

INDEPENDENCE ITEMS.

Neighboring Nuggets As Told by Our Exchanges.

James E. Elkins of Independence, aged 94 years, has registered and will vote at the primaries on May 15. According to The Monitor, Grandpa Elkins has voted in seventeen presidential elections, and has lived under twenty-two administrations, the first of which was Monroe's. He is probably the oldest man in the state to register.

Ford Parker, an old time Independence boy, is in this section on a months' vacation from California, where he is in the employ of a gold dredging company. He is staying with his brother, J. B. Parker.

The class of 1914 consists of Vale Hildebrand, Cora Smith, and four young men, Cecil Swope, Iles Sandifur, Willard Reeves and Ernest Williams.

The commencement exercises of the Buena Vista schools will be held on June 5. The four graduates are Miss Leonilla Smith and Messrs. Clarence Synder, Orville Wells and Ray Grounds.

The Airline graduates are the Misses Lula Peterson, Elsie Williams, Effa Conn and Messrs. Kenneth Williams and William Weinert.

The Moose will give a minstrel performance tonight and tomorrow night.

J. K. Johnson of Independence has just secured the lease of the Breitenbush Springs, located ten miles from Detroit and four miles from Mt. Jefferson.

Wesley Baffin was thrown from his wagon in a runaway north of Independence, and quite badly injured. He became entangled in the reins and was dragged some distance.

Independence has a new musical club, the officers of which are Mrs. J. G. McIntosh, accompanist; Miss Gretchen Kreamer, assistant accompanist; Mrs. E. E. Paddock, secretary; Miss Gladys Irvine, treasurer; Mrs. Conkey, director.

A sale was made this week by R. J. Taylor of the F. L. Hooper residence property on Fourth street to Mrs. Frye, mother of Mrs. Conn of Airline.—The Monitor.

That Independence will in all probability be served with another law suit is quite certain, according to a rumor afloat. Mrs. C. F. Walton, who a few weeks ago was severely injured from a fall received on a dilapidated wooden sidewalk, and who since has been unable to continue her work as a teacher in the public schools as a result, will institute suit against the city for damages at the next term of court.—Enterprise.

WILL TRY NEW METHOD.

Polk County Orchardist Believes Grass Mulech Beneficial.

W. J. Garner, who has twenty acres planted to apples four miles north of Dallas, believes, in direct contradiction to the teachings of expert horticulturists, that a grass mulech is beneficial to an orchard, and will sow clover and Kentucky rye seed throughout the tract, cutting the grass and leaving it on the ground for a mulech. This, he contends, will conserve moisture during the dry season, and render unnecessary almost continual cultivation. It is his purpose to secure a solid mat of grass, and to retain it permanently from year to year.

"Of course," said Mr. Garner to The Observer, "if my theory doesn't work out successfully I can plow under the grass, which will have a tendency to further improve the fertility of the soil. One with an orchard of this size who has numerous other duties to perform on a ranch finds it practically impossible to properly care for his ground after every rainfall, and I believe this method will solve the problem."

In substantiation of his theory, Mr. Garner refers to the orchards of the east, where comparatively little attention is given to cultivation, and from which rich crops are harvested. He believes that with greater soil fertility and superior weather conditions, Oregon can follow their method with even better results.

MAY DAY IS OBSERVED.

Happy Youngsters Present Flowers to Dallas Homes.

The children of Dallas observed May Day by the distribution of daintily fashioned baskets of colored papers filled with beautiful spring bloom. The children are specially favored, for not every state in the union can furnish the variety of flowers at this time of the year, both wild and cultivated, that the state of Oregon can. Originally, an ancient pagan ceremony May Day has grown to be one of the prettiest customs of modern times, and every matron in Dallas who answered the door bell to find a beautiful May basket on her porch and the little donor scampering away felt a joy well worth experiencing.

Tries Foreign Trees.

J. C. Cooper has recently planted on the Walnut Experiment station tract west of the city two walnut trees from foreign lands. One was sent from Chili and the other from China. Both come from government stations, and are hardy specimens. Their growth will be watched with interest.—McMinnville Register.

Veterans To Take Trip.

Adjutant General C. A. Williams of the department of Oregon, G. A. R., has arranged with the Southern

Pacific for a special train from Portland to carry the veterans of the state to the annual state encampment to be held at Tillamook June 16, 17 and 18. About 400 old soldiers are expected to attend. The citizens of Tillamook will be hosts at an all-day excursion to the beach at Barview, paying all expenses.

ENJOY AUTOMOBILE TRIP.

Quick Survey of Country Shows Prosperous Condition.

The writer was invited last week by Henry W. Domes of McCoy to take a spin in his Auburn 40, and it was with a great deal of pleasure that he accepted. The route taken was an ideal one. To those who have recently come to Dallas we would advise that they take a trip over the route that Mr. Domes took. We first went to Rickreall and from there to the beautiful farms of the Domes families east of McCoy. That section of Polk county is, indeed, a garden spot, and no county in Oregon can boast of better improved farms. From there we returned by way of Perrydaffie. The entire route is dotted with fine farms, and shows a prosperous community. The roads are in far better condition than the average. The new county road overseer deserves credit for work lately done, as miles of the highway have been recently repaired. Four road-rollers, busy at work, were encountered on the trip.

CHERRY CROP IS DAMAGED.

Buena Vista Orchards Hurt by Rain and Ensuing Cold Nights.

According to reports of fruit-growers in the Buena Vista district, some of the cherry trees in various orchards have been harmed by the recent rains and cold nights. They say the yield will be less than last year. Prunes have not been hurt by the weather and the development on the trees indicate early that a heavy yield will be obtained. No damage is reported to pears, apples or strawberries. Clover and the various grain crops are making a rapid growth in the vicinity of Buena Vista.

Club Meets Tomorrow.

The Commercial club will meet at the court house tomorrow evening, that being the first Wednesday of the month. Several committees will submit their reports, and some new business will be presented for consideration.

ANNOUNCEMENT

I hereby announce myself as candidate for the office of County Surveyor on the Democratic ticket at the primary election.

Edward J. Himes.
(Paid Advertisement.)

ANNOUNCEMENT

We are authorized to announce the name of Judge Webster Holmes to succeed himself as Circuit Judge for Polk, Yamhill and Tillamook Counties, subject to the decision of the Primaries election on May 15th, 1914.

Paid Advertisement.



ANNOUNCEMENT

I am a candidate for the Republican nomination for the office of Circuit Judge of this district. If nominated and elected, I shall ever keep uppermost in my mind that justice is the ultimate end in view. All I wish is an opportunity to make good.

Harry H. Belt.
(Paid Advertisement.)

ANNOUNCEMENT



I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the nomination for the office of County Treasurer of Polk County, at the primary election, May 15th, 1914, on the democratic ticket.

J. E. Richter.
(Paid Advertisement.)

ANNOUNCEMENT

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for county surveyor for Polk County, subject to the decision of the Democratic Party at the primary election.

Sandford B. Taylor.
(Paid Advertisement.)

ANNOUNCEMENT

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of County Commissioner of Polk County subject to the will of the voters of the democratic party at the primary election to be held May 15th, 1914.

George Clansfield.
(Paid Advertisement.)

ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. A. L. Raines at the request of many friends has announced his name as a candidate for the office of County Surveyor for Polk County, subject to the will of the Republican voters at the coming primary election. His motto is accuracy in all work and prompt service.

(Paid Advertisement.)

ANNOUNCEMENT



H. Chas. Dunsmore asks the vote and support of the Republican voters of Polk County for office of County Treasurer, at the primaries, May 15.

(Paid Advertisement.)

ANNOUNCEMENT

After consulting with many of the voters of Lincoln and Polk Counties, I have consented to announce myself as a Republican candidate for Joint-Representative in the Legislature for the counties of Lincoln and Polk, and most respectfully solicit the support of the voters of the two counties.

S. G. Irvine.
(Paid Advertisement.)

ANNOUNCEMENT

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Polk County, Oregon, upon the Democratic ticket, subject to the will of the voters at the primary election, and if nominated and elected I will to the best of my ability enforce the laws on our statute books without fear or favor, and especially the laws regulating the sale of intoxicating liquors, and I will practice the utmost economy in the management of the County's business.

J. H. Savery.
(Paid Advertisement.)

ANNOUNCEMENT

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for nomination for the office of Sheriff of Polk County, Oregon at the Primary Election, May 15th, 1914 on the Democratic ticket.

If nominated and elected, I will enforce the law and perform all duties of Sheriff to the best of my ability.

W. J. White, Dallas, Oregon.
(Paid Advertisement.)

ANNOUNCEMENT

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for county surveyor for Polk County, subject to the decision of the Republicans at the primary election.

C. R. Canfield.
(Paid Advertisement.)

ANNOUNCEMENT

I wish to announce my candidacy for the Republican nomination for Sheriff of Polk County, subject to the will of the voters at the primary election on May 15th.

Respectfully yours,
John W. Orr, Rickreall, Ore.
(Paid Advertisement.)

ANNOUNCEMENT

I announce myself as a candidate for the office of County Commissioner for Polk County, subject to the will of the Republican voters at the primary election, May 15th.

G. A. McCulloch.
(Paid Advertisement.)

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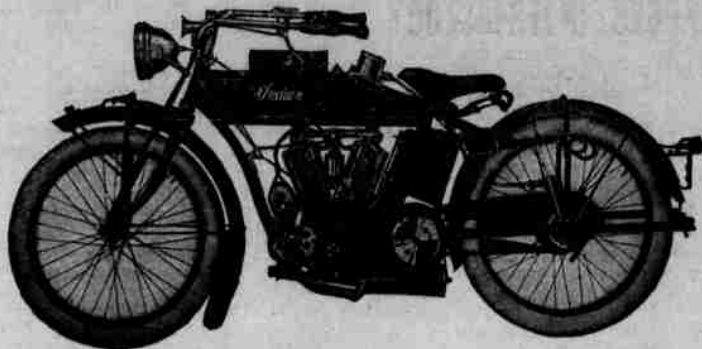
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ANNOUNCEMENT

I hereby announce my candidacy as a Republican for the office of County Treasurer of Polk County, subject to the decision of the primary election in May.

Respectfully,
Fred J. Holman, Black Rock.
(Paid Advertisement.)



O. P. HOFF.

O. P. Hoff, whose oath of office is his platform, his record his guaranty, and his experience a protection against loss of life, limbs and health, is worthy of the support of all Republicans at the primaries and in the election for Commissioner of Labor Statistics and Inspector of Factories and Workshops. Mr. Hoff, during his incumbency has prosecuted and convicted without fear or favor violators of the laws which it is his duty to enforce, and has probably accomplished more real good for the laborer than any other single agency in the state. He has judiciously expended money at his disposal, turning into the state treasury since January 1911, over \$9,000, which has aided in lessening the tax burden of the people. In brief, Mr. Hoff presents to the voters a record of work performed, not promises. Through experience he has learned the needs of the state, the requirements of employers and employees, and thus understanding these conditions as they actually exist he is in position to render to the people of Oregon most efficient service.

(Paid Advertisement.)



ANNOUNCEMENT

To the Republican Voters of Polk County, Oregon:

At the solicitation of numerous residents of Polk County, I have become a candidate for the nomination for County Clerk on the Republican ticket at the primary election to be held May 15th, 1914. Any support you may choose to give me will be thoroughly appreciated.

Truly yours,
E. M. SMITH
(Paid Advertisement.)

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