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## INDEPENDENCE NEWS BUDGET

From Our Regular Correspondent.

## DAILY HAPPENINGS IN OUR SISTER CITY.

Scan This Column For News of Importance From the Riverside.

Harry Nelson left Monday for Black Rock.

A. Gross and wife returned to Portland Tuesday.

Margaret Pomeroy was a Salem visitor Wednesday.

Mrs. J. S. Cooper was a Dallas visitor Wednesday.

Mrs. Dee Davidson was a Salem visitor last Saturday.

C. G. Dean and wife left Monday morning for Seattle.

Mrs. John Hiltibrand was a Salem visitor last Saturday.

Rube Dickinson left the last of this week for a trip to Seattle.

D. B. Taylor was a Corvallis passenger the first of the week.

Marie Jones returned Friday from a few weeks visit in Eugene.

Will Whiteaker and wife returned to Portland Wednesday.

M. Mervin and wife left Wednesday for a trip to Otter Rock.

Mrs. F. E. Chambers, of Eugene, is visiting relatives in this city.

The Independence flour mill is closed down a few days for repairs.

Charles Bilyeu, of Newport, was in the city the first of the week.

Clarence Ireland, of Portland, was in our city the first of the week.

E. E. Paddock made a business trip to Portland the first of the week.

Clint Moore and Dean Walker left Tuesday for a trip to the coast.

Mrs. Wm. Huff returned Tuesday from several weeks visit in Seattle.

Mrs. Guy Walker went to Newport the last of the week for a vacation.

Mrs. D. A. Hodge and Mrs. O. A. Kramer were Salem visitors Saturday.

Mrs. Charles Beckner, of Clear Lake, was in this city the last of the week.

Mrs. Fred Parker left the last of the week for her home in Washington.

Miss Dorothy Cooper returned last week from a few days visit in Portland.

J. M. Linn, of Salem, made a business trip to our city the last of the week.

Nevah Eldridge left Wednesday for Portland where she will spend a few days.

Wilbur Cooper, of eastern Oregon is spending this week with relatives in this city.

Dr. B. J. Mills, an eye specialist, of Portland was in the city the last of the week.

Mrs. Johnson, of McMinnville, formerly of this city, is visiting friends here this week.

Chas. W. Wigley, of Portland, was in this city the first of the week on business.

Frank Collins and wife, of Dallas passed through here Tuesday on their way to Newport.

Bertie Bentley left Tuesday for a visit with her sister Mrs. Dell Lonigood in McMinnville.

Miss Leora Shank left the last of the week for Portland to attend the millinery opening.

Young & Irvine sold their real estate office on C. St. to D. W. Cummins, the Real Estate Man.

Mrs. A. W. Stansberry left the last of the week for an extended visit in parts of eastern Oregon.

A. D. Butler and wife, of Napa California, were the guests of I. M. Butler the last of the week.

R. H. Knox, Frank, Ethel and Vivian Whiteaker, left Monday for a trip to the Belknap springs.

W. B. Shotwell and the Misses Dorothy and Frances Cooper left Saturday for a tip to Falls City.

J. H. Anthony, a U. S. pension officer, was in our city last week attending to government business.

Lee Fenton and wife, of Dallas, passed through here the first of the week on their way to Newport.

Miss Bertha Bohannon, of Corvallis, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Bohannon.

Mrs. Dr. Babbitt and son Dick, left the last of the week for Newport where they will spend the summer.

Miss Minnie Chambers, of Eugene came the last of the week to visit several weeks with relatives in this city.

Miss Cecile Wilcox returned the last of the week from Portland, accompanied by Miss Lucia Campbell, of Eugene.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Cooper returned the last of the week from a few weeks visit in eastern Oregon and Washington.

Clarence Wagoner, who has been visiting his sister Mrs. W. R. Allin for several days, returned to Portland Wednesday.

Miss Lucile Messner returned the last of the week to her home in McMinnville after a few weeks visit with relatives in this city.

Miss Edna Josse, of Salem, who has been spending several days with friends in this city, returned to her home Wednesday.

Miss Sadie Craven, who has been visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Joe Craven for a month returned to Los Angeles Wednesday.

Roy Cook, of Dakota, who is visiting at the home of J. L. Bohannon, went to Corvallis Wednesday to visit relatives in that city.

Miss Jewell, the bookkeeper at the Independence creamery came Monday from Newport, where she has been spending her vacation.

Mrs. Ada Taylor, of Portland, passed through here the last of the week on her way to Monmouth to visit her mother, Mrs. Dalton.

Jack Graves, of North Dakota, who has been the guest of J. S.

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## WESTERN OREGON IRRIGATION

Not Feasible on a Large Scale

## WATER NOT NECESSARY FOR GOOD FRUIT

Thorough Cultivation and Fertilization are More Essential

In last Thursday's Oregonian appears an article alleged to have emanated from one, A. McPherson, irrigation expert. Among other things he says "the time has arrived when the people of the Willamette valley must look to irrigation as the only means to a proper cultivation of their land." Of course coming from an expert irrigator of the Twin Falls, Idaho proposition he is authority on this valley. He may be a good one for that country, but we doubt it. The writer has, as man and boy, worked at irrigating for more than twelve years, the larger part here in the Willamette valley and claims to know something of the practical part of irrigating, although he has not been a good enough hot air peddler to ever hold a fat salaried position on any irrigation boards. The man who works has no time to sell gold bricks to an unsuspecting public. Practical irrigation in this valley, as a rule, must be confined to gardens and small fruits. There is no doubt as to its value when properly done, for that class of farming, but when undertaken on a large scale it will result in failure, nor is it necessary. Ordinarily there is ample rainfall in this valley during the summer to produce good results from orchards even under the slipshod methods employed by the majority of those raising fruit at the present time.

One of the features that our learned Idaho irrigator has not taken into consideration is the composition of the majority of the soil in this valley. It will require careful handling in most cases and after being thoroughly wet it will have to be cultivated as soon as conditions will permit, or it will pack as hard as pavement. Another thing is that it will not sub to do any good for the soil is too heavy, therefore ditches will have to be very close together.

A trip over many acres of this valley at this time of year will show great cracks that a man can thrust his arm into and in many cases his leg. This shows what would happen if irrigation were tried on that same kind of land and not followed by thorough cultivation.

Another thing not considered by Mr. McPherson is that this has been an exceptionally dry year, one in twenty or more. Further there are only portions of the valley in which irrigation is necessary at any time as the crops produced without it attest. As to orchards, which should be planted on the hill lands almost exclusively, there is no need whatever for irrigation and if cultivated at all as they should

be there will be fine crops.

Blackberries and raspberries respond most liberally and readily to the effects of irrigation and all kinds of vegetables except potatoes, would be benefitted. However in the case of vegetables, we would advise cultivation of the soil as soon after the water is taken off, as the ground can be worked without sticking. This can be determined only by experimenting.

The time may come when it will be necessary to irrigate the majority of crops in this valley, but if it ever does it will be many generations hence and it is a question that need not trouble us at present. For prunes, apples, cherries and pears, the main fruit crops of the future in this valley, only thorough and persistent cultivation and spraying is necessary to produce wonderful crops.

New soiling plants will be found that will renew the run down lands of the prairie portions of this valley and as the soil becomes more friable it will need irrigation less. Modern cultivation and fertilization will do much to bring back the original conditions to the soil. More thought should be given to restoring the soil to primal conditions and not so much to theoretical flights of air castle builders and we will see better results. Practical demonstrations of modern cultivation will do more to bring this country to the front than all the hot air fills dosed out by alleged irrigation experts, from Idaho or elsewhere.

## Monmouth Heights.

Allen Towns is building an addition to his barn.

People are busy cutting their grain these fine days.

Mrs. Allen Towns was a Monmouth visitor Friday.

Dave Dove, of Independence, was in these parts Sunday.

Jesse Johnson is at Newport on an outing trip this week.

Geo. Bingman, of the Luckiamuth Valley was on the Heights Thursday.

Mrs. Dave Olin was a pleasant visitor at the home of Reeves, of Independence Friday.

Mrs. Nina Brown and children of Salt Creek, visited her brother William Mack last week.

Elmer Griffith, who is working for Graham & Son, of Monmouth, was over the Heights Friday.

Dick Ogle and family, of Lewisville, Sundayed with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lafe Johnson and family.

Miss Fay Shipley, who has been visiting relatives and old friends returned to her home at Corvallis Thursday.

Mrs. Frona Housman and two children Myrtle and Verna, were guests of her parents, Milt Bosley and wife Sunday.

D. M. Calbreath, of the Blue Andalusian Poultry Farm was in the Herald city Friday, combining business with pleasure.

J. H. Hawley was a business visitor at the State Capital the fore part of the week.

## A GREAT ADVERTISING STUNT

Portland Commercial Club Gets Busy

## LITERATURE TO BE SENT BROADCAST

Special Rates for Colonists is to be Made a Special Feature

Portland, Oregon, July 26—No less than 25,668,670 people throughout the United States will have their attention drawn to Oregon as the land of opportunity during the coming three months by a great advertising campaign to be conducted by the Portland Commercial Club. The leading agricultural papers and the weekly editions of the big dailies will be used. There is no question that the campaign will direct the movement of thousands of people to this state. The advertisement will carry the familiar oval, with the slogan, "Oregon is the Place For You", in large letters, and those at all interested are urged to ask for literature and information about Oregon. The advertisement informs the reader that railroad rates are the same to all parts of Oregon from the East and Oregon Commercial bodies will be supplied with addresses of all inquiries so that the whole state may profit by this advertising, although Portland will bear all the expense. There is probably no other city in the world that has done a like thing.

It is urged that all get in line for this valuable publicity. People from the east who ask about this state should be answered promptly and fully by every commercial body. In this way, it is believed very great benefits will follow for all Oregon.

This is the more important now that the colonist rates for this fall have been decided upon by the railroads. Reduced one-way tickets will be sold to all Pacific Coast points from the east and middle west for colonists and home-seekers who desire to settle here. The advertising campaign for settlers will be well supplemented by these attractive rates to settlers.

Irrigation in the Willamette Valley is to receive attention at Eugene on Saturday, July 31, when a meeting will be held under the auspices of the Eugene Commercial Club to discuss this important matter. W. W. Cotton, Binger Herman and others have been invited to attend the meeting and make addresses. The gathering will meet in the afternoon.

Secretary Ballinger of the Department of the Interior is visiting Oregon irrigation projects this week. It is the intention of the Secretary to make a close inspection of northwestern projects in company with reclamation engineers. After going over part of the state irrigation districts, Secretary Ballinger and his party were entertained at luncheon today at the Commercial Club.

President Taft will visit Oregon (continued on page Four)