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ITEMIZER CONTEST

Two Young Ladies of Polk County to Get \$100 Diamond Ring

Time Asked for Putting in Independence Mill --Pioneer Reminiscences

WILL WEAR DIAMONDS.

Two Young Ladies of Polk County Have Chance to Wear \$100 Rings.

Beginning on Wednesday, October 1st, and closing on Friday, October 31st, the Itemizer will run a subscription contest, the prizes for success being two diamond rings valued and guaranteed by one of our leading jewelers at \$100 each. The rings are here and can be seen any day in the show window of J. H. Shepard on Main street. They are the best that money can buy for the price, and would be the delight of any young lady fortunate enough to secure them, and the everlasting admiration of her friends, also the envy of all beholders.

These rings are not being offered as first or second prizes, but as one principal prize for two different sections of the country. In other words, the itemizer will give one of the rings to the young lady from Dallas who brings us in the most subscription money, and to the lady from outside of Dallas who brings in the largest subscription list, we will give the other ring. We are making the contest this way because at the last one some of our contestants believed that they were working against a handicap in contesting with Dallas young ladies. This way will give the lady contesting in Polk county the right to work anywhere outside of Dallas, and the Dallas ladies will be confined to the Dallas field alone for canvassing, although no contestant will be barred the use of the phone as that would be restricting all contestants a little too closely, and interfering seriously with good work. There will be no other restrictions placed on the contest, and contestants will receive straight through 100 votes for every dollar's worth of subscriptions, although additional prizes may be offered for a certain week's work. This last will be for future consideration.

If you have a friend whom you would like to see wearing diamonds, sign the nomination blank printed below, with her name and address and send it in to this office, or if you wish to enter the race nominate yourself. On October 1st the names of those competing will be published, report blanks having been furnished them by that time, and the four weeks' scramble for votes will be on. Remember the old adage about the early bird, and send in your name as soon as possible, so that you may commence with the dawn on October 1st. On October 8th, the first week's report will be due, and we will publish the standing of the contestants the next day. Now is the proper time of year to do good and effective work, as the long winter evenings are coming on, and everybody will be looking toward renewing their subscriptions to the great family newspaper of the county.

NOMINATION BLANK.

I hereby nominate for entry in the Itemizer Diamond Ring Subscription Contest the following lady:

Address
Nominee

HOPYARD WORK SOON OVER

Weather This Year Ideal, Rain Being Great Aid, Not a Hindrance.

A large number of the hop yards of Independence will finish up with the picking this week. The weather for the picking this year has been ideal, sunny but not too hot. The rains the first week of the picking season washed the dust off the vines and cleared the atmosphere and since this time there has not been a day lost in the gathering of the crop. The quality of hops this year is the best that it has been for a number of years, there being little if any mould. The C. A. McLaughlin yard finished today and H. Hirschberg, who owns the place and is president of the Independence National Bank, and also owns the Independence and Monmouth Railway Company, distributed a large amount of money among the pickers today, scattering the money and letting them scramble for it--Oregonian.

TIME EXTENSION IS ASKED.

Independence Club May Grant Request of Mill Company.

A letter was received from the Falls City Lumber Company today asking for an extension of one year on the millsite and their franchise down Sixth street. The business men of Independence through the Commercial Club presented the Falls City Lumber Company with 17 limits of the city, the same to be used as a millsite. The mill was to be built within six months. The company owned a large bunch of timber in the Siletz Basin, which will be reached by the Valley & Siletz Railway, but owing to the trouble in getting their right-of-way, it will be impossible to finish the road this year. Not being able to get logs until it is completed, the Falls City Lumber Company will be delayed in the completion of the mill.

The extension no doubt will be granted to them, but nothing can be done until the Commercial Club directors hold a meeting. This probably will take place in the next few days. --Independence correspondent in Oregonian.

MOTHER DISCOVERS BOY.

Habeas Corpus Successful After Long Search.

A case that has attracted considerable attention in this county and one that has kept the sheriff's office and the district attorney's office of this and other counties of the state busy the past eight months, culminated successfully Saturday when Mrs. W. Phelps, formerly Mrs. Mary Chandler, secured possession of her infant son, John Clotis Chandler. Her present husband got possession of the child in Coos county on habeas corpus proceedings. Three years ago Mrs. Phelps, then Mrs. Chandler, was deserted by her husband, John W. Chandler. Chandler left his wife alone to care for their three children and contributed nothing to their support. A year ago Mrs. Chandler began suit for divorce and asked for the custody of the children. Before the suit could be heard her husband, John Chandler, went to the Airline home, where the children were being cared for by the father and mother of Mrs. Chandler, took the older

AN OLD TIMER.

Pleasant Recollections of Pioneer Times by Aged Polkites.

Mrs. J. W. Shelton, a pioneer of 1851, lives at Independence, Ore. "Like many of our pioneers, I came from Virginia," said Mrs. Shelton. "I was born in Brook county, Virginia, but moved to Morgan county, Ohio. My father's name was Israel Hedges. He took up his donation land claim two and a half miles south of the present city of Independence.

"The reason that we came here, was that while in the Grand Ronde valley we met Henry Hill and C. P. Cook. They were what were termed in those days speculators. They came out to meet immigrants with supplies to trade for cattle or loose stock. When Henry Hill learned that my father was a blacksmith, he told him he could do well by settling near his claim in Polk county as there was no blacksmith in that section of the country.

"I was only 11 years old when we came across the plains. There was a school house on Major John Thorp's donation land claim. The first teacher I went to was Miss Mary Rountree. She taught a three months' summer term. The next teacher was a Miss McWhorter. She was followed by a young Methodist minister named McAllister, who taught several terms.

"When I was a young girl there was only one buggy in this whole neighborhood. A man named Hawkins owned it. The height of every girl's ambition was to get a ride in this buggy. I was particularly fortunate as I had three rides. I went once to a wedding in it once to church and once I went for a pleasure ride.

"I was married in 1857 when I was 18 years old. Most folks thought I was going to be an old maid to wait that long. My chum, Elizabeth Davis, married James Carmack when she was only 14 years old. They have a son now living on their original donation land claim. A man named Tom Bounds married a young girl named Viney McBride. She was 11 years and two months old. She was a relative of Dr. McBride. It was a sort of a family affair as Viney's mother married Mr. McBride and her stepson, Tom Bounds, married her daughter, Viney. Tom Bounds, who married Viney, was nearly 40 years old. They settled south of Independence. The reason girls were married so young in those days was that a man and his wife could take up a full section for their donation land claim, while an unmarried man could only take up a half section.

"My father and my husband, T. C. Thorp, owned a sawmill child, a boy of 7, and left for parts unknown. Mrs. Chandler soon secured a decree of divorce and was awarded the care and custody of all the children. Immediately search began for Chandler and the boy. When Chandler had been definitely located near the Siletz and steps were being taken to serve him with the necessary papers to secure possession of the child he got notice of what was being done and at once left for Southern Oregon. After a search of two months he was located at Empire City, in Coos county, Oregon.

and a grist mill in partnership, at a place now known as Falls City. They ran it from early in the fifties to 1865, when they moved the flour mill to Rickreall. My husband, T. C. Thorp, was a brother of E. A. Thorp. They both settled here in 1844. E. A. Thorp was the man who laid out the town of Independence. What is now called North Independence or 'Old Town' was the original Independence. This street running in front of my house was called Log Cabin street. The street running east and west of me was named Jew street while the street running north and south on the western boundary of our property was named Sag street.

"When Mr. Thorp laid out the town a store was started by Miller and Weinsbank. Weinsbank was a Jew and that is what gave the street its name of Jew street. There was another store on Log Cabin street owned by Thomas Burbank and Leonard Williams. Burbank's family lived in the back of the store while Williams lived on his claim north of town.

"Mrs. Henry Hill, who lives across Ash creek, came here in the forties. Her husband also laid out a town. I think it was about 1860 when Henry Hill laid out a town on the other side of Ash creek. Hill donated lots in his townsite and the main part of the town was built on his claim.

"I moved into this house nearly 40 years ago, and have been here ever since. My present husband, J. W. Shelton, is a pioneer, too. He is at work out in the garden. He will be able to tell you many interesting things about the early days.

"Mr. Shelton came in and took a chair by the old-fashioned fireplace where we were sitting. "We came across the plains in 1846," said Mr. Shelton. "I was 14 years old. Captain Crus Brown, who is the son of Grandma Tabitha Brown, was the captain of our train. The train divided near Fort Hall, some going with Steven Meek on the southern route and the rest of us taking the northern route, the regular emigrant trail. We stayed with the northern route.

"My father's name was Zeb-dee Shelton. Of all the family I was the only one to stay on the farm. My brother, J. C. Shelton, became a doctor, and lived until his death in Salem. Another brother, Thomas, became a doctor and settled at Eugene.

"When we first came to Oregon we settled at Smith's Bridge, between North Yamhill and McMinnville. I have lived all of my life in Yamhill and Polk counties. I was born in 1833, so you see I am 80 years old now, and am still able to do a good day's work on my place here.

"When I was 20, I married Mary Jane Barford, the oldest of the Burford girls. Dr. McBride married us. It seems strange now to think of so many towns located on the old donation land claims I used to know. I remember they used to laugh at William Newbey who was trying to make a town where McMinnville now is and McMinnville is a mighty live, progressive town. The town of Carlton is at the ford close to where we settled.

"After my father's death I bought the farm. The towns that were here when we came in 1846 were Dayton, Wheatland, Forest Grove and Oregon City. Oregon City was our trading point. Joe Meek and Colonel Nesmith and all those old timers are gone. In fact, most of my friends have joined the silent majority.

TWENTY-SEVEN YEARS AGO.

Taken From the Itemizer Files of Saturday, September 17, 1887.

The American bark Coloma, Captain Gray, was the first deep sea vessel to pass up the Willamette river through the Morrison bridge draw.

More building was done in 1887 than in the three years previous.

V. P. Fliske came back from a trip to France. Wick Grant accepted a position as counter hopper in Neis & Smith's store.

Rev. J. S. McCain left to assume the pastorate of the Methodist church at Grant's Pass.

Rev. H. Gould moved from Dallas to his new pastorate at Halsey.

Mrs. B. L. Chambers and child were very low with typhoid fever.

M. D. Ellis was turning out some fine work in the photo line.

Dr. Farley left for the east to take a course in Bellvue hospital.

Charley Osborne, of Cooper Hollow, while running races with Indians on Bird Island, had his shoulder dislocated by falling from his horse.

Judge N. L. Butler tied his maiden marriage knot, operating on J. A. Tate and Ida F. McCaleb.

Miss Ollie Kays died at Buena Vista.

Rev. T. F. Royal moved to Dallas as pastor of the Methodist church.

B. M. Smith's drug store at Sellwood was burned up.

The railroad trestle near John Brown's caught fire and was partially consumed, also about fifty cords of wood and some fence for him.

Rolla Harbardo, of Salem, was arrested for stealing some money from L. B. Frazer, of Crowley.

T. G. Richmond's Gray Eagle came out winner in a trotting race in Brown's lane near Dallas.

ArchHastings was badly hurt above Lewisville by a wagon running over him.

F. S. Glandon and family moved from McCoy to Salem.

Miss Hattie Hackleman was seriously ill at McCoy.

Bob McGrew, of Perrydale, and Vivi Franklin, of Zena, were made man and wife.

T. S. Jeffries left McCoy to take in the pioneers' excursion to the eastern states.

Frank Dicus passed away at his Monmouth home.

La Creole academy opened with Prof. Bell as principal.

Curt Hawley was advertising for a stray bird dog.

P. L. Campbell, of Monmouth, and Miss Eugenia Zieher, of Forest Grove, were married.

Dr. J. B. Laughary left Dallas for a course at Bellvue hospital.

Mrs. Samuel Stiles left Dallas to spend the winter with her son in Pennsylvania.

Ed. Casey, a former editor of the Itemizer, dropped into town having been on a canoe trip from Portland to the headwaters of the Willamette.

Wm. Herren and Rosa Simpson were married by Rev. Gould at Lewisville.

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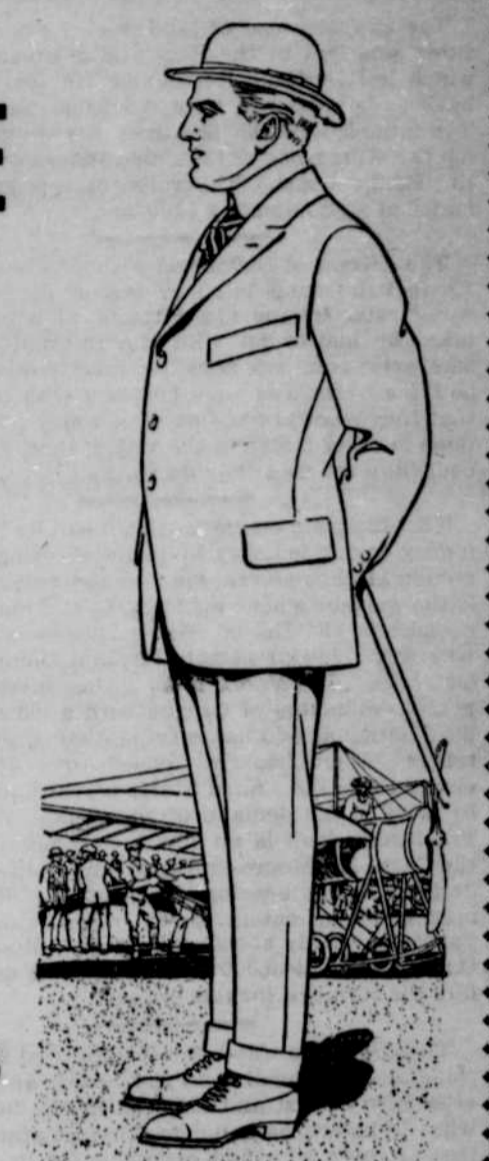
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