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THE PARCELS POST

The rural free delivery has proven a great benefit to country people, and city people as well; and the parcels post system going into effect the first of January, is going to be even a greater benefit.

It is comparatively easy for any citizen of a city or town to go or send two or three times a day for articles at the store. But it is difficult and often impracticable for a farmer living miles from the market or store to receive the necessities of life from town more than once a week, and in some cases less frequent.

With the adequate telephone system we have in this country and the adoption of the parcels post, the farmers can be well provided for. Not only this, but it will prove a great financial benefit to business men of all classes.

The rural free delivery system is of quite recent development in the United States. Wherever it has been tried, however, it has worked out successfully, and so will the parcels post system. The great drawback in the rural mail system in this country has been the lack of good roads. With the roads in a passable condition there is no substantial reason why the farmer cannot have household necessities delivered at his door as well as his mail.

THE CITY JAIL

Under provisions of a law enacted by the Oregon Legislature and approved as long ago as 1905, it is the duty of every incorporated city in the state to provide, keep and maintain within such incorporated city a jail or prison for the reception and confinement of prisoners committed thereto; the walls of which, so provides the law, shall be of concrete or brick or stone, well laid in mortar or cement, the floor of cement and the ceiling of plaster, iron or steel, and the roof metal, or other non-combustible material.

The measure goes on to describe the construction required. Section 2, however, provides that this act shall not apply to any jail built prior to the adoption of this law, but it can be plainly seen that the intention of the law is to provide a suitable place for prisoners.

After looking over the jail that Independence has long since provided it becomes apparent that the city has by no means complied with the real intent of the law.

What are we going to do about it? Continue in this same shiftless manner, or provide a jail that is sanitary and safe? At a very little expense arrangements could be made to make a jail in the rear of the city building, and it is hoped that one of the first undertakings of the new council will be to supply this long felt want.

FAVORS PRIMARY

Independence, Oregon, Dec. 7, '12. Mr. H. E. Browne, Editor Enterprise, Independence, Oregon.

Dear Sir:— Please accept my thanks for the fair manner in which you used my name in your account of the late city election. Without the explanation you gave of my name being mixed up in the affair it would have been easy for those unacquainted with the facts to have gained a wrong impression and placed me in a false light, but your kind explanation removed that danger.

I am strongly in favor of amending our charter so as to provide for a regular nominating primary for city officers and requiring the filing of an acceptance at least ten days prior to the regular election of candidates. This is but one of several changes badly needed in our present city charter.

Very Truly Yours,
W. T. HOFFMAN.

D. L. Hedges purchased the tract of land known as Tice Island, Saturday from B. Wilson, and sold the same to Mr. Tice, the original owner, taking his house and lot in the city as part payment. The tract comprises 50 acres of land.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE NORMAL SCHOOL CITY

Oregon Normal School Placed On The Accredited List.—Other Items of Interest Told Briefly.

President J. H. Ackerman of the Oregon Normal School, has just been informed that the Oregon Normal School has been placed upon the California accredited list of Normal Schools. This action by the California State Board of Education indicates that the Oregon Normal School is of equal rank with the best normal schools in the United States and entitles the holder of its standard diploma to an elementary certificate in California without examination.

Brings Back Bad Check Man.— Sheriff Grant has returned from Idaho where he went to get one A. C. Rockwell, who is charged with defrauding the bank at this place.

Rockwell is said to be a tough case and is wanted in Marion county on a similar charge. He was employed here during the summer.

Want Macadam Roads.— A meeting will be held at the Guthrie school house near here on the 28th of this month to consider the matter of a special tax for the purpose of building macadam roads in that vicinity. There is much interest in the proposition and it is believed it will be successfully consummated.

Election Next Monday.— Election will be held in Monmouth next Monday when a mayor, recorder, marshal and three councilmen will be elected. A caucus was held last Monday when the following candidates were nominated:

For Mayor, John C. Ball; councilmen, E. H. Lorence and J. W. White; recorder D. Stitz; treasurer, W. Winegar, and marshal, Geo. W. Sullivan. There will probably be no other ticket.

F. C. Suit of Rickreall, was in the city Friday, enroute to Dallas.

A. Adkins, a former resident of Monmouth, is visiting in the city.

A. Nelson, the Independence butcher, was in town one day this week.

Miss Ida Strong is home from an extended visit at Portland.

W. B. Ramsay has been looking at some Eastern Oregon property with a view of making a deal.

The Christian church society will give a reception to their pastor on Thursday evening of this week.

One or two of our threshers went to Corvallis last Friday to attend the Threshers' convention.

Archie Parker, the rural mail carrier out of Independence, is recovering from an attack of lumbago.

Considerable sickness is reported in this vicinity, especially among the older people.

A party of our young people visited Dallas Saturday evening, presumably to attend the skating rink.

Irvine Baun and wife of Independence, visited his brother and family in this vicinity one day last week.

Mr. Henry Campbell is planting 75 acres of land in prunes. Dallas isn't the only city "full of prunes."

Monmouth is getting metropolitan in that she has a new fire department and new equipment for fighting fire.

Several of our citizens were in Independence this week, probably doing their Christmas shopping early.

Work is progressing rapidly on the new dormitory for the Oregon Normal School at this place.

Mrs. C. E. Herron is visiting in California. She will be absent for several weeks.

Peter Kurre has recently improved his property in this city by putting in a septic tank.

Earl Parker returned to his home in Eugene last week, having quit the Normal School on account of ill health.

Sloper Brothers have about completed the well for the city water system and it is pronounced an excellent piece of work.

W. P. Prophet expects to move to Southern Oregon in a week or two, where he has recently purchased property.

J. F. Wade and wife of Eastern Oregon, have been spending a few days with relatives in this vicinity.

Freeman Wade of Clem, Oregon, is getting ready to build on his place. He will eventually make Monmouth his home.

A new pumping station is soon to be erected here by the city council to be used in connection with the water system.

A special train will be run to Salem on the 19th to accommodate all who wish to hear David Blaphom, the famous singer.

A new farmers' telephone between here and Airlie is being talked of in earnest and will probably be built in a short time.

Arthur Allen of Rickreall, was in the city Saturday, enroute to Dallas, where he contested the election ballot, but with little success.

Britt Aspenwald of Brooks, one of the heavy stockholders in the big fruit ranch at Derry, was in the city the latter part of last week. He is very enthusiastic over the enterprise.

It is understood that there are to be some improvements made in the railroad property at this place, and a better train service, which has long been hoped for.

Railroad Commissioner Campbell of Salem, was in the city Tuesday, investigating the complaints filed a few weeks ago by the Commercial Club.

He Advertised—At Last. There was a man in our town, And he was wondrous wise, He swore (it was his policy) He would not advertise. But one sad day he advertised, And thereby hangs a tale, The ad was set in quite small type And headed "Sheriff's Sale."

DR. EMILY MALCOMSON Graduate of American School of Osteopathy, Kirksville, Mo. Will be in Independence TUESDAYS, 3 to 8 p. m. WEDNESDAYS, 8 to 10 a. m. FRIDAYS, 3 to 8 p. m. SATURDAYS, 8 to 10 a. m. Mrs. Hillbrand's Residence C. St.

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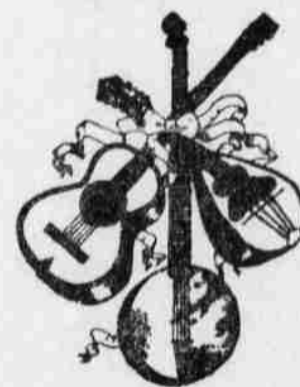


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