

DOINGS IN POLK COUNTY

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

INDEPENDENCE.

Candidates for the Independence postoffice are making their presence felt. Some of them are not only doing some hustling themselves but their friends are in the game and are passing the good word down the line. Senators Lane and Chamberlain, who will name the winner, realize that the keen but friendly rivalry of the opposing forces means that they must exercise considerable ingenuity and shrewdness in order to avoid future embarrassment to themselves by making as few enemies as possible. The five most prominently mentioned candidates are Homer S. Woods, P. M. Kirkland, M. Merwin, Roscoe Staats and Catharine Jones. But little consideration is given the candidacy of one of the five named, and the Monitor has it from a very reliable source that the appointment has narrowed down to a choice between two. Just who these are, we will let the public surmise.

Dane J. Purvine has just made arrangements to build two large hop houses near Independence. Work will begin at once in order that they may be ready for the fall business. These hop houses are to be not only larger than the average, but each will have a new system of ventilation and drying, with the expectation of putting out a fancy hop—Salem, Capital Journal.

After many weeks of expectation during which time public sentiment was between optimism and pessimism, the Valley & Siletz railroad has commenced the building of its line from Altle to Independence. The present force will be supplemented Monday and Chief Engineer Donald will be in personal charge. Visitors at the camp this week report that teams and scrapers and two steam shovels are kept busy. Should the present anticipations as to the revival of the lumber interests materialize, the saw mill will be built in Independence this fall. Other than the vast amount of timber that will be handled over the new railroad, it will prove of advantage to the farmers living in the west portion of the county who will be able to get their crops to market in short order.

BRUSH COLLEGE.

The recent picnic at this place was some picnic. It was served on the cafeteria order in the unique way of putting the meals on a shingle. A good program was rendered by the following: Address, Mr. Lehman; song, "America," by association; prayer, Mrs. Park; cornet solo by Martha Swart; "Gloria"; violin solo, Seire Buell; recitation by Mary Jaeger; Thelma Mitchell, Alma Rouley; reading, Mrs. Bailey (encored); instrumental solo, Helen Schindler; original poem, Bertha Oliver; song, Virginia Bailey; violin solo, Ross Harris; reading, Emily Lowe (encored); instrumental duet, Miss Wikke and Martha Swart, reading, Mrs. Lehman; short talk by Mr. Seymour, the county superintendent and last but not least, Governor Withycombe gave an address. Brush College feels honored and proud of having that distinction.

The afternoon was spent in playing ball, jumping and racing by the men and some of the ladies spent the afternoon watching the sports, others lounging around and others at the baby show. All the babies received some little prize and babies and mothers enjoyed the event.

The following babies received the prizes: Virginia Bailey, Delbert Harrist, Leland Nelson, Aldon Olson, Putman Swenson, Margaret Jaeger, Helen Winslow, James Jefferson, Margaret Oliver. The judges were Miss Larene Parke of Independence, Miss Mary and Katherine McDermott of Portland.

The decorations and stand committees deserve special mention for their faithful and efficient work. Frank Winslow and Carl Beckett were the committee for decorations and the stand committee were John Schindler, Mr. Baker and Carl Beckett.

FALLS CITY.

Last week a cow belonging to Mayor Griffin while being drove home from the pasture was struck by a falling snag from a burning tree and crippled so badly that it had to be killed.

Wheat threshing commenced in this section of the country Tuesday. The first threshed was on the Mehring farm and was said to yield thirty-five bushels per acre.

A break was found in the Electric Light company's dam Wednesday, but was repaired so there was no inconvenience to light users. On Thursday night another break occurred leaving the city in darkness.

While attending to business down town last Monday some miscreant entered the house of Mrs. Charles Meyer and appropriated a valuable gold watch, at least that is the belief as the watch is missing.

Geo. W. Marsh of Dallas, an instructor in band and orchestra was in the city Tuesday looking over the field with a view of organizing a class here.—News.

WILDWOOD.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Townsend and Mr. and Mrs. Andy Ayers were up the Luckiamute fishing Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Leigh attended Sunday school at Alder Grove Sunday. The Valley & Siletz Railroad company is moving its camp this week.

The camp that was on E. B. Hull's place has been moved up to where Cook's camp was and the upper camp is moving above Spaulding's camp. L. D. Fry and Eldon Price are doing the team work for the upper camp.

J. F. Leigh went to Kings Valley Monday.

Old Indian Spear Found.

An Indian spear, estimated to be from 50 to 100 years old, was found this week by forest service guards on the McKenzie river, 60 miles east

of Eugene. The shaft is of cedar and in a good state of preservation. The shaft is about 12 feet long, and has a tip of flint. When found it was leaning against a huge cedar and a knotty limb of cedar had grown entirely around it. The limb had been dead for many years.

CAPT. MACKLIN IN REAL WAR.

Richard Harding Davis' Splendid
Story a Mutual Masterpiece.

Richard Harding Davis' famous novel of military adventure, the scenes of which are laid in Honduras during one of that volatile Central American nation's periodical revolutions, has been filmed, under the direction of John B. O'Brien and released as a Mutual masterpiece. No basis more perfect for picture purposes could have been found than Mr. Davis' famous novel. It is full of thrills and characterized by that distinction of treatment which has made this writer famous. Lillian Gish, particularly widely known for her impersonation of the part of Elsie Stoneman in D. W. Griffith's wonderful production, "The Birth of a Nation," has the part of Beatrice and lends to it all that charm and grace of characterization that have won for her a host of followers. Jack Conway plays Royal Macklin, a famous officer, we see Royal Macklin first at West Point, carefree of all his duties save the study of military tactics. When he is finally dismissed for trying to run the lines he returns home to find his cousin Beatrice still loves him. Despite her evident desire that he shall go to work and settle down, he leaves for Honduras, where a revolution is in progress, and is presented to General Laquerre, who fought with his grandfather, by the American vice consul. The general receives him with open arms, makes him a captain and camp adjutant.

In his element at last, Macklin sets to work to drill Laquerre's troops into efficient units. His strict discipline makes him unpopular, and when his troops give way behind him and he dashes ahead and single handed captures an enemy's trench he finds himself disliked by the officers as well. These handicaps, however, do not deter him. When traitors set to work to undermine Laquerre's power he saves the old soldier of fortune and wins his eternal gratitude.

After they have won their way to the capital and ousted the usurper, Alvarez, and installed General Garcia in his stead Garcia proves false. Laquerre and his remnant of an army are at once on the defensive. Combined with their other troubles is the determination of Macklin to provide safe conduct to the coast to Joseph Pike, owner of the Isthmian line; his daughter, Mary, and her brother with whom the young captain has fought a duel. This they succeed in doing, and Macklin, after a series of startling adventures, reaches home and Beatrice safely. Finding that he is in the way of a young naval officer, who sincerely loves his cousin, young Macklin leaves for the front again and joins General Laquerre in Africa, where more fighting is in progress. "Captain Macklin" will be shown at the Orpheum theater tonight.

Interest Is Increasing.

Interest in the tent meetings of the Adventists has shown an increase during the past few days, caused, says Prof. Johnson, by such positive subjects being studied. On Sunday night the subject, "Is God Particular," was handled from a bible standpoint. The text, "I Am the Lord, I Change Not" was quoted to show that if God ever was particular he still is, for he never changes. A large number of illustrations was used tending to show how particular God was and, of course, still is. Among these was the one in I Kings 13, where a young prophet turned away from the direct Word of God to the unsupported sayings of an old prophet who, as the text says, could not substantiate his statements for he says the old prophet lied to him. And because the young prophet turned away from a plain truth the Lord destroyed him in a striking, miraculous manner, showing how particular He is.

The speaker said if God could have changed the law which man transgressed He certainly would have done so and not have given his only son to redeem man from death, caused by sin, which is the transgression of the law.

In scripture the most terrible warning is given against receiving the "Mark of the Beast." So on Monday evening the study was on that topic and it was stated that as near a mathematical demonstration as is in the bible showed that the beast is the papacy. The question was asked and answered, "What is its Mark?" Quoting from their own works the speaker showed that they claim to have established the keeping of the first day of the week as a christian institution, and if they can do, certainly they have power to appoint other institutions.

The subject this evening is "Will America Become Catholic?" Quotations from catholic, as well as other works, will be used to show the present trend and what it means to all, both catholic and protestant.

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STIMULANT IS NEEDED

GOOD ROADS WOULD AID IN
STATE'S DEVELOPMENT.Construction of Highways in New
Country Constitutes Problem
for Rural Settlers.

The secretary of agriculture's plan to anticipate future receipts from the national forests by securing an advance of money from congress for the construction of roads, trails, bridges and other public works would stimulate agricultural development, and would relieve many struggling communities from their present burdens of taxation, says an article contributed by the chief of the forest service to the department of agriculture year book, just issued. This policy, says the article, would apply exclusively in those counties where there is a considerable area of national forest land so located that the forest resources can not now be marketed, although later they will yield a large revenue. It would fully meet the local difficulties arising from the fact that the national forests are not subject to taxation, would aid in the protection and development of the forest resources, and would remove the one barrier which in a few places prevents farmers from immediately enjoying the benefits of the national forests.

Millions of acres of farm land are today undeveloped because of a lack of good roads. In opening any new country road building constitutes a hard problem for the settlers. At first, while the settler is struggling to erect his home and farm buildings and to clear his land, he usually can not afford to pay high taxes or otherwise contribute toward the expense of road building. The national forests comprise the remotest and least settled regions of the country. In many cases farming in these localities is still pioneering under as difficult conditions as have ever existed in the United States. One of the principal reasons for the failure to develop the large areas of excellent agricultural land which lie near the forests is the lack of roads.

The government is trying to meet this problem in two ways, first by public improvements being made on the national forests, and second by the direct contribution to the counties of a share in the forest receipts. Up to date the forest service has constructed on the forests more than 2300 miles of road, 21,000 miles of trails, nearly 600 bridges and 18,000 miles of telephone lines. Every one of these improvements benefit settlers and ranchers. In addition, there is appropriated annually for the use of the counties in which the national forests lie 25 per cent of the gross receipts from timber sales and other sources, to be used for road and school purposes. Some of the individual forests are bringing in over \$100,000 a year, and the business of the entire national forest system is increasing so that this direct contribution to community upbuilding is rapidly growing. In fact, already a total of nearly \$900,000 is obtained from the forests every year for county road and school purposes.

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