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IT'S NOT ALL IN THE APPLE

SOME EASTERN PEOPLE GET A WRONG IMPRESSION.

The Independence Creamery Greatly Increases Dairy Interests in The Willamette Valley.

Many eastern people, before coming to Oregon seem to convey the idea that the "big red apple" is the one important attraction in the Willamette valley, but in reality it is only a small feature compared to other industries pursued by the husbandman. The vast grain and hop fields, and immense herds of stock are adding to the wealth of the country daily; and the lumber industry is yet in its infancy.

Independence has for many years been recognized as the greatest hop section of the Pacific Northwest, and we can now say without fear of successful contradiction that there are more hops annually produced within a radius of ten miles from this market than in any other section of like proportion in the United States, if not in the world.

But there is a growing enterprise in this city which promises to be of more value to the farmer than the hops. We refer to the Independence Creamery. At present the company is adding approximately \$10,000 to the equipment and when this is finished the enterprise will be second to none in the state. The product from this factory is known all over the United States, and the patrons of the independence creamery are scattered all over the Willamette valley.

Better making material improvements in the butter producing department they are putting in a big ice plant and arranging to manufacture ice cream for the market.

The Independence Creamery has stimulated the growth of the dairy industry in this vicinity until it is not uncommon to see great herds of valuable stock in the pastures and on the ranges.

The amount of money paid out for butter fat each month by the Creamery Company reaches far up in the hundreds. It is a momentous feature in the promotion of independence's business interests, and one which will be lasting.

While the fruit industry of the Willamette valley is substantial and getting better each year, there are other features of vastly more importance, which should attract the attention of the homeseeker. Independence is offering better farm values for less money than any other section of the west, and the homeseeker is invited to come and investigate.

A New Reckoning Point.

The latest number of the Independence Enterprise contains a historical sketch of the enterprising city in which it is printed. The story is two columns long, and it is interesting reading. In this limited space, the history of our neighbor town is told, from the summer of 1850, when Elvin Thorp conceived the idea of locating a town on his donation claim, up to the year 1911, when independence is found to be a live growing city, with modern stores, banks, mills, churches, school houses, electric lights, sewerage and public water supply. The editor dates the beginning of progress from 1890, a year when great strides were made in all lines of building and development. It will soon be necessary, however, for our friends of the enterprising river town to adopt a new date from which to reckon progress and advancement. A movement is now under way to improve the streets with hard surface material, and it is a well known fact that the real growth of any town dates from the day the first yard of smooth pavement is laid in its business district.—Dallas Observer.

The L. T. L. will meet next Sunday as usual in the Presbyterian church. All parents are requested to see that the children attend so that a number may be enrolled for the medal contest, which is very interesting for both parents and children.

MONMOUTH VOTES BONDS

Seat of the State Normal Will Bond District for \$20,000 to Build a New School.

At the election held in Monmouth last Saturday the citizens of that district expressed their public-spiritedness by voting for the \$20,000 bond issue for the new school building to be erected in that city. The question was carried by a vote of 132 against 23.

At no time has any municipal question stirred the people to as much enthusiastic support as was given in favor of this improvement, while the opposition was confined mostly to a small number of taxpayers who considered the amount asked large than necessary at the present time. An interesting feature of the election was the large number of women who voted and all in favor of the bond issue.

FIRST SERIES OF BALL GAMES

Independence Claims Victory Over Monmouth in First Game of the Season Played Here.

The first of a series of High School Baseball League games of Polk county opened Saturday in this city when Independence defeated the Monmouth team by a score of 32 to 2. The features of the game were the batting of Independence and pitching of Flukes, who allowed but three hits while the Independence boys gathered 18 hits from the opposing pitcher.

The next game will be with Bethel High School at Independence, today. Bethel is one of the strongest teams in the county and the game this afternoon promised to be a good one.

Independence.		ABRHEE	
Vaughn, C.F.	7 6 3 0	Flukes, P.	6 4 3 0
Purline 3rd B.	7 6 2 0	Williams, S.S.	7 4 3 0
Flukes, P.	6 4 3 0	Addison 2nd B.	7 2 1 1
Williams, S.S.	7 4 3 0	Reeves R.F.	6 3 2 0
Addison 2nd B.	7 2 1 1	Mix L.F.	6 2 2 0
Reeves R.F.	6 3 2 0	Newton 1st B.	5 2 2 2
Mix L.F.	6 2 2 0	Huntley C.	5 3 0 1
Newton 1st B.	5 2 2 2	Totals	58 32 18 4
Huntley C.	5 3 0 1	Monmouth.	
Totals	58 32 18 4	Ne'ron 1st B.	4 0 0 3

Monmouth.		Summary.	
Ne'ron 1st B.	4 0 0 3	Home Runs—Flukes, Reeves; Three base hits—Flukes; Two base hits—Newton 2 Williams, Flukes.	
Lindsay SS & C.F.	4 0 0 0		
Riddle P.	4 0 1 2		
Bryaska C.F. & P.	4 1 0 0		
Bukherd 3rd B.	4 0 0 2		
Ginsberry C.	4 0 0 2		
Wark 2nd B.	3 0 1 2		
Thompson R.F.	3 1 0 1		
Lawrence L.F.	3 0 1 1		
White S.S.	0 0 0 0		
Totals	33 2 3 13		

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Pioneer Lady Passes Away.

Mrs. Amanda Gorund, wife of John Gorund, died at her home near this city April 8. She had been ill for a long time and her death did not come wholly unexpected to members of the family. Interment was made in the Old Fellows Cemetery and Rev. Mulkey conducted the funeral services, which were largely attended by the many friends of the highly esteemed lady.

Amanda (Montgomery) Gorund was born January 18, 1857, and was married to John Gorund November 3, 1878. The husband and five children survive her. The children are Mrs. Russ of Portland, Mrs. Mulkey of Black Rock, Robert, Harry and John at home. All were at their mother's bedside when she passed away except Mrs. Russ, who came to attend the funeral.

Mrs. Gorund was a pioneer of Oregon and has lived in this vicinity for many years. She was a member of the Christian church and a most highly respected lady.

Ackerman Honored.

J. H. Ackerman, president of the State Normal School at Monmouth, has been named as the head of the Inland Empire Teachers' Association having received the appointment at a meeting held last week in Spokane, Wash.

The Association comprises Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana.

Water Corden of Salem, transacted business in the city last Saturday.

SEEMS LIKE A RANK INJUSTICE

LATE CENSUS REPORT SHOWS A SMALL DECREASE

City and School Have Been Growing For Ten Years, Yet Enumerator Says Not.

Accepting the census report received this week from Washington as being correct, no one can be accused of padding the enumeration of Independence. According to the official report it is a city with a population of 1150, considerably less than the report made ten years ago, but to any close observer who has watched the development of Independence during the past ten years it is apparent that rank injustice has been done in this particular case. Evidently the enumeration was made by estimate from some house-top rather than by actual count.

The last school census shows 487 pupils of school age in Independence. If the recent report from Washington is correct, then nearly half the population of this city is of school age.

Estimating the population on a basis of four to every pupil drawing school money, which is reasonable and probably nearer correct, we will show a population of 1948.

It is hardly fair to presume that the population of this city has decreased since the year 1900, with a vast increase of the state such as has been experienced during that period. Anyone who knows anything at all about Independence, can see that there are more people living here today than when the 1900 census was taken; that there are more homes, more business houses and more business transacted.

The report gives Dallas 2124, Falls City 969 and Monmouth 493. These low figures cause one to wonder where all of the increased population of the state, which we have read so much about, has gone.

In the 1900 issue of Polk's Oregon and Washington Directory the statement was made that 1200 people call Independence their home and look upon her as their social, industrial, and commercial headquarters. Five years later when a careful census of the city was made it was learned that the population had increased considerably. This verifies the statement made above, and does only justice before the public to the city which must suffer from the Federal Census made in 1910.

No city on the entire upper coast has greater reason to congratulate itself in many respects than has Independence. It is beautifully situated, with the immense advantages always given by having been originally well laid out, with wide streets, in the heart of one of the most beautiful and fertile valleys in the world, it has a bright future. Independence is destined to grow and has plenty of room to grow in. She is now feeling the impulse of new life and enthusiasm as she recognizes that in the new interest taken in Oregon by all the world means her proportionate success, and that the city must be recognized.

WORK FOR FIVE HUNDRED

A few years ago Salem was a city unrecognized as a manufacturing center. Today it has fifty-five factories employing 1510 workmen. The monthly payroll is said to be \$90,390 and the value of the annual product is more than \$1,000,000. This accounts for its vast increase in population during the past ten years.

If the Commercial Club and the business interests of Independence will encourage different lines of industry and advertise the resources of this country as other towns are being advertised, the population of the city and tributary country will be more than doubled in the next ten years. With our superior country and the excellent shipping facilities back of it, progress is inevitable.

Let Independence adopt a population mark of 5000 by the time for the next census to be taken and it will be reached if the people will do their part to assist in the future development.

THREE DAYS MEET

Independence Driving Club Will Hold a Three Days Meet in June.

The spring meet of the Independence Driving Club will be a three days' session instead of four days as was first talked. This conclusion was reached at a meeting held the fore part of this week. The dates are fixed for June 21, 22 and 23.

During the forenoon of each day a stock exhibit will be made on the streets of Independence. The committee has arranged to give \$2000 in purses and prizes, and is doing all possible to make the meeting this year a charming feature.

The program will be as follows, with perhaps a few changes:

PROGRAM

First Day.

- 1st Race—3-year-old trot, half mile heat, two in three \$100.
- 2nd Race—2:15 pace, half mile heat, three in five, \$150.
- 3rd Race (running)—Four and one-half furlongs, \$150.
- 4th Race—Three-fourths mile dash, \$150.

Second Day.

- 1st Race—3:30 trot, \$150.
- 2nd Race—3:25 pace, \$150.
- 3rd Race—(running), 5-8 mile dash, \$150.
- 4th Race—(running), 7-8 mile dash, \$150.

Third Day.

- 1st Race—Combination trot and pace, free for all, \$150.
 - 2nd Race—3:30 trot, \$150.
 - 3rd Race—Five and one-half furlongs, consolation, \$100.
 - 4th Race—(running), one mile dash, \$150.
 - 5th Race—Pony race, \$20.
- Entries will close June 15th.

FOREST FIRES

Forest fire, one of the greatest sources of destruction to the most valuable resources of the state, will soon be restricted and their terror largely reduced if the people will cooperate with the State Forester in the administration of the new forestry law enacted by the last legislature which will be ready for distribution in pamphlet form in the near future.

One of the most important provisions of the law is that of making a closed season for burning from June 1 to October 1, during which period outdoor fires of all kinds are prohibited except under most stringent regulations and the probability of heavy penalties. In this connection the State Forester urges upon every one the necessity of doing all possible burning before the closed season begins and thus save the trouble and risk of doing it by permission during that season of greatest danger when fire spreads so easily and rapidly.

NEW CLUB IS ORGANIZED

COMMERCIAL CLUB STARTS OUT WITH BIG MEMBERSHIP

Progressive Movement in Independence is Sanctioned by Nearly Every Business Man.

A meeting was held in the city hall last Friday evening for the purpose of re-organizing the Commercial Club and there seemed to be a new interest awakened on the part of the business men. The intention of the new organization is to conduct the body strictly on business principles, and leave out the social feature entirely. After formulating plans for the future and electing a temporary chairman and secretary the meeting adjourned to meet Tuesday evening.

The meeting Tuesday brought out a larger crowd and the interest seemed to be increased.

J. L. Hanna, who was elected temporary chairman of the meeting Friday evening, called the house to order and placed Hon. J. S. Cooper in nomination for President and he was elected by a unanimous vote, as was J. G. McIntosh elected Secretary. A motion was put before the house, and carried, that the body of men assembled be declared charter members upon payment of the required initiation fee. More than 25 people expressed a willingness to join the "booster club," by paying the adoption fee which was fixed at \$1.00 per member. The club will be known as the Independence Commercial Club and the wheels of progress will be started with a charter membership of nearly one hundred. This is not strictly a business men's club, but farmers, hop growers, and laborers of all kinds who are interested in the progress of Independence and vicinity will be invited to join.

Mr. Cooper and Mr. McIntosh were elected President and Secretary respectively to serve for a term of one year. A. C. Moore was elected Vice President and F. J. Godenough Assistant Secretary, and C. K. Eldridge Treasurer. The President appointed a committee consisting of J. W. McInturff, B. F. Swope, H. E. Browne, J. L. Hanna and W. L. Bice to draft a form of constitution and by-laws, rules of order and order of business to be adopted at the next regular meeting, which will be held next Tuesday evening. In the constitution will be a clause embodied requiring members to pay 25 cents monthly as dues, and

the adoption fee will be \$1.00. The City Council has kindly allowed the use of their assembly room to the use of the new club and will work in harmony with the order.

The Board of Directors appointed by the President are Messrs. Mace, Swope and Godenough. On motion of J. L. Hanna the President was instructed to appoint a committee of three to solicit for membership, and Clyde Williams, W. H. Walker and August Spiering were named. The President was also instructed to name a committee of five as a promotion committee to act during the ensuing year and the appointments are to be made at the next meeting.

Before adjournment the President suggested some lines of work to be pursued, among which is an effort to secure better train service between here and Portland on the S. P. Railroad. The promotion committee will draw up certain forms of advertising and the Club will consider the proposition at the next meeting. It is hoped that there will be a big attendance, as there are many important features to be brought up.

Diamond Fields of Dixie.

Rev. W. J. Weber will give the third number of the Missionary Entertainment Course Friday evening, at 8 o'clock. Usual price of admission will be charged. All are invited to come.

Miss Lena Spiering has accepted a position as bookkeeper for C. G. Long at the automobile store. W. S. Padlock, a prominent manufacturer of Milwaukee, Wis., accompanied by his wife, visited at the home of his brother, E. E. Padlock, over Sunday. Mrs. Padlock remained until Thursday, when she went to Ta'oma to meet her husband. E. E. accompanied her as far as Portland. They have been making a tour through California.

At The M.E. Church.

Next Sunday the Sunday School will hold an Easter service at 10 o'clock and the Easter Sermon will be preached at eleven. The Song service begins at 7 p. m., and preaching at 8.

On Friday night, April 14, will be the third of the missionary lectures, "Diamond Fields of Dixie."

W. J. Weber, Pastor.

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