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RESOURCES OF A GREAT COUNTRY

Independence, the Hop Center of the World, Invites You to Become a Resident.

The Independence Commercial Club is Becoming a Great Factor in Developing Resources.

Boost while opportunity knocks, is the slogan of the Independence Commercial Club, and with this expression on the lips of every member of that organization, there is something doing in the way of development all the time. In behalf of the Club The Independence Enterprise extends a cordial invitation to all who are seeking to better their circumstances, to come to Independence and be a "booster."

Stationed in the eastern portion of Polk county, that beautiful and fertile section of the Willamette valley 65 miles south of Portland and 12 miles southwest of Salem, the state capital; advantageously located on two lines of railroad and the Willamette river, which also affords freight and passenger service both north and south, is found the pretty little city of

INDEPENDENCE, OREGON.

To the older residents of the state this information is unnecessary, for the city of now nearly 2000 inhabitants is one of the pioneer towns of the Pacific Northwest and has become prominent by virtue of its superior soil and by reason of having become the greatest hop center in the world. Her many opportunities as a market point have long since put Independence on the map. But to the people who have not been informed of the facts relative to the general conditions here we invite your most careful investigation before you become permanently settled in the west. No section affords better opportunities, and no land can be purchased as reasonable, quality considered, as in the vicinity of Independence.

DEVELOPMENT

Solidly prosperous under the regime of its pioneer settlers, for a time apparently indifferent to its multitudinous advantages and opportunities, Independence has at length found itself, and is today experiencing a renaissance due to the transitional movements of the masses from all sections of the country, who are seeking more favorable places in which to make a home or establish a business. Old conditions have passed—Independence is no longer the old river town. A young generation is at the helm, modern methods are being employed and the spirit of progress is evinced on every hand. There is a tendency to constantly push—and no pulling back on the load. Since the new movements have been paced into effect wonderful achievements are daily being realized. Cement sidewalks are seen where once was found the dilapidated boards, a sewer system has been put in for the convenience of citizens and to improve the sanitary conditions and a movement is now under way to pave the business streets with hard surface material. Electric lights illumine comfortable homes, abundant supply of the pure water drawn from wells is piped into the city both for domestic use and fire protection, and civic improvements are increasing at all times.

SOCIETY

Society is similar to that in eastern cities of a like size. Here, however, there is a greater spirit of hospitality and a broader sympathy born of that mutual helpfulness which is characteristic of the west. There are six churches, Presbyterian, Baptist, Methodist, Christian, Evangelical and Catholic. Public and High Schools, and all kinds of secret orders, all of which go to make the city one of great merit, as there is something in this world besides riches that is worth living for.

CHIEF INDUSTRIES

The chief industries in this part of Oregon are hops, horticulture and dairying, but in seeing a farm a portion should be added to fruits. The first consideration of the newcomer should be to put the farm on a paying basis. This is best attained by a good dairy herd and a flock of choice poultry, as has been many times demonstrated. These can be made to support the family while the orchard or the hops are growing. And when the farm is fully developed it will yield a handsome profit.

Located, as it is, convenient to the best markets, and the superior shipping facilities afforded, make Independence the principal trading center for a wide stretch of surrounding country; and this fact alone gives it the advantage over many other towns



J. S. Cooper, Pres. Commercial Club. In the valley which are attracting attention of buyers simply because of the advertising that has been given them, and not on account of the opportunities afforded.

BUSINESS ENTERPRISES

Today the principal business enterprises of Independence consist of a bank, the Independence National Bank, and one of the strongest institutions in the state, a hotel, six general merchandise stores, furniture store, three hardware stores, two drug stores, undertaker, two meat markets, garage and machine shop, a creamery and ice plant said to be one of the best in the state; sash and door factory, flouring mill, laundry, a commission house, two blacksmith shops, bakery, two livery barns and one feed stable, three barber shops, three jewelers, two new and second-hand furniture stores, two millinery stores, one boot and shoe shop



J. G. McIntosh, Sec. Commercial Club. two plumbing shops, three real estate firms, one weekly paper, The Independence Enterprise, and a live commercial club with more than one hundred active members. J. G. McIntosh is the secretary, with office in the Enterprise building, and any information desired that is not contained in this article will be furnished by him upon application.

The Commercial Club, whose membership is made up of the most progressive citizens of the community, is striving to develop the resources of this community by every legitimate means.

The opportunities for investment in Independence are excellent. This is especially so with reference to farm property which is remarkably low in price, but away up in valuation.

SCHOOLS AND CHURCHES

Independence affords excellent educational advantages. In addition to the graded schools, which have a large enrollment, there is an accredited high school, whose graduates are entitled to enter the University of Oregon without examination; and the state normal school is located only two miles west on the I. & M. Railroad. There are six substantial as well as attractive churches, which are named above.

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ACKERMAN HOME FROM THE EAST

Normal School Trip Proves Beneficial for State.

Superintendent of Monmouth School Sees Rural Institution Problem Solved at Last.

(From Monday's Oregonian.) President Ackerman has returned from a month's absence in the Middle Western States. His trip was taken for the purpose of inspecting the normal school system in other states. He found the presidents and faculties of the schools everywhere he visited courteous and ready to give all information and assistance to him in explaining the methods. All questions were answered freely and fully, and nowhere was there any disposition to cover up any apparent weakness, but on the other hand they were as fully presented as were the strong ones.

The features Mr. Ackerman found most interesting for comparison with the needs of the Oregon Normal School were:

First—Whether specific provisions are being made to solve the so-called rural school problem.

Second—The method of organizing and administration of training schools and

Third—The plan, organization and administration of dormitories. With a few exceptions he found that little, if anything, was being specifically done with the rural school problem as such and those exceptions were:

Valley City, North Dakota, Moorhead, Minn., Plattville, Wis., and Kirksville, Mo., the latter having a model rural school building on the campus, and one team hauling children from rural communities. Several new and up-to-date dormitories were inspected, and much information secured, which he hopes will be of service to the board of regents while planning and equipping the new dormitory at Monmouth.

Mr. Ackerman returns imbued with the idea that many, if not all, of the best features of the best schools can successfully be adapted to Oregon conditions and provided for in the Oregon Normal School, and that while large and well equipped buildings and extensive and beautiful grounds are of great assistance in building a strong Normal School, yet the greatest and most important feature after all is a strong faculty.

While absent he interviewed many applicants for positions, but has not as yet fully decided on any of his recommendations, but is strongly of the opinion that quite a per cent of the applications from Oregon will be recommended.

Asked about the interest being manifested in Oregon, he replied, "No state is receiving such favorable consideration as is Oregon, and in no city or community did he see the activity that may be seen in Portland and other cities and communities in Oregon."

ARMORY SITE CHOSEN

National Guard Officers Select Location at Dallas.

Colonel Jackson and Adjutant-General Finzer, of the Oregon National Guard, on behalf of the military staff of the state of Oregon, selected the armory site in Dallas one day last week. There were twelve locations offered, but all were turned down except the one at the county seat of Polk.

Work on the armory will be commenced soon.

Big Farm Sold.

The Monmouth Real Estate Company last week closed one of the largest land deals they have made for some time, when they sold to a Mr. Palmer of Nebraska, 200 acres north of Rickreall. The consideration was over \$12,000. Mr. Palmer is tired of the severe climate in the east and wants to spend the rest of his life in a country where he can be comfortable.

He has returned to his eastern home and will move to Oregon next fall, bringing with him a lot of fine cattle and horses. He also expects several of his neighbors to move west when he does.

RAIN OF GREAT BENEFIT

Hop Growers Particularly Are Assured of an Abundant Harvest.

The rain which has fallen here during the past week will mean thousands of dollars to the farmers and hop growers in this vicinity. Hop men are particularly pleased over the conditions, as the rain gives assurance of abundant crops.

As a rule at this time of the year the vines have reached a good growth but this year they have been backward. The early part of the growing period gave evidence of a great harvest. The decidedly cement weather in March and April placed the work well in advance as compared to former years, but the cold nights and dry weather retarded the growth to some extent and up to the present time the hop conditions have been very backward. With the rain coming as it did just in the nick of time there are indications of an immense crop this year, and the growers are a truly jubilant.

Everything in the line of vegetation is progressing rapidly and it is safe to predict that the season of 1911 will be a most favorable one for the husbandman.

Should Have Helpmate.

To make the Independence Commercial Club a complete success a ladies' auxiliary should be organized, and we would suggest that the members of that body extend encouragement to the ladies of Independence in this direction.

It has been demonstrated from time to time that the women of Independence are capable of accomplishing a great deal, and if they can become interested in an effort to benefit the city there will be greater achievements accomplished in one summer than the men can accomplish in a life time.

Corvallis has an organization of this kind and the city is receiving benefit therefrom every day.

Mother's Day Service.

Next Sunday being "Mother's Day" the occasion will be observed by appropriate services at Calvary Presbyterian church, at the morning service at 11 o'clock. The church will be decorated with flowers and it is desired that every person attending the service wear a white flower of some kind, in memory or in honor of their mother.

Dr. Dunsmore will deliver an appropriate address, and Calvary's popular choir will render special music. The public are very cordially invited to these services as well as to the evening service.

Lee Whitcom was in Portland this week.

CIRCUIT COURT IN SESSION NOW

Independence Not Much In Evidence This Term.

The Several Cases on the Docket for this Term of Circuit Court Are Disposed of Rapidly.

Circuit court is in session at Dallas this week and many cases have been disposed of up to the time of this writing. The grand jury is coming, the cost of paving which is now in contemplation, will be approximately \$15,000.

Verd Hill presented a remonstrance against building the proposed sidewalk in front of the Hill property on South Main street.

Independence was not very conspicuously noticeable in court this term. Among the cases of local interest disposed of are: W. F. Messner vs. F. L. Tuttle, action for money, dismissed on motion of plaintiff. State of Oregon vs. Dick Gaines, selling liquor in violation of the local option law, continued. R. M. Wade & Co. vs. W. R. Haight, action for money, dismissed on motion of plaintiff. J. L. Stockton vs. Maggie J. Ramp, action for money, default and judgment and order to sell attached property.

The case of Mr. Newton vs. J. L. Hanna, an action for money, in which \$22,600 was involved, was decided in favor of defendant, B. F. Swope, of this city was attorney for Mr. Hanna, and handled the case perfectly.

The docket was quite lengthy this term, but a large portion of the cases were disposed of quickly.

That Mission Tea.

At the Mission tea held in the M. E. church parlors last Thursday afternoon, the ladies of the society realized \$12.00 from the sales. A very large attendance is reported.

The ladies of the M. E. church will give a cafeteria dinner in the parlors of the church next Thursday, May 18, to which everybody is invited. Go and see the novel way they will provide for getting something to eat. There will be chickens, and chickens, and then chickens, besides lots of chickens; but this is not all. Go and see what you can buy for a very small sum.

TALK PAVEMENT

City Council to Introduce Ordinance Establishing Permanent Grade.

At the regular meeting of the common council held Wednesday evening the subject of paving occupied a large portion of the evening, and the recorder was instructed to introduce a bill for an ordinance at the next meeting intended to establish a permanent grade, in the streets of Independence, which is one of the preliminary steps in the direction of hard surface pavement.

According to an estimate made by Mr. Hill, and read before the meeting, the cost of paving which is now in contemplation, will be approximately \$15,000.

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BOYS IN CONTEST

Morning Oregonian Puts on Lively Subscription Contest.

W. F. Coates, a representative of the Morning Oregonian, has inaugurated a subscription contest in this city in the interest of that great publication, and has four boys at work for the prizes. There are three prizes offered, the first a gold watch which will be a credit for any boy to wear.

In addition to the prizes awarded the carrier boys, the Oregonian is offering liberal prizes with the paper to be given the subscribers.

The Oregonian is one of the best papers on the Pacific coast, and the liberal offer they are making should appeal to every family in this city.

The boys interested in the contest are Dorain Dickerson, Joe Eaton, Floyd Browne, and Fred Knox.

Will Start Nursery.

One day last week J. M. Keith of Vancouver, Wash., purchased the W. Scott farm in Marion county, across the river from Independence. The transfer was made through the Independence Real Estate Co.

It is Mr. Keith's intention to start a nursery on the place as soon as he takes possession. He is an experienced nursery man, having recently sold his interest in a large nursery at Vancouver.

The firm he has just purchased is an ideal place for a nursery and we predict success for him in the undertaking. The price paid for the farm was \$6,000.

Darrell Stump of Monmouth and Ross Nelson of this place, attended the West Jersey Sale at Scappoose, last Thursday.

Take a Chance, You'll Win

WE SAY THIS MERELY TO ATTRACT YOUR ATTENTION. HONESTLY YOU DON'T TAKE ANY CHANCES WHEN YOU BUY HERE. WE ALWAYS GIVE YOU HONEST GOODS AT HONEST PRICES.

COME IN AND SEE OUR NEW SILK PATTERNS, JUST ARRIVED. THEY ARE JUST WHAT YOU WANT. OUR NEW LINE OF EMBROIDERY DRESSES ALREADY TO PUT TOGETHER ARE THE LATEST FOR SUMMER WEAR. THEY COME IN WHITE, PINK, BLUE, LAVENDER AND TAN.

WE ARE SHOWING A VERY LARGE AND SELECT STOCK OF LADIES' NECKWEAR, INCLUDING THE MAUDE ADAMS COLLARS IN PLAIN AND EMBROIDERY.

ALWAYS COME TO US FOR THE LATEST IN LADIES' WEAR, AND WHERE YOU WILL ALWAYS FIND THE PRICE WAY DOWN.

Conkey, Walker & Lehman
The Two Leading Stores of Independence.