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THE COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL INTERESTS OF THE WORLD'S GREATEST HOP SECTION



MAIN STREET INDEPENDENCE, OREGON.

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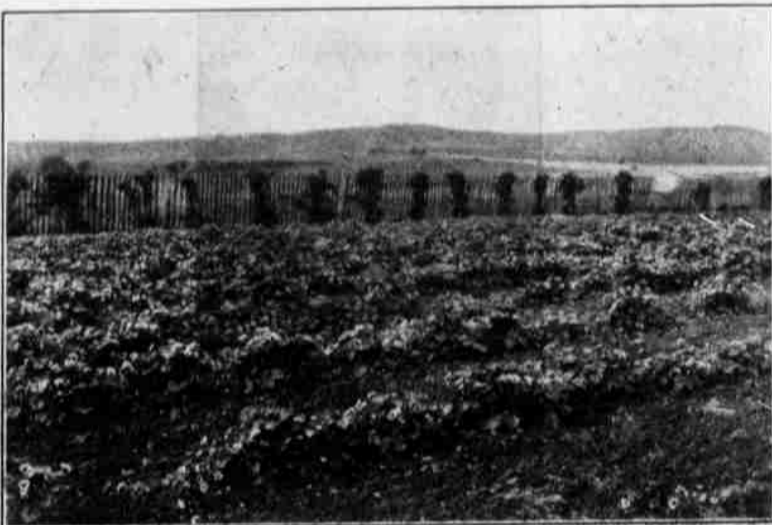
The beautiful city of Independence, of nearly two thousand inhabitants, is located in the eastern part of the county of Linn, Oregon, on the Willamette river, and almost at the head of navigation, and on the west side of the Southern Pacific railroad, 66 miles south of Portland and 12 miles south of Salem, the state capital. It is also the terminus of the Independence and Monmouth railroad running between this city and Dallas, the county seat of Polk county, and also a line between Independence and Airle. With the railroad and steamboat navigation it is made the shipping point of a large territory and has long since been recognized as the greatest hop section in the world.

Nature's architect never selected a

every month in the year and the multitude of minor public and private improvements, our city presents a fine and appealing appearance from one side and to another. Another feature noted and often spoken of by visiting strangers, is the bright and intelligent appearance and courteous demeanor of our citizens—uniformly so, and enough ahead of other localities in this respect as to create a favorable comment.

The Climate.

The climate is salubrious, invigorating and healthful, and as a natural consequence the death rate is exceptionally low. Favorable climatic conditions contribute very materially to the attractiveness of Independence as a most desirable place of residence, and the healthfulness of the city in turn increases the energy of



HOP FIELD NEAR INDEPENDENCE

prettier site for a city, and in its pretty valley, with a sufficient altitude conducive to pure air and insuring a natural system of drainage to the river, with the purest of drinking water at hand, and where the conditions and other necessary adjuncts to good health are probably unexcelled by any city in the world, the people are prosperous and happy, working each day for a greater and better Independence in every sense of the word.

One of the features that add much to the attractiveness of Independence and one that is always noted by visitors, is the profusion of beautiful shade trees which line the streets and are thickly scattered throughout its public and private grounds, and which with the beautiful lawns green

the people and conduce to their happiness. It would indeed be difficult to say too much in favor of Independence as being a most desirable and delightful place of residence. It is essentially a city of comfort and happy, if not beautiful homes.

The older inhabitants can perhaps vividly recall the days when its drawbacks as a place of residence were more serious. But those days are happily passed, never to return. With an excellent water system, a public sewer system, electric lights, paved streets and everything intended to better the condition of a home city, there is no possibility of ever going back to the days of hardships and discomfort. If, in fact, such condition ever existed as some may imagine.



INDEPENDENCE APPLE ORCHARD



DAIRY HERD OF H. M. MATTISON

Nowhere in the Pacific Northwest will be found a city that affords its residents a greater combination of advantages that make life worth living, than are to be found in and about Independence. This statement is made without fear of successful contradiction. To those who through choice now claim this place as their home, after a thorough investigation of the merits of each of other places, this statement is unnecessary, but may possibly be of benefit to some readers who are casting about for a new location, where schools are regularly conducted, and churches where services are regularly conducted by ministers in charge who are exceptionally able and well educated.

Rural Beauty

From the first flush of green on the fields and foliage in the spring until autumn has browned the pastures and meadows, and scattered the withered leaves, does the landscape in this portion of the beautiful west retain its beauty. From the city on every side stretch fertile fields, dotted with commodious and



ANOTHER HOP YARD AT INDEPENDENCE

in their business pursuits, they may become allied to that silent, but most agreeable partner, contentment. To those who are suffering in the cold, cold east, and those who have been driven from their homes by cyclones and tornadoes, this fact may be read with remarkable interest. For are we not living in an age when successful business implies something more than the mere accumulation of dollars?

People are today considering more fully than in former years, the enhancements of a successful life, represented by the best location naturally, and where the citizens reflect the influences of educational advantages, and where are supplied the most abundantly all those acquisitions that go to make life happy and happy.

pretty farm buildings and tell of comfort and luxury to the owner, and of careful attention to the physical comfort of the herds of cattle and other domestic animals which are making money for the Oregon husbandman, and which are kept in great numbers. Independence is rich with her stock and it is indeed a pleasant picture to look upon.

But the supreme test to which all inhabited lands must come sooner or later is their adaptation to the support of civilized life—a life that demands not only physical comfort, but something of the advantages, attainments and possibilities of up-to-date civilization. Judged by such a standard the country about us may, all things considered, challenge comparison with any similar area upon



A BUNCH FROM THE JERSEY ISLES

And is it not true, that in the deepest meaning of the word, real success in life must be surrounded, at least in a degree, with such attributes, so that in the evening of life, the truly successful person may, in his experience, tell of pleasures, as well as of the vicissitudes?

The people here are of a superior class in intelligence, education, refinement and morality, and certainly have no superiors in the enterprising support of all movements that tend toward this end. The invigorating atmosphere seems to implant a spirit of restless energy and vivacity that gives real life and color to people; and lastly, supplied with the best of

which the sun shines in the great Pacific Northwest. Right here, too, is the place to invest at the present time, for no section of Oregon offers better values for the money than does Independence. The settlement of our farms dates back more than fifty years, and in all these years there has never been a failure of crops. Never has famine prices for food prevailed, for man or for beast. Fruits of all kinds are easily grown in great abundance and of choicest variety. Hops are grown to a remarkable profit, and today the vicinity of Independence is surrounded by hundreds of acres of hop fields which are conducted by hundreds of

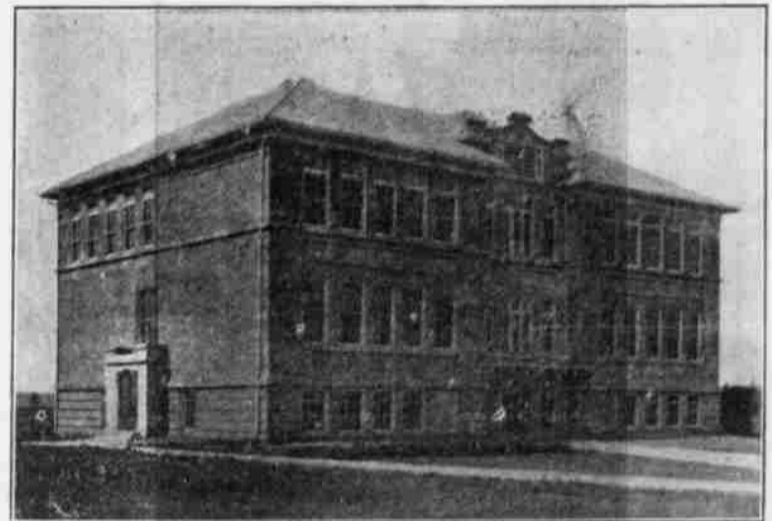
immense profit for owners.

Changes have come naturally into the system of farming. Dairy and stock farming has taken the place of exclusive grain raising, although Oregon is yet recognized as a successful wheat country. Great attention is being paid to the production of the kinds of grains demanded for stock. Phenomenal crops of oats, barley, rye, clover, potatoes, hops, etc., are produced annually, and with good

and space prevent our making any more than a mere mention.

Our School System

One of the very first things to be investigated now-a-days, before one chooses a new and permanent home, is the school system, and a publication dedicated to the best interests of Independence would not approach a complete survey of the school system to be of efficacy of our



INDEPENDENCE HIGH SCHOOL

farming generally prevailing, have increased in yield, rather than diminished, as the years have gone by.

A creamery provided with modern machinery and appliances, and which in fact is second to none in Oregon, is located in this city, and to show how much the dairy interests of this section is growing, we will say that the Independence creamery produced an average of 2,500 pounds of butter daily during the months of May and June. There are fifteen people employed in this factory every working day in the year.

The company, in order to promote the dairy industry interests of the state, is willing to purchase cows for

high and public schools, for in the schools converge the interests of the community as a whole.

Our schools will compare favorably with those of any other city in the Willamette Valley, and are the growth of many years, fostered by the untiring zeal of public-spirited citizens, and the self sacrifice of earnest teachers.

The public school erected some time since, is a modern structure in every respect, two stories and basement, electric lights, city water, steam heat and everything to improve the sanitary conditions and to preserve the health of the pupils has been provided. The high school build-



INDEPENDENCE PUBLIC SCHOOL

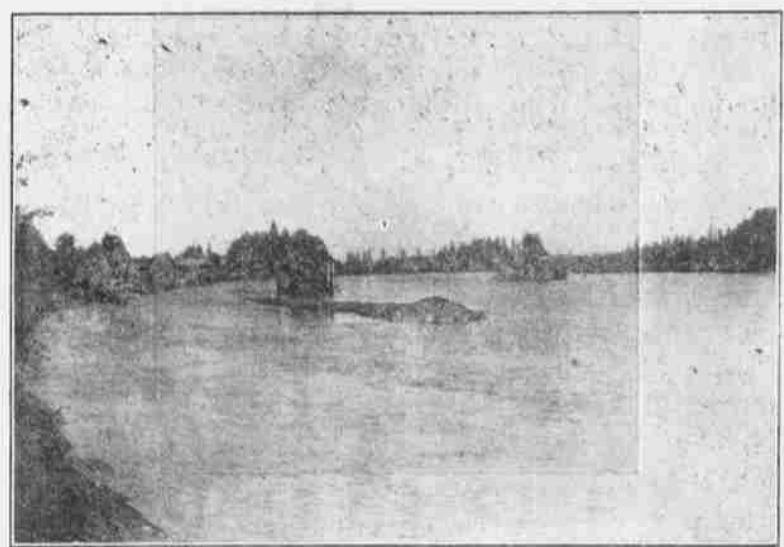
responsible persons with which to stock his farm, and these can be paid for on monthly installments.

The product from this enterprise always brings the highest market price and is in constant demand. The company pays the highest price for butter fat and is adding rapidly each month to the wealth of the dairymen of Independence and vicinity. So great is the capacity of this enterprise their patrons are not confined exclusively to the vicinity of Independence, but they are receiving cream from all parts of Western Oregon, and their freight and express bills daily amount to a vast amount of money.

We would indeed like to enter into details of the vast and varied agricultural resources, to picture the buildings and herds, but lack of time

ing, which was erected last year, and opened for the first time only a year ago, is also a modern concrete structure, and provided with all the modern improvements. This department of the school is growing constantly and the board of directors recently established a course of domestic science, which is affording a source of instruction of great value to the students. The best of instructors have been provided, and taking everything into consideration, the Independence schools are above the average.

The educational pioneers of this vicinity encountered difficulties and endured privations in their efforts to establish schools and build up our school system, that the children of the present generation, with the school facilities they now enjoy, can



WILLAMETTE RIVER AT INDEPENDENCE