



MUCH FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

FACTORY SHOWS THAT CANNING INDUSTRY IS NEEDED IN INDEPENDENCE.

A radius of approximately 300 acres being devoted to the cultivation of vegetables and fruit suitable for canning purposes, according to a report submitted by Mr. Hefley to the Creditmen's Association Tuesday evening. Mr. Hefley was engaged by the Association to make a survey with the idea that a canning factory could be built for Independence.

Mr. Hefley made quite a thorough survey and his figures represent actual conditions as he found them. The factory idea met with almost universal approval among the growers. This spring 14 1/2 acres of berries being put out and next year additional 22 1/2 acres are to be used for growing berries. In addition to the berries Mr. Hefley had assurances that more of the events that a canning factory is located here.

The present acreage, according to report, is as follows: 12 1/2 acres berries, 12 1/2 of cherries, 12 of plums, 23 of Apples, 19 of tomatoes, 1 1/2 of rhubarb, 6 1/2 of pears and 3 of peaches.

SPORTSMAN BUYS HEAVY DRAFT TEAM IN MONMOUTH

Local owner, miner, lumberman, real estate operator, Mort Abbey of Newport, in spite of varied and extensive business interests, found time to spend several days last week with his old friend, Major W. Lewis Rose at the Wrigley Ranch. Mr. Abbey was on his way from a visit to silver and lead mines near Vancouver, British Columbia, in which he is heavily interested.

While here Mr. Abbey purchased from Joe Tethrow near Monmouth, a very finely matched heavy draft team for use in his lumbering operations at Toledo. The team weighed 3370 pounds, six and seven years old, and is regarded as one of the best in the county. The horses were driven to Corvallis by Mr. South and shipped by train Sunday to Toledo.

HOWELL BOY GOES TO FARM AT MONMOUTH

Harold Howell, Bandon youth, who Sunday was acquitted by a jury of the Coos county courts on a charge of murdering Lillian Lenthold, was in Bandon Tuesday on his way to Monmouth, where he will spend the summer on his uncle's farm. The lad appeared happy during his stay and displayed no signs of his long confinement in jail. He would make a correct statement regarding the charges preferred against him or his trials other than he is happy to be free.

Oliver O. Howell, father of the boy, spent more than an hour at the state house conferring with members of the industrial accident commission. Mr. Howell suffered the loss of his left hand in a mill accident near Bandon in March, 1919, and now receives compensation at the rate of \$32.50 a month.

The three trials of his boy left Mr. Howell almost penniless, according to his friends. During the last trial a majority of the citizens of the state came to Mr. Howell's assistance.

BUENA VISTA STORE WILL CLOSE NEXT MONTH

The Buena Vista store is to be closed at the end of June. Since the beginning of the war period this institution has been successfully conducted by the Misses Plant and Rose as a part of their duty, and they have finally decided to discontinue the business and come to Independence to reside. Miss Plant is a sister of Mrs. Major Rose and Miss Rose is the Major's daughter.

C. L. Guild is moving his family from the farm he recently sold south of town to his newly acquired residence property on F. street. James Johnson, who occupied this place, has taken the Boydston property.

TRUCK CARAVAN ATTRACTS ATTENTION ALONG LINE

The "ship by truck" caravan of motor trucks, and good roads advocates, on a trek from Portland to Eugene and return, passed through Independence Thursday. Fifteen strong and with noise enough to attract attention the procession arrived here about 10 o'clock, took a turn around a square, pulled up in front of the Hotel Beaver, went to Monmouth, and then back to the hotel here for lunch.

In one respect the visit here was a disappointment. The schedule called for a visit here Wednesday evening and an exhibition of the 15,000,000 candle power search light which was borrowed from the government for use on this trip. Eugene was so insistent that the big light be brought there, the original schedule was consequently abandoned and the procession arrived here in the middle of the day and had to hurry on its way in order to return to Portland on schedule time.

The trucks in the procession were: Federal, 2-ton, carrying marine exhibit, hauling 1 1/2 ton trailer with navy exhibit of a destroyer. Fageol truck, carrying Fageol tractor and six barrels of Zerolene.

Commerce 1 1/2 ton truck, loaded with bags of wheat.

Standard 2-ton truck, loaded with wire fence.

Packard 2 1/2 ton truck, carrying egg crates.

Jumbo truck, with pump and feed grinder.

Graham Brothers.

Gary truck, 1 1/2 tons, loaded with pig iron.

Day Elder, 2 1/2 tons.

International, with binder twine.

Indian, loaded with U. S. tires.

Reo Speed Wagon, carrying Universal lightning farm equipment.

Republic, 2 1/2 tons, with Havoline oil.

G. M. C., with steel bars.

Garford, 2-ton, carrying cast-iron wheels.

The project was put on by the Oregon Automotive Dealers' Association, Dealers' Motor Car Association and the National Automobile Dealers' Association, with M. O. Wilkins as manager, and Robert E. Wagner, director of publicity.

BANKERS HERE NEXT FRIDAY

ALL DAY SESSION AT ISIS THEATRE WITH LUNCHEON AT BEAVER HOTEL.

The bankers of Polk, Benton, Linn and Lincoln counties, comprising what is known as Group 2 of the Oregon Bankers' Association, will hold an all day session at the Isis Theatre in Independence, Friday, May 28th, and be the guests of the Independence and Monmouth bankers at a luncheon to be given at the Hotel Beaver at noon. Every bank in the district will be represented by one or more representatives, and the gathering will be an important one.

The principal speakers will be Mr. Crawford, vice-president of the United States National Bank in Portland, O. M. Plumer of Portland and Oscar Hayter of Dallas. These gentlemen are very able and pleasing speakers and it is anticipated that the meeting will be an enthusiastic one.

FIGHT IS UNDER WAY

The highway situation is becoming intense. Dallas and Independence have joined hands with the avowed intention of fighting to the last ditch for their rights. The authority of the state highway commission to arbitrarily designate that portion of the Pacific highway which passes through Polk county, irrespective of the legislative act designating the route, is going to be questioned with all the vehemence of a public sentiment aroused to the fighting pitch.

The straw which finally broke the camel's back was the announcement from the state highway commission's office that work upon the Rickreall-Dallas highway would be suspended until such time as the county court would sanction the highway south from Monmouth. The commissioners apparently had an idea that this would start something in Polk county, particularly in Dallas and Independence. It did, but perhaps not just what was anticipated. Instead of dividing these towns it has united them, and Judge Robinson is being given the very strongest assurances of support in the stand he has taken in the matter.

The commission has declared that there can be no change in the highway routing and has intimated that the money appropriated to build the Dallas-Rickreall road is to be used in grading the highway south from Monmouth. When this work is started another chapter will be added to the highway story.

Last evening a meeting of Dallas and Independence business men was held at Dallas. It was characterized by a fixed determination to go the limit in compelling the highway commission to recognize the rights of Polk county. There was enthusiasm, the kind which accomplishes things. The situation was discussed; allusion was made to the important part which Polk county had played in the enactment of the act creating the present highway department, and the unanimous sentiment was that Dallas and Independence have been made the "goat" until a change has become absolutely necessary in order to maintain any semblance of self respect. There was no mincing of words by former County Judge Kirkpatrick, Attorney Hayter, Dr. McCallum, W. V. Fuller, Judge Asa Robinson, C. W. Irvine, H. Hirschberg, W. H. Walker and others.

The result was the selection of a joint committee from the two towns, with full power to act, and assurances of the moral and financial support in any measure which may be deemed necessary.

It is composed of Mr. Muir, Oscar Hayter, E. C. Kirkpatrick, C. B. Sundberg and H. A. Joslin of Dallas; R. M. Walker, C. W. Irvine, H. Hirschberg and C. G. Skinn of Independence and E. A. Horton of Parker.

The joint committee met at Dallas this forenoon and perfected an organization by the selection of Mr. Muir as chairman and C. W. Irvine as secretary. The selection of an attorney to handle the legal end of the fight was considered and it was unanimously voted to have Mr. Hayter serve in that capacity. He was reluctant to serve but finally consented to act with the declaration that there would be no charge for his services. Mr. Hayter is president of the Oregon Bar Association and is regarded as one of the best legal authorities in the state.

Mr. Hayter was instructed to prepare petition blanks sufficient for 5000 signatures, praying the governor as chief executive officer of the state to see that the state highway commission conforms to the legislative acts. These petitions are to be circulated throughout the county just as soon as they can be prepared.

Other legal steps were discussed and the purpose is to fully guard Polk county's interests. Another meeting is to be held in a few days for further action.

Those attending the meeting from here last evening were: C. W. Irvine, C. G. Irvine, C. O. Sloper, C. G. Skinner, A. C. Moore, George Conkey, Mike Walker, A. L. Kulner, (Continued on Page Five)

LEGION WILL BANQUET THIS EVENING AT MONMOUTH

Independence Post No. 33, American Legion, has everything in readiness for the big "get together" banquet which will be held in the Monmouth hotel this evening. The committee in charge of the affair is David F. Kennedy, Ralph Lovering, Gus Buffman, W. J. Mulkey and G. G. Godfrey. The boys will meet at Post headquarters here at 7 o'clock and go to Monmouth in automobiles furnished by the Legion members and their friends.

A chicken dinner is to be served and a fine program has been arranged including selections by a male quartet, other musical numbers and an address by some good speaker.

This affair is a part of the national membership drive for this week and it is the purpose of the Legion to add to its rolls all of the eligibles in this locality.

FALLS CITY IS COMING HERE SUNDAY FOR GAME

Garbed in their gladiatorial rags, the Independence ball team is scheduled to meet the Falls City aggregation on the local diamond next Sunday afternoon. Clothes may not make ball players, but they have a tendency to put "pep" into them in the opinion of Manager Barrick and he backed up this contention with an investment of close to a hundred simoleans for ten attractive suits—caps, shirts, pants and stockings. They are grey with a fine green thread, with a large letter "I" in black on the shirts.

Independence has had only one real skirmish this season and this was with Falls City. Now the lumber boys are coming here with the avowed intention of evening up things, but they will find the locals ready for them. During the past week they have put in considerable time in practice work and are putting the grounds at the high school in shape for fast work.

"Jiggs" Williams, the official calliope of the team, is having a shower bath put in his barber shop for the use of the boys.

OLD MOGUL IS TAKEN TO DALLAS

L. & M. FREIGHTER IS BEING OVERHAULED FOR SERVICE IN KLAMATH COUNTY.

After a decade of service on the Independence & Monmouth railroad, locomotive No. 3, has been sent to the Dallas shops for a general overhauling preparatory to being pressed into service on the Strahorn road in Klamath county. It has been standing on a siding here since the suspension of operations upon this road about a year ago. It was owned by J. Hirschberg of the Independence National Bank, and is the final cleanup of the motive power of the road. In the round house are two other locomotives, but both were disposed of some ago by Mr. Hirschberg.

No. 3 is of the mogul type of locomotives and for years was in the Southern Pacific freight service on the main line south from Portland. J. A. Bewley of Independence, who occupied the cab during its local service, again was in the post of authority on the journey to the shops Tuesday. Mr. Bewley has been asked to continue as engineer when it is ready for the Strahorn line, a couple of months hence, and will probably do so.

SEED CORN IS BEING DISTRIBUTED BY SUPERINTENDENT

County School Superintendent Josiah Wills is making up packages of seed corn in 5 and 10 pound packages to be distributed among the corn club members of the industrial club of which there are about fifty earnest workers. H. Hirschberg, of Independence, presented the corn to the club members through the County Superintendent's office. Mr. Hirschberg has kept up this practice for many years and always furnishes the best seed procurable. The seed being distributed this year in valued at 25 cents per pound. Mr. Wills says the prospects among the club members are very favorable for the coming season. Particularly are the children near Grand Ronde showing keen interest. The annual Grand Ronde fair is the incentive for the keen competition. Most of the members are endeavoring to plant and care for half acre tracts.

PROGRAM FOR MEMORIAL DAY

MONDAY MAY 31ST WILL BE OBSERVED BY G. A. R. POST AND WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

Monday, May 31st will be observed as Memorial Day by the Grand Army of the Republic, and an all-day program is being arranged by L. M. Butler and J. W. Kelley, the committee appointed by the local post to handle the affair.

In the forenoon there will be appropriate exercises in the Independence Public School building. A program is being arranged by the school and the address will be given by Prof. J. B. V. Butler of the Monmouth Normal.

Members of the G. A. R., Woman's Relief Corps, Spanish War Veterans and the American Legion will assemble at the G. A. R. hall at 9 o'clock and march to the school house, where the program will open at 9:30. From the school house the line of march will be to the river at the ferry crossing, where the Woman's Relief Corps will conduct the Memorial ceremonies for the departed sailors, and the procession will disband.

In the afternoon the G. A. R. and Woman's Relief Corps will go to Monmouth to be entertained with a program at the Normal. The committee desires it to be thoroughly understood that the public is invited to participate in all of these exercises.

The local G. A. R. Post has but 16 members. They are:

- T. J. Fryer, Co. A. 1st Oregon Inf.
- M. Scrafford, Co. D. 22nd Wisconsin Infantry.
- W. J. Mulkey, Co. B. 1st Oregon Infantry.
- Henry Brinkley, Co. E. 14th Illinois Cavalry.
- R. M. Smith, Co. A. 1st Oregon Infantry.
- M. M. Jones, Co. F. 140th Illinois Infantry.
- A. M. Bingman, Co. P. 1st Heavy Artillery.
- A. L. Decoster, Co. G. Maine Infantry.
- Phineas Green, Co. G. 79th Penn.
- L. M. Butler, Co. K. 1st Arkansas Cavalry.
- D. M. Hampton, Co. E. 14th Missouri Infantry.
- C. A. Dick, Co. K. 33 Missouri Infantry.
- C. D. Bascue, Co. E. 101 Illinois Infantry.
- W. P. Fisher, Co. C., 39th Iowa Infantry.
- Peter Cook, Co. B. 67th Illinois Infantry.

INDEPENDENCE INTERESTED IN AIRLIE EXCHANGE

There are no new developments in the Airlie telephone exchange situation. It is still functioning and will continue to do so until June 1st. At that time there will be a change of some kind, declares the present owner.

Independence business men are interested in having this exchange maintained. It is the connecting link for about a dozen rural lines and if the exchange is closed there will be much inconvenience. The Creditmen's Association has taken hold of the matter and is attempting to devise some means whereby Independence may continue to have direct phone connection with the Airlie country.

This matter is being handled by a committee consisting of A. C. Moore, M. C. Williams, H. Hirschberg, C. W. Irvine and C. D. Calbreath.

FALLS-CITY HERO GETS DISTINGUISHED CROSS

Alvin Lester Bowman, a son of Mrs. Ida C. Bowman of Falls City, has been awarded the distinguished service cross. It has been forwarded from Washington to the navy recruiting station in Portland for delivery to the young man. Bowman is an experienced pharmacist's mate, third class, U. S. N., and the cross is awarded him by the commanding general of the American expeditionary forces for service rendered as follows:

"On the night of November 10, under a heavy artillery bombardment and withering machine gun fire, he exposed himself recklessly without thought of personal danger, while dressing the wounded and giving relief of the dying. Unaided, he carried three men across the Meuse river that they might be carried on stretchers to the first aid station. This was in the Argonne-Meuse operations."

