

Independence Enterprise

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"HOOKY"—WHAT'S THE REMEDY?

Three boys, aged 12, 13 and 14 years, were picked up on the highway by a well-wishing man, and after finding that it was their intention to play permanent "hooky" from school, turned them over to local officials and they were sent back to their homes in Dallas. The Enterprise has their names, but it is not going to print them, preferring to lose a news story rather than possibly do something which might add to their burden.

The two younger were clean, bright appearing boys, and expressed themselves as preferring to be sent to the state training school rather than to their homes. As this was an unusual request, further quizzing revealed that playing "hooky" from school had become a habit with them and the threat of parents to have them committed to the state institution has been hanging over their heads for some time.

It was an easy conclusion that school did not appeal to these youngsters. They were not interested in their work. Their homes apparently did not appeal to them very strongly either. They got the wrong start and lack of direction and the right kind of assistance was not theirs. With every indication of good men in the making they have taken the wrong trail. They can easily retrace their few erring steps with the proper guidance, but how is this to be accomplished. Abuse will not do it, as there has evidently been a too free use of it already. Kindness will, but who is going to be the good Samaritan?

Our penal institutions are largely filled with boys who did not get the right start. A part of the responsibility rests with some one other than the boys—parents principally—still the injunction, "Thou art thy brother's keeper" is more applicable than many are willing to admit.

FAME FOR POLK JERSEY MEN

The Jersey, the aristocrat of the milch cow family, is bringing fame to Polk county. More ribbons and more prize money to Polk than to any other county is a most remarkable record to be made at such a general assemblage of purebred stock as the Pacific International Livestock exposition. This Jersey fame has been secured by the untiring efforts, intelligently directed of Frank Loughary & Son of Monmouth and McArthur & Stauff of Rickreall. It was not accident, nor was it luck, which have made these men famous in Jersey circles.

William Riddle & Sons of Monmouth are other Polk county men who have been striving for years to raise better sheep and better goats than the other fellow, and judging by the recognition which they, too, received at the Portland show, their labors have not been in vain. There are other Polk county men who are striving for the same goal and the touchdowns are following. Yet, they all have the true spirit. Not one has any intention of resting on present laurels. The battle is waged on unceasingly and as a result next year there will be better results.

It is a contest in which dollars is a minor consideration—it is the accomplishment of something really worth while which is the real purpose of these men. They are public benefactors.

THE CORN SHOW IS SUCCESS

The Independence corn show was an unqualified success. Probably not so much so as it could have been made had interest been manifested by a larger number of growers, but the county was fairly well represented by exhibits of an excellent quality.

Polk county farmers are realizing that corn is becoming a very essential crop and there is a continual gain in acreage. With better seed and a better understanding of the cultivation necessary for weather conditions here, corn can become one of the principal crops instead of but a very minor one as at present.

Polk is probably raising more and better corn than any other Willamette valley county, due in a considerable measure to a few pioneers who have by example and precept kept on with the good work. Oregon is not Missouri when it comes to raising corn at the present time, but who can foretell with any accuracy what can be accomplished where there is determination.

Let's keep the corn show project a live one and begin now to make preparations for next year by endeavoring to enlist every farmer in Polk county in the cause.

PORTLAND FEELS PINCH FROM LACK OF WORK

Portland, — Portland once again may experience a plague of "moochers" and "panhandlers" on the city streets, after a lapse of four years. From all indications there is likely to be some suffering from hunger and lack of employment in this city during the coming winter.

The first indication that the average city dweller had of a change of conditions was the announcement from the state labor bureau in Salem that there were 7000 men out of work in Portland. This estimate was thought to be exaggerated. It was admitted, however, by those in touch with the situation that there are several thousand men out of work.

There are plenty of men after the available jobs. The blackboards at the employment agencies were black, the first signs of chalk attracting a good number of men and one agent estimated that there were 50 applicants for every job.

Lumber accounts for the employment of fully 55 per cent of the labor in this state, according to fairly reliable estimates. The crucial state of the lumber market has been blamed for some of the unemployment. Many orders for western mills were canceled August 26 when it was seen that the mills could not compete with southern plants producing pine. Several mills in this city that are operating up to capacity are just hanging on and piling their lumber. Most of the local plants are curtailing their

output. All have ceased night shifts. While most are operating on a six-day schedule, two already have come down to a five-day week and one has shut down altogether.

The Silver Falls Timber company at Silverton has closed, as has the Bridal Veil plant at Palmer, though the last named company is still operating its finish mill at Bridal Veil. The Wind river camps at Cascade locks have closed and the mill work has been greatly curtailed. The Brighton Lumber company at Tillamook has ceased operations as has the Eagle Lumber company at West-

timber. Near Eugene the Booth-Kelly camps have been closed for some time, but they hope to resume operations this week.

Many men are coming to Portland from San Francisco or Seattle, where the situation is much more acute. The big influx of vacationists from the woods is expected here from December 15 to 20.

In The Churches

Baptist Church Notes.

Sunday-school as usual at 10 o'clock Sunday morning with our new superintendent—Mrs. Jesse Walker—in charge. Young or old there is a class for you. Preaching service at 11 o'clock, a service you ought not to miss. At 5:30 B. Y. P. U. meets with Mrs. Parker as leader. Next week our December social and business meeting will be held. This is the time for the election of officers for the next year, be sure to come. At 7:30 in the evening Rev. Proppe continues his series of illustrated lectures on the Mission Field. Don't be afraid to come to these lectures they are both interesting and instructive. No Missionary collection is taken up at these services. Are you a stranger in Independence? Do you know one of the best ways to become acquainted with folks is to come to church. Strangers are always given the glad hand at our services.

B. Y. P. U. Meeting

B. Y. P. U. meets at 6:30 Sunday evening, at the Baptist church. Mrs. Park will lead and there is sure to be an interesting lesson. We had a fine crowd out last Sunday even if it did storm. Remember there is a hearty welcome awaiting you.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

Farmers State Bank

at Independence in the State of Oregon, at the close of business November 15, 1920:

Resources	
Loans and discounts	\$251,477.00
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	5,106.49
Bonds and warrants	54,482.56
Banking house	12,000.00
Furniture and fixtures	5,800.00
Due from approved reserve banks	44,985.75
Checks and other cash items	6,011.08
Cash on hand	24,389.69
Total	\$404,232.57

Liabilities	
Capital stock paid in	25,000.00
Surplus fund	5,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	6,461.55
Individual deposits subject to check	260,208.74
Demand certificates of deposit	600.00
Cashier checks outstanding	6,024.26
Time and Savings deposits	100,938.02
Total	\$404,232.57

State of Oregon | ss
County of Polk |

I, C. G. Irvine, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

C. G. IRVINE, Cashier.
Correct — Attest: C. W. Irvine,
Edw. Rex, Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of November, 1920.

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GIANT EAGLE NEARLY STEALS SMALL BOY

Glendo, Wyo.—It took the combined efforts of the Spaulding family to save 8-year-old Walter Spaulding from being carried away by a giant eagle at their ranch near here.

The huge bird, with a spread of eight feet, attacked Walter in the ranch yard. He grasped the eagle by the neck and screamed for help.

John, Walter's 7-year-old brother went to the rescue and a third boy

ran for help. Mrs. Spaulding beat off the bird with a stick and the eagle attacked her. She was saved when Mr. Spaulding came with a shot gun and shot the bird.

The two boys were severely lacerated by the eagle's claws.

Flies After Stock

Roswell, N. M.—Instead of riding the range on a pony, as in the days of the early west, Robert Slaughter uses an airplane in making the rounds of his four large ranches in west

Texas and New Mexico. His son, who pilots the plane, was in the army air service overseas.

MONMOUTH TAX LEVY IS OVER 18 MILLS

Monmouth will raise \$4670 by tax the coming year, the levy being a little more than 18 mills. This will be equally divided between the general fund and the water works fund.

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