

## INITIAL STEP FOR NEW SCHOOL

### President Landers of Normal Is Guest of Business Men Here

An initial step was taken Tuesday in a movement which has for its desired culmination additional and better grade school facilities for Independence. The present school building is taxed to its capacity and has outlived its period of usefulness. This project is of direct interest to the Normal school, as under an arrangement which has been in vogue during the past few years, the school is a training school for the Normal school, as under an arrangement which is proving quite satisfactory all around. It is operating under the supervision of four highly experienced critic teachers, who carefully supervise the work of 16 student teachers from the Normal. Things are shaping themselves so that it is reasonably certain that on the opening of the coming school year there will be a material increase in enrollment. In order to arrive at some conclusion as to what is necessary to meet this anticipated situation, a special meeting of the Independence Retail Merchants' Association was held in the Hotel Benton, Tuesday, with President Landers of the Normal as the guest of honor. The conclusion of a well prepared report carefully served chicken dinner, E. Fletcher acting as toastmaster explained the purpose of the meeting in laudatory terms introduced Mr. Landers. Without any attempt at frills, Mr. Landers gave a very fine, interesting talk, in which he expressed his ideas of the true purpose of education—a training of the moral character as well as the mind of the boy or girl in that they may become worthy, useful citizens. He attributes directly—a lack of training as a primary cause of the strife which exists between labor and capital. Mr. Landers emphatically expressed his belief in the girls and boys of today. The craze for the so-called jazz music and dancing is but the expression of normal boys and girls who have not had sufficient diversion, who have not had sufficient physical exercise. Mr. Landers touched but lightly on the school situation here. He stated that the Normal would be glad to cooperate with Independence for additional school facilities. Due to change in a regulation in regard to teachers, it is practically certain that there will be a largely increased enrollment in the Normal school for several years, and in order to give the normal pupils practical experience in school work it is necessary to have training schools. He suggested several ways by which the situation could be handled here. Either by the replacement of the present building by a larger and more modern plant; the erection of an additional building; or the adoption of the junior high school plan. Under the latter arrangement, the first six grades are cared for in the grade school; seventh, eighth and ninth in a junior high school, and the tenth eleventh and twelfth grades in the senior high school. If the junior system should be decided upon he said that the Normal would be glad to supervise the work in the manner as is now the case in the grade school. Mr. Landers expressed hearty cooperation with Independence in any plan which may be decided upon. His plans met with approval and there was profound applause as he closed his talk.

The plan is to have committees appointed to represent the Normal school, the Woman's club and the Merchants' association with the idea that a joint committee will be able to advise plans for placing the project on a working basis. An effort is to be made to have included in the Normal appropriation of the 1923 session of the legislature an item for a training school, to be located in Independence. Following Mr. Landers' address, Taylor Jones, Southern Pacific representative here, spoke of changes which have just been made by the company by which Independence is being given a daily freight service out of Portland.

## LEVY FOR 1921 EXCEEDS LIMITATION

Dallas, Oregon, Feb. 7.—(Special to Enterprise)—According to a report received by County Assessor Fred J. Holman, from the State tax commission, the county court has exceeded the 6% limitation in making the levy for 1921 more than \$13,000. This includes an excess of about \$6,000 for county purposes and \$8,000 excess levied by the county court for market road purposes. The amount that will be provided by state funds for market road purposes for Polk county is \$25,316.59, while the court levied \$33,533.52. In 1919 the levy above the 6% was \$5,946.06, but was not known generally or questioned and it was collected but in 1920 there was an over levy of \$10,264.18 which brought about a suit wherein U. S. Grant and Nellie Grant sued the county for the return of the excess levy due them and on the 26th day of September last the court gave a judgment to the extent which will require a return of \$10,264.18 that was over paid in 1920. In making up the levy the court's attention was called to the fact that the total assessment roll which was \$587,705.41 was in excess but its contention was that the 1919 excess levy was not to be taken into consideration. The result of the over levy will perhaps bring about further discussion as the taxroll has been extended and turned over to the sheriff on February second, therefore the roll cannot be changed without a desire on the part of the assessor to re-write the roll.

## REMINDERS FOR MAKING INCOME TAX RETURNS

Clyde G. Huntley, collector of internal revenue, calls the attention of Oregon taxpayers to the fact that without any exception the following persons must file income tax returns for the year 1921 not later than March 15:

- Every single person who had a net income of \$1,000 or more.
- Every married person who had a net income of \$2,000 or more.
- Every head of a family who had a net income of \$1,000 or more.
- The exemption for a single person is \$1,000; for a married person \$2,500, if his income does not exceed \$5,000. If the net income of a married person exceeds \$5,000, he is allowed an exemption of only \$2,000.
- The exemption allowed for dependents under 18 years of age has been increased from \$200 to \$400, but a return must be made in order for the taxpayer to claim credit for the exemption. In other words, a return must be filed, although the taxpayer may not be liable to the payment of a tax after claiming the exemptions to which he is entitled under the law.
- March 15 is the final day for filing returns. Taxpayers who fail to file by that time will be liable to heavy penalties.

## FAKING FRUIT GROWERS, CHARGE

### Powder for All Tree Ailments is Being Sold in Fruit Sections of Polk

Fruit growers in certain sections of Polk county are being "faked" is the declaration of Paul Carpenter, county agent. A powder is being peddled off on the unwary by a couple of smooth strangers, and this powder is claimed to have all of the curative qualities of a magic wand. For two bits per tree a contract is taken to dose an orchard, whether it be prunes or other fruit. Mr. Carpenter was in Independence Wednesday. He says:

"For years various fake remedies for the ills of fruit trees have been offered growers. The latest attempt of this kind is a white powder which is applied to prune and other trees by boring a hole in the trunk with an auger and pouring in a quantity of the powder. Claims are made by the pair of artists peddling this material in Polk county that it will control fruit rots, fungus diseases of various kinds and insects, including codling moth of apple. The standard charge for this 'service' is 25 cents a tree.

"The whole proposition is a 'frost' from start to finish and growers will do well to note claims made for this material and then to notify either the county agent at Dallas or the sheriff."

## BROCCOLI MAY CENTER HERE

### Earl Percy Can See Wonderful Possibilities for District in This Crop

"Independence should become the broccoli center of Oregon," is the declaration of Earl Percy of the Oregon Growers' Cooperative association of Salem, who was here this week attempting to determine the extent of the damage to the crop by freezing, in company with Paul Carpenter, county agent.

"As you are probably aware, broccoli has been grown quite extensively in the Roseburg district for several years, but down there the scale of farming is very much smaller than it is here. The individual tracts are small and broccoli is an interplanted crop with fruit trees to quite an extent. In the Independence district they do things on a big scale. You have your enormous hop ranches. A 40 or 50 acre broccoli patch is not deemed extraordinary here. Eventually, in my estimation, more and more attention will be turned to broccoli, and there will be a very material increase in acreage.

"Broccoli has been damaged some by freezing. To what extent, it cannot be determined at this time. I am making as thorough an investigation as possible. In some fields there is evidently more damage than others, but it will be approximately six weeks before the harvesting will start and it is possible that the damage may not be as heavy as might be inferred at the present time. This same trouble is being experienced in the Roseburg country and in California, so you see the plight is common to the entire broccoli section of the coast.

The heavy freeze of two years ago did some damage to broccoli, but at that time there was a heavy snowfall, while during this season there was quite a stretch of freezing weather with no protection for the plants.

Mr. Percy says that there is a heavy demand from the east for broccoli this season, with requests for shipping dates.

## WALLA WALLA WILL PLAY HERE FRIDAY NIGHT

The big attraction at the high school gymnasium this week will be a basketball contest on Friday night, with an American Legion team of Walla Walla, Wash., aligned against the local Legion team. The visiting team is composed largely of university stars, and is recognized as speedy. The Washington boys are on a trip which includes this part of the country and Manager Kullander feels that he was fortunate in being able to secure the booking here. Walla Walla played company L at Dallas last night and will play the Multnomah Athletic club team in Portland on Saturday night.

The game will be called at 8:15.

## NIGHT SHIFT AT VALSETZ MILL IS FUNCTIONING

A second shift at the Cobbs-Mitchell company's mill at Valsetz was added Wednesday night and it is expected that it will be continued during the spring and summer. This was made necessary in order to maintain the lumber cut of the company due to a suspension of the Falls City plant.

## ROAD HEARING TO BE IN ALBANY

### West Side Highway Routing Will Be Argued Before Judge Kelley

The Polk county road case will be heard before Judge Percy R. Kelley at Albany, inside of the next week or 10 days, is the information received here Wednesday by D. E. Fletcher from Judge Pipes of Portland. The exact date has not been definitely determined by Judge Kelley, but it is expected that it will be next Friday.

The plaintiffs, farmers residing south of Independence, will be represented by Messrs. Pipes and Fletcher, and Mr. Devers will be there in the interest of the state highway commission.

Due to various reasons, there have been months of delay in getting action in this case. The plaintiffs are continuing steadfast in their contention that the west side Pacific highway is legally routed through Independence.

Preliminary arguments in the case were made before Judge Kelley in Salem several months ago, and it was expected at that time that a court decision would be forthcoming at no distant date. Later developments resulted in a delay, which has been irksome to the plaintiffs, as a final settlement of the question is very much desired.

## THREE MODERN RESIDENCES SOON AS WEATHER SETTLES

As soon as weather conditions will permit, building operations will be started on three modern residences in Independence. S. B. Walker will build on the corner of C and Fourth on the quarter block which he purchased of J. D. Hibbs nearly a year ago; B. F. Swope on a desirable half block which he owns on south Sixth street, and John Donaldson on a lot on the west side of Sixth street, between Monmouth and C which he purchased a few days ago of James Hanna of Portland.

Independence appears to be in need of many residences. During the past few years there has been very little building and this is being keenly felt by people who are seeking a desirable place to live.

There has been a material reduction in building material and wages are lower, making it probable that there will be considerable activity in building circles here as soon as spring opens.

## JARVIS PAYS \$40 FINE FOR HAVING "MOONSHINE"

I. V. Jarvis was fined \$40 and costs Monday by Justice R. W. Baker, after he had pleaded guilty to having had intoxicating liquor in his possession. He was arrested late Saturday night by Sheriff John W. Orr and Deputy Sheriff Chase, after a search of the little building where Jarvis has a carpenter shop and in which he bunks had resulted in the location of a pint of "contraband" hidden under the floor of the building.

Mrs. Cleveland and baby, who have been at the Independence maternity hospital for some time, returned to their home in Valsetz Wednesday.

## BREAK IS EVEN IN MARRIAGES, DIVORCES

Dallas, Feb. 7.—(Special to Enterprise)—Cupid was at work around the court house Monday but could not accomplish the desired end without papa and mamma.

Abraham Everett, age 20, appeared with his blushing bride-to-be and had to have the assistance of his father to procure the needed document to take unto himself Hilda Aufricht, also age 20, for his wife.

Shortly after, Raymond T. Hatton, age 25, appeared with Daisy Phelps, age 15, and asked for a marriage license; but the question of her age had been rumored to the officials, even though they had an affidavit signed by Miss Phelps' parents, the sheriff and district attorney intervened warned them that their particular case was under advisement and that their steps would be closely guarded, which may result in a perjury charge. The county clerk refused to issue the license until the parents made their appearance; but, in the afternoon, Daisy's mother took the necessary oath and granted the young couple the permission to launch upon the marriage journey.

But a short time after the marriage licenses were issued, two complaints for divorce were filed:

Lurena F. Fowler against her husband, George C. Fowler. The couple were married in July, 1920, at St. Helens, Oregon, and she charges her husband with cruel and inhuman treatment, alleging that she was compelled to follow him from one logging camp to another or remain with his relatives; and, sometimes, was compelled to work in a hotel as chamber maid and waitress though he is able bodied and capable of earning three or four dollars a day; but that he spent his wages in a boisterous manner, drinking and otherwise. She asks for a dissolution of the marriage contract and her name changed to her maiden name Lurena Holsapple.

The other was that of Charles S. Swenson against his wife, Enid J. Swenson. They were married in Polk county on the 6th day of January, 1920. The plaintiff accuses his wife of adultery. There is one minor child who is in the care of Elmer Gilliam and wife, and asks that the court give him a decree and give the child to Mr. and Mrs. Gilliam.

Due to resignations which have been in effect for several months, the company has been functioning without lieutenants. Capt. Groves is anxious to fill these posts, but so far has been unable to get anybody to accept whom he deems qualified for the places. Persuasion is now being used upon several and it is probable that the appointments will be made in the near future.

Indoor target practice has been receiving considerable attention during the past few weeks, and interest generally in company affairs is increasing. While company K is not at the bottom in Oregon guard units in point of attendance at drills, neither is it at the top, allowing considerable room for improvement.

"In the company are many faithful ones, while there are others, who through indifference, have been a bad influence," says Capt. Groves. "There are 68 enlistments at the present time, but there are several who will be eligible to retirement at an early date. In order to secure for Independence an armory, an appropriation for which was made by the legislature a year ago, it is absolutely necessary that the standard of the company be raised. Drills must be attended, as it will have to be shown to Adjutant General White that company K is a permanent institution before he will give his endorsement that an armory be built. The adjutant general regards a 'dark' armory as a reflection on his judgment. It might not be out of place to remind folks that there is a waiting list of Oregon cities anxious to break into the service."

## DEATH SUMMONS AGED RESIDENT

### Former Rancher and Business Man Dies in Home Here, Aged 83

Lucious Rice, for 20 years a resident of Independence died at the family home February 5th, after an illness of several months. Mr. Rice was one of the early settlers of Oregon and has been identified with various business enterprises in the state.

Lucious Rice was born in Ingham county, Michigan, in 1838 and was married October 2, 1873 to Irene Martha Finnicum, who survives him. In 1879 Mr. and Mrs. Rice came to Eastern Oregon, where for 20 years Mr. Rice was engaged in farming. In 1899, disposing of his farming interests, the family passed a year in California, coming to Independence in 1901, where they have since resided.

Mr. Rice was identified with the hardware business here for several years, later disposing of this and purchasing a ranch, which after operating for a time, he sold, purchasing a dry goods stock in the city, which business he operated until about three years ago, when failing health made it necessary for him to take a well earned rest.

Funeral services were held at the Methodist church Wednesday afternoon with Rev. Clemons officiating, Funeral Director Keeney in charge. The body was laid to rest in the Odd Fellows cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Saunders of The Dalles and their son, a student at O. A. C. were present at the funeral, Mrs. Saunders being a niece of Mrs. Rice.

The pall bearers were: C. A. McLaughlin, C. D. Calbreath, William Cackle, B. B. Smith, J. M. Virgin, W. H. Craven.

## LEGION BACKS GUARD COMPANY

### Several Ex-Service Men Will Enlist to Maintain Company Here

Company K, Oregon National Guard, is to have the solid backing of Independence Post, American Legion. This is not only to consist of the moral force of the legionnaires but there are assurances that a sufficient number will enlist with the guards to keep the enrollment well above the minimum. This step was taken at a meeting of the Legion last Friday night, after Capt. Emerson Groves had taken the members into his confidence by stating that company K cannot continue to exist unless a better showing is made. Capt. Groves, who is an overseas man, stated that he was perfectly willing for the good of the service to resign the captaincy and enlist as a private. He believes it would be a foolish move to permit the company to be mustered out. The members of the legion expressed themselves in hearty accord with his statements and went on record in throwing their strength into the project.

Due to resignations which have been in effect for several months, the company has been functioning without lieutenants. Capt. Groves is anxious to fill these posts, but so far has been unable to get anybody to accept whom he deems qualified for the places. Persuasion is now being used upon several and it is probable that the appointments will be made in the near future.

Indoor target practice has been receiving considerable attention during the past few weeks, and interest generally in company affairs is increasing. While company K is not at the bottom in Oregon guard units in point of attendance at drills, neither is it at the top, allowing considerable room for improvement.

"In the company are many faithful ones, while there are others, who through indifference, have been a bad influence," says Capt. Groves. "There are 68 enlistments at the present time, but there are several who will be eligible to retirement at an early date. In order to secure for Independence an armory, an appropriation for which was made by the legislature a year ago, it is absolutely necessary that the standard of the company be raised. Drills must be attended, as it will have to be shown to Adjutant General White that company K is a permanent institution before he will give his endorsement that an armory be built. The adjutant general regards a 'dark' armory as a reflection on his judgment. It might not be out of place to remind folks that there is a waiting list of Oregon cities anxious to break into the service."

## WOMAN'S CLUB WILL OPEN NEW CLUB ROOMS

Redecorated and attractively furnished, the new home of the Woman's club in the city hall will be formally opened with a "house warming" next Wednesday afternoon from 2 until 5 o'clock, to which the public generally is cordially invited. Tea will be served.

Through the efforts of the club members, the rear room on the second floor of the city hall has been transformed into an attractive place. The improvement was so noticeable that the "city dads" fell in line and the council chamber adjoining has been repapered and repainted and a general refurbishment has taken place. As soon as weather conditions will permit the exterior of the building is to receive consideration.

## POWER CONNECTION WITH ALBANY TO BE MADE SOON

Independence is to be connected with the Albany lines at an early date is the statement of C. M. Brewer, vice president and general manager of the Mountain States Power company, who was in the city yesterday. Construction work is to be started shortly on a high power line, which will tie up Independence with the Albany lines, and the service here will then be supplied from the Linn county plant. It is expected that the changes can be made inside of three months.

