

## INDEPENDENCE ENTERPRISE

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Subscription, \$1.50 Per YearDR. A. S. COOPER  
VISITS OREGONHAS RESIDED IN PANAMA FOR  
FIFTEEN YEARS.TELLS OF GREAT TRANSFORMA-  
TION TAKING PLACE ON ISTH-  
MUS AND MORAL INFLUENCE  
OF AMERICAN OCCUPATION.

Dr. Arthur S. Cooper, nephew of J. S. Cooper of this city, is visiting this week at the home of his uncle. Dr. Cooper is here from Panama and is to spend some time visiting with his numerous relatives. An interesting interview was given to an Oregonian representative at McMinnville last Saturday which is herewith reprinted, as follows:

"Dr. Arthur S. Cooper, who is on a visit to his parents, Colonel and Mrs. J. C. Cooper, of McMinnville, after a residence of fifteen years in the tropics, is enthusiastic over the great transformation that the United States Government has worked on the Isthmus of Panama since establishing its authority in the canal zone six years ago. Dr. Cooper went from Costa Rica to Panama in 1896, and has spent the largest portion of the last fourteen years at that place. Regarding his close acquaintance with our southern neighbors, he says: 'My experiences with the Latin Americans have been the most pleasant. They have shown me every consideration that I could expect in my home country, and at times a great deal more.'

"During the earlier years of Dr. Cooper's residence in Panama, the French were engaged in carrying on the canal work in a small way in order to hold their concessions. With the passing of the French, he witnessed the birth of the Republic of Panama, the transition of the city from a malaria incubator to a paved and sewered city with a good water system, the change thus wrought being appreciated by natives and foreigners alike. He was an interested spectator the following year of the inauguration of the systematic work of canal building by the United States, the work having been prosecuted ever from the first with rapidity, and under an organization that was practically perfect.

"In his opinion, one of the best things the United States has imparted to Panama is its moral influence for a stable government, matters political having been remarkably tame there for the past few years.

"The French, says Mr. Cooper, excavated approximately 80,000,000 cubic yards of earth, about half of their work being serviceable to the present canal construction. The Americans have up to this time excavated about 105,000,000 cubic yards, and there yet remains about 68,000,000 yards to excavate, including the dredging and steamshovel work. They are removing the earth from the canal at an average rate of about 35,000,000 yards a year, and using an average of about eighteen tons of dynamite a day for each working day. The three locking stations will require about 4,500,000 cubic yards, and at the present time the work is progressing at the rate of 5000 cubic yards a day. Dr. Cooper says there is every reason to expect the completion of the canal at the appointed date, the year 1915.

"One great disappointment to the Americans in Panama, and one great source of chagrin to them, says Dr. Cooper, is the glaring lack of an adequate American merchant marine to profit by the traffic through the canal upon its completion. It is a deplorable fact, says he, that there is not a single line of American ships touching at Colon, the Atlantic entrance to the canal, except those owned by the canal commission and which are engaged in transporting supplies for the commission. The Pacific Mail is the only line flying the American flag on the Pacific side, while at each port the flag of nearly every European nation is represented."

## MONMOUTH NEWS

Newman & Mason are painting out of town.

D. S. Marin is greatly improved in health by treatment in Portland.

George Shew will soon begin making brick, which will give employment to ten men.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Hickman visited at Lebanon the past week, returning Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Johnson are the proud parents of a son, born May 18.

Mesdames Stine and Dalton returned from grand lodge at Eugene Friday and report a delightful time and trip.

Mrs. Nettie Boche, who went to Baker county last summer for her health and to live where her son, Phillip, was teaching school, returned last Wednesday to her home here and will take care of her father, Mr. Guiliams, who is quite sick. Mrs. Boche says her son, Phillip, was married a month ago to a popular young lady of Baker county.

Miss Frieda Grant of Dallas is visiting at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Amanda Doughty, this week. Mr. and Mrs. H.S. Portwood of Air-He were business visitors and shaking hands with old friends Tuesday.

C. C. Yeater and family of Luckiamute were over Sunday visitors at George Baun's.

## HANDLES HUGE TRACT

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ing and general ranching. Much of the land has never been examined in a thoroughly scientific manner, and the natural resources, although known to be great, are by no means thoroughly explored.

## Originally a Railroad Grant

The land involved in the purchase was originally granted to the state of Oregon in 1865 by the United States government, and was in turn granted by the state to the Willamette Valley & Cascade Mountain Road corporation, formed for the purpose of constructing a highway across the state. But very little of the grant to the road corporation ever passed from its ownership, and the grant, when transferred to the new land corporation by purchase, was practically intact. The Southern Pacific crosses the eastern end of the grant, which penetrates into the Willamette valley. It crosses the Cascades by way of Santitas Pass, and includes large tracts along the Crooked river, a tributary of the Deschutes, Mallfour river, and a number of other rivers and streams. There is no litigation pending against any portion of the grant except one friendly action brought to protect riparian and water rights on the Deschutes.

## Held by French Investors

The owners of the property were largely French investors acting through Lazard Freres of Paris. In the transfers which were made completing the sale, the titles, transferred by the French owners to an individual for convenience, were transferred to the new Oregon & Western Colonization company. A number of previous offers were made the French investors, but they took the position that they would sell the entire grant or none, and refused a number of very profitable propositions for the development of individual irrigation projects. The St. Paul corporation closed with them on the basis of the sale of the entire grant at their fixed price, and has taken over all the lands without respect to classification.

## Programs for Memorial Services

The following program will be rendered at the auditorium, Sunday, May 29, at 11 a. m., all the churches of the city uniting in the services. Dr. H. Chas. Dunsmore will preside:  
Invocation ..... Rev. W. S. Stewart.  
Patriotic Song ..Choir and Audience.  
Scripture Reading, Rev. L. W. Butler.  
Solo ..... Mrs. Dennison.  
Prayer ..Rev. Maynard R. Thompson.  
Dust, Mesdames Paddock and Drexler.  
Address .....Rev. W. J. Weber.  
Violin Solo .....Mr. Chas. E. Hicks.  
Patriotic Song ..Choir and Audience.  
Benediction ....Rev. F. E. Brickley.  
Mrs. Geo. W. Conkey, Director of Choir.

On Monday, May 30, at 10:30 a. m., the following program will be carried out at the auditorium, Rev. Maynard R. Thompson presiding:  
Exercise by G. A. R. ....

Led by Commander W. P. Fisher.  
Patriotic Song ..Choir and Audience.  
Reading Scripture .....  
..... Rev. H. Chas. Dunsmore, D. D.  
Prayer .....Rev. W. J. Weber.  
Solo  
Lincoln's Gettysburg Address .....  
.....Rev. W. S. Stewart.  
Dust  
Address .....Rev. F. E. Brickley.  
Solo  
Decoration of Monument.  
Patriotic Song ..Choir and Audience.  
March to the River.  
Special Exercise ..... W. R. C.  
Mrs. Geo. W. Conkey, Music Director.

## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Baptist Church

The West Willamette Association of Baptist churches is to hold its annual meeting with us from Monday, June 6 through Wednesday, June 8. We are making preparation to give our denominational brethren a warm reception. This is the time that we rally the Baptist forces of this valley.

There will be Sunday school at ten next Sunday, at which time the school will begin practicing for Children's Day. There will be no preaching service in the morning as we will join in the union service at the auditorium. B. Y. P. U. meeting in the evening at 7:15, and preaching service at 8. The evening service will be of a musical nature. There will be violin solos, flute, vocal and special music by the church choir. All the congregational hymns will be those written by Fanny Crosby. All lovers of music are especially invited to attend. The regular Wednesday evening prayer meeting at 8, and the Bible study on Friday at 8.

## Calvary Presbyterian Church

There will be no service in Calvary Presbyterian church next Sunday morning, the pastor and congregation uniting in the union memorial service in the tabernacle.

In the evening, Dr. Dunsmore will speak on the topic: "The Apparent Decline in the Moral Ethics of the Body Politic". Special music by the

## OUR SHOE DISPLAY



MAY BE SEEN ALL THIS WEEK AT OUR ESTABLISHMENT. AND THEY ARE ALL NEW SPRING GOODS, TOO—NEW IDEAS IN FOOTWEAR THAT ARE SURE TO MAKE QUICK PURCHASERS OF THOSE WHO LIKE TO DRESS THEIR FEET NEATLY AND COMFORTABLY. WE HAVE OXFORD TIES THAT ARE EXCEEDINGLY HANDSOME, FORMED ON UP-TO-DATE LASTS, AND MOST GRACEFUL IN FORM. ALL SIZES TO FIT ALL FEET. THE PRICES ARE EXTREMELY MODEST, CONSIDERING THE HIGH QUALITIES.

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choir, and solos by some of our best vocalists. The public are cordially invited to attend our services. Sunday school will meet as usual at 10 a. m.

## At the Methodist Church

On Sunday morning the pastor will preach the memorial sermon at the auditorium. All the churches will unite in this service. In the evening will be considered the infamous article written by a preacher(?) by name of Waason, against prohibition. The brewers and their allies have circulated this pamphlet with the view of prejudicing the people against voting for "Oregon dry 1910". All are invited to attend.

Sunday school at 10 o'clock and League at 7:30.

## Christian Church

Sunday morning this church will

join with the other churches in the union memorial service in the auditorium in memory of the brave men who died for our country. The pastor's evening subject will be "Lessons of the '60's applied to 1910". It will be a historical sermon with present day applications. Come at 7:30 for song and prayer. The Bible school, including the two young people's clubs of Loyal Sons and Loyal Daughters, will meet at ten o'clock. Other young people welcomed into these clubs. They enjoyed a very pleasant social Monday evening on the pastor's lawn, with the eclipse and comet as nature's attractions. The Bible school lesson and the latter chapters of John both are expounded each Wednesday evening. "The Spirit of God" and the Bride (church) say "Come."

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