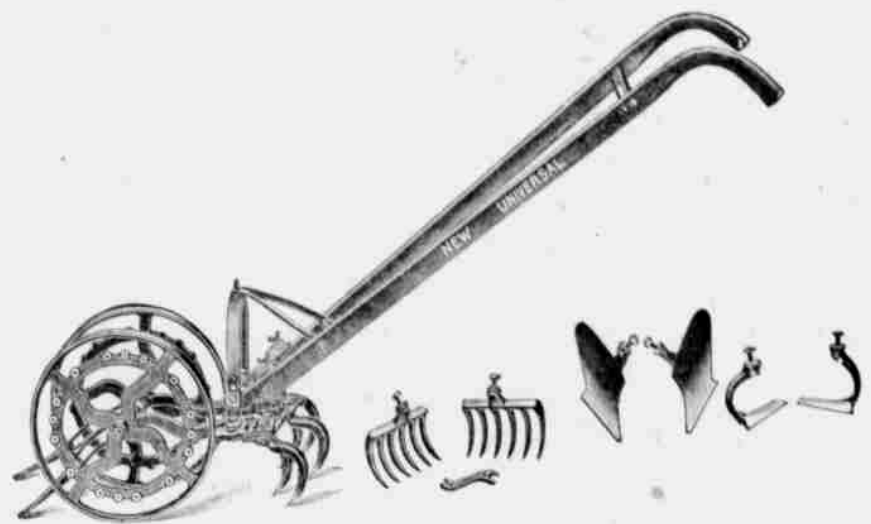


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Mrs. J. P. Walker was doing business in Monmouth, Saturday.

Dr. Allin, dentist, Cooper Building Independence Oregon. Both phones. 19-tf.

Sam Morrison, the butcher boy, was in attendance at the celebration and dance at Falls City, and reports having had a fine time.

Herman Wunder was trading in the city, Saturday. Mr. Wunder remarked that crops gave promise of abundance everywhere, and that he has one field of wheat which he thinks will go 90 bushel to the acre.

With the issue of June 30th Editor Browne closed his labor as editor and manager of the Independence Enterprise, having sold his interest in that journal to H. F. McInturff who took possession July 1st. Mr. Browne gave out the information that he would remain indefinitely, having charge of the mechanical department. Dr. D. N. McInturff and his son have charge of the editorial department.

Word received from James E. Hunter, who went to Brighton, Michigan, is as to the condition of his eyes, that while he cannot say that they have improved any yet, he is content that they are no worse. He wrote Mrs. Hunter that they would have a family reunion, July 4. when the relatives would gather together to the number of forty or fifty. Later news gives more encouragement as Mr. H. had visited the hospital again and the physicians consider his condition improved and he also thinks his sight is slightly better.

**Committee Visited Scio.**

There was no business transacted at the council meeting Monday evening for the reasons that the ordinance authorizing the issuance of bonds to construct the water system was not yet ready, the absence of the mayor, and nothing further of pressing importance to be done.

However, the committee chosen to go to Scio to examine the water system at that place, consisting of J. H. Hawley and B. F. Baker, representing the Commercial Club, and J. W. White and Charles E. Herren, representing the City Council, reported as to their visit and what they had learned which was about as follows:

Mr. C. Lorence took the committee over in his touring car, Monday, going by way of Albany and returning through Salem. They did not visit Stayton as it was learned that they would gain nothing by the visit as the information obtained at Scio covered the ground.

Scio owns her own water system and electric plant which is maintained at a cost of \$100 per month and which brings into the treasury of the town \$250 during the same period leaving a net gain to the city of \$150 each month.

Her water system is on the standpipe order, having an 80 foot tower which supports a tank which holds 7000 gallons of water, but the pump supplies at the rate of 500 gallons per minute which gives plenty of water and sufficient pressure for fire protection.

Her large main is eight inches of which she has only a few hundred feet, and her smaller ones are six and four inches of which she has 2000 feet each, and her

pump cost \$250. The whole cost of installing the water system being \$3000. She uses wooden pipe which has now been in use four years and has given no trouble so far for repair work. The large main cost only 34 cents a foot as compared with 90-odd cents for the same size of cast-iron pipe, while the life of the wooden pipe is 16 years and that of the iron pipe is but four years more.

Scio has advantages Monmouth does not possess as she has water power to operate her pump and electric plant but when we take into consideration the cost of installing her water system we are inclined to think that one that will give an abundant supply of water and sufficient pressure for fire protection can be installed here for less than \$10,000 and it is perhaps possible to reach it at a cost of about \$6000, and while the cost of operation will be greater, it should not necessarily be sufficiently so as to become burdensome.

But if a gravity system can be secured even though the cost is considerably greater it will soon pay back the difference in saving the cost of operation, and then there is no delay when water is needed.

Mr. Lorence and the committee traveled about 80 miles on their trip and report that they found much the best highways on the West side of the Willamette river and particularly so between Salem and Monmouth.

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