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LABORERS ARE MUCH NEEDED

HIGH EXPENSES RETARD THE SEWER WORK.

WITH BOARD AND ROOM AT UNREASONABLE PRICES, MEN REFUSE TO WORK—UNTIL RATES ARE LOWER, OUTLOOK BAD.

(Contributed)

It is the middle of September, yet not one-fifth of the work on the sewers is completed. Prior to hop picking many laborers who were waiting to go into the hop yards were secured to help dig the trenches. The work proceeded so well that it was predicted that by November 1 the sewer would be laid. But when hop picking came, the men left the ditch and Councilman Mix and Mr. Hall had to work with a much depleted force. Not more than an average of eight men a day could be secured. It was hoped that after the work in the hop fields was over many of the pickers would return to the ditch. But such is not the case. Mr. Mix says that for the last two or three days many idle men walk past the trench but do not concern themselves about the work.

While many, no doubt, have enough money for the present, others would gladly work for the city if it were possible to get board and room at reasonable rates. "The greatest difficulty we have had to contend with," says Mr. Mix, "is not getting the men, but in obtaining board and room at such rates as laboring men can afford to pay. The hotel wants \$1.25 a day and you cannot get a man to pay that much when he earns only \$2.50. Up to this time board and room could be had only at the hotel. The men simply will not work under such conditions."

There seems to be very little hope of securing more men until some arrangements can be made to supply them with board and rooms. With these guaranteed, Mr. Mix thinks it will not be difficult to get the men.

At present the main line of sewer is laid up to the junction of E and First streets, and on First street as far as D street. The trench for the E street sewer is dug up to the alley between Fourth and Fifth.

When places to keep the men can be assured, an effort will be made to get at least thirty men. Even with that force it will require from three to four months to complete the sewer. The way it looks now it is probable that Independence may have to go through another winter with the sewage oozing out here and there in the city. But it need not be thus. In order that the work can progress rapidly why can not the homes open their doors to the laborers and give them board and room at such rates that the men can afford to give the city their services? The present condition of things should appeal to the civic pride of the citizens and a quick response be given. It might be suggested that those who can take in boarders, give their names to Councilman Mix. If all Independence will pull together, our sewer may yet be completed by January 1.

THE MODERN HOUSE

In this day of automobiles and flying machines, the people are dealing in the superlatives. In everything they want the best. This is true in choosing a house. When a man wishes to buy a house he wants one that is up-to-date. In recent years the bungalow and its modifications has been the most prominent style of building, consequently it is at present most salable. It would seem that some enterprising citizens would erect more of these houses and thus

not only make a good profit thereby but also add to the attractiveness of our city. Nowadays the city that has not many houses of this style of architecture is considered by the traveling public to be behind the times.

WHIPS HIS DAUGHTER

An altercation involving serious consequences took place last Wednesday evening in the Rose hop yard, near Independence. J. W. Peterson, who conducts a shooting gallery in the hop yard, administered a chastisement to his daughter, who is some eighteen years of age. It seems that the young lady called lustily for relief, arousing quite a sentiment among the pickers. They gathered in a body, broke into Peterson's house, took him out and after tying him to a tree, gave an elderly lady a horsewhip, with which she proceeded to give him thirty lashes. It is said the blows could be heard above the cheering of the excited gathering. There are serious consequences involved and there is some danger of further violence.—Polk County Itemizer.

AUCTION SALE

I will sell at public auction at the Chas. Iliff farm 3/4-mile west of Independence, on Friday, September 23, the following:

Four head of horses, consisting of: 1 bay mare 10 years old, weight, 1400 lbs.; 1 bay gelding 11 years old, weight, 1100 lbs.; 1 bay gelding 3 years old, weight 1100 lbs.; 1 black colt 7 months old.

Eight head of high grade Jersey cattle, consisting of: 3 cows (bred); 2 heifers (bred); 3 heifer calves.

Fourteen head pure bred Lincoln sheep, consisting of: 10 head of registered ewes; 3 head of ewe lambs; 1 registered ram.

Nine head Berkshire swine, consisting of: 1 sow 4 years old (bred—registered); 1 sow 18 months old (bred); 2 yearling sows (bred); 1 yearling sow and 4 pigs.

Eighteen S. C. White Leghorn hens; 100 S. C. Rhode Island Red chickens.

Thirty-five tons oats and vetch hay; 700 bu. winter oats; 100 bu. seed wheat, cleaned; 8 sacks vetch seed, cleaned.

One new Moline wagon; 1 Canton Diamond gang plow, 14-inch; 1 DeLancey sulky plow, 16-inch; 1 walking plow, 14-inch; 1 garden cultivator; 1 double shovel cultivator; 1 3-section steel harrow; 1 disc harrow; 1 top buggy; 1 hack; 1 hay rake; 1 hay rack; 1 Sharples No. 3 separator; 1 saddle; 1 set double work harness; 1 set double driving harness; 1 set single harness; 1 cider mill; 1 platform scale; 2 stands bees.

Some household and kitchen furniture and other articles too numerous to mention.

Terms: All sums of \$10.00 and under, cash. Sums over that amount a credit of 12 months will be given with interest at 6 per cent bankable notes. Five per cent discount for cash.

Lunch on grounds.
CHAS. S. ILIFF, Owner
E. H. HOSNER, Auctioneer. 15-16

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

United Evangelical Church

Prof. D. M. Metzger of Dallas College will preach and conduct communion service at 11 a. m. The pastor will preach in the evening. All are cordially invited to attend these services.

Methodist Church

Next Sunday morning the pastor will preach on "The Goodness of God". The theme for the evening will be, "Redeeming the Time." Sunday school at 10 a. m. and song service at 7:30 p. m. All are welcome.

Calvary Presbyterian Church

Services will be resumed at the Presbyterian church on the morning of Sunday, September 25. In the evening of that day a union temperance rally will be held at the Presbyterian church, given by the children.

MRS. SILBAUGH GIVES MESSAGE

NATIONAL LECTURER AND ORGANIZER VISITS CITY.

GIVES VIVID PORTRAYAL OF EFFECTS OF LIQUOR TRAFFIC IN AN INTERESTING TALK AT THE METHODIST CHURCH.

Mrs. Jackson Silbaugh of Seattle, a national lecturer and organizer for the W. C. T. U., spent Friday, September 9, in Independence. While here she held two meetings with the local W. C. T. U. In the afternoon she gave a physical culture talk at the Presbyterian church. Her theme was the curative effects of exercise and fresh air, and each exercise recommended was clearly demonstrated for the audience. The talk was highly entertaining and instructive, thoroughly practical and interspersed with many touches of exquisite humor. The speaker's message was inspiring and was heartily endorsed by all present. Many remarked that it was the best lecture on physical culture that they had ever heard.

In the evening at the Methodist church the lecture was on the Temperance Reform. Mrs. Silbaugh portrayed the degrading and ruinous effects of drink by contrasting the home of the drinker with the home of the abstemious. She called attention to the fact that those communities which have the most saloons also have the greatest number of blind pigs, giving as an example the city of Chicago, which has 7200 saloons and over 8000 blind pigs. She showed how business in general suffers at the hands of the liquor traffic, her argument being that money spent for liquor cannot be spent for groceries, clothing, hardware, furniture, and the other necessities and comforts of life. To illustrate this argument a statement made by a member of the British Parliament was quoted: "I met the finished product of the liquor traffic. He was lying in the gutter. He had no hat; the hat trade was suffering. His coat was full of holes; the tailor trade was suffering. He had holes in his boots; the shoe trade was suffering. He had no socks; the hosiery trade was suffering. He had no shirt; the linen trade was suffering. I could hardly mention a useful industry in the country that was not suffering because of that man's inebriety." In short, the more money we invest in saloons, the less we shall have to invest in any legitimate business. Several towns in Oregon, as McMinnville, Albany and Eugene, were cited as examples of what prosperity can come to a community that banishes saloons.

Finally Mrs. Silbaugh made a most eloquent appeal to all who have any concern for the welfare of our country to do all in their power to make Oregon dry in 1910.

This lecture was the equal of any temperance lecture ever given in Independence and it is a source of gratification to those who heard it to know that Mrs. Silbaugh will speak in the city again before election day.

HOP PROSPECTS GOOD

Hop picking will soon be over. Some yards were picked by Wednesday while all expect to finish by next Thursday. The yield this year is of excellent quality due to the dry weather which prevented the mould and other pests. Many yards are producing more abundantly than was even expected. So heavy are the hops in some places that work proceeds rather slowly.

On Thursday the pickers began coming to the city. Many are now having a good time while others are wearing that smile that bespeaks happiness in the near future. While

about \$30,000 will be realized by the home people who pick hops, more than that amount will be paid to transients. The crop will cost the proprieors about seven or eight cents a pound to put it into the bale. At present the outlook seems good for higher prices. Krebs Bros. say their yard will produce about 1800 bales and of best quality in the state. He started out with 1000 pickers but on Thursday had only 500. The rest left the yard. Some of the other yards have had similar experiences. Those who have their regular crews seem to have had the least difficulty in keeping their men.

At Horst Brothers yard the picking machine has been a great success. It requires about thirty men to operate it. It picks much faster than so many men could pick and does cleaner work. Special interest is manifested in this machine since its success may materially affect the method of harvesting the crop. Perhaps the greatest reason that can be given for the encouragement of the hop industry is that it furnishes so much employment. If the picking machine proves a success it is only natural that the different yards will avail themselves of its help. This will mean less employment for men and it may have some effect upon the attitude of many people toward the hop business.

City Well Treated

The Southern Pacific Company has made extensive additions to their hop warehouse west of the depot in this city. Almost as much again floor space has been added and it is presumed that the additional floor space will be used for general storage purposes after hoppers time. Independence has been unusually favored during the last year by the Southern Pacific Company in the way of improvements and the addition to the warehouse facilities here is of great importance to hop growers. Last year many hundreds of dollars worth of hops were lost on account of the high water on the opposite side of the river especially, because there was not sufficient accommodations for the storing of hops here. With the doubling of floor space in the hop warehouses here the company's houses will take care of between 8000 and 10,000 bales of hops.

Dr. Duranne, Dentist, over Independence National Bank. Bell phone 121; Independent, 4410. tf

WILL WORK FOR APPROPRIATION

CONGRESSMAN W. C. HAWLEY VISITS INDEPENDENCE.

LOOKS OVER NEEDS OF COMMUNITY WITH VIEW OF SECURING APPROPRIATIONS ON IMPROVEMENTS OF WILLAMETTE.

Congressman W. C. Hawley was in Independence last Friday, looking over the needs of this community. The congressman was just winding up a tour of the entire state covering several weeks and was much pleased that he was nearing the end of his journey. From Independence he went to Dallas and from that place he was to journey to his home at Salem.

Mr. Hawley was met by a delegation of business men at the depot in this city on his arrival and was escorted to the hotel where after a brief rest the congressman was made acquainted with the business men of Independence in a house to house visit.

A visit was made to the improvements which are in course of construction along the west bank of the Willamette river. These revetments were inspected by Mr. Hawley and a delegation of business men who accompanied him. They were met at the river by the owners of the farms which are suffering from the failure of the war department to take proper care of the river in that vicinity. In the delegation were Dr. O. D. Butler, H. Hirschberg, J. L. Hanna, M. Merwin, Wm. Dawes, Chas. E. Hicks, and others.

Congressman Hawley is confident that he will be able to secure the needed relief to the farmers along the river. By the visit to the revetments he was able to comprehend the situation much better and will work for an appropriation for the re-vetting of this portion of the river.

Alletder Sikker. What is it? Ask us.—Williams Drug Co. 10tf

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