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SILVERTON VS. INDEPENDENCE

SILVERTON WINS ANOTHER BASKET BALL GAME

Meet defeat at Monmouth and Win at Independence is Silvertown's Saturday Record.

Silvertown won another victory over the local basket ball team Saturday evening in a game played on the local floor, but it was not so easy as the Silvertown Appeal would have its readers believe. After the game at Silvertown a couple of weeks ago that paper stated that Independence did not know basket ball and that Vern Wolcott and Willis Cooley, two of Silvertown's players, could beat the team at Independence. When they appeared on the floor in this city Saturday evening the Silvertown bunch realized immediately that they were going against a stronger team than they had anticipated. In the first half of the game Independence had it pretty much its own way and played with the ball most of the time. The score at the close of the first period was 7 to 5 in favor of Independence. In the second period Silvertown changed men and one of the Independence players met with an accident which handicapped him for the remainder of the game and the Silvertown team run in several baskets which gave them the game. The score was 24 to 19. Both teams exhibited some beautiful team work and it proved to be the hardest fought battle that has been seen on the home floor this season. Silvertown has a very good team this year, and they are a clever lot of boys, but when the Appeal asserts that they can walk away with the Independence team it makes a gross mistake, and the boys are aware of it since the game Saturday evening.

The Silvertown team played at Monmouth Saturday evening before they met the Independence boys, and there took defeat at the rate of 24 to 12. Monmouth, after whipping them severely, came to Independence to manifest contempt by "boosting" the Silvertown team.

Fred Cavender of Silvertown umpired and Prof. Crowley of Independence High School was referee. The game ended without contention of any kind on the part of the players.

SIEZED WITH PARALYSIS

Real Estate Man Afflicted While at Work in His Office.

With scarcely a second's notice, while engaged in his office Saturday afternoon, R. E. Ferguson was siezed with a stroke of paralysis and rendered in a perfectly helpless condition. He was removed to his home in a hack immediately and the family physician summoned, but the nature of the misfortune was so severe that his condition is said to be critical. This is the third time he has experienced the same affliction and it is doubtful if he will recover for some time, if ever.

Mr. Ferguson is a prominent real estate man of Independence and is well known in this part of Oregon where he has lived for several years. The Odd Fellows have him in care and everything possible is being done for his relief.

To old and new subscribers. For ten days, commencing Friday, February 17th, we will give the Weekly Oregonian and the Independence Enterprise both one year for only \$2.00.

A CLOSE CALL

I. M. Jackson's Team Comes Near Going Over Embankment.

I. M. Jackson's team created a little excitement on the streets last Saturday forenoon by making a lively runaway. In their wild flight the horses ran up Main street past Monmouth street, turning the next block to Second, where they went North in the direction of the railroad bridge. People watching their pursuit were afraid that they would either attempt to cross the railroad bridge or go over the embankment into the slough twenty feet below. A. Taylor happened to appear at the right time and at the right place to prevent a serious accident. When the horses were stopped by Mr. Taylor they were within about six feet from the embankment. A second more and both horses would probably have been killed instantly or seriously injured.

It was a close call to say the least. People ran from all directions expecting to find that a serious accident had taken place, but were happily disappointed. The animals escaped without injury and no damage was done to the vehicle.

THIS IS BARGAIN WEEK

Beginning Friday, February 17, and continuing for ten days, we will inaugurate a bargain period, offering the Weekly Oregonian and the Independence Enterprise both one year for only \$2.00. This applies to new or old subscribers. The price of the Weekly Oregonian is \$1.50, and the Enterprise is \$1.50 per annum, but for a period of ten days we will be in a position to send them both one year for the nominal sum of \$2.00. Don't wait. Get busy and take advantage of this exceptionally low price.

Remember this offer is for only a limited time. The Oregonian is the best and most reliable city paper on the coast. Now is the time to get it in connection with the home paper for a very reasonable price.

The G. A. R. Post and W. R. C. enjoyed a bean dinner in their hall last Saturday in honor of the Lincoln anniversary. It was a very pleasant occasion.

After dinner a program was rendered consisting of vocal and instrumental selections, readings, recitation and speeches by different members of the order who related interesting experiences at the time of and since the war. One new member was added to the roll at this meeting.

There will be another feast given by the Relief Corps one week from tomorrow and charges will be made for the dinner. The proceeds will be used to purchase a flag for the high school building. This meeting certainly ought to be largely attended.

CITY PROPERTY SOLD

Probably the cheapest real estate property that has been transferred in this city for years was the Grovo house and three lots in Old town which was sold Saturday to Otto Martin of Falls City, for \$700. Mr. Martin considers that he has made a good investment and it seems reasonable.

Rather Have Light.

Last Sunday evening, while public services were being held the electric lights suddenly went out, in at least one of the churches, and the preacher had the unusual experience of trying to preach to an invisible audience. He found it rather a trying ordeal, and asserts that he for one, at least, does not prefer "darkness to light."

MAY EXTEND RAILROAD

SALEM, FALLS CITY & WESTERN MAY EXTEND LINE

Construction of New Railroad Bridge Across Willamette Will Mean New Road to Portland.

The construction of a railroad bridge across the Willamette river at Salem by the Salem, Falls City & Western Railroad Company, evidently means an extension of that road to Portland through one of the richest sections of the valley.

Our correspondent from Dallas wants to know how a railroad bridge at Salem is going to help that city. The extension of this road, which is practically a Polk county enterprise, will benefit this whole section of country, and we believe that it is the intention of the company to make the road reach the Capital city and the metropolis of Oregon at as early a date as possible. When this is accomplished Independence will probably be more directly connected with the road.

According to what is conceded to be an authentic report, there are people in Oregon City who believe that work on the railroad through the Molalla country and to Silvertown will be commenced early in the spring, notwithstanding the fact that F. M. Swift, who completed the survey to Silvertown last year, failed to finance the Molalla project. This opinion was given strength the first of the week by the appearance in Oregon City of a representative of the Salem, Falls City & Western Company, who was in search of plats and surveys of the proposed road which has been the subject of a great deal of newspaper comment during the past two years.

It is said that the representative did not get the papers he desired as they are in the hands of Mr. Swift at Portland, but it is believed that they can be obtained. From the conversation which took place at Oregon City, it is learned that the Salem, Falls City & Western is contemplating an extension into the rich timber belt along the Molalla river, and if the road taps that section it will add immensely to the industrial interests of Marion and Polk counties.

Reports from the various financial centers of the east, where efforts have been made to interest capital in the Molalla project, without success, indicate that the actual reason for the shyness of the moneyed man is the price at which land is being held through the Molalla valley and the further fact that so long as these prices prevail, there is little prospect of the country becoming thickly settled, even if a railway line should penetrate the interior. Investors in new railroad properties are looking for locations where there are many small farms, rather than a few large ones, for experience has taught them that the man who farms 10 and 20 acres, and farms it intelligently and industriously, is, in most instances, a better man for the railroad than the farmer who owns 80 or 160 acres and farms only a part of it, or makes a feeble pretense at cultivating the whole of it.

But the local railroad company is apparently not so much interested in the price of land in Marion, Polk and Clackamas counties as they are in getting an extension of their road to Portland through the best portion of the valley, and reaching millions of feet of timber that cannot be consumed without a railroad, and it seems more than probable that a further attempt will be made this spring to finance a railroad across that section of Marion and Clackamas coun-

ties. With a survey completed and about fifteen miles of grading built, it ought to be easy enough to interest capital in a proposition of this nature.

DISGRACEFUL AFFRAY

Monmouth and Independence Boys Indulge in a Pugilistic Contest.

Bad blood was profusely spilled Saturday evening at the basket ball game, resulting from a disgraceful affray between a young man from Monmouth known as Billie Boginsky and John Oberson of this city. Just how and why the fight started we did not learn, but it is understood that there has been enmity between the boys for some time and when they met Saturday evening they proceeded to settle it in that uncomfortable manner so frequently pursued by the Young American. Both of the participants were considerably bruised. It is understood that later in the evening they met again and had it out.

No arrests have been made.

LOYAL TEMPERANCE LEGION

The Loyal Temperance Legion met in Calvary Presbyterian church last Sunday afternoon, Mrs. F. A. Dunsmore, the President, in charge.

Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, a goodly number of the children were present. The interest in the L. T. L. is most encouraging. Mrs. Guy Walker having taken charge of the music and singing, the Legion cannot fail to be an important factor in the community and we hope to enroll new members every Sunday. It is hoped that every parent will try to interest their children in this interesting and important Society. The meetings, which will be held every Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

A DISH SHOWER

The Ladies' Aid of the M. E. church will give a dish shower on Wednesday afternoon, February 22, in the basement of the church to which all are invited to come and enjoy a social hour and bring a dish or dishes, to donate to the society. Light refreshments will be served. Also those Holiday Aid Pennies are requested to be present as that will be penny day and the proceeds from the pennies will be turned in also on that day.—Secy. Ladies Aid.

SERMON-LECTURE SERIES

Commencing last Sunday evening, Dr. Dunsmore will deliver a series of sermon-lectures in Calvary Presbyterian church on "The History of the World's Religions." The second of the series will be given next Sunday evening, beginning at 7:30. Dr. Dunsmore will speak of the various religions, speaking of their common origin, and contrasting with the Christian religion in extent and influence. Special music will be rendered each evening by Calvary's popular choir. The public are cordially invited to all the meetings.

A HANDSOME PRESENT

Last Wednesday was G. W. Kirkland's eighty-third birthday, and the Masonic lodge remembered him upon this occasion. He was presented with a handsome Morris chair. Several members of the lodge accompanied Dr. Dunsmore to the home of the aged Mason where the presentation was made following a very able address by the latter.

Mr. Kirkland is the oldest member of the Independence lodge both in years and in service.

ENTERTAINED IN MASONIC HALL

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HOLDS CONGREGATIONAL SUPPER

Pleasantly Entertained at Religious Meeting and Banquet in the Masonic Hall.

The Ladies' Aid society of Calvary Presbyterian church gave a supper to the members and congregation of the church last Thursday evening, the occasion being the visit of Dr. Ernest F. Hall, of San Francisco, Field Secretary of the Foreign Mission board for the Pacific coast, and Dr. J. P. Milligan, of Portland, Synodical Sunday School Missionary for Oregon.

The Masonic Society had kindly placed their banquet hall with all the kitchen conveniences at the disposal of the Ladies, and the supper was a grand success. About one hundred and twenty partook of the supper, most of whom remained for the after meeting, which was in the Masonic Hall. Dr. Dunsmore presided, and addresses were delivered by Dr. Milligan, and Dr. Hall, both of which we listened to with the greatest attention, and much enjoyed. The meeting in the afternoon was held in Calvary church, where both of the distinguished gentlemen also spoke. Dr. Hall was for many years, a missionary in Korea, and related many of his experiences which were greatly enjoyed. Dr. Milligan has been for many years a Sunday School worker in Oregon, and has a broad acquaintance throughout the state.

EX-SHERIFF PROSTRATE

Found Lying Face Down Across Railroad Track.

Lying across the Independence and Monmouth railroad track midway between here and Monmouth and groaning as if in great agony, is the condition in which Chas. Huntley and Fred Moseman found L. Hall, Tuesday night, shortly after 10 o'clock.

Mr. Hall, who is past 72 years of age, and whose home is in Monmouth, came to Independence that morning and failing to make connections with the 6:15 train returning home, he started to walk to that place later in the evening. When he reached Talmage station he became exhausted and fell face down across the track. How long he remained in this condition is not known, but it is evident that he fell there after the 8:30 train coming from Monmouth had passed as he probably would have been instantly killed.

Mr. Moseman was awakened from sleep by the moans, and dressing went to the barn to see if his cattle were in trouble. Mr. Huntley, keeper of the Polk county poor farm, had also been attracted by the strange sound, and traced it to the spot where he found the old gentleman in a helpless condition. He called upon Mr. Moseman to assist him and the sick man was taken to the latter's home, where he was made comfortable for the night.

It is said that partial paralysis, probably brought on by excessive drink, was the cause of his failure to reach home. Had he fallen a little earlier in the evening the old gentleman would never have reached home alive.

Mr. Hall is a pioneer of Polk county, well known on account of having served as county sheriff in an early day.

Mr. Fredrickson, a farmer from Luckiamute, was in the city yesterday.