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"OREGON'S PRIDE"—ITS LANDS

The Cause for Oregon's Pride Is Just One

THE BEAUTIFUL WILLAMETTE VALLEY

Its Conditions in the Past and Present—Soil is Source of Great Wealth

It may be strange, but it is ever true with the human kind, that once in possession of a thing, in peaceful possession, interest in it wanes. To be appreciative and entirely fair, this should not be.

We who live in Oregon's most fruitful region, the Valley of the Willamette, are no exception to the above statement or rule.

Surrounded on every side, it may be, by rich agricultural land, level land that merges into rolling land, rolling stretches that join the ever verdant hills on the west; able whichever direction the eye may be turned, to note the beautiful homes of neighbors in contentment and prosperity nestling near orchards, or groves, or close by the streams, who can doubt when thoroughly awake, that we are almost unduly blessed with an existence in the most peaceful and prosperous part of our country,—in Oregon, and the most luxuriant part of Oregon,—the Willamette Valley.

To us who have become acquainted with other parts of the state, climate, productions, future prospects, people, and location, considered, Polk county is ahead of them all. To the old resident, who has seen the changes one after another, from the time of prairie schooner travel to the present time, no other locality can come near it; To the younger generation whose childhood has just been superceded by young manhood or young womanhood the while they have attended school or college here, Polk county is home, and never to be forgotten. Stock raisers now confine themselves to blooded stock, cattle, sheep, hogs, and goats. Polk County is in this respect perhaps as in no other, the leading section of the state in producing thoroughbred angora goats. Messrs Riddle & Stump being large land owners and raisers of full blood sheep and angoras. Does it pay these men to specialize in stock raising? Note the prices they command for sheep and goats. Note their broad acres cultivated to the last degree of thoroughness. Note the crops they raise, their farm homes, and then note their bank accounts and the question is answered.

The continued thinning and weakening of the productive elements of the soil by never changing crops of wheat year after year has passed into days that to reach them one must needs take the back tracks.

Rotation of crops, clover three years, grain two years, vetch and oats, vetch alone, and such as this, changing crops, means building up, strengthening, enlivening the soil and if that alone was all, what cares man? but for man's own good, more mon-

ey, better homes, happier families, better education and a condition wherein man appreciates, or can appreciate the abounding goodness of Almighty God.

With the clover product, naturally comes the dairy cow; not the long-horned, rough skinned, long legged scrub of the former times, that did not produce milk enough to keep her calf from resembling a cross between a fence rail and a straw stack, but sleek haired jerseys, holsteins, or durhams. But for the most part jerseys, for with the creamery plants springing up in every locality, as though they were a thing of nature whose seed had at last been touched by the necessary heat and moisture, the necessity of a breed of cows whose milk contains much fat becomes the necessary and only satisfactory cow for the Polk county farmer of to-day.

If we like neither grain raising, stock raising nor dairying, then we need only to set out a few acres to fruit; Italian prunes, commercial apples, or English walnuts if you please; and by thorough cultivation, spraying and care, in six years any ordinary man will have an orchard to be proud of, and a source of wealth unbelievable to the man who never tries.

The rolling lands of western Polk county, are now dotted here and there by some of the most productive prune and apple orchards in Oregon, and in the near future these same hills, whose soil is rich, deep, and wholly without rocks or gravel, well watered and capable of producing not only fruit but clover and grain, will present to the eye a beautiful scene, and to the pocket books handsome presents every year.

At Monmouth, near the Eastern line of polk County, a town of some eight hundred inhabitants, the State Normal School has been located for many years, the influence of that old college is seen very plainly in the lives and manners of the people of this City.

Independence, situated on the beautiful Willamette River, is in the hop belt and during September presents a scene of activity not to be found only where some 5,000 strangers come for one month to gather hops for which they receive good wages, and at which, the whole family can earn money easily and pleasantly.

Low, river bottom, sandy soil offers the proper nourishment for hops. Thousands of acres in Polk County alone are used for this product.

Dallas, eight miles northwest, of Monmouth, is the County seat and largest town. This is a lively little city; with the lumber mills, Evangelical College, and progressive people it is fast taking on city ways.

At Monmouth, we have flouring mills and warehouses, where tons of grain and clover seed are received, an ice plant, creamery, cannery, and fruit dryer are among the important up to date industries of this prosperous, intelligent, and whole hearted people.

It is said that other animals than man, cannot reason, but if man would reason, might he not conclude that a country so blessed, that every farm now includes buildings not only good but up to date, large, neatly painted, sporting beautiful lawns, flower gardens, and every convenience that modern man seems to think he needs, and if such as these are seen dotting the landscape wherever you look in Polk county, what does it mean?

Do you live here? then smooth that brow, lift the corners of that mouth, polish those shoes, go home and kiss the wife and children, and thank God you are not afraid of floods, famine, or fever, give the newcomer or stranger the glad hand, and assure him you are learning to live and want others to do the same.

Encourage the children in their school-work, teach them that they have much to be thankful for, and don't allow yourself to ever travel this soil any more with that grouchy feeling, that invites germs of discontent much more hardy and soul destroying, than germs of disease.

G. A. PETERSON.

INDEPENDENCE NEWS BUDGET

From Our Regular Correspondent.

DAILY HAPPENINGS IN OUR SISTER CITY.

Scan This Column For News of Importance From the Riverside.

Francis Brown has returned from Calif.

G. A. Wilcox drove to Salem Saturday.

Mrs. Lottie Dorris spent Monday in Salem.

Lee Robison gave Portland a visit this week.

Lois Osborne was the guest of Bessie Butler over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mott and Mrs. Hinkle visited Salem Saturday.

August Spurling and Johnnie Moran visited Salem last week.

A. Gross has moved to Salem where he expects to go into business.

R. Brunk and family from Eola spent Sunday visiting his brother H. D. Brunk here.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hooper and Mrs. P. M. Kirkland and Frank, visited Salem Saturday.

Mrs. Newt Jones and daughters, Morea and Helen, were in Salem shopping Saturday.

Miss Olive Williams has gone to Ballston to teach school, this being her third year there.

Ella Robinson came up Saturday from McMinnville and spent Sunday with her parents here.

Our post office has moved into its new quarters, which are well ordered and up to the standard.

Report says Burris Estes of Talmage, has sold his farm and intends moving to Independence. man was thrown to the ground and hurt quite badly. The front end of the auto received considerable damage.

Newton Brothers have bought out the Heck meat market and have full control of the business here.

Dr. David D. Young, an osteopathist, arrived last week and will occupy rooms in the Campbell building.

Black Brothers are building a new two story house on their fruit farm, about two miles north of town. Mr. Morrison, a bother of Judd Morrison has charge of the building.

Mr. Henkle has purchased the undertaking business here of Messrs. Jaspersen and Bice. He expects to combine the two and make one up-to-date establishment, so says report.

E. D. Case, who bought 120 acres off the Burrows place south of town, is building a small house on his place for present purposes and will build an up-to-date residence in the spring.

Died—At Independence, Saturday, Oct. 9, '09 at 1 o'clock p. m. Herman C. Lehman, aged 29 years, 8 months and 4 days. Funeral services were held in the Baptist church, Rev. M. Thompson officiating.

Thursday evening of last week L. W. Stapleton, Billy Woods and F. Kirkland left here in an automobile and when near Talmage ran into Mr. Moseman's milk wagon demolishing a rear wheel, and breaking a shaft. Mr. Mose-

Tuesday night A. I. Boak, of Denver, Col., Head Organizer of the Pacific Jurisdiction, and T. B. Tichenor of Portland, head organizer of Oregon, met with the W. O. W. of this city. There were some twenty-five members from Dallas and a number from Buena Vista lodge. It was decided to hold a joint meeting in November to initiate candidates. The following committees were appointed: Independence, J. S. Bohanan, W. Butler, P. M. Kirkland; Dallas, W. A. Ayers, H. C. Seymour, W. H. Kraber; Monmouth, Harry Cartmell, P. H. Johnson and Otis Wolverton; Buena Vista, W. McClain, H. Wash and W. Bevans. The W. O. W. Circle was requested to hold a session at the same time. The Woodmen banqueted at the Little Palace hotel and separated at a late hour.

Death of a Pioneer

Mrs. H. A. Herren was born in Missouri, Jan. 11th, 1835 and crossed the plains in 1852 with her parents, John Rogers and wife, she being married while on the way, to James Herren. Continuing their journey to Oregon they took up a donation land claim at Wells Station, where they resided several years. Mr. Herren being one of the first school teachers in that vicinity.

After going to California for a short time, they returned to Oregon where she spent the remainder of her life.

She united with the Baptist church twenty years ago and lived a devoted member up to the time of her death.

"Grandma," as she was familiarly called, was beloved by all who knew her for her many noble qualities and jovial disposition. She was always ready to

help in time of need, and in an early day when doctors were few she would often get up in the darkness of night, saddle her pony and hasten to the relief of the sick and distressed.

She leaves one brother, Richard Rodgers, to mourn her death, he being the only surviving member of this pioneer family. She was the mother of nine children, three having preceded her in death. William, Mrs. Miriam Simpson, and Chas., of Monmouth, Mrs. Lizzie Fuller of Boise, Idaho, George of Reno, Nevada and Robert of Portland.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday at the Baptist church by Rev. Thompson, of Independence, interment taking place at the Dallas cemetery.

Falls City

Mr. Graham visited in Dallas this week.

A. E. West attended to business in Salem Friday.

Ralph Hall went to county seat this week on business.

A. C. Moyer and family returned Tuesday from the coast.

Married, Oct. 10, 1909, J. A. Teal and Miss Mabel Martin.

Rev. LaDow has been ill for several days, but is convalescent.

Charles Cochran returned Saturday from a business trip to the Siletz.

E. Staam and family left for Monday for their home near Monmouth.

In the absence of Rev. LaDow Sunday his pulpit was filled by Rev. Dodd.

Mr. Givney from Independence has moved with his family to Falls City to reside.

Milt Hammond, who has been in Portland for some time, returned home Sunday.

Mrs. Sadie Singleton returned home Sunday, after visiting friends in Monmouth.

Mr. Calkins and wife have gone to Portland to visit their daughter, Mrs. Delpha Lucas.

The Post Office has been moved to the Taylor building, a more convenient place than where it was before.

Married at the home of the bride's parents, Oct. 10, 1909, Miss Nova Audrey Teal to Selby Cleveland; Rev. LaDow officiating.

There will be a banquet Friday evening at the hall, for the purpose of raising \$1200 to assist the Commercial Club to advertise Falls City and vicinity.

Mr. Hicks, editor of the Hepner Times, was in our town last week. He was well pleased with Falls City and may decide to locate here in the near future.

Married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frink, Sunday, Oct. 3, 1909, J. C. Plankington of Idaho, and Miss Edith Frink. A. A. Winters officiating.

Our school is progressing nicely. Prof. Denton reports 30 more pupils in school than has ever attended before. At present 230, and a number yet who will start within a few weeks.

There were ten happy men and women walked out to Mrs. Florence Wolf's Sunday afternoon, for a visit, and also to see her beautiful flowers. They all come home in the evening wearing pleasant smiles.