



## VALLEY LOOKS GOOD TO IRVINE

### Banker Visits Eastern Oregon and Is Satisfied With Home Country

Our Polk farmers who are a discouraged over farming conditions could visit eastern Oregon and get in close touch with actual conditions there they would be brought a realization that this old valley is a pretty good place after all," is the declaration of C. W. Irvine, president of the Farmers' State bank, who in company with D. E. Fletcher returned Sunday night from an eight day auto drive through central and southern Oregon.

They journeyed through the wheat fields of Sherman and Wheeler counties to Prineville, south to Bend and Klamath Falls, down into California and home over the Pacific highway. A banker, Mr. Irvine is in exceptionally close touch with farming conditions and his trip was largely for the purpose of finding out just how things are done in a farming way on the other side of the mountains.

With due allowance for the fact that the Willamette is God's country, Mr. Irvine—that is, it is home, where his interests are—he can back a statement with interesting facts.

Take the Klamath country, where Mr. Irvine and Fletcher remained for a couple of days, as an example. It is a financial way, the lumber industry makes the big noise there. It has the right of way with the banks and business houses. It is an industry, but then occasionally something happens. As you are probably aware, it was paralyzed for weeks this spring by a strike which affected practically every plant in the district. It forced several business houses to the wall and others have had a struggle to keep going. The strike has resulted in the replacement of white labor by Mexicans and other undesirables from a business or community standpoint.

"There's a wonderful valley, rich in agricultural possibilities, but neglected to a large extent. Due to the slump in the cattle and sheep industry a few years ago and an overplus of alfalfa, farmers have to quite an extent replaced their alfalfa with grain, largely wheat. This is not proving highly successful from a financial return. In the days gone by, the Klamath valley was the feeding ground for thousands upon thousands of head of sheep and cattle which were driven there from the Lake county ranges on the way to market. It is now raising considerable alfalfa and due to this and the reduction in the number of sheep and cattle has not been keen for the past couple of years."

"Then there is another aspect to the situation. The Klamath valley has a big irrigation system. It also has a drainage system. These were built under government supervision with money furnished by the government and payable in yearly installments, together with maintenance costs. I was reliably told that this cost to the farmer, together with maintenance and taxes totals \$10 per acre. They are finding it burdensome, with alfalfa, which ought to be the main crop, in the price dumps.

"So far as I can see, the farmers are overlooking their sure bet—cows, and hogs, and thus being unable to raise alfalfa and have an assured home consumption.

"It was my third visit to the Klamath country. Klamath Falls is going ahead—except in one particular. The court house question is unsettled. The little old wooden structure is still the seat of the county government while adjoining it is a fine new brick building erected at a cost of \$120,000 or more standing idle, with the exception that the circuit court occupies a part of the new structure. In the Hot Springs section of the city, there is an imposing shell of a court house which was started nearly a decade ago, and which is about half completed. The county court wants to finish this structure, and there is talk that a movement will be started to recall the county court, with the issue placed squarely before the people in this manner and let them determine the court house controversy for all time."

## MRS. G. W. JENKINS DIES SUDDENLY AT JEFFERSON

Mrs. G. W. Jenkins, a sister of Mrs. E. R. Arrell, died at her home in Jefferson, yesterday afternoon, after an illness of many months, although she had been able to be up and around the house most of the time.

Mrs. Arrell, accompanied by her brother, C. L. Rathbun of Anoka, Minn., who is here on a visit, drove to Jefferson Wednesday morning for a visit, at the Jenkins home, and shortly afterward Mrs. Jenkins had an apoplectic stroke, death following close upon it.

It was due to the critical condition of Mrs. Jenkins that her brother had come at this time. She was at the Arrell home here when Mr. Rathbun arrived and he seemed to have a very beneficial influence upon her. She remained here until last Saturday, when she returned home.

Mrs. Jenkins was about 65 years old. She was born in Minnesota, and came to Oregon with her family quite a long time ago, having been at Jefferson for the past 12 years. Mrs. Jenkins is survived by her husband, three sons and four daughters, all grown, a sister, Mrs. Arrell, another sister, Mrs. Campbell, living in California, and the one brother, Mr. Rathbun.

The announcement of Mrs. Jenkins' death was received here yesterday afternoon by telephone by Mrs. Arrell. At that time no arrangements for the funeral had been made.

## GROW ENGAGED FOR AGRICULTURAL WORK

H. W. Grow has been engaged as agricultural instructor in the Independence high school. He is a graduate of the Oregon Agricultural college and was in California during the past year.

Mr. Grow was Independence Monday perfecting the details of his engagement here. He is an ex-service man and a benevolent. He is going to Colorado, where he will be married on August 16th.

## PARKER MERCHANT IS STRICKEN WITH PARALYSIS

"Dad" Chapin while returning from the Espee station to his store at Parker, last Saturday morning, was stricken with paralysis. He was carried to his home, Dr. Butler of Independence was summoned. His right side is paralyzed, rendering him speechless and he is in a very critical condition. A son, living at Oregon City is assisting in the care of his father. Mr. Chapin is about 70 years old, and has been running a small grocery at Parker for the past few years.

## AL WHITNEY HAS EYE INJURED; WORKING AT GATES

Al Whitney, while handling a truck at Gates, was the victim of a painful accident Sunday, which may result in the loss of an eye. While engaged in repairing the truck a chain struck his eye with such force as to split the eye ball. The injured man was taken to Salem where the eye was dressed, in the hope that the sight might be saved. While it is still too early to be sure of the outcome, Mr. Whitney is optimistic, hoping, as do his many friends, that the injury will not be permanent.

## POWER COMPANY IS INSTALLING NEW PUMP

The Mountain States Power company is installing in its Independence plant another pump with a capacity of 750 gallons a minute. It will be driven by a 50 horse power motor. This will give the company three electric driven pumps, the other two having capacities of 500 and 350 gallons per minute, in addition to a steam pump for emergency purposes. The company has had a 12 inch well drilled, finding an abundance of water at a depth of 41 feet. The additional equipment is making it necessary to remodel to quite an extent the pumping station which is located in a pit about 20 feet below the main floor of the building.

## BARTON BOY FALLS AND BREAKS LEFT LEG

Jack Barton, two year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Barton, fell from a back porch at the Barton home, just at the north end of the fill, Monday evening and fractured his left leg just below the hip. He fell a distance of about 12 feet.

## HOPS STANDING HOT SPELL WELL

### Red Spider Doing Some Damage, Otherwise Crop Good

Local hop yards appear to be in excellent condition in spite of the continued dry weather. In some yards the crop will be a little short, but taken as a whole, it gives indications of being close to normal. A heavy shower, a few weeks ago, in the Hopville district to the south of town, has been a big factor in keeping hops in a thriving condition.

The dry weather is giving the red spider an opportunity to get in its work, and some damage is being done. So far, it has not been heavy. Very little can be done to combat this pest, which makes its appearance only during extreme hot weather. On the other hand, there is always considerable trouble from lice during a wet season.

Preparations for the harvest are in the making. The price for picking this year will probably be the same as last season—50 cents per box. This appears to be sort of a fixed price although local hop growers have no organization.

The price prospects are not very encouraging. In the Southern Pacific warehouse here there are still many bales from last season's crop. However, it is estimated that from 75 to 90 percent of the crop is being grown under contract and at a price which gives the grower a margin of profit.

It is expected that the picking season will open about the same time this year as usual—the first week in September. It will require the service of about 5000 people to handle the harvest in the yards in the immediate vicinity of Independence. Present indications are that there will be plenty of help, although a large part will have to be brought here from outside points.

## W. C. T. U. HAS ELECTED NEW OFFICERS

The W. C. T. U. held its annual election at the home of Mrs. Lucinda Baldwin, and the following officers were elected: Mrs. Esther Morgan, president; Mrs. Whitcomb Kurre, secretary; Mrs. Martha Richardson, treasurer and Mrs. Lucy Whiteaker, corresponding secretary.

The union is very fortunate in having the county president, Mrs. Elinor Yeates of Monmouth, a very capable woman, as one of its members.

## POLK COUNTY FARMER IS BADLY HURT IN ACCIDENT

Dallas—J. C. Farrer, a farmer living in the Oakdale district west of Dallas, was severely injured when a double-bitted axe with which he was cutting wood rebounded from a piece of the wood and struck Mr. Farrer in the face. His skull was split open from the forehead to the upper lip. He was rushed to this city and placed in the Dallas hospital where at last reports he is expected to recover unless complications should set in.

## EGGS NETTING ONLY 14 CENTS

### Local Members Are Dissatisfied with Poultry Producer's Organization

With their eggs netting them only about 14 cents a dozen, local poultrymen feel that they got stung when they became members of the Pacific Cooperative Poultry Dealers. They tied themselves with an ironbound contract to turn over to the organization for a period of three years the entire product of their ranches, and these contracts do not terminate until December 31, 1923.

Eggs are now bringing around 20 cents in the open market, making it evident that the "overhead" in the organization is some important item. Local members are alleging gross extravagance in the Portland office of the concern with luxuriously furnished quarters at a rental charge of \$600 per month.

In Polk county there are 19 or 20 members, with a total of about 15,000 hens. The legality of the contract was questioned by one Polk member and Judge Belt held that it is legal. Others are abiding by the decision but are expressing themselves in no uncertain terms concerning the manner in which the organization is being run.

As one poultryman expressed it yesterday: "It has been figured out that with chickens making a 60 percent egg production, it costs 12 cents per dozen for the feed at the present time. It is easy enough to see that there is not a member of the association who is not losing money on his chickens at the price he is now receiving for his eggs."

## BURNED PLANTER BEING REPLACED BY FOSTERS

A planing mill of sufficient capacity to handle the 10,000,000 feet of lumber in the yard, is being installed by the Foster Lumber company on the site of the fire devastated plant just this side of Kings Valley, and it is expected that it will be ready to operate about the 1st of August.

W. H. Biggers, who has charge of operations at the plant, accompanied by Mrs. Biggers, was in Independence last Saturday. Mr. Biggers states that there is no definite announcement concerning the rebuilding of the sawmill, but it is expected that action will soon be taken by the eastern owners and that it will be for the replacement of the plant.

## THREE YEARS IN ARMY, ONLY 19 WHEN DISCHARGED

Visiting at the W. C. Bullis home is Heasel Woodfin, a young man who is 19 years old, and yet he has served a three year enlistment in the United States army, 30 months of which has been spent with the army of occupation in Germany. His enlistment expired a short time ago, and he received an honorable discharge at Camp Nevens, Mass.

## HOWARD MORLANS, MONMOUTH ARE WELCOMING DAUGHTER

A daughter arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Morlan of Monmouth, Wednesday, and congratulations are being offered by a large circle of friends.

## DEGREES GIVEN FOUR BY MASONIC LODGE

With Salem lodge officers doing the work, one candidate received his first degree and three others were raised to the master's degree by Lyon lodge, A. F. & A. M., in a special communication, which was opened in the lodge room here at 2 o'clock Wednesday and which was continued until about midnight. There were about 40 in the delegation from Salem.

C. C. Archibald, superintendent of the Independence plant of the Mountain States Power company, received the first degree and the three who were made masters were: M. A. Butler, a son of L. M. Butler, who resides about midway between Independence and Monmouth; Joe Guild, and Leo Keating of Kings Valley.

Ralph Thompson, master of No. 4 lodge of Salem, performed the first raising; Worshipful Master Miller of No. 50, Salem, handled the second, and Dr. O. A. Osion of the Grotto team, Salem, officiated on the third candidate, and Mr. Thompson gave the illustrated lecture to the three men.

Between 5 and 8 o'clock, a recess was taken for a banquet which was served in the dining hall. The repast was an elaborate one, prepared by Carl Anderson and was served by the Misses Lucie Craven, Opal Hewett, Gladys Childs and Ulla Dickinson, under the direction of J. G. McIntosh, senior steward, assisted by F. E. Chambers of Monmouth, the junior steward. About 75 partook of the banquet.

After Mr. Keating had received his degree he was presented with a Masonic charm by Mrs. Keating, the presentation being made by Jack Perry of Kings Valley.

Unless it is found necessary to call a special communication, Lyon lodge will not meet again until September 13th, due to the summer relaxation.

## LANE ROAD CASE ADVANCED BY COURT

Salem—The supreme court has announced that it has advanced on its docket the appealed case brought by S. M. Calkins to enjoin the Lane county court from expending market road funds on state highways. The case was heard by Judge Skipworth in the Lane county circuit court a few weeks ago, with the result that he decided for the plaintiff. The county court then appealed the case to the supreme court for final determination.

In his ruling on the case Judge Skipworth held that market road funds were appropriated for a specific purpose, and consequently were not available for state highway work.

In case the supreme court should affirm Judge Skipworth's decision road work in many counties of the state will be retarded, members of the state highway commission said.

The case probably will be heard Friday.

## JITNEY-BUS FRANCHISE QUESTION IS CONTINUED

The city council, Wednesday night, continued the auto bus and jitney franchise to the next regular meeting, which will be the first Tuesday of August.

A resolution, No. 171, was adopted apportioning the cost of sidewalks recently built under the direction of the city.

Claims against the city were audited and allowed as follows:

G. H. Wood, expense to Marshfield	\$18.00
Mt. States Power Co.	210.45
G. H. Wood, firemen	30.00
A. E. Horton, engineer	23.50
B. F. Swope, recorder fees	29.10
F. O. Parker, marshal	100.00
L. Damon, street cleaning	24.00
M. C. Williams, auto park	50.00

## CHICKEN CULLING IS INTERESTING WORK

Local poultrymen were much interested in a poultry culling exhibition given at the "Independence Eggery", the ranch of F. E. Hennagin, Wednesday afternoon. H. E. Cosby of the Oregon Agricultural extension service cullied a pen of hens and explained the reasons therefor. Mr. Cosby was accompanied by Paul Carpenter, county agent.

The attendance at the meeting was not as large as should have been the case, but with berry picking and harvesting underway, quite a few interested poultrymen were unable to be present.

## JERSEY FILM IS TO BE GIVEN HERE

### Afternoon Free Exhibit To Be Made at Isis on July 24th

There is a movement on foot to perfect an organization of the Jersey breeders of Polk county. In the days gone by, Polk had quite a flourishing organization, but it has not been functioning during the past few years, and there is a movement to bring it to life. It is possible that this may be accomplished here in Independence on Monday, July 24th. On that day, at 2:30 in the afternoon, a free exhibit of pictures, with explanatory talk, is to be given under the auspices of the American Jersey Cattle club of New York. The film has been especially prepared showing what is being accomplished in Jerseydom, and is to be exhibited in the Oregon country for about 10 days.

As this will undoubtedly bring here the Jersey breeders and many others, it seems quite probable that an effort will be made at that time to perfect a county organization.

## DUNCKEL GETS THANKS FOR CAMP BUILDING

E. A. Dunckel was given a vote of thanks at a meeting of the Retail Merchants' association, Tuesday night, for erecting complete, an attractive little building for the use of campers in the auto park. The material for the building, including the installation of a stove, hot and cold water, cost nearly \$200 and Mr. Dunckel did the work with some assistance from others without charge. The city council appropriated \$50, the Woman's club a little over \$70 and the balance of the material cost has been paid by the Retail Merchants' association.

Independence now has an attractive camping spot, well equipped and very conveniently located at the foot of C street.

## FORMER RESIDENT IS HELD UP IN PORTLAND

W. H. Roy, a former resident of Independence, and for a time in the employ of James Hanna, while he was operating the hardware business now conducted by Sloper Bros. & Cockle, was held up and robbed of \$55 in a grocery store which he owns in Portland, Tuesday night. The Oregonian says: The grocery store of W. H. Roy, 1 East Twenty-eighth street North, was held up and robbed of \$55 shortly before 11 o'clock last night. The job was done by two men, one weighing about 180 pounds and the other 130. The larger man held a revolver on Roy, his wife and a customer, while the smaller went to the cash register and removed the cash. The pair drove away in a small red bug.

Motorcycle Patrolman Giddings rode past the store just after the holdup, was hailed by Roy, and gave chase, but the bug had disappeared.

## K EQUIPMENT GOES TO LEBANON AND PORTLAND

The equipment of company K, Oregon National Guard, has been assembled and part of it has been shipped to Lebanon and the balance to Portland. About 75 percent of the enlistments expired June 1st, leaving only 15 or so members, who will be officially mustered out in a very short time in the estimation of Capt. Emerson Groves.

Company K has had a precarious existence. In the estimation of Adjutant General White the field is adequate to maintain a live company, but as most of the young men are of the opinion that they have had sufficient military tactics to satisfy them, no great interest has been manifested in the company.

Some of the equipment of company K is missing, including shoes, uniforms, three guns, a bugle and sling. It is in the possession of former members of the organization and should be returned at once.

Major Schur of Portland, quartermaster major of the state, was here Wednesday, checking up the articles which are being turned over to the state. Unless all of the missing articles are returned without undue delay, action will be brought to regain possession of them.

## Well, See Who's Here

