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## Prospects.

They Were Never Better at This Time of Year.

## Reports Over the County

Grains Will Hum This Fall as Never Before.

In answer to a request submitted to our correspondents, we publish letters from various sections of the county, all containing the information that prospects were never better. With bountiful crops this fall Polk will hum.

### Grain Looks Well.

Special from Suver.  
Grain looks well in this vicinity. Fall wheat will average about 30 bushels per acre. Fall crops are good this year, there being a heavy grain in them to speak of. The spring grain is good as a general rule. Spring oats will bring a high price this year for the farmers. The hay crop is not so good as in former years. The quality is good but the yield is light on account of such dry weather. Not much hay is being sold as the farmers prefer to keep it for their own use.

### Report of Crops.

Special from Parker.  
The reasonable weather that prevailed during the past two weeks, has caused a very material improvement in the condition of the wheat and oat crops and entirely dispelled all fear of a serious short-crop that previous conditions indicated.

While our hay crop is not heavy, it is of good quality and is being stored in excellent condition.

Crops have made a phenomenal improvement during the past two weeks. The vines are entirely free from mildew, and the present stage of blooming and development is very satisfactory.

### Crops Around Buena Vista.

In compliance with the advertisement of the ENTERPRISE editors we have made careful inquiry of various conservative and successful ranchers in our locality, regarding this year's crop outlook. According to the information received, the prospects are encouraging.

Inquiry of successful hop men has led to the fact that hops are in excellent condition and promise heavier returns than last year, judging from appearances at this time. There have been noticed, but in very small numbers, and these are disappearing. The yards in the "bottom" north of Buena Vista, are as level as a floor, almost level, and vines are large, rank, and covered with millions of tiny hops, promising a splendid yield.

## Pres. of Western Division State Teachers' Association.



A PROMINENT EDUCATOR.

E. D. Ressler, president of the Oregon State Normal School at Monmouth, is one of the best known educators on the coast. He is a native of Ohio, and has lived 37 years. His early education was attained in the public and grammar schools of Ohio, later taking his degree at Oberlin college. After taking a thorough Normal course he taught school in the East, later accepting the principalship of the Eugene high school, bringing that institution from a disorganized condition up to a splendid system. Previous to his election to the presidency of the Normal he held the chair of pedagogy in the State University. During one year at the head of the Normal he has accomplished his greatest achievements. The attendance of the school has been materially increased, and he has infused into the members a spirit which promises to cause that institution to take great strides during the next few years. Recently President Ressler had the handsome compliment paid him of being elected president of the Western Division of the State Teachers' Association.

In the opinion of hop men interviewed, the crop is above par in this locality. Of course some yards are in poor fix; but in this matter, as in nearly all others, the management and industry of the operator of the yard is plainly shown by the condition of his crop.

The hay crop hereabouts has proven highly satisfactory. Clover and vetch have given splendid returns, while other varieties are average or a little above average this year.

Oats, in the opinion of good ranchers, are better than last year in this immediate locality, while wheat is as good, if not better, than the crop of 1902.

Wild berries appear to be quite scarce, but there is promise of a good yield of tame fruits, etc., while gardens are in splendid condition and show a rank, healthy growth that is very gratifying to the growers.

It is estimated that some fields of oats hereabouts will average 30 to 40 bushels per acre, while the estimated yield of spring wheat is 15 to 20, and of fall wheat, 15 to 25.

### Sunday School Contest.

Special from Highland.

The Highland Sunday school was organized last year with a goodly number of scholars and nine officers and teachers. It has been flourishing ever since. There are seldom less than 20 scholars in at-

tendance and at times there are as many as 60 present. One pleasing feature of our Sunday school is that we never take up collections for our supplies, but any member can hand in their nickels, dimes or dollars to the treasurer as they feel disposed.

John W. Alexander on last Sunday offered a prize to any one in the bible or young peoples class who would give the best written answer to the following question: "Why should we live a Christian Life?" The answers are to be ready the last Sunday in September and the judges will be two ministers from Independence, the prize to be awarded the first Sunday in October. Mr. Alexander will also give a second prize.

### An Independence Girl.

An outburst of applause and a shower of flowers greeted Miss Marguerite Longacre, a former Oregon girl, at the Chautauqua last night, at Gladstone Park. Although suffering with a cold, Miss Longacre won the audience with her singing and her readings and was given hearty encores. Since leaving Portland, Miss Longacre has made a pronounced hit, winning a free scholarship in the Chicago Musical College in a contest with 300 pupils, and she is now a post-graduate of that institution and also of the Columbia School of Music. During the past two years she has

had charge of the department of voice, elocution and physical culture in Waterman hall, the Episcopal diocesan school at Sycamore, Ill., and so successful was her work that she has been offered the position again, but has decided to spend the Fall and Winter in Portland resting. Miss Longacre again gives the programme at the Chautauqua, Monday evening.—Evening Telegram.

### A Feature For the Future.

Commencing next week, or at the latest, week after next, we will donate a column of the ENTERPRISE to original recipes furnished us exclusively by that past master of the cooking art, J. Geo. Stoll. You all know he is an artist, but to those who are not acquainted with his record we will say that Mr. Stoll is equal to the best in the land. He has been a chef in the Auditorium hotel of Chicago, the leading hostelry in the West. The Rio Grande dining car and hotel service was under his charge. The Knutsford, of Salt Lake, grew under his charge to have one of the best tables in the West, while numerous other establishments of equal renown have utilized his services. One further fact: Mr. Stoll learned his trade under his father, who is royal chef of Switzerland. In securing Mr. Stoll's services we are certainly to be congratulated, and our readers should avail themselves of the opportunity of preserving the articles.

### VACANCIES SUPPLIED.

Miss Iliff and Miss Snyder are the New Teachers.

Last Thursday the board of directors met and supplied the two vacancies in the public school faculty by electing Miss Maud Iliff, of this city, and Miss Snyder, of Eugene. Miss Iliff is a comparatively recent arrival from the East, and gives every promise of being a most useful member of the faculty. Miss Snyder comes equally well recommended.

### Fingers Badly Cut.

J. D. Wood, an employe of the Charter Oak Mill Co., of Airlie, was in the city Monday. Saturday before, while working near a rapidly revolving circular saw, he came in contact with it and the ends of three fingers were cut off. The wounds are painful, but further than that no serious injury is expected.

### The Recital.

Buena Vista Special.

The United Evangelical church in Buena Vista was the scene of an interesting event Friday evening. Early after the close of the busy day people of all ages began flocking to the church to be present at the musical recital given by Rev. Kelly's class advertised to take place at 8:00 o'clock. An undercurrent of subdued excitement was noticeable in the crowd, for nearly everyone present was interested in a greater or lesser degree in some pupil who was to perform; while visions of a generous collection, to be awarded as a prize, kept the performers in a state of pleasurable anticipation. While all did well, we think special mention should be given the numbers rendered by Misses Maggie and Carrie Evans, of Parker; Amy and Winnie Kelly, of Independence; Edna Hall and Hermann and Mildred Prather, of Buena Vista.

The judges were instructed to give credits on position of student at the instrument, expression, rendition and personality. Miss Winnie Kelly received the prize, which was a collection amounting to \$2.27. The decision of the judges was well received by the audience, Miss Kelley having given her number with much taste and expression.

Nearly all present at the recital attended the ice cream social at the school house and the occasion was enjoyable. The proceeds realized by the Aid Society amounted to \$17.20.

### Card of Thanks.

We desire to thank the people of Independence who so kindly administered to us during our bereavement in the death of our beloved wife and mother.

J. H. PATTERSON AND FAMILY.

The Monmouth W. of W. drill team returned Sunday morning from Portland, having been there in competition with other teams in a grand prize drilling contest. They captured second honors, first place having fallen in the hands of Newberg.