

# INDEPENDENCE ENTERPRISE

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## FUN AT INDEPENDENCE.

**Popular Society Gives Excursion to the Picturesque Country Town, Sunday, August 11.**

The Knights and Ladies of Security, a popular organization of this city, will give a grand railroad excursion to Independence, Or., August 11, at the low rate of \$1. for the round trip. Independence is a picturesque country town on the West Side line of the Southern Pacific, surrounded by waving fields and shady forests. It is a good place to keep cool on a warm day and the warm spell is now on. It abounds in ideal spots for small picnic parties and no doubt a number of persons will club together in small parties and spend a pleasant day in the green. This is the first excursion from Portland to Independence, and this affords those who participate an opportunity to see something new. Hillsboro, Forest Grove and McMinnville will also send crowds of excursionists to the grounds, and it is anticipated that between 3000 and 4000 people will assemble in Independence on that day. The place is recognized as a beautiful country retreat for rest and recreation. Added to the pleasures will be music and other entertainments. Bands from Portland and other places represented on that day will vie with each other in displaying their proficiency in discoursing sweet strains of music.

Trains leave Union depot at 8:15 A. M., returning leave Independence at 5 P. M. Tickets can be secured from members and at the depot Sunday morning. It is now several weeks since the Portland people have had the opportunity to attend a good railroad excursion, and it is therefore safe to say that with the Knights and Ladies of Security at the helm the excursion to Independence will be one of the most liberally attended excursions of the season.—Saturday Evening Telegram.

## SUNDAY A HOT DAY.

**The Mercury Reaches the Highest Point in Several Years.**

Sunday was what Oregon people would call a hot day. In fact, it was the hottest day Oregon has seen in many years. The mercury registered about 102 degrees in the shade during the hottest part of the day. There was a breeze all day and while it was warm it was not the hot fiery blast that the East experiences, in fact, eastern people would consider Sunday a typical summer Sunday in which to enjoy themselves, while Oregon was saying, "oh! the heat; is it not awful?" Monday was also a warm day, but not as warm as Sunday, while Tuesday was just nice and comfortable.

## Woodmen From Airlie.

Special from Airlie.

Twenty Woodmen from this place attended the great initiation at Portland last Saturday. 1466 applications were received and over 1000 candidates were on the platform and obligated at one time. In the drilling contest the Multnomah camp was the winner. Wapato camp, of Gaston, caused

the most laughter by drilling as "hayseeds." George Washington camp, in our opinion, had the most beautiful uniforms of any team present. The exercises were immense throughout.

## A Pretty Wedding.

One of the prettiest weddings of Polk county occurred at the residence of Mr. Humphrey Best, of Monmouth, last Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock, the occasion being the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Best's daughter, Tillie, to Mr. Charles H. Zucher, of Wallowa county, Oregon.

The event was one of unusual beauty and elegance. Culture and skill had beautifully decorated the parlors of the home with lovely vines and ornaments. Everything conspired to render the scene attractive and impressive. At the appointed hour the bridal party marched into the parlor, where the contracting parties took their place under a wreathed arch of entwined vines. Here the Rev. E. J. Thompson, D. D., of Independence, pronounced the solemn service that made Miss Best and Mr. Zucher husband and wife.

The bride was attired in a Mode shade of silk, trimmed with elegant lace, and touched with pink, holding in her hand a large and lovely bouquet of white carnations. The groom wore the conventional black.

Miss Best is well known as one of the charming young ladies of Polk county, a graduate of the State Normal school and a person of fine culture, character and attainments. Mr. Zucher is a young man of most excellent reputation and business qualifications, at present county clerk of Wallowa county in this state, where the happy couple will make their future home.

Quite a number of invited guests were present to witness the ceremony and extend their hearty congratulations. At the close a very delicious wedding supper was served by Mr. and Mrs. Best, which was most happily enjoyed by all. The best wishes of a host of friends follow Mr. and Mrs. Zucher to their new home.

## Council Proceedings.

City council convened in regular session Tuesday evening with President Kirkland in the chair and Councilmen Jones, Huntley, Jaspersen, Mills and Kirkland present.

Special committee on ordinance bill to authorize the recorder to assess the assessable property of the city of Independence, also authorizing the city marshal of said city to collect said taxes, made report on said bill. On final passage of bill the council stood unanimous for its acceptance. Special committee instructed to secure proper blanks and books for the recorder.

The recorder was instructed to issue a warrant in favor of the W. E. Cressy estate for \$12.50, over pay city tax for 1900.

On motion, the matter of running water pipes to the city park to supply the park with water was referred to committee on water and light.

The following bills were allowed: Water & Electric Light Co., \$50; A. J. Tupper, \$49.75; H. M. Lines, \$14.10.

## THE PRIZE WINNERS.

**Those Winning the Prizes in the Correspondence Contest on July 31.**

The exceptionally fine list of prizes awarded our correspondents for their good work on the ENTERPRISE took place last Wednesday and is as follows:

The organ falls to Mrs. Ellis Davidson, at Calvary.

The Ray Kodac falls to A. N. Halleck, of Monmouth.

The target rifle was awarded to D. M. Calbreath, of Parker.

The remainder of the prizes were awarded as follows:

Mrs. Bonnie Smith, Lewisville, one dozen best cabinet photos; H. A. Clodelter, Perrydale, double ink stand; C. E. Staats, Airlie, kodac album; Mrs. A. Anderson, Buena Vista, Lincoln fountain pen; Monmouth, one nickel watch; Crowley, one copyrighted book, "To Have and To Hold."

## SHOULD BE DEVELOPED

**All Indications Are Favorable to a Rich Deposit of Oil Under the Polk County Hills.**

What would California have amounted to without the discovery of gold?

What would have been the fate of the Transvaal if diamonds had not been found at Kimberly, or gold in the Rand?

What was it that thrust Pennsylvania upon the notice of the whole world but the discovery of her immense oil fields?

What has made the Alaskan fields the Mecca of an anxious world but the discovery of her exhaustless mines of precious metals?

What does any territory amount to unless within its borders man discovers some vast and indispensable utility?

The wealth of a world might lie dormant through the ages were it not for the brains and handicraft of humanity that unveils the hidden resources nature has been storing up for forgotten centuries.

Why should Oregon be minus these wonderful fountains of wealth when all the surrounding territories are developing rich and bountiful supplies of the rarer commodities that go to enrich and comfort mankind?

Nature is no niggard; she hides her stores carefully that they may not waste by corrosion, by evaporation, by flame; but she leaves the keys of her treasure vaults lying upon her surface, and gives forth the signs, that the initiated may read surely and safely, of the things she has accumulated for the good of man.

One by one the treasures laid up in the heart of Oregon are being unfolded by the wisdom and skill of man; and now he has found still another gift of the wealth at the hands of kindly nature; oil indications of the most promising sort are plentiful in the beautiful and fertile hills of Polk and Marion counties. Experts have examined these signs by all the crucial tests that can be applied to the surface tokens and have not hesitated to declare the presence of oil in this section. It is one more discovery: Discovery is but a prelude to de-

velopment. Development is wrought by the timely faith and courageous labor of man, and brings its own reward. Only by that faith and labor can man measure the extent of the reward awaiting him.

If the discovery of oil within the borders of Oregon shall be followed by the exploitation that the probability warrants, then the extent of the reward inuring to her citizens whose faith and courage shall effected the bounty, may prove incalculable and place the state itself upon a pinnacle of prosperity never dreamed of by her most devoted son and citizen. The stake is worth fighting for, and no sacrifice too great by those in whose immediate hands the trust is given; namely, the citizens of Polk and Marion counties.

It is by the quick and business-like appreciation of these wonderful natural advantages that small and unpromising communities have sprung into universal fame and matchless commercial prestige, and it approaches close upon wilful fool-hardiness to permit the passing of such an opportunity without devoting the necessary brains, time and money in rational investigation.

If all signs shall fail, then the living question vexing the people of these two great counties will resolve itself into a conviction that shall never be disturbed again; they will know for a certainty that there is no oil at hand and rest content with the resources that are known and utilized.

If the signs upon which all are depending prove true, then who will regret, for an instant, the enterprise that shall bring millions of money and tens of thousands of people into the state, not only to build up a new and marvelous industry, but to invest in and exploit a thousand other lines as well?

Every rule of local protection, every precept of business life, every principle of expediency, demands that Salem shall enter this new and promising field, as the head center of the capital requisite for its proper development, as the distributing point for the subsequent mass of business attendant upon such discoveries, as the home of the countless hundreds that will gravitate to such a field; as the logical and pivotal station for storage, sale and general manipulation of the product of the oil territory, in fact as the market, principally, for all that shall enter into the commerce incident to such development.

Let every citizen of Salem think seriously of the venture that has been placed before him, and be careful, lest by the exercise of a too conservative prejudice he turn aside "a tide of fortune" the ebb of which he may deplore to the last day of his life. Jurisdictional lines mean but little in a crisis upon which impigns the destiny of a city and its environments; in the outcome of an oil discovery, Polk becomes Marion and Marion, Polk; and Salem still holds her pre-eminent right to represent them both, and all contiguous to them, in the disposal of the vast business growing up out of the discovery, and to ignore this right, or fritter it away in indifference, were suicidal.—Salem Statesman.

## THE MONMOUTH BAND.

**Will Disperse the Music at the State Fair at Salem This Year**

Frank Lucas was in Portland last week and secured the contract to furnish the music for the state fair this fall. The Monmouth band will be assisted by special talent from different places, but will be made up mainly of the band from Monmouth. The boys have quite a good reputation for furnishing first-class music, and the music this year will probably be better, or at least as good as in former years.

## Marsh Gas Near Salem.

A report came into Salem yesterday that natural gas had been found over in Polk county by a man who was digging a well, and all kinds of wild rumors and speculations in regard thereto were indulged in.

Mr. O. L. Chapel, the oil man, went over to the place in the afternoon, and found that there was very little justification for the rumors. The find was on the place of Amos Wann, about three miles west of Salem. Mr. Wann was digging a well. He dug down through about ten feet of red dirt and then struck soft sandstone, through which he dug about twenty feet. The gas became so strong then that it was offensive, and he could not remain in the well.

Mr. Chapel found, however, that it was merely marsh gas. About sixty per cent of marsh gas is made up of natural gas, and the finding of this kind of gas may be a good indication of the existence of natural gas in the neighborhood. It may have seeped through the crevices for an unknown distance. The marsh gas was formed in some past age by the action of the heat. Confined as it is in this case in the loose sandstone, it will soon escape after the sandstone is exposed to the air.—Statesman.

The Oregon prune growers are preparing to handle their large crop of prunes and the indications are that it will be a heavy one. On all sides prune dryers are being overhauled and put in condition to handle the crop, and new prune-driers are everywhere going up. The indications are that the market will be good, the demand from the East promising to be far greater than in the past few years, partially because of the drought in many parts of the country destroying the fruits, and in part because of a better knowledge and appreciation by the people of the East, of the rich and finely flavored fruits of the Oregon country. There is no doubt but that every prune will be saved and prepared for market this year, and a ready sale may be expected at a fair price for all that are placed upon the Eastern market in good condition.—Statesman.

In a sound sleep the soul goes home to recruit for strength, which could not else endure the wear and tear of life.—Rabel.

The rain falls upon the just and the unjust alike. The unjust, however, are quicker to steal umbrellas, and generally fare best in a shower.—Picayune.