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OREGON AND ITS OPPORTUNITIES

Independence Commercial Club Invites Homeseekers to Locate Here.

Numerous Advantages Offered.—Its Climate, Unequaled Shipping Facilities, Cost of Land.

In accordance with a well considered plan, the projectors of the Independence Commercial Club have taken preliminary steps to make known to the great number of immigrants constantly flowing into Oregon the innumerable advantages and almost boundless resources of this section of the great Willamette Valley—Polk county, the agricultural hub of which is Independence.

There are many reasons why "newcomers" to the state should be informed as to the resources and prospects of this section. It would be impossible to more than touch upon the principal ones, but that will be more than sufficient for the space at hand.

LOCATION

The location of Independence, Polk County, Oregon, has been referred to in these columns before, but this is important, and in commencing this brief pen picture we will state: It is located on the west bank of the Willamette river, and is practically the head of navigation on that stream. It is 65 miles south of Portland by rail and but little more by way of the river, on which numerous steamers are constantly plying. It is the terminus of the I. and M. Railroad, and 52 miles from Dallas, the county seat.

SOIL AND PRODUCTS

Polk county is one of the largest, most fertile and wealthy divisions of the state. Owing to its vast extent and varied elevations, there are endless possibilities in the way of different classes of farming interests, ranging from fruit farms to stock ranges of any size, and from small gardening to immense tracts devoted to hop and grain raising. In the foothills of the western portion of the county is to be found the choicest and most valuable timber grown in the northwest, while the fertile prairies along the different streams with which the country abounds, furnish agricultural lands that have no superior in Oregon.

THE CLIMATE

The climate of Polk county is equalled only by that of its immediate sister counties, and has no superior outside of the valley. The rain fall is sufficient to insure every kind of crop and there is seldom a season that snow falls in sufficient quantity to discommodate the farmer. The summer months are as nearly perfect as can be found on this coast.

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

In the many progressive towns of the county the prospective merchant or manufacturer may find the desired opportunity to not only invest his money, but to build up a flourishing and prosperous business.

Especially is this true in Independence. The property owners here are awake to their own interests and so hearty is their support of home industries, and so energetic and broad minded has been their treatment of all public questions, that today Independence is one of the prosperous and live business centers in Oregon.

The Independence Commercial Club wishes to extend an open invitation to every person in Oregon or elsewhere, who is not satisfied with his present location, to come to Independence and see if this is not the place he long has sought. And to the residents of this county an appeal is made to do all in their power to advance the interests of their own section by making known its advantages, and thus advance their own and their neighbors' prosperity. Let the world know the boundless resources here offered.

If you want to locate here call or write; if you want further information address J. C. McIntosh, Secretary of Independence Commercial Club.

THE WILLAMETTE VALLEY

A Brief Description of the Willamette Valley.—What is Claimed for the Soil and Climate of Oregon.

It is not the purpose of this article to advertise any man or business, nor

any particular locality of this county; beyond showing a reasonable amount of pride and faith in Independence as a business center, it is not intended to make claims for it over the advantages of other towns of the county. The end and aim of the present effort is to place before the people to the east, especially that class who have their minds made up to come out west, the possibilities offered them on this coast—in this state especially, and more particularly right here in this portion of Polk county.

The most widely known section of the state of Oregon, and what may be in truth designated as the Garden of the Northwest, is

THE WILLAMETTE VALLEY

which is the principal valley in the state and constitutes the wealthiest portion of Oregon. It is drained by the river of the same name, which stream is navigable at certain periods of the year for some distance above this city. It flows northward about midway between the Coast Range and the Cascade mountains, and empties into the Columbia river at a point about one hundred miles from the ocean. The valley begins, so to speak at the Callapoos on the south and extends north to the Columbia river, a distance of about one hundred thirty miles. It has an average width of sixty miles, not including the mountain slopes and comprises one beautiful sweep of valley, containing approximately 7500 square miles, or 4,992,000 acres of land, all of which is highly fertile. From their sources in the Cascades flow westward the Clackamas, Molalla, Pudding, Santiam and McKenzie rivers, and empty into the Willamette. The Coast Fork is an important branch of the Willamette. From the sources in the Coast range flow eastward the Tualatin, Chehalis, Yamhill, LaCreele, Luckiamute, Long Tom, Marys and Callapoos rivers, which also empty into the Willamette. These, also are streams of importance and each drains a considerable country in the foothills valuable for agriculture, fruit, stock and timber.

WHAT IS CLAIMED FOR OREGON

It is not claimed for Oregon that it is a "Garden of Eden," nor a "Perfect Paradise" nor the only place for a poor man. On the contrary it is about as rough on a poor man here as it is in many other states. We speak as one having had experience. One can go out on the streets almost any time in the winter and in less than a day can find men who will say that it rains here sometimes; in fact they will swear to it and some swear about it. As to its being a Garden of Eden, that is a flight of imagination; there are no fig leaves in the state, in the first place, and besides the merchants all sell dress goods cheap for cash. But for all that it is a good place to live, and industry, sobriety and enterprise tell as surely and much more promptly in the Beaver state than in the ice belt of the eastern states.

People come nearer living here than they do in a country where it freezes and breezes to the extent it does in the middle western states, or where the sun is as attentive to its business as it is in the more southerly parts of this coast country.

The truth of the matter is that up to this time the best portions of this state have not been placed before the eastern immigrants, for the reason that much of the land was owned and held by the original donation-claimers who refused to dispose of them. The situation is altered to a great extent now. The old order is changing; the methods of the past are rapidly going out of style, and improvement is noticeable on all sides. In proof of these assertions the following opinions, by a man who has traveled all over the state in pursuit of a location, and whose views upon other subjects are treated with respect, is given as evidence.

In common with nearly everyone who comes to this state, Van Walters, a wealthy farmer who settled here recently, is highly pleased with the business activity everywhere apparent, as well as delighted with the climate. He has purchased large interests here, but not until he had spent much time and money looking over other sections of the state did he finally decide to make Independence his future home. The location, shipping facilities, excellence of the soil and low valuations appealed to him at once, with the result that he is now owner of several handsome farms in this immediate vicinity, and will buy more.

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FARMER KILLED NEAR THIS CITY

J. S. Compton Meets Sudden Death in Runaway Accident.

Funeral Held Thursday by the Odd Fellows Lodge—Interment in I. O. O. F. Cemetery.

J. S. Compton received injuries in a runaway accident last Monday evening from which he died Tuesday morning at six o'clock.

Mr. Compton was engaged in hauling gravel on the road from the pit south of this city. He had emptied his wagon and was returning for another load when a motorcycle party passed his team. The horses became unmanageable and started to run and as they did the driver was thrown head first under the animal's feet. Two wheels of the wagon passed over his body causing a crushed ankle, a broken leg, and an artery in one leg was severed causing an extreme loss of blood which is said to have been the immediate cause of his death. Mr. Compton was taken to a house near where the accident occurred and a physician was immediately called, but his condition was such that medical aid could accomplish nothing except to relieve his suffering.

The team ran on for a quarter of a mile when one of the horses fell and became entangled in the harness which prevented them running farther. One of the horses was considerably bruised and the vehicle slightly demolished.

We did not learn the party's name who is alleged to have been responsible for Mr. Compton's death, but it is said that the man lived in Oregon City. It is understood that the Odd Fellows Lodge, of which Mr. Compton was a member, will place the matter in the hands of a lawyer and bring action against the motorcyclist if incriminating evidence can be obtained.

The funeral was held Thursday and the I. O. O. F. had charge of the services and interment was made in the Odd Fellows Cemetery.

FIRE IN LIVERY BARN

Quick Action of Fire Department Prevents Conflagration.

A serious conflagration was narrowly averted Monday afternoon by the quick response of the fire department.

About 3 o'clock fire was discovered in the roof of I. W. Dickinson's livery barn and in less than five minutes from the time an alarm was turned in a stream of water was started upon the burning roof, and the blaze was soon extinguished, but not until the roof was considerably damaged. It is supposed that the fire originated from a cinder coming out of the smoke stack at the creamery. A strong wind was blowing from the north and the flames were rapidly working through the back part of the barn to the hay when assistance arrived. For a short time it looked as if a serious fire was inevitable. The fire company is deserving of much credit for its quick action. A few minutes delay in this case would probably have resulted in the loss of the entire building and probably the stish and door factory and other buildings in that portion of the city.

Anticipating the entire destruction of his property, Mr. Dickinson removed his horses and vehicles from the building. It required only a short time, however, to get control of the flames and the loss did not prove to be very heavy.

Decides Not to Celebrate.

The committee appointed by the president of the Commercial Club to formulate plans for a celebration on the Fourth of July will submit a report at the next meeting recommending that no celebration be held this year. The president and the committee, after a careful investigation, decided that it will be best to postpone the celebration for this year on account of the Races and Stock Show coming so near that date, and owing to the fact that Dallas and Falls City will both celebrate. This will give Independence people an opportunity to attend the celebration at one of the above named places, and we hope it will encourage a large attendance from both places to the meeting of the Independence Driving Park Association which will be held in this city June 21, 22, and 23.

THAT MISTER BOB

High School Drama Entitled Mister Bob, Rendered in Opera House Interests Many.

The drama, entitled Mister Bob, which was rendered in the opera house Friday evening by students of the Independence High School, was a brilliant success in every sense of the word. The room was packed to its utmost capacity and all seemed to be well pleased with the entertainment. Before the drama was presented several musical selections of more than ordinary interest were rendered and the orchestra furnished music, which added to the interest of the occasion.

Probably the most interesting number was a reading by little Francis Page, the eight-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Page, who were here from the state of Washington on a visit with H. Hirschberg. For a boy of his age he is certainly remarkable, and his equal has never been seen or heard by the writer. During the reading he was repeatedly interrupted by applause, and was enthusiastically called back for the second recitation, to which he promptly responded. This alone was worth the price of admission.

The students of the High School had given considerable rehearsal to the play and each character was well represented. From a financial standpoint it surpassed all expectations.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

G. A. R. and W. R. C. Will Pay Tribute to Deceased Soldiers.

Memorial services will be held in the auditorium Sunday at 11 a. m., by the G. A. R., W. R. C. and all the churches in the city, and the public is cordially invited to attend. Rev. Arthur Blackstone, pastor of the Baptist church, will deliver the memorial sermon, and special music will be furnished by a large chorus.

Tuesday, May 30, at 10:00 a. m., the G. A. R. and W. R. C. will observe memorial day at the auditorium with appropriate exercises. Hon. P. H. DeArcy of Salem, will deliver the oration and an excellent program consisting of songs, recitations, etc., will be rendered. School children are requested to meet at Woodman hall at 9 o'clock and march to the auditorium. Flags will be furnished the children for the occasion. The public is invited to attend.

A CARD OF THANKS

I desire to use this method of expressing my appreciation of the generous assistance rendered on the part of Independence people at the time of the fire in my livery barn last Monday.

I. W. Dickinson.

MUSICAL RECITAL AT M. E. CHURCH

The Greatest Musical Event of the Season to be Held Friday Evening.

Leading Musicians and Vocalists of Independence to Assist in Entertainment.

Mrs. J. G. McIntosh of this city, will present her pupils in a recital at the M. E. church on Friday evening, May 26th.

This is not the first time Mrs. McIntosh will have demonstrated to the Independence people her efficiency and ability as a teacher both in piano and voice as the last recital given here will speak for itself.

Mrs. McIntosh will be assisted by the leading vocalists of Independence most of whom need no introduction.

Mr. Walters, a noted Cellist, who has lately located here with his family, will render a special number. Mr. Walters comes highly recommended as a musician and no doubt will delight the music loving audience. Raymond Williams, a local musician, will render a violin solo in his usual pleasing style. Independence's famous male quartette will render a Southern melody. These voices have been in training for some months and will no doubt captivate the audience.

The Ladies' Glee Club, composed of eighteen voices, will give two selections. These ladies have been under training by Mrs. Conkey and Mrs. McIntosh.

The Misses Ella Chase, Cora Smith, Nellie Kurze and Edith Gavorson will act as ushers for the occasion.

A small donation of 10 cents will be charged to defray expenses.

Every one ought to avail themselves of this opportunity and give the class encouragement by your presence.

Program as follows:—

PART I

- PIANO DUET—"Trio Waltz"—Hummel
- Lucile Craven—Gladys Reynolds.
- VOCAL SOLO—"Waltz of Flower Fairies"—Crosby—Leona Gaine.
- PIANO DUET—"Heather March"—Presser—Marjorie Reynolds—Dorothy Paddock.
- PIANO SOLO—"The Little Prince"—Krogman—Lavelle Hewitt.
- VOCAL SOLO—"I Want to Pawn My Dolly"—Harris—Bonnie Brown.
- PIANO SOLO—"Cricket"—Cochran—Katie Murphy.
- PIANO SOLO—"The Voice of the Heart"—Van Gael—Naomi Brown.
- PIANO DUET—"Violet Waltz"—Presser—Helen Jones—Bonnie Brown.
- VOCAL SOLO—"Sense Me Today"—Harris—Marjorie Reynolds.
- PIANO SOLO—"Festival Procession March"—Rathbun—Lois Hewitt.
- VOCAL SOLO—"Longing"—Mathews—Lois Craven.

- PIANO DUET—"At School March"—Streablog—Dorothy Paddock—Bonnie Brown.
- PIANO SOLO—"Third Valse Impromptu"—Rathbun—Gladys Reynolds.
- CHORUS—"Welcome Pretty Primrose"—Pinsuti—Carnation Club.
- PIANO SOLO—"Oberon"—Leybach—Vale Hildebrandt.

PART II

- PIANO SOLO—"Garden of Dreams"—Lincoln—Lucile Craven.
- MALE QUARTETTE—"I Want to Go Down South Once Mo'"—Parks—Hedges, Walker, Macy, McIntosh.
- PIANO SOLO—"Fairy Whispers"—Krogman—Dorothy Paddock.
- VIOLIN SOLO—"Prayer"—Concerto Militaire—Bozzaini—Raymond Williams.
- VOCAL SOLO—"The Tramp"—H. Trotter—O. Macy.
- VOCAL SOLO—"Invocation"—D. Hardeol—Nettie Snyder.
- CELLO SOLO—"Melody in F"—Rubinstein—Mr. Walters.
- VOCAL SOLO—"A Perfect Day"—Bond—Mrs. E. E. Paddock.
- VOCAL SOLO—"Waiting"—Millard—Irma Williams.
- CHORUS—"Dinah"—Clayton Johns—Carnation Club.
- VOCAL SOLO—"I Am Content"—Sainston—Mrs. Geo. Conkey.
- VOCAL SOLO—"At Parting"—Hawley—J. G. McIntosh.

THE KIONDIKE SOCIAL

The Fraternal Union of Americans held a basket social in K. of P. Hall Wednesday evening when an excellent program was rendered, consisting of address of welcome by M. Goetz, solo by Miss Nettie Snyder, solo by Mrs. E. E. Paddock, piano duet by Frances and Helen Eaton, solo by Vivian Browne and a vocal duet by Messrs. McIntosh and Walker. An interesting feature was the novel way of selling lunches. Nut shells were passed around among the men and each contained a number corresponding with the numbers placed in the baskets. The purchaser was required to pay one-half cent per pound for what ever the weight of his partner happened to be. No one had to pay more than \$2.00. The hall was beautifully decorated with the lodge colors, Red, Blue White and Black.

Commencing next Wednesday the Eugene District Methodist Ministerial convention will convene in the M. E. church in this city, and it gives promise of being a very interesting occasion. Ministers of prominence in the district will be present about 30 in number, and a three days session of more than ordinary importance will be held. The several topics are worthy of attention.

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