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THE POLK COUNTY PRESS.
News Items and Editorial Expressions.
From the Dallas Itemizer,
The Newberg pottery people go to Buena Vista for their white clay.

Mrs. J. W. Craig is down from Idaho among her old Dallas friends.
Evangelist Ross is to begin a revival at the Monmouth Evangelical church September 29.
After a partnership of five years the law firm of Daly, Sibley & Eakin has been dissolved.

M. L. Robbins has just gathered 125 bushels of prunes from 120 five year old trees in the suburbs of Dallas.
Thanks to Robert Howe for a box of delicious peaches. They were raised on his place just above town, where he has 700 four year old trees.
The Polk county doctors were to have met here last week but those from other points failed to materialize. It takes only two or three such occurrences to kill an organization dead as a mackerel.

Yaquina bay has the distinction of being the only place in the United States where water agates and rock oysters are found, and both are curiosities so common there as to excite no comment.
From the Dallas Observer.
Dr. Stanley and family left Monday for California—their future home.
Deputy Sheriff John Ashbaugh and W. D. Tarry returned Monday from a few weeks outing at Salmon river beach.

Merchant Geo. McGowan went to Corvallis Thursday with his son James, who will attend the Agricultural college.
The Polk county school superintendent is out again rustling for a room in which to keep the records, charts, etc. of that office, and a desk to write on.

Sheriff Plummer is utilizing the prisoners in the county jail in cleaning up the court house yard, splitting up stove wood for the different offices, and fitting up generally. Hiram is onto his job for saving money to the county.
The fruit growers of Polk county should be better prepared for caring for their crop. More dryers are badly needed for this year's crop, and it is a serious question if all of it can be saved. Next year the fruit crop of Polk county will more than double that of this season, and better preparations for marketing must be made.

THE LOW PRICE OF HOPS.
The Adulteration of Beer—No Longer a Pure Article Manufactured.
Salem Statesman.
If we understand it, the demand for hops comes mostly from brewers. While the brewing business has grown prodigiously, indeed surpassing most others, and the consumption of beer and other malt liquors has extended over the world and continues to increase, strangely enough the demand for hops and barley bears no relation to its incredible extension. The cause is evident enough. In old times the manufacturers had not learned the art of adulteration, and moreover the governments of the few countries where beer was largely consumed, impressed by the idea that the drink was a necessary and wholesome article of diet jealously inspected it and severely punished for the crime of neglecting to put in the proper quantities of malt and hops. The manufacture is a monopoly today in the hands of a few trusts and the malt and hop liquors are no longer entitled to the name. Quassia, rice and corn are used extensively. A generation of beer-drinkers has grown up who are strangers to the pure article. No doubt it will be bitterly denied by those who are interested in the trade. But the very low price of hops and barley is enough to justify suspicion and in truth it can be demonstrated. We know just how much malt and hops are required for a gallon of beer; we know how many hundreds of millions of gallons are manufactured; we know how many bushels or tons of malt is made by the maltsters and how many tons of hops are raised, and how much is used in manufacture of certain medicines. We are quite confident that if we deduct that amount from the hop product there will not be

enough hops left by nine-tenths for the beer made. A pure beer made of malt and hops is a wholesome article and unless too much malt be used, making it too heavy, is not intoxicating. The beers made today are stupefying—made so by the drugs introduced. We believe it can be proven that if all beers were made out of hops as of old time, the people of half a dozen European cities could consume enough beer to use up the whole hop product of the world.

STATE NEWS.
Grant's Pass' population of 2,383 consists of 1,257 males and 1,126 females. Of the males, 658 are legal voters.
Sheriff Knight has found no clue to the whereabouts of the five prisoners who escaped from the Marion county jail last Sunday night.
Dr. Dean Clarke, after an absence of seventeen years, is again lecturing in Oregon upon occult, scientific and philosophical subjects.

Nearly every farmer in Union county has a lot of hogs, numbering all the way from 10 to several hundred, and to these will be fed a part of the crop of grain.
Henry E. McGinn's appointment to the judgeship of department No. 2 of the first judicial district meets with favorable comment throughout the state. Judge McGinn has the reputation of being an able lawyer. He was endorsed by almost the entire Portland bar.

William Gellatly, of Corvallis, who raised 10,000 bushels of grain this season, is experimenting with the problem of shipping his own grain. Two ear loads of oats, shipped early in August, to San Francisco, netted him 20 cents for the poorest and 51¢ for the best grade.

The warehouses in The Dalles are paying 37 cents for wheat and the flouring mills 40 cents. There is no diminution in the receipts, and the ferryboat is kept busy all day carrying teams across the river, while the roads leading to town from the east are lined with wagons.

The Salem Statesman predicts there are pinching times ahead for the Multnomah county millionaires. It is afraid they will have a hard winter. That county is promised a just and equal assessment—a thing they have heretofore only read about in the books and newspapers.

S. R. Bond, of Forest Grove, has shipped five and a half tons of prunes to Chicago out of one and a half acres, and they can hardly be missed. It is calculated the one and one-half acres have 22 tons. The trees were not pruned, cultivated, nor have they had any attention whatever. The fruit is of fine quality.

George W. Smith, of Corvallis, last Monday sold a remarkably large sheep to the Hayden brothers, of Alsea valley. It weighed 247 pounds, which is considered a phenomenal weight for a sheep to attain when only a few months past its first birthday. The buck is a thoroughbred Cotswold, and is considered to be one of the best lambs ever raised in the state.

David Nagle, of San Francisco, is in Albany for a pheasant hunt in Linn county. Mr. Nagle, the Albany Democrat says, is a fine shot. It was he who dropped Judge David S. Terry a few years ago and had his name in every paper in the United States. In the capacity of deputy sheriff, Nagle sent the bullet that killed the man who killed Broderick in a duel more than 40 years ago.

A bunch of wheat secured by Committeeman J. S. Morris, of Albany, for the Linn county exhibit is a curiosity. It contains 42 stalks, with 924 meshes, each mesh having three to five kernels, probably averaging four, a total of over 3500 grains from one kernel of wheat. Mr. Watts has collected a large and attractive assortment of cereals in stalks that will compare with anything to be found anywhere in the world.

J. W. Howorth, of Ontario, says he has a pear tree in full bloom on his ranch, and expects to have ripe fruit about Christmas. Mrs. Melinger, also of Ontario, has an apple tree that has matured one crop this season, bloomed, and has apples on the tree as large as an egg. If nothing happens to this second crop, ripe apples can be picked from the tree in about a month.

Another rich discovery of quartz is reported from the eastern part of Union county. The ledge was found by David Baird, on Goose creek, about 25 miles from Union. It is about 20 inches thick and shows a true fissure vein.

A yield of wheat is reported from near Junction City that is certainly immense. George C. Millett raised on 89 acres, 19 of which was new land, over 64 bushels per acre. He had 320 acres in wheat, his total yield being 11,000 bushels.

The Riverton coal mine, on the Coquille, has completed its tramway and built two new bunkers and will soon run the mine full blast. The daily output is now 25 to 30 tons, and the quality of the coal is said to be first-class. Orders are now waiting for several hundred tons.

The trustees of the Tillamook academy have made a donation of that institution to the presbytery of Portland, on condition that the contracts of subscription shall be fully complied with, and the academy made a permanent institution. The change is not expected to materially affect the school. A committee of the presbytery of Portland will visit Tillamook at an early date to complete the transfer of the property and make the plans known.

At Wood Camp, 20 miles from La Grande, four woodsmen, Dan Goodan, Charles Crosno and Otto Griessman, recently quarreled over the question of the right to cut up a tree that fell across the line of Goodan and Crosno's land. A free fight followed, in which pistols, knives and clubs were freely used. The combatants were pretty badly cut up when the fight was declared off and Griessman had a bullet wound in the leg. After the fight the difficulty was settled by dividing the log.

B. P. Morton, an enterprising farmer of Beaver valley, has engaged in the hog business. He already has about 30 head of stock hogs, and will have more than 50 by Christmas. He has none but the best breeds—Poland China and Berkshire. He has 12 acres of clover pasture for them, and a good supply of turnips, potatoes, etc. He has one acre of carrots, which he thinks will yield 25 tons. With such stock and such feed, he cannot help but make a success of his new business.

Shedd had a case that is exciting general interest there and causing a general feeling of indignation. A. Blaker, proprietor of the warehouse, is short about 8000 bushels of wheat in his accounts with the storers in the warehouse. There are 13 storers of wheat, all of the old product, amounting to approximately 9000 bushels, receipts calling for that amount. Of it there is only a little over 800 bushels to divide among 13 men. Most of the wheat is owned by three men. Hon. Flen Smith having about 3500 bushels, Frank Porter 2300, and James A. Smith a little less than 2000 bushels. The men were in Albany Saturday investigating the matter. It is possible Mr. Blaker will be prosecuted criminally. As the case is similar to the Red Crown, in some respects the status of that may determine proceedings. An assignment of Mr. Blaker is also reported to be contemplated.

A Timely Reminder.
Each season forces upon our consideration its own peculiar perils to health. The advent of fall finds many reduced in strength and vigor, poorly prepared to continue the business of life. The stomach and bowels, the great highway of animal economy, is especially liable to disorder in the fall. The nervous system has also suffered in the struggle. Typhoid fever and malaria in particular find in the fall that combination of earth, air and water that mark this season as especially dangerous. The falling leaves, the decaying vegetables contribute their share of contamination. Hood's Sarsaparilla furnishes a most valuable safeguard at these important points, and should be used in the fall before serious sickness has laid you low.

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