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FALLS CITY IS BOTH LIVE AND PROSPEROUS

A Lumber Center, A Fruit Cen- ter and a Sportsman's Paradise Combined

We Visit City This Week and
Learn Much of Real
Interest

Falls City lies at the foot hills of the Coast Range of mountains and is so situated that it fringes or borders one of the finest bodies of timber on the Pacific coast. Lumber being in great demand at this time and a railroad being in operation to Falls City and beyond into the timber, opportunity beckoned to the town of Falls City and she welcomed it. As a result eleven mills are now running and the timber needed by the government is being manufactured in this thriving little city. Besides these mills three immense logging companies are in operation and many mills in the Willamette valley are being supplied with logs from the timber tributary to Falls City. Hundreds of men are in the timber and mills and wages run from \$3.50 or \$8.00 per day and there is a shortage of men at the mills and in the timber camps.

Falls City claims to have the biggest pay roll of any city in the United States of its size and we are not going to dispute this claim.

While lumbering is the big industry there are other activities at Falls City. There is a Logan berry plant that handles the output of this section and which ships and wholesales over a great section of the West. The editor of the Monitor has had the pleasure of sampling this product, manufactured at Falls City, in his former home in Malheur county, and thus from experience knows of the market value of the product made by Mr. Cliff Pugh of this little city. The production of Logan berries in Falls City is represented by 100 acres in that fruit growing in this vicinity now and this acreage will be increased.

Prunes do well in this section and Steven Crocker saw the opportunity of drying the fruits of this vicinity so he put in an up-to-date plant and handles a large product and markets it.

Falls City is not complete without a thought of Tom Hallowell, who has an immense green house. Tom supplies the mills, the camps and the people with their vegetables and has built up a local industry of value that but few towns of three times the population of Falls City have.

When the editor of the Monitor was on his first excursion he dabbled in the water at the Luck-

iamute Falls at Falls City and enjoyed it. Falls City was a place for an outing those days and there were just a few first settlers there. That was all. Now those falls have been harnessed to furnish electric power for the city. The pure mountain water of the hills 2 1/2 miles back has been piped for a city gravity water system. The railroad has opened to the world the vast timber resources. Money has interested bankers and W. H. Beard has taken the presidency of the Falls City bank and is handling the local business for all the mills and stores. Good drygoods and grocery stores, hardware, confectionery and other stores have found their way into the city and a paper is flourishing in their midst.

An immense school building with 13 teachers in charge and about 400 children in attendance show that education has marched forward with the advance of the city. The school maintains a good four year High School course and the town boasts of a Domestic Science and Manual Training course that is a decided success.

The Little Luckiamute runs though the town and camping and fishing are yours for the asking in this vicinity. There is not a section of Oregon where you could find more pleasure and greater opportunity for good sporting if you are a lover of the "trout" for it is said that this is the sportsman's paradise. Beautiful camping places are found in favored spots where it is a pleasure and a recreation you will enjoy.

All in all, Falls City is one of the favored sections of Oregon and we hope to be able to picture some of Falls City's many stories in a later issue.

Threshermen Organize

The threshermen of Polk county at the request of the Polk County Food Administration, met Saturday and organized an association with Floyd Meyers, president; S. Stewart, vice president; A. R. Brown, secretary-treasurer. The executive committee was elected from the seven districts into which the county was divided. The committee consists of George Clanfield, Tillman Crook, C. L. Gibson, F. P. Bush, H. Gillman, J. J. Stratton and the Falls City section not named. Scale of wages: Pitchers, \$3.00; \$4.00 for men and teams; \$3.50 for sack sewers and jig men. All the threshermen pledged themselves to save all grain possible.

Patriotic Celebration

The Knights of Pythias held a successful patriotic meeting in the grove Tuesday, July 2. The Polk County band furnished the music, playing patriotic airs. Dr. H. C. Dunsmore delivered a pa-

triotic address and a pleasant evening was spent. An invitation was extended by a committee from Salem's Commercial Club to the people of Independence and vicinity to come to the bridge opening which would be during the latter part of this month.

Christian Church

No services at the Christian church this Sunday.

Rev. Tuttle, Pastor.

Shipping Hops to South Africa

The Wiggins-Richardson Company are shipping 100 bales of choice hops to Natal, Cape Town and Algo Bay in South Africa. These hops are pressed as close as possible in the original bale, then wrapped and sewed in canvas. The canvas is sized and then painted so that it is water proof. Jeter Virgin has the contract for sizing and putting the hops in shape for shipment.

Fair Price List

The fair price list for week ending July 11 makes several changes this week. Barley flour, corn meal, corn starch, hominy are quoted from 1/2 to 2 cents lower this week, while canned corn, canned peas, tall red canned salmon, evaporated milk and crisco are quoted as higher. Other prices about the same as last week.

Bank Declares Dividend

At the semi-annual meeting of the directors of the Independence National bank held June 29, the regular semi-annual dividend was declared.

Stock Buyers Locate

Mr. C. I. Barelay has located in Independence and expects to do a general live stock business, buying and selling all classes of live stock. Mr. Barelay makes his headquarters at the Beaver hotel where he can be reached in person or by phone.

New Saw Mill For Suver

A new sawmill is to be erected at Suver on the old sawmill site is information given to the editor of the Monitor this week. Two parties passed through town on Tuesday who are now in Suver getting ready to build the mill. This will be quite an addition to our sister city and we are glad to note the improvement.

Celebrates Eighteenth Birthday

Miss Ella Burright celebrated her eighteenth birthday June 23, and thirty-three relatives were present. Two autos came from Seio and one from Silverton for the occasion and the reunion was a very pleasant one.

CELEBRATIONS AND PICNICS JULY 4TH

Everyone Makes Merry and Big Crowds Assemble

The Old Time Celebration

The Kings Valley celebration July 4 was a decided success and it was an old time celebration with plenty of pleasure. The music, speaking and singing were good and everyone had a good time. The train was loaded from Independence and the grove was filled with autos from Corvallis, Albany, Dallas, Independence, Monmouth and the towns around, that sent their delegations by private conveyance. The races and games were carried out as scheduled.

Celebration Dinner and Reunion

A very pleasant celebration, reunion and birthday party was held at the home of Sol Cox, opposite Independence July 4, the occasion being the birthday of Frank Cox, Jr. The relatives from every section were present and a celebration dinner at noon was one of the features of the occasion.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Sol Cox of Orville, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cox and son, Eugene, of Independence; Mr. and Mrs. Sol Cox, Jr., of Oregon City; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Cox of Orville; Mr. and Mrs. Claud Cox and children, Irene and Elvin of Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Smith of Hoquiam, Washington; Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Bidgood and children, Gwendoline, Rollie and James of Cloverdale; Elmer Smith of Hoquiam; Argyle Lamb of Hoquiam; Miss Ruby Thorp of Portland and Mrs. Mabel Sorley of Salem.

Prominent Speaker Comes to Monmouth

The Normal is extremely fortunate to secure flocks-in-HMSe tunate to secure for its week end speaker Dr. H. H. Powers, lecturer and traveler of Boston, Massachusetts, who is lecturing at the University Summer School at Eugene. Dr. Powers has made a thorough study of international problems and his intimate knowledge of the underlying causes of the present world conflict makes him one of the most informing platform speakers on the war. Every body is not only invited, but urged to be present to hear Dr. Powers' three lectures which will be given in the Normal chapel on Friday, July 5 at 8:30 P. M., Saturday, July 6, at 9:20 A. M. and 8:00 P. M.