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RICKREALL TO GET FLAX PLANT

Local Farmers Have Signed Five-Year Contracts for Growing Flax

Rickreall has been selected as the location for one of the plants of the Yamhill Valley Flax and Hemp Growers' association, the old flour-mill having been purchased and to be remodeled into a warehouse and retting plant. G. W. Hoysler, a well-known farmer on the Marion county side of the river, is one of the directors of the association, and a number of contracts have been signed by farmers in this locality for growing flax.

John Stump and Riddell Bros. of Monmouth have each entered into five-year contracts with the association to grow 15 acres annually; W. R. Adams, five acres for the five-year period and five additional for this year; Mr. Hoysler and Shidro Bros. likewise have five-year contracts for five acres each.

Robert Crawford of Salem, field manager of the association, was in Independence Wednesday for the purpose of getting local farmers interested in the project. Mr. Crawford is in charge of the flax industry at the state penitentiary and is considered an authority. "Contrary to the general belief, growing flax does not rob the soil," said Mr. Crawford to the Enterprise. "Where properly handled and upon fairly good soil, the return from flax is very much more than can be secured from wheat or any other grain crop. It is an easy crop to grow and upon the same land here would return an exceptionally heavy yield."

Mr. Crawford stated that if sufficient acreage could be signed up the association would establish a plant

HAPPENINGS IN THE ELKINS COUNTRY

Mr. and Mrs. U. G. Heffley and Mrs. Fred Smith and son, Morris of Monmouth spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Marks.

Levi Oleman is quite ill with flu.

Miss Florence Enschede attended a faculty dinner at Monmouth Friday evening.

Glen Harman motored to Salem Thursday.

Albert Marks of Marion county is spending several days with his brother, C. C. Marks.

Joe Tetherow was greeting old friends on the streets of Independence Saturday.

S. H. Crook was a business visitor in Monmouth and Independence Saturday. He completed the deal whereby he becomes owner of the entire farm of Martha Smith heirs. He bought part of the farm before and has lived there several years.

E. A. Tedrow was a business visitor in Independence Saturday.

Glen Harman went to Albany Saturday to visit his aunt, Mrs. E. E. Holcomb.

Miss Florence Enschede went to Salem Sunday to visit her brother, who is in the hospital there.

A new bell has been ordered for the school and will probably be delivered this week. Also an exchange of pianos has been made and the new one will be delivered in a few days.

James Niel of Independence was in this vicinity Sunday.

Raymond Way was a visitor in Salem Sunday.

Misses Kathryn Peterson, Bernice Robinson and Hazel Hadley of the Normal were Sunday guests of Miss Violet Quick.

Mrs. Sarah Rittner of Pedee spent the weekend with her sister, Mrs. A. Z. Tedrow.

Mrs. Seymour and Miss Enschede gave a St. Patrick's party at the school house Saturday night. Green ribbons and Irish flags were very much in evidence. Games were played and refreshments served. Those present were: Mrs. Seymour, Misses Enschede, Bessie Jones, Violet Quick, Olivia Shown, Maud McEldowney, Ruth and Mildred Tetherow, Messrs. Frank Loughary Jr., Frank, Tom and Joe McEldowney, Alfred Jones, Clell Kerber, Denzel Moore and Mr. Fuller of Monmouth.

Fred Scholl went to Falls City Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Tetherow motored to Dallas Saturday. Mr. Tetherow met with the membership contest committee of the Farmers Union.

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Valuation "Boost" Held to Independence Last Year

Increases in merchandise valuations in Polk county last year appear to have been largely confined to Independence. Some slight changes were made in Dallas and Monmouth, but the real take-your-money-away boosts in personal property were handed to Independence. The assessing was done by Hugh Black of Dallas and Arthur Moore of Monmouth, last year, who stated that it was the purpose of the assessor's office to increase merchandise valuations in the other cities of the county as well as in Independence.

Investigation by Arthur E. Horton and R. W. Baker, representing the Independence Retail Merchants' association, Tuesday, by an inspection of the taxrolls in the sheriff's office, shows just what was accomplished in the way of bumping valuations here. This is confined solely to the personal property tax on stocks of merchandise, office equipment, machinery, etc.

The 1920 and the 1921 valuations of members of the members of the association are given. This is followed by valuations for like years of Dallas and Monmouth concerns engaged in similar endeavor.

	1920	1921
A. L. Keeney	\$ 250.00	\$ 600.00
W. E. Craven	2700.00	4500.00
Eddy & Carbray	5500.00	12000.00
J. D. Hibbs & Co.	4500.00	10000.00
Spaulding Logging Co.	4750.00	4750.00
Independence Laundry	350.00	600.00
Dr. O. D. Butler	100.00	150.00
Geo. Woods	600.00	1500.00
Oregon Milling & Warehouse Co.	5330.00	3710.10
*Oregon Power Co.	16660.00	16670.00
Standard Oil Co.	3880.00	3970.00
M. H. Pengra	3000.00
J. G. McIntosh	1700.00	2650.00
Conkey & Walker	7500.00	8000.00
Moore & Addison	2500.00	3000.00
Independence Garage	2100.00	2450.00
Z. C. Kimball	400.00	1200.00
Sloper Bros. & Cockle	7000.00	7250.00
City Meat Market	250.00	1100.00
Williams Drug Co.	3000.00	4500.00
Craven & Walker	1800.00	3650.00
Calbreath & Jones	2000.00	2500.00
Stewart Motor Co.	550.00	3000.00
Dr. M. J. Butler	350.00	200.00
Isis Theatre	850.00
B. F. Swope	200.00
O. A. Kreamer	1900.00	3500.00
A. L. Kullander	900.00	1100.00
Dr. R. E. Duganne	100.00	200.00
Dr. F. G. Hewett	100.00	200.00

DALLAS		
R. L. Chapman	1000.00	1000.00
Conrad Stafrin	3500.00	3500.00
Craven Hardware Co.	5000.00	5000.00
J. C. Penny Co.	7250.00	7250.00
C. Crider	14500.00	14500.00
Shattuck Motor Co.	1850.00	2530.00
The Observer	1700.00	1700.00
Dallas Meat Co.	450.00	600.00
Hayter Book Store	1300.00	1300.00
W. C. Retzer	2500.00	2500.00
Sweeney Bros.	1050.00	1050.00

MONMOUTH		
Miller Mercantile	6000.00	5500.00
Monmouth Hardware	3600.00	3700.00
C. C. Mulkey	1600.00	1600.00

Donald Barton has opened a barber shop in the J. B. Violette cigar store, giving Independence its third tonsorial parlor. Mr. Barton has been employed in the Windmill shop for some time.

Senator I. L. Patterson of Eola, while in Independence last Sunday, expressed himself to friends as being gratified over prospects of receiving the republican nomination for governor.

NEWS EVENTS AT OREGON NORMAL

The winter term of the normal will close on Friday, March 24th, at which time several young people, who have completed the standard course, will receive diplomas. Several exercises in honor of these graduates will be held at the chapel hour on Friday morning. Monmouth people are welcome to this program.

There will be no vacation between the winter and spring terms of school this year. The new term will begin on Monday, March 27th, when students will register for work. Class work will begin on Tuesday. There will be a short Easter vacation some two week later. School will close Friday, April 14th, and will open again the following Tuesday, April 18th, thus giving students who wish a chance to spend Easter in their own homes.

Miss Montgomery of the University of Oregon, a graduate student in the department of psychology, visited the Normal last week. She spoke in a very interesting manner at the chapel hour on Thursday, taking intelligence tests as her subject.

J. B. Horner of O. A. C. spoke at the chapel hour late Friday. Mr. Horner discussed Oregon scenery and literature, illustrating his talk with lantern slides of places and people in Oregon.

Miss Mildred Howell entertained her sister, Miss Genevieve Howell—class of 1920—and Miss Dorothy Eakin, both of Astoria, last weekend.

Mrs. Ackerman entertained Miss Grace Barnett, class of 1920, a teacher in Eugene schools, and Miss Jane Barnett of Oregon City, last Saturday.

Several students and members of the faculty are planning to attend the grand opera in Portland this week.

Superintendent H. E. Inlow of Pendleton was in Monmouth last Saturday, interviewing prospective teachers for his schools the coming year. He found several who are considering the work.

President and Mrs. Landers entertained the members of the faculty at dinner in the domestic art rooms last Friday evening. Superintendent and Mrs. Churchill of Salem were guests of honor for the event, which proved a most happy occasion. The rooms were decorated attractively with shamrocks and daffodils, the color scheme being carried out also in the various courses of the dinner.

President Landers spoke briefly welcoming Mrs. Landers back to Oregon and to her Alma Mater, the Oregon Normal school, and Mr. Churchill responded with a few gracious words of thanks.

A motion picture, made from Sir James Barrie's story, "Sentimental Tommy," will be shown at the chapel next Monday evening, March 27th. This is an exceptional picture in that the very attractive work of Barrie is kept almost as the original and its beauty even enhanced by the filming.

The Normal has long wished to secure this picture, and is therefore happy to announce the presentation of it.

EXCELLENT PROGRESS WITH "BROTHER JOSIAH"

James Henderson has done some very clever work in portraying the characters of "Brother Josiah" on window cards which are being displayed in the business houses. He was assisted by Art Black, another artist with the brush.

The task of getting "Brother Josiah" ready for presentation on April 3rd is progressing very satisfactorily. The cast has been carefully selected and the rehearsals indicate that the parts are fitting exceptionally well. Next week, an effort will be made to hold nightly rehearsals.

Tickets have been placed on sale and it is expected that the play, which is a comedy of genuine merit, will be greeted by a capacity house.

Mr. Hugg, superintendent of the Salem schools, accompanied by a member of the school board, was in Independence yesterday making an inspection of the high school gymnasium. Mr. Hugg stated that he had heard so much favorable comment about the Independence building that he considered it worth while to make an inspection of it in view of the fact that Salem is about to build a gymnasium.

WOMAN'S CLUB IS INCORPORATED

Initiatory Step for Acquiring Home Is Taken By Civic Organization

In order that the organization may have permanency and financial responsibility, the Woman's club has been incorporated. Its purpose is educational and civic, which is along the same lines which the club has been following since its organization several years ago.

An enjoyable program was the feature of the club's Wednesday afternoon meeting. It included an Irish folk dance by girls from the training school; a violin solo by Fay Irvine, and an excellent paper on "Interior Decoration" by Mrs. M. J. Butler.

The club has assessed its members for the children's home, and the money derived will be forwarded by the club. The club expressed a desire to cooperate with any other organization in the raising of the allotment for the home in Independence.

The next meeting of the club will be on April 12th, when it will have as guests the members of the Oak Point Community club.

J. K. P. HARRIS ILL SIX WEEKS; RELATIVES DIE

Ill for the past six weeks with the influenza or grippe and during which time he received announcements of the death of two near and dear relatives, J. K. P. Harris, a well-known prune grower residing southwest of Independence, is slowly regaining his health, and says that he expects soon to be able to operate his Ford again.

A granddaughter, Miss Nettie Palmer, a nurse in the Good Samaritan hospital of Portland, ill only six days with pneumonia, died on the 14th of last month.

A brother-in-law of Mr. Harris, E. B. Morelock, passed away on the 16th of the present month at Portland at the age of 76 years. Mr. Morelock was married to Rebecca Jane Harris at Milan, Mo., in 1864, and in the spring of 1865, at the close of the Civil war, after he had been discharged from the army, the Harrises and the Morelocks all started across the plains by ox teams, and all the way on that long journey, at every Indian scare, stampede, or emergency of any kind, Ed. Morelock and Jim Harris were among the first on the ground. After completing the journey they all settled in the Grand Ronde valley, near Summerville, in Union county, where Mr. Morelock was actively engaged in the development of that new and wild country.

When the war with Joseph's band of Nez Perce Indians came on, and also the Bannock Indian war, then again Ed. Morelock and Jim Harris were among the first to get their guns and take to their saddles and among the last to quit. And now after a long and eventful life, together, they are separated—Morelock has gone on ahead.

He is survived by Mrs. Morelock and a large family of grown sons and daughters. One son, Lee Morelock, is deputy United States marshal under Marshal Hotchkiss, and the other members of the family are scattered over the state.

"DUBS" MULKEY FIGHTS DRAW WITH BOB DAWSON

Salem—Dubs Mulkey of Monmouth and Bob Dawson of Eugene fought an eight-round draw in a smoker held at Sutherlin, Ore., Saturday night, according to information reaching Salem. Dawson is boxing instructor at the University of Oregon. Recently he was bested in a bout at Eugene by Carl Miller who was knocked out by Mulkey in a recent smoker in Salem.

In the Sutherlin program Saturday night Mack Graves of Independence won a decision over Bremijek of Corvallis in four rounds.

SCUDDER AND PATTERSON WILL SPEAK AT OAK GROVE

Prof. H. D. Scudder and Senator I. L. Patterson will be the speakers at Pomona Grange on the afternoon of March 25th, at Oak Grove. All are invited to hear the program.

DEATH OF MRS. DORNSIFE DIES AT GUNTER, OREGON

Mrs. Mary E. Dornsife of Independence and her sister, Mrs. H. K. Lafoose, of Monmouth, returned Sunday from Eugene, where they had attended the funeral of their sister, Mrs. Cassie D. Van Orsdal. Mrs. Van Orsdal spent her girlhood at Monmouth, leaving there about 20 years ago. She died very suddenly at Gunter, Oregon, 20 miles west of Independence, where she had taken up a homestead and was teaching school. She died well all day, on her way home from school, she was suddenly ill and fell. She was unconscious for two hours and passed away.

Her son, Burns Holt, who was with her, took her to her home and everything possible was done for her but she did not regain consciousness. Burial was made at Mt. Pleasant cemetery, 12 miles east of Independence, March 17th, Rev. Stivers, pastor of the Christian church of Independence, officiating.

She was 42 years old. Death was attributed to acute indigestion. She was survived by one son, Burns Holt, her husband, Charles Van Orsdal, whom she married four months ago; two sisters, Mrs. Dornsife and Mrs. Lafoose, and one brother, W. O. Holt, of Eugene.

Powell Enters Race for POLK REPRESENTATIVE

Perry O. Powell of Monmouth is formally announcing this week his candidacy for representative from Polk county on the Republican ticket. Powell is asking for a second term, citing his record during the past two years as his platform.

Holman of Dallas Has Also Announced His Candidacy on the Republican Ticket, Which, with D. E. Fletcher of Independence, Makes Three Aspirants for the Office.

W. C. Skinner is negotiating for the establishment of a radio station at the Independence Garage. By the installation of his battery generators, he has found that he will be able to construct a receiving station without excessive outlay, and that the cost of operation will be negligible.

Coast Service, Which Flashes the Important Happenings of the World, Market Reports and the Other Feature

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SUIT FOLLOWS COLLISION OF CARS IN WEST SALEM

Dr. G. E. Prime of Salem has brought suit in justice court at West Salem against Mrs. Edna Grace Saver of Monmouth for \$245, alleged damages to his car as the result of a collision between his machine and one belonging to Mrs. Saver, which occurred in West Salem on the afternoon of December 24th last at the intersection of Johnson avenue with the Salem-Dallas road.

In her answer, made by D. E. Fletcher, her attorney, Mrs. Saver denies the Prime claim and files counter claim for \$171.60 for damages sustained to her car. The defendant will endeavor to establish by reputable witnesses that the collision was due to plaintiff "cutting the corner."

The End of a Perfect Day



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