

DOINGS IN POLK COUNTY

STORIES BY THE OBSERVER'S CORRESPONDENTS.

Personal Paragraphs Pertaining to Movements of People Whom You All Know.

INDEPENDENCE.

An option was taken by the committee securing the right-of-way for the Valley & Siletz railroad on twenty acres of ground owned by Mr. Nelson in North Independence for a mill site. In the transaction they also accepted the seventeen and one-half acres donated by the citizens of the town, making altogether thirty-seven and one-half acres, which they believe will be sufficient ground to enable them to construct a mill of the capacity contemplated. The seventeen acres donated by the citizens of the town will not be accepted as a donation by the railroad company, as they wish to enter the city and pay for the right-of-way as well as the mill site.—Enterprise.

President Hirschberg of the I & M. railroad has received a letter from an unknown individual, enclosing fifteen cents. The letter said the writer knowingly avoided paying his railroad fare and conscience stricken he wished to right the wrong and be at peace with his God. As the fare could only be ten cents in any case, the extra five was sent evidently for interest.

Independence is to have another manufacturing industry and as the article to be made promises to be a good seller, chances are that the company will do a good business.

Howard and Holland, blacksmiths, have made a foot vice of unusual merit and have had it patented. Nothing like it is manufactured today and it is the anticipation of the owners that it will soon find its way into every machine and blacksmith shop in the country.

Dr. O. D. Butler this week sold his ranch of eighty acres, four miles north of Independence, to Isabelle Hiltbrand. This place is part of the old Dove claim and is a very desirable piece of real estate.

The Polk County Jersey Breeders' association at a meeting here Monday decided to hold its first annual sale in Independence May 12.

The father of M. J. Kreutz, living near Suver, fell down stairs last Saturday and was badly bruised. He is 92 years old.—Monitor.

CHERRY GROVE.

Walter West returned from Portland on Friday.

Mr. John Martin and family moved to Brownsville on Monday.

Miss Inez Burbank visited Worners Thursday.

John Yost was a Pedee caller last week.

Miss Taphine Henderson is boarding at Mrs. West's.

Mrs. W. West expects her father, Mr. E. A. Foster of Zion City, on Saturday. He will spend several months here.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Ballantyne called on Mrs. West on Sunday.

Conrad and Adam Yost are sawing wood for O. R. Burbank.

Conrad Yost has fifteen thousand shakes for sale.

Daphne Henderson and Robert Moore attended the dance at Lester Brown's Saturday night.

Elsie Bush visited Mrs. Mary Bevens Thursday.

Ernest Bush and Perry Bachelor are building fence for A. Womer.

Mrs. Womer spent several days with her daughter, Mrs. Turner, last week.

Mrs. Lacey called on Mrs. Love Wednesday.

WILDWOOD.

A rally was held at the Wildwood school, Saturday, January 23. Supervisor L. V. Mackin was in attendance with Miss Helen Cowgill, Industrial club worker from O. A. C. The rally was well attended.

The Sullivans gave a dance Saturday night, which was well attended by people from Kings Valley, Hoskins, Alder Grove and Wildwood.

Mrs. J. F. Leigh, who has been sick, is improving slowly.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Price left for Chehalis, Washington, January 18, for a visit with Mrs. Price's mother. Mrs. Price will perhaps remain till summer. Mr. Price returned January 25.

BUTLER.

The pupils of the Butler school who made 100 per cent in the county spelling contest Friday, January 22nd were Grace Wooden, Viola Sharp, Verlie West, Joseph Tharp, Vera Hussey, Claude Willey and Thomas Willey.

After having visited friends at Silverton, Mr. and Mrs. Butler have returned home.

MONMOUTH.

Herbert F. Jones handed in his resignation as pastor of the Christian church here, last Sunday, and the board of trustees has accepted it. Mr.

Jones has accepted the pastorate at St. Johns.

The Oregon Power company has a force of men at work installing the new lighting system for Monmouth.

Dr. J. O. Matthis took Thomas Marks to Dallas for an operation for appendicitis. Doctors Matthis and Starbuck performed the operation. Mr. Marks is getting along very nicely.

FALLS CITY.

Last Sunday night Wm. Finley retired to rest at peace with mankind, and with visions of juicy pork-chops for breakfast. But he was doomed to a bitter disappointment. During the night some heartless wretch invaded the sanctity of the store room and swiped about sixteen pounds of said pork-chops, a cake and a lot of canned fruit.

It is reported that the Falls City Lumber company's store will re-open the eighth of February. The store has been closed since about the middle of October.

The Simpson Logging company and the Spaulding Logging company have been enjoined from floating logs down the Big Lunkiamute.

John Teal, Jr., is the proud father of a 12-pound boy. It was born on January 15.—News.

PERRYDALE.

On Saturday night a basket social was held in the school house. The sum realized will be used toward the buying of a piano for the church. A good program had been prepared.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart of Eastern Oregon are visiting at the home of Mrs. Stewart's sister, Mrs. H. G. Keyt.

Lucile Keyt is staying in Salem and attending school.

J. E. Yoakum attended the automobile show in Portland.

LOCAL NEWS.

Hop Growers, Attention.—Let us furnish you hop supplies. Rock bottom prices. Barham's warehouse, west of public school, Ash street, 95-tf. Jno. R. Sibley, Lawyer, 610 Mill street, 94-tf.

The directors of the Polk County Fair association will meet at the courthouse in this city at 11 o'clock on Wednesday, February 10.

Saturday, January 30, Dr. Freeze, the eye specialist, will be at Staftrin's drug store, Dallas, all day. If you are a sufferer from eye troubles, headaches, or have been unable to get glasses for comfortable reading call for free consultation. 93-2t.

Stop those leaks with Wonder cement. Barham Warehouse Co. 79-tf. When you want insurance or surety bonds, call on Prichard.

Or. C. L. Foster, dentist, City Bank building, Dallas. 73-F. Dr. Rempel, Chiropractor, 513 Church See Barham Manufacturing Co. for pruned trays and boxes. 79-tf.

The Dallas Wood company is ready to furnish you with mill wood. Good loads and good service. All wood cash on delivery. Phone 492. 103-tf.

Dr. Stone's Heave Drops cures heaves. Price \$1, for sale by all druggists.—Adv. 79-tf.

Walter L. Tooze, Jr., Lawyer, Rooms 8 and 9 National Bank Building, Dallas. 15-tf.

Our Abstract plant is posted to date every morning from Polk County records. Brown-Sibley Abstract Co., Jno. R. Sibley, manager. 94-tf.

THIS AND THAT.

Dr. Hewey Ostrum who is holding meetings in Salem will speak at the Christian church on Wednesday afternoon at 2:30. The Evangelical committee is arranging for him to speak afterwards in the towns adjacent to Salem. Rev. Ostrum is considered by those who have heard him to be a truly wonderful speaker. The different denominations of the city are invited to be present at the services.

G. A. Hurley, founder of the Independence Monitor, will leave Polk county within a day or two, going to Eastern Oregon with his family to locate permanently.

Mrs. Winnie Braden has gone to Corvallis, there to attend the winter short course at O. A. C. for a week.

S. H. Petre and family have taken up their residence on their ranch near Airlie.

The Coad planing mill has turned out 200 nine-foot crossarms for the Oregon Power company, to be used in installing the new incandescent street illumination.

A. L. Martin was a Corvallis visitor last Sunday.

Judge Belt has appointed Messrs. A. V. R. Snyder and C. L. Pritchard circuit court bailiffs.

The Woman's club will hold its regular monthly meeting this afternoon.

The city council of Falls City meets tonight.

LOANS SHOW INCREASE

TAKEN AS INDICATION OF GREATER CONFIDENCE.

Condition of Banks of State at Close of 1914 Shows a Healthy Tone.

An increase in loans and discounts indicating greater confidence is shown by the combined statement of all banks in the state of Oregon at the close of business December 31, 1914, compared with the corresponding call a year ago, which was issued January 13, 1914, according to figures compiled by State Bank Examiner S. G. Sargent. A decrease is shown in some classes of deposits and an increase in others.

Mr. Sargent said that the statement as a whole indicated a healthy condition of the finances of the state. Some items, he said, showed a decrease for the year but these were compensated for by others which had increased. The statement shows loans and discounts amounting to the sum of \$90,073,324.88, an increase for the year of \$3,250,768.01. The capital stock paid in was shown to amount to \$19,557,650, an increase of \$861,460.

The deposits in various banks due the state treasurer is shown to amount to \$1,242,000, being an increase for the year of \$763,500. Deposits of that character being \$20,030,296.54. An increase is also shown in United States postal deposits. This is the first statement in which the federal reserve bank figures. The statement shows that the Oregon banks belonging to the reserve system have a total stock paid up in the reserve banks amounting to \$139,449.99. They also have \$1,436,806.57 of their available reserve in the reserve banks. But one bank in the state has taken advantage of the reserve bank thus far, it having drawn \$3000.—Statesman.

EXHIBIT WILL BE ATTRACTION.

Hand-Colored Orchard Scenes Will Decorate Walls.

"One of the features of the Willamette valley exhibit at the Panama-Pacific exposition will be twenty-five hand-colored enlargements of Willamette valley farm, and orchard scenes," said Frank Groves this morning.

"With other members of the Willamette valley commission I was at Portland, and we canvassed the vast array of railroad and community photographs and selected twenty-five that we believe will tell the story of Willamette valley production, happy homes and contentment, and give a more comprehensive view of the Willamette valley country than can be obtained in any other way. These photos are actual scenes that are duplicated everywhere in each of the valley counties, labels will tell exactly where the pictures were taken and the views will be visual evidence of the fact that statements made in literature are borne out by fact as revealed by the camera."

Mr. Groves voices the belief that the Willamette exhibit will be highly creditable in every sense. Every effort possible to give the sightseer a real glimpse of the valley as it is will be made, and there is such co-operation that the showing of products and views will be very superior. The Southern Pacific and Oregon Electric are assisting materially, and the score of educational institutions in the valley will co-operate.

Mr. Groves says the Oregon building is splendidly lighted and exhibits will show to the best advantage. The building itself is located commandingly, is "different" in appearance and thus especially attractive, and he believes Oregonians will have reason to feel very much pleased when they see what has been done to bring Oregon to the front. He believes that George M. Hyland, who has been and still is general director for the Oregon commission, is an excellent man in this position, having accomplished greatly, and by his pleasing personality made warm friends of the exposition people—all of which counts.—Corvallis Times.

FARMING PART OF COURSE.

Normal Training Will Include Practical Agriculture.

Three acres of land lying east of the Normal school building in Monmouth will become a school garden early in the spring, according to arrangements now made by the agricultural department of the Oregon Normal school. Under the new plan of giving instruction to the teachers, agriculture is to receive no small share of attention. Teachers before graduation will have an opportunity to get knowledge in the growing of the common garden and field products, and a training in how to impart this knowledge to pupils later on will be an equally large part of the spring course.

Normal Semester Ends.

The first semester of the Oregon Normal school ended on Friday. The second semester of the spring term be-

gan yesterday. About thirty new students will be in for the second semester's work. By action of the student council the students will have a vacation at Easter, instead of having it between semesters.

COMING INTO ITS OWN.

By James J. Hill.

I have advised the raising of livestock ever since I began farming in Minnesota. When I began building railroads, I advised livestock. In all the years that I have lived, I see no reason to change my advice to raise livestock. The man who has started in with livestock and stayed with it through the years with any degree of intelligence is today better off than the one who did not. I have seen wrecks in all one-crop countries but wherever man has raised crops and fed livestock there has been no breaking up.

Get in line with livestock. There never was a time when it was so scarce as today, and there has never been so great an opportunity in the past to make money in the business than in the immediate future. A few men inherit money, but mostly it is backbone that makes it. The man who keeps on with the hogs and with the cows when the price of feed is high makes the money. In fact, I may say that it is the high price of feed that makes the money for the man who stays in the game. This is the time that so many sell that an unusual shortage results and then the price goes up to abnormal figures. In all lines of business there are men who go in for a thing when everyone is following the same idea; buys in a

season of strong demand. "When everyone gets stocked up and the demand falls and the price along with it, they sell and try something else that the rest of the fellows are all after. There can be no plainer business proposition than failure that is sure to come from a system of buying on a rising price and selling on a falling. In every stock market in the country, I see breeding stuff being sold that ought to be on the farms. The stock ought to be on the farms because it means so much to the man on the farm. When I took my farm in Minnesota it was too poor to raise foxtail. There has been livestock on that farm every day since I had it. Today that soil is fertile and productive. I do not preach livestock from theory. I speak from my own personal experience. I speak from a study of the farming in every western state. You need not fear growing too much livestock. Not only are the American markets depleted, but those of Europe as well.

Notice to Water Users.

On and after January 1st, 1915, all water users must pay their water dues at the office of the company. If not paid on or before the 11th of each month, the service will be discontinued, and when resumed, a charge of 50c. will be made for turning water on. Monthly notices will not be mailed. Office hours 8 a. m. to 12 a. m.; 1 p. m. to 4 p. m.

DALLAS WATER CO.

Thought to Be Insane.

John Dennis of Independence was given into the custody of Sheriff Orr on Saturday by Constable Moran, the charge against Dennis being insanity. He will be examined, and if found mentally unbalanced, he will be sent to Salem.

BILLS ARE DISCUSSED

PRINCIPALS CONSIDER MEASURES BEFORE LEGISLATURE.

Object to Schuebel's Bill Annuling Continuing Appropriation for Industrial School Work.

The regular monthly meeting of the Polk County Principals' club was held at the High school building in Dallas last Saturday afternoon, following the teachers' institute. Considerable interest was shown by the members in certain bills now before the legislature that bear more or less directly upon the schools. Among these are Mr. Schuebel's H. B. No. 2, annulling all continuing appropriations and thus abolishing the Industrial club and School Fair department of Superintendent Churchill's office and crippling the extension work of the O. A. C. Mr. Dillard's H. B. No. 243, revising and amending the law governing teachers' certificates; and the bill making the election of rural school supervisors optional with the counties. Prevailing motions showed it to be the sense of the meeting that these bills are detrimental to the best interests of the schools of the state and should, therefore, be defeated.

Mr. Griffin of the Extension department of the O. A. C., who was one of the principal instructors at the local institute for teachers and industrial club workers, gave a brief, informal talk, in which he outlined the work a principal might do in supporting the industrial club, or home project work.

The following were present: Messrs. Quinn and Hensen and Messrs. Waltman, Arpky, Reasoner, Matkin, Keezel, Dunkleberger, Bones, Buchanan, Dykstra, Haley, Gilmore, Seymour, Brown, Hatton and Ford.

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