALF BLOCK

### LOSS IS NEAR \$25,000

### Five Business Institutions Wiped Out When Old Wood Building Goes Up In Smoke

Fire Saturday morning, starting at 3 o'clock, destroyed an Independence land mark, the old hotel building, corner of C and Second streets. The building belonged to J. M. Stark of Eugene. The tenants burned out were, Mrs. Rexford, rooming house; Max Goldman, general merchandise; Tom Hart, cigar store; C. W. Townsend, barber shop and A. Whitney's saloon. The conflagration was stopped at Fowler's restaurant which was nearly destroyed. A portion of the merchandise and fixtures were removed from each of the places. The total loss is estimated at \$25,000, about half covered by insurance.

The fire started on the second floor of the building apparently in a bed room that was not being occupied that night. The old wooden structure burned like oil and in twenty minutes after the alarm was turned in it was a mass of flames. It was due to the strenuous and heroic work of the firemen and considered very lucky that the flames were stopped where they were. Nobody thought there was the least chance of saving the Fluke & Johnson store and the Cooper saloon. Mrs. Rexford and several of her roomers saved nothing but the clothes they hastily put on when the alarm was given. Three different people have told the Monitor that they saved Mrs. Rexford.

Manager A. L. Martin arrived from Dallas within forty minutes and personally took charge at the pumping station. Over three millions of gallons were used. For a few minutes just at a critical time, there was no water, but this was due to a switch of wells at a pumping station. After the change the pressure was better than ever. Mr. Martin declares that if smaller nozzles were used, the pressure would be greater and better results obtained.

The heat made the buildings on the north side of C street sizzle and had the fire reached Fluke & Johnson's store, perhaps this side would have been burned. A number of glass fronts were broken, the one on the Monitor building being the largest one.

That portion of Goldman's stock carried out by volunteers was deposited around promiscuously and there is no doubt but what some of it was stolen. Mr. Goldman says there is one thing he is glad of and that is that the fire didn't start in his store. Some of the Fluke & Johnson stock was carried out which caused them some loss.

Temporary quarters for E. N. (Continued on last page)

## REPORTS ARE ERRONEOUS

No New Business In the Hop Market; Association Controlling Factor

Trading in hops is not being conducted in this state upon as elaborate a scale as reported in some quarters. It can be said upon the best of authority that there is absolutely no new business coming, and such buying as has been done in the last several weeks has been for the purpose of covering old export orders.

Much of the business reported as new was closed during last week, most of it in the early part. Some of the alleged purchases made then have since been rejected.—Portland Telegram.

The wisdom of the Oregon hopgrowers in forming a holding association this year has been amply demonstrated by the course the market has taken lately. The withdrawal from the market of such a large block of hops as the association controls has brought on a squeeze of the short interest, the like of which they have not known for years. But for the sales made by growers outside the association there is little doubt that prices would be still higher and the pinch more acute. The uncovered short account appears to be much larger than was expected. It is causing the speculators no little worry and they are now bidding against each other in their efforts to get hops of a quality good enough to fill their orders.—Oregonian.

## BUSINESS CHANGE

G. C. Skinner has purchased the interests of W. C. Cheney in the Independence Garage and Mr. Skinner will conduct the business in the future. Mr. Cheney will go to Corvallis which is greatly to his liking as he is an O. A. C. student and has desired for some time to return to the college town and live in the shadow of his alma mater.

## BIG TIME COMING

It is expected that when the city council convenes next Friday evening to make the tax levy that it will "show" to a packed house.

## IT'S AN ILL WIND THAT BLOWS NOBODY GOOD

### The New That Will Replace the Old Will Be Bigger, Better and Safer

## APPROPRIATE FOR FAIR

It is reported from the county court room that because of numerous objections, no appropriation will be made for county fair purposes next year.

As one of the first, if not the first, who spoke out loud regarding the deficiency of the last county fair, the Monitor hopes that a moderate appropriation will be made.

We are quite sure the city of Dallas has learned a valuable lesson and that county fairs in the future will be "worth while" because Dallas will see to it that they are.

Then change the date of the Polk County fair so it will not come so close to the State fair and all will be well.

## CANDIDATES

H. B. Fletcher is endorsed by a number of citizens for councilman and it is presumed that he will yield to their pleas and consent to be a candidate.

Mike Goetz has an enthusiastic following who seem determined to push him into the race whether he wishes it or not.

## SEEKS DAMAGES

L. A. Holbrook of Monmouth has commenced suit for \$1800 damages against A. Nelson and wife. This is the sequel to an accident occurring on Oct. 1, when Harry Nelson driving a Ford and Mr. Holbrook driving a horse collided on the road between Independence and Monmouth.

A newspaper says that in the Willamette Valley winter begins in January and spring in February.

## SYNONYMOUS.



## THE GORDIAN KNOT.

