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THE fair and speed contests at Independence turned out better than was anticipated at the beginning. But if it is to be a genuine and sucessful county fai: there must be less attention given to horse racing and more to agricultural and mechanical matters. How many fine horses, cattle, sheep or hogs were on exhibition, how many farmers were induced to exhibit the products of their soil and how many articles of domestic manufacture were seen there. Those are the main features of a beneficial county fair and until they are brought out more prominently the masses of our home people cannot be made to take an interest in it. Let us have a sure enough county fair or give it another name.

THERE is a gradual downward tendency in the prices of everything, labor included. For years past there has been a material difference between eastern and western values, but now the railroad, the telegraph and other things have brought those widely seperated regions into such close and speedy relations that former inequalities are passing away. Supply and demand naturally control such things. The Oregon merchants who would stick to old time selling prices would now soon find himself without any patrons and the same is true as to former wages for mechanics and laborers. The influx of eastern people who will sell cheaper and work for less, will compel old timers to come down to their rates. Our whole country is continually undergoing a revolution in many ways.

SMITHFIELD.

G. W. Myer went to Portland Tuesday.

J. W. Myer is cultivating summer fallow.

J. H. Hastings has been cultivating his hop land.

Anan Myer and family visited Falls City last week.

Our postoffice is nearly built and will soon be ready for occupancy.

Born, September 28th, to the wife of Jesse Martin, a ten pound boy.

Mr. Gibson is hauling his baled hay to his new home on the Eola hills.

Miss Clara Riggs, of Salem, spent several days visiting friends here last week.

Miss Eva Hastings spent a few days last with her cousin, Clara Riggs, of Salem.

Our school is progressing nicely under the management of Mr. Luce, of Dallas.

D. Bailey has moved on Mr. Smith's place where L. D. Gibson has lived for three years.

Mrs. Lena Mitchell, formerly Miss Fisher, of this place, and husband passed through here last week.

Frank Myer, Jesse Martin and Newt. Hughes are hauling hop poles from Mr. Fern's place on Salt creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Bailey have begun housekeeping in the house lately occupied by Frank Myer on the S. T. Smith farm.

Mr. Bacheler passed through Smithfield, moving to Mr. Townsend's place, where Mr. Bailey has been living for several years.

Henry Myer and wife and sons James, Anan and Frank, with their families, have returned from a very pleasant trip to the sea side. They camped at Slab creek and report few campers there now They caught all the fish they wished—large salmon trout—and salmon were plentiful and can be got for 2 cents a pound.

LEWISVILLE.

Grandma Smith is again quite low

I. M. Simpson finished threshing Saturday.

School opened Monday with J. Stine as teacher.

H. D. Staats and wife spent Sunday at Monmouth.

George Branson has been quite sick, but is rapidly improving.

Frank Linderman has rented his father's farm for the coming year.

Rev. Shreve, the new pastor on this circuit, moved to town last week.

W. E. Burns and wife spent Saturday and Sunday at Independence.

Dr. Mason, of your city, was seen in these parts with his best girl last Sunday.

James Withrow, of Suver, is assisting his brother, Phillip, seed his summerfallow.

McBeth Bros. finished picking hops Saturday, thus ending hop picking around here.

The order of the day is sowing summer fallow, digging potatoes and gathering apples.

All the houses in town are occupied except one, and the supposition is that it is engaged.

W. E. Williams and wife, of Airlie, dedicated their new house by giving a social dance Tuesday evening.

The young ladies say Frank T. will have to resign the honor of being our handsomest young man since losing his mustache.

L. L. Swann and Dorsa Turner started to take a trip from Monmouth to Lewisville in a cart last Sunday, but before they reached here they were riding a rail.

Hard Times Sociable.

One was held in Salem the other evening and here is the invitation sent out: "Poverty Soshul" at the Congregational church tomorrow evening The "Rule and Regulashions" of the soshul purvide as follows: "Evry woman who kums must ware a caliker dress and apren, or sumthin ekarly appropriate. All men must ware their ole close and flannill shurts. No man with a biled shurt and stanup dickey will be allowed to kum onles there durty. A prys will be give to the man and womun havin on the worst looken rig in church. These rels will be inforced to the letur. A compitunt core of managers an ades will be in attendence. The hole sewciety will introjuce strangirs an look arter basful fellers, There is goin to be speochmakin an singin by members uv the sewciety. Phun will commence at 8 p. m. Being es it is hard times, vitals will be at a kost of .05 sents. Kum an hav phun."

OAKDALE.

Spelling school commences next Saturday evening.

M. L. Robbins and wife were out on a visit to relations.

O. E. Dennis and family are off to their Tillamook home.

Mr. Cook, of Chicago, is visiting his niece, Mrs. E. T. Reynolds.

School will commence Monday with J. C. McFarlane as teacher.

J. D. Chitwood stopped over night here on his way home to Nescowin.

The hop crops of Farley Bros. Shepard. Shreve, Siefarth, Henry Farley and Bell aggregated 111 bales,

Next Sunday is regular Baptist day, but on account of the convention will be put off until the third Sunday.

LUCKIAMUTE.

Eighteen pupils are enrolled in the school at this place.

Wm. Muscott finished picking his hops Monday and the yield is quite good

Rev. C. A. Wooley, of Eugene, is holding a meeting at the school house this week.

Mrs. A. J. Harmon who has been quite sick for some time is reported to be improving.

Clara Ireland, who had her eyes severely poisoned while in the hop yard has so far improved as to be able to enter school.

Several new pupils entered school Monday.

Farmers are making ready to begin putting in their fall grain.

Dr. Parrish, of Monmouth, was in this vicinity on business Monday.

J. B. Scraflord's bean crop was almost a failure, so we are informed.

John Currie has commenced plowing. It seems to be pretty dry work.

Tetherow's fruit dryer is disposing of a good many apples in this vicinity.

The S. P. is replacing the old ties with new ones between this place and Monmouth.

Rev. C. A. Wooley closed his meeting here Friday evening. Considerable interest was manifested.

Mr. S. McEldowney's son, of Hillsboro, is expected here to take charge of his father's ranch this week.

A Sunday school was organized at the Elkins school house Sunday with A. J. Harmon as superintendent.

HOP HOUSE OF W. H. HOLMES.

The Northwest Pacific Farmer says: Judge Holmes, of Salem, probably has the best arranged dry house in the northwest. It is so arranged that one third of the floor is on trucks which run on a track to the store house. The floor is like the floor to all dryers, and the cloth is spread out for the reception of the hops, after the hops are dried, the operators take the corners of the cloth and draw one-third of the hops to the center, then they go to the other side and draw the other outside third to the center. This puts all the hops on that third of the floor which is a movable truck. The cloth being folded over the hops of course have rolled to the center without any unnecessary handling or crushing. Standards are put in to keep the cloth from falling back and allowing the hops to fall out roll out, then the door is opened and this third of the floors on its wheels is pushed along the elevated track to the top of the store house where the hops are dropped by removing the standards and giving the cloth a roll. There being no handling of the hop from the time it goes into the drier, of course it makes a perfect and uncrushed lot. The judge has 100 acres in hops and from sixty of the best will average sixty tons.

PIONEER.

Sunday school hereafter at 10:30.

Frank Ivey is manufacturing cord wood.

Mr. McCracken will move back to his farm.

Arthur Cutler will set out hops on his Salmon river claim.

Mr. Mann has changed his residence to beyond Salem, Lev. Lewis will move to Salt Creek and his father to the county seat.

We shall soon miss the smiling faces of John Martin and Delbert Luper, who are building in Dallas and will soon move there.

OUR SOUTH DAKOTA LETTER.

MADISON, Sept. 24, 1893.

Another week of pleasant work has passed. I like my work more and more as the days go by. The people of Madison seem very kind and pleasant. I like my work, I like the people, but I do not like the climate. Now, today it has been so chilly that I had to put on my heavy underwear and still am cold—perhaps the mercury may stand 100 degrees tomorrow. The changes are that sudden and extreme, still it seems to be a very healthful country. I have not heard of any sickness since I have been here, and I certainly never had a better appetite in my life. Last Wednesday afternoon we had the worst, and at the same time, the grandest storm I ever witnessed. Miss Wright and I had hurried through our work, thinking we would return some calls that afternoon. We dressed and went to one place, but the sky looked so threatening that we soon excused ourselves and hurried home again. It was well we did so, for soon it began to thunder, then to rain. All at once, with a deafening roar, the hail began to fall. The air was so full of hail stones that one could scarcely see across the street, and such hail stones! Some were seven inches in circumference. Many were wheel shaped instead of spherical, with beautiful radiating centers. Fortunately we had closed the shutters at the beginning of the storm, so none of our windows were broken. Every sky light in the city was broken and the floods of hail damaged a great many goods. The storm must have lasted nearly half an hour and all that time the roar continued. It was not caused by thunder, that had a seperate, distinct roar, nor was it caused by falling hail. Many explain it as the result of the mingling conflict of swift counter winds overhead, and I believe this theory to be correct. Some who were out on the prairie, and witnessed the storm from a distance, say they thought Madison would be utterly destroyed. I never once thought of being afraid. I was impressed only by the grandeur of it all. I believe it was a cloud burst in which the water froze instead of falling in liquid form. Every one says, such a storm was never known here before. There is no money in the country, and everything is very dull here, as the crops have not been good this year and Madison depends wholly on the agriculture of the surrounding country for its support.

NELLIE COLLINS.

Polk County Normal Students.

Among the scholars from our own county in the state normal school are Lena Jordan, Mellie White, Edith Hargrove, Bertie Whiteaker, Nettie Crosby, Grace Hargrove, Nellie Murphy, Emma Kramer, Julia McCulloch, Effie Waterhouse, Ella E. Emmett, L. M. Hawley, Emmett Staats, C. P. Hembree, Alice Smith, Luke Goodrich E. M. Haley, Pearl Fulkerson, Nora Hunter, Grace Smith, Ida Hunter, Lena Wolfe, Effie Ireland, Ada Crowley, G. G. Hewitt, Nadie Ireland, Nell Hembree, Mella Ireland, Fanny Dempsey, Nella Holman, Dora Hall, Lela Davis, Emma Dempsey, Sadie I. Briggs, Alice Mulkey, C. Edith Percival, Olivia Howell, Maud Long, Hazel D. Butler, Ethel Briedwell, Jessie McGrew, Lillie Best, Constance Hawley, E. J. McPhearson, J. C. Teal, Linnie Murphy, Mark Wolf, Luke Wolf, E. L. Smith W. E. Vance, M. M. Butler, G. A. Hurley, O. E. Baird Roy Beck, J. L. Davidson, Byron Hunter, Lura V. Parker, Mary Parker, Minnie Gibson, Lella Parrish, Dan Cochrane, Lester Higgins, Eva Hembree, Morris Goodrich, Lora Butler, Icy Howell, Ora Crowley, Josie Lemmon, Blanche Ground, W. E., May, Ada and T. H. Hulkey, Minnie Getz, W. E. Collins, Wm. Keyt, Ray Fawk, Otis C. Beck, Julia Smith, Lizzie Milne.—80.

INDEPENDENCE FAIR PREMIUMS.

FANCY WORK.

Mrs T J Lee, first premium pastel and oil painting.

Mrs Wm Walker, second premium pastel and oil painting.

Mrs W P Connoway, first premium landscape in oil.

Miss Kate Wheeler, second premium landscape painting.

Mrs J E Miller, first premium animal painting.

Mrs M O Potter, second premium animal painting.

Miss Kate Wheeler, first premium flower painting.

Mrs O D Butler, second premium flower painting.

Ada Mulkey, first premium figure painting.

Mrs T J Lee, first premium ebony panel.

Mrs J E Miller, first premium fabric painting.

Mrs H R Patterson, first premium painting on celluloid.

Mrs L W Laughary, first premium crazy quilt.

Mrs J E Miller, second premium crazy quilt.

Mrs J E Miller, first premium oil painting.

Miss Maud Patterson, first premium quilt by girl under sixteen.

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Mrs G O Graves, first premium apron in drawn work,

Mrs T J Lee, first premium table spread.

Mrs M O Potter, second premium table spread.

Mrs Lizzie Metzler, first premium collection crochet work.

Mellie M Bonney, second premium collection of crochet work.

FLOWERS.

Mrs Wm Walker, first premium best collection of plants.

Miss Gilmore, first premium best cut flowers.

Miss Gilmore, second premium best cut flowers.

Mrs Wm Walker, first premium best variety cut flowers.

Mrs A Nelson, second premium best variety cut flowers.

DOMESTIC.

Mrs J J Gaithers, first premium woolen shawl.

Wheeler & Cloofelter, first premium machine embroidery.

Mrs L L Whiteaker, first premium best display canaries.

Mrs F Cooper, first premium display corsets.

COOKING.

Lulu Robertson, first premium best specimen cake.

Pearl Percival, second premium best specimen cake.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

A Nelson, first premium fall apples,

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Mrs D J Whiteaker, first premium tomatoes.

Mrs D J Whiteaker, first premium largest pears.

T J Fryer, second premium largest pears.

Mrs B F Hall, first premium largest prunes.

Obrien Bros, second premium largest prunes.

Lou Gassoway, first premium largest cabbage.

B Atkins, first premium largest muskmelon.

R S Middleham, first premium largest onion.

A Nelson, first premium largest watermelon,

A Nelson, first premium largest squash.

Mrs C Leonard, first premium lard.

J H Burton, first premium hops.

R D Cooper, second premium hops.

Laughary Bros, first premium chickens,

Independence Tile Co, first premium tiling.

Opening of Public School.

When the school bells rang Monday morning children came pouring in from every direction, and the year's work was taken up. We went Wednesday to inqhire into the attendance and found in the room of Principal Reynolds 33, Miss Smith 42, Miss McDevitt 32, Miss Jacobs 36 at the public school building. The two lower grades are located in the academy building, Miss Williams having 49 and Mrs. Wash 57, a total of 250. There are to be entertaining morning exercises, which the parents will be urged to attend and all others will be welcome. If there is an interesting concert of action by teachers, pupils and parents, it can be made the most pleasant and profitable school year Dallas ever had.

BALLSTON.

John Campbell is building a $1,000. house.

Henry Butler, of Dallas, has moved to this place.

Our town needs a good hotel and a flouring mill.

Our farmers are rustling to get their summer fallow sown.

Our brick and tile company opened their kiln of brick last Monday.

Our town is still improving. Five or six more dwellings will be built yet this fall.

Ote Thayer, of Sheridan, has opened up a blacksmith shop here and is a good workman.

Geo. Newbill and his sister, Mrs. James, of Lafayette, are visiting at their fathers, Jesse Newbill's.

Quite a lot of grain is being shipped from our warehouse and Wann and Saling are preparing to ship their hops.

Our school commenced last Monday with about eightyfive pupils and Prof Parker as principal and Miss Powell as assistant.

Si Orchard was in town a few days ago. Some of the Ballston girls must have his heart, or a part of it, and keep pulling him back here every few days.

MILL CREEK.

About twenty now in school.

Avery Hinshaw and daughter are visiting in Portland.

The Blair, Hinshaw and Purvine hops are being baled,

G. P. Conlee took ten gallons of honey from a bee tree.

Sanford Hinshaw has moved to the Lindsay Ridgeway place on Gooseneck.

Miss Emma Black is out from the county seat visiting her aunt, Mary Ridgeway.

While R. A. Porter and wife are back at the world's fair, E. T. Clark is caring for their place.

Dick Dunn has leased twenty acres of land for ten years to John McBurney and George Conlee who will their try hand at hop raising.

H. Bailey, of Willamina, has invented a new hay and straw baler which is a complete success. It has a powerful big appetite for anything of the kind.

W. R. Birks has moved from Suver to his new home near Ballston.

SALEM SCINTILLATIONS.

When you need most any article commonly used about home, it will be money saved if you patrouize the New York Racket store, run by Mr. Barnes. It is unquestionably the very cheapest place in town.

Mrs. D. L. Fiester and her able assistants are not to be outdone by any of the milliners on the coast when it comes to the stylish and tasty arrangement of fall and winter hats and bonnets. Go and see her shapes and immense stock of trimmings.

For painless dental work see Doctor Contris in Gray's block.

Go and look over that immense and varied stock of winter clothing recently put in by G. W. Johnson & Son, and if you do not straightway conclude that you must immediately purchase one, we will miss our guess and—well, you would not want a suit if they were being given away with a watch and chain thrown in.

The Dugan brothers carry everything in the line of plumbing or steam engine extras, and withal are jolly, good fellows to deal with.

Go to Charley Hellenbrands if you want to be certain of a good meal.

The next time you go to the capital city and need any blacksmithing done, go to the shop next the steel bridge and get a good and cheap job.

If you patronise S. L. Jones in the D'Arcy block you may rest morally certain that the fresh and delicious candy found there contains no poisonous ingredient or pigment.

Contris, the dentist, pulls or plugs teeth without pain.

Harritt & McIntire, the grocers patronized by the best Salem families, are booming cottolene, a desirble substitute for lard, and wish you try some and give your opinion.

Lady residents of Polk county who make the capital city their trading place, should be certain and not miss what is waiting for them at the Ladies' Bazaar in the State Insurauce block.

There never yet has been nor will there ever be any person foolhardy enough to attempt to controvert public opinion from the belief that as photographers Cherington Bros. stand away yonder ahead of any of their would be competitors in that line of business.

At the Old Reliable White Corner is now displayed one of the most tempting arrays of dress goods of every pattern, make and quality that ever before met the admiring gaze of the denizens of the capital city and surrounding country, and has caused them to praise without stint the taste of the buyer who made the selections. Do not miss the sight.

If you have any chairs, lounges, sofas, or any other article of furniture needing upholstering, take it to Mr. Thornburg, who knows how.

Do not forget while doing the above trading to call around at Strong's restaurant and get the best meal you ever ate for the money.

At 109 Court street Misses Pinkham & Sanford have an elegant assortment of fall and winter millinery which they would be pleased to show to the ladies of Polk county. Prices very reasonable.

The Oregon Fruit and produce company have leased and are running the Salem company's evaporator and are drying from 300 to 500 bushels of prunes per day. They are buying and shipping both green and dried apples.

Mrs. S. C. Reed never had a better fall millinery trade. Her new goods seem to just suit the ladies and she now has over fifty orders ahead for trimmed hats. Her goods are not so high priced as last year, but every bit as stylish and serviceable. Many who visit her store with no thought of buying find the temptation too strong to resist.

White & Catterlin, successors to Gideon Stolz, at 54 state street are doing a large feed, produce and commission business. Mr. White formerly lived at Oak Grove and is always glad to meet any of his old Polk county friends.

In the new Holman block at the corner of State and Liberty streets is located the new drug firm of Lunn & Brooks. It has been named the capital drug store and is the handsomest one in the city. The proprietors J. H. Lunn and J. H. Brooks have been long and favorably known as Salem business men, and would appreciate a visit from any and all their old friends.

MARKET REPORT

[Corrected weekly by Felix Noel.]

Wheat, per bushel, 48 cts.
Bran, per ton, $15.
Shorts, per ton, $19.
Oats, per bushel, 25 cts.
Flour, per barrel, $3.40.

[Corrected weekly by Niles & Cosper]

Potatoes, per bushel, 50 cts.
Butter, per pound, 20@ 25cts.
Lard, per pound, 16 @18 cts.
Bacon, sides, per pound, 16½ cts.
Hams, per pound, 18 cts.
Shoulders, per pound, 12½ cts.
Eggs, per dozen, 15 cts.
Chickens, per dozen, $4@6.
Dried fruits, per pound, 10@20 cts.
Beets, per pound, 2 cents.
Turnips, per pound, 2 cts.
Cabbage, per pound, 1½ c.
Onions, per pound, 2½ cts.
Beans, per pound, 5 cents.
Corn meal, per pound, 3½ cts.
Buckwheat flour, per pound, 5 cts.
Graham flour, per barrel, $4.
Hay, per ton, $5 @$10.

Public Sale Near McCoy.

On Saturday, October 14th, I will sell at public sale on the Elder Richardson farm, two miles north of McCoy, my farming outfit, consisting of six good horses, sheep, hogs, cows, wagons, harness, plows, harrows, binder, mower and rake.

CHARLES PHILLIPS.

Keep on Hammering.

If we would have better roads, we must have a better system of road making and repairing. We must submit to be taxed to procure them and keep them in an efficient state, and no money could be better spent. If we keep this very important matter before the public and urge its necessity upon our legislators, something must be done. But a spasmodic effort today which will be forgotten tomorrow will leave our last condition as bad, if not worse, than our first.—Chicago Herald.

Penurious, Slovenly and Expensive.

There could be no wiser, no more economical use of public money than spending it in the making of good, permanent public roads. There is no man who would fail to be benefited by good, solid roads far more than the construction of such roads would cost him. The old road system of Georgia is penurious, slovenly, expensive and discreditable. It is a disgrace to the civilization of the age.—Sparta (Ga.) Ishmaelite.