

INDEPENDENCE ENTERPRISE

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OPINION OF VALLEY TOWNS.

Baker City's city council has levied a city tax of twenty mills, the limit permitted under Oregon laws. Beside this Medford's levy of seventeen and one-tenth mills looks small, but the high rate of taxation asked for a year of great public improvement ahead for the metropolis of eastern Oregon, as well as for Medford.

Time was, and not long ago, when Jacksonville prided itself on its having no city tax at all, and Central

Point boasted of its small tax. And not long ago Ashland crowded over its tax rate being lower than Medford's and Grants Pass is still endeavoring to contrast itself favorably with Medford because its tax rate is only eight mills. The unprogressive towns of the Willamette valley still brag of their low taxes.

But the people of Oregon are learning, as those of all other states have learned, that municipal improvements cost money, and that the town that makes them goes ahead, and that property valuations increase on account of them and more than justify the increased rate of taxation caused by them. A high rate of taxation in a small town nearly always indicates a progressive place.

With its "advantage" of lack of municipal taxation Jacksonville has peacefully declined from the metropolis of southern Oregon to its present status. Central Point has begun to tax itself and in consequence it has begun to grow. Ashland's tax rate is increasing by leaps and bounds as the city progresses and promises some day in the not distant future to have as high a tax rate as Medford, for long held up as a "horrible example." If Grants Pass would hold its own with the two sister cities, it must join the procession and spend the money.

High taxes have long been the bugaboo of the mossback, and the dread of them has done much to retard the progress of the state. But the community that is afraid to spend money, go in debt and take chances on the future, like the business man who follows the same policy, is soon left hopelessly in the rear of the procession and distanced by more enterprising rivals.

The smaller cities of Oregon, at least those which are rapidly growing, owe Medford a vote of thanks for leading the way and showing to the people of the state the way cities are made.—Mall-Tribune.

HIGHLAND NEWS

After a week's vacation our school again began work on Monday with an attendance of twenty.

Our school suffered quite a loss last week when Mr. McKinney's family moved to Lebanon where they will reside for the present.

Mr. Valliere and family returned to Oregon last week after a visit of several days in California. He reports a heavy frost in and around Loomis while he was there. He declares Oregon is good enough for him.

Quite an enjoyable time was had at the home of Peter Shafer last Saturday night.

Mr. Valliere and family spent a few days visiting with friends in this neighborhood after their return from California. They left Monday morning for their new home near Colby Station.

BUENA VISTA NEWS.

Arthur Smith from eastern Oregon is here visiting relatives this week.

Teachers of the public school at this place, Miss Church and Miss Groves, attended the teachers' institute at Dallas.

A. K. Hall, a rancher of Marion county, has moved to Buena Vista and will reside here this winter.

Herman Prather, a student of the O. A. C., is spending his vacation at home.

Carl Neal, who is attending the University of Oregon, spent a few days with his parents here.

Most of Buena Vista were on a skate last week. Throngs of people covered the ponds day and night.

A. K. Hall and wife were Albany visitors last week.

Estin Bevins and wife were visiting in Buena Vista last week.

Forest Brown, who has rented a hop yard down in the bottom, was here on business last week.

Chas. Roy and wife were in our city one day last week on business.

A Mr. Doty of Linn county was transacting business in our town Saturday.

Our merchant, J. K. Neal, went to Independence on business Thursday. He was accompanied by his son Carl who was on his way back to Eugene via Portland.

Chas. and Chet McClain have rented the Otterhalmer hop ranch across the river in Marion county. They have secured a two-years' lease. John Taylor will work for them this summer.

Elmer Nash will return to his school at Highland Monday to resume his teaching. Elmer spent most of his time hunting ducks during the vacation days and he came in with a big bag full most every day.

Sunday night, January 2, was the close of the most successful revival meetings ever held at Buena Vista. Twenty-five converts are the result of the faithful energy and devotion of our noble minister, Rev. H. G. McCain of the Methodist church here, and the sweet strains of song rendered by Rev. S. D. Reece of Salem who assisted in the meetings. Rev. McCain is a young man of only twenty-three years of age, but nevertheless he can be ranked as among the ablest ministers in the state.

Mrs. Hattie Wells of San Francisco visited one day with Grandma Wells here this week.

Rev. Reece left for Salem Monday after assisting in the revival services here the past week.

Mrs. Bevins spent the week with the revival meetings at this place.

TRAIN WRECKED NEAR CROWLEY

The West Side freight train was wrecked Wednesday evening at about 5 o'clock in the vicinity of Crowley station. In the train was six loaded cars and a caboose. The fourth car was evidently loaded too heavily and the flange of that car broke when the last two cars and the caboose were ditched. Two men in the caboose were thrown from one end of the car to the other receiving slight bruises. The engine and three head car escaped without damage and proceeded on to Independence after some delay.

A wrecking train was sent out from Portland Wednesday night to clear away the wreckage and re-establish the track which was torn up for some two hundred yards.

A Wretched Mistake

to endure the itching, painful distress of Piles. There's no need to Listen: "I suffered much from Piles," writes Will A. Marsh of Siler City, N. C., "till I got a box of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, and was soon cured. Burns, Boils, Ulcers, Fever Sores, Eczema, Cuts, Chapped Hands, Chillsains, vanish before it. 25c at all druggists.

ANTIOCH NEWS

Daniel Dodson Sundayed in Independence.

Will Mack is having ten acres of land grubbed this winter.

V. A. Fishback attended the watch party at Mrs. V. F. Daniel's at Monmouth.

Miss Nettie McNeal of Monmouth visited relatives here last week.

Miss Addie Clinton spent Monday in Airlie with friends.

Henry Lehman was a Monmouth vi-

itor for the first of the week.

Grandma Mack of Portland is a pleasant guest of her son, Will, this week.

Miss Lettie Fishback was an over night guest of Mrs. Wright of Monmouth Sunday.

The cold weather is very disagreeable on the cattle and feed is not as plentiful as it might be.

Special attention to filling family recipes.—Williams Drug Co. 291f

INDEPENDENCE AND MONMOUTH RAILWAY

TIME TABLE

From Independence to Dallas
Train No. 64 leaves Independence daily 6:00 a. m. and Monmouth at 6:15 a. m. and arrives at Dallas at 6:40 a. m.
Train No. 68 leaves Independence daily at 10:50 a. m. and Monmouth at 11:05 a. m. and arrives at Dallas at 11:30 a. m.
Train No. 70 leaves Independence daily at 6:15 p. m. and Monmouth at 6:30 p. m. and arrives at Dallas at 6:55 p. m.

From Independence for Airlie
Train No. 61 leaves Independence daily at 7:00 a. m. and Monmouth at 7:15 a. m. and arrives at Airlie at 7:50 a. m.
Train No. 73 leaves Independence daily at 2:30 p. m. and Monmouth at 2:50 p. m. and arrives at Airlie at 3:25 p. m.

From Dallas for Independence
Train No. 65 leaves Dallas daily at 8:30 a. m. and Monmouth at 8:55 a. m. and arrives at Independence at 9:15 a. m.
Train No. 69 leaves Dallas daily at 1:00 p. m. and Monmouth at 1:25 p. m. and arrives at Independence at 1:40 p. m. (This train connects at Monmouth for Airlie.)

Train No. 71 leaves Dallas daily at 8:00 p. m. and Monmouth at 8:25 p. m. and arrives at Independence at 8:40 p. m.

From Airlie for Independence
Train No. 62 leaves Airlie daily at 8:15 p. m. and Monmouth at 8:50 a. m. and arrives at Independence at 9:10 a. m.

Train No. 72 leaves Airlie daily at 4:05 p. m. and Monmouth at 4:40 p. m. and arrives at Independence at 4:50 p. m.

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Do tear each other down;
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