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Darrin's Skill.

(Albany Herald)

Those who are disposed to doubt Dr. Darrin's cures will have their doubts removed on reading the testimonials of Mr. R. P. Neil and Mr. Rhodes. There are no persons in this state who are no persons in this state whose word will go further to substantiate the doctor's skill in treating deafness. There can be no doubt as to the curative power of electricity, judging from the extraordinary cases of cure performed by Dr. Darrin. The great advance of electro-therapeutic treatment is that it brings relief in a large number of cases considerably beyond the reach of the ordinary remedies of the physicians, and Dr. Darrin has enforced a belief in the curative powers of electricity upon the minds of his remarkable cures. It is not that the uses to which electricity is applied is not confined to the deaf, but is destined to do what medical surgical skill has failed to accomplish.

Mayor Neil's Card.
The Editor: Six years prior to meeting Dr. Darrin I had been deaf for eight years. One ear was badly affected. One month's electrical and medical treatment has radically cured me. I most emphatically commend Dr. Darrin's new mode of treatment to all similarly affected. Will gladly answer questions as to the treatment cure.
R. P. NEIL,
Mayor of Ashland.

Rhodes' Good Luck.

Dr. Darrin: Your treatment for the last eight months has cured me of my bladder trouble, inflammation at the base of bladder and diabetes. For the first time I have been obliged to relieve myself many times a day and night, and sleeping impossible. I now feel like a new man. I shall never again consult you when I need medical aid. The treatment you gave me has completely cured me from the debilitated condition from the effects of the grip was entirely successful. I can be referred to at any time in Medford, Oregon.

ERNEST RHODES,

Darrin's Place of Business.
Dr. Darrin is located at the Revere Hotel until October 1st, and will give examination to all from 10 to 5, or 8 daily.

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POLK COUNTY.

An article on Polk County resources, to be published in installments.

THE HOP INDUSTRY.

This is probably the largest single industry in Polk county. We raised and shipped this year almost \$1,000,000 worth of hops. The hops sold at from 25 to 28 cents per pound. The average price for the last three years has been 16 2/3 cents. It costs from 5 1/2 to 7 cents per pound to cultivate, train, pick, dry and market the product. Hops yield an average of 1200 pounds to the acre. Hop land can be had at from \$30 to \$60 per acre, but when once planted and growing the land sells at from \$100 to \$140 per acre. The best hops are grown on the land next the Willamette river. There are in hops in this county over 1000 acres. There are tributary to Independence, and shipped from it the product of 500 acres more. It parties figure on the hop industry there is not a better location in Oregon than in Polk county. It takes one year to plant the hop and get it started and in the second year a good crop is secured. Among the hop growers we mention: Cooper Bros., Independence, Oregon, 40 acres; H. Hirschberg, Independence, 100 acres; D. B. Taylor, Independence, 40 acres; W. Bevens, Buena Vista, 20 acres; J. R. Cooper, Independence, 50 acres; O. D. Rider, Independence, 40 acres and scores of others.

THE LUMBER INDUSTRY.

Polk county's timber has hardly been touched. There are saw mills at Independence, Dallas, Falls City and some other localities. We estimate in this county 184,320 acres of timber and we place it on an average of 12,000 feet to the acre, or about 2,000,000,000 feet of standing timber in Polk county. The government estimates at 3,328,000,000 feet. The opportunity is great for the milling industry. We are informed that timber can be bought at from 40 to 60 cents per 1000 feet standing in large tracts. The transportation facilities are ample and the logs can be laid down at the Willamette river in Independence several dollars cheaper than the logs can be delivered in Portland or at other milling points. Further, if a party can secure a location where they can have water and rail facilities it gives them double shipping facilities and more perfect opportunities for securing logs. Polk county's principal timber is fir,

but quantities of oak, ash, cedar, larch, maple, spruce and alder are obtainable. There is plenty of oak tributary to the principal shipping points of Polk county for the establishment of an up-to-date furniture factory. There are only 8 saw mills in this county and every foot of the timber sawed has a ready foreign market. Contracts can be made at very profitable figures for the sale of the output of the mill a year ahead and more if desired. This timber will run from 250 to 300 feet in height and is from 4 to 10 feet in diameter. Among the timber men and those who have timber we mention: Simpson Bros., mill men, Independence; Dr. E. L. Ketchum, Independence; H. Hirschberg, Independence; Clarence Ireland, Independence; L. Gerlinger, Dallas. There is room in Independence and in Polk county for a good box factory, wash and door factory, furniture factory and several large export saw mills.

THE PRODUCE INDUSTRIES.

Every class of vegetable found in the Northwest is found here. The turnip, radish, cabbage, corn, carrot, rutabaga, beet, tomato, parsnip, onion, bean, pea, cauliflower, asparagus, oysterplant, lettuce, pumpkin, squash, musk and water melon are all raised and produce excellent crops. We mention the crop from two of the most important of these: On 7 acres of land, located 2 miles from Independence, there was raised 2200 bushels of potatoes—over 311 bushels to the acre. At 40 cents per bushel there was made \$124 per acre. This was average valley land and can be bought at from \$25 to \$40 per acre. On 2 acres of a small farm, 1 1/2 miles from Independence, there was raised 29,840 pounds of onions, which selling at 1 cent per pound would mean over \$149 per acre. Many farms we can mention will do as well, and land can be bought at a figure not exceeding \$45 per acre that will produce an equal crop.

Carrots grow very extensively to the acre and are raised to feed the stock. Corn grows nicely, but does not reach the perfection it will in the eastern states. It makes excellent feed for stock and grows very profusely. Beans and peas do well and we can mature large crops of both to the acre.

We copy below names and the kinds of produce grown by some of our most representative farmers. You may be able to gather more information by writing them: T. L. Hartman, Independence, general produce; John Fluke, Independence, beans; E. E. Yarnell, Independence, beans; Alfred Huston, Independence, potatoes; Henry Waller, Independence, potatoes; Cooper Bros., Independence, onions; A. Nelson, Independence, general produce; F. W. Nurnberger, Monmouth, corn.

GRAINS AND CEREALS.

The principal grains raised are wheat and oats. The soil and climate are admirably adapted for the production of good crops of all kinds of cereals. The climate is mild and equable, the soil deep and rich, and the annual rainfall is always sufficient to insure abundant crops. Many farms in Polk county have been planted to wheat and oats year after year for over 40 years and yet the yield stands at from 20 to 40 bushels for wheat, and from 30 to 55 for oats to the

acre. Rye, barley and speltz are extensively raised in certain sections and prove excellent crops. We mention among our farmers the following who raise grains: M. Mix, Independence, wheat and oats; O'Brien Bros., Independence, oats, wheat and speltz; W. L. Wells, Buena Vista, wheat and oats; D. L. Keyt, Perrydale, wheat and oats.

HAY AND GRAIN INDUSTRIES.

Many of our best farmers have decreased their grain acreage and planted it to the hays and grasses. Our climate and our soil are suitable for these industries. Red clover yields 4 tons and more to the acre; Alsike clover grows from 3 to 5. Vetch which is equally valuable as a forage plant does remarkably well, often yielding 5 tons to the acre. Owing to the cool nights in the summer, only the early varieties of corn will ripen well and it is generally grown for ensilage or fed green to hogs and cattle. Rape grows well, and crops that would seem incredible are frequently reported.

In addition to the many varieties of native grasses nearly all domesticated grasses do well. Such are timothy, orchard grass, red top, English rye and musquite. We mention as growers of the grasses and hay products: I. M. Simpson, Airlie; H. M. Cooper, Independence; Henry Hill, Independence; Ben Whiteaker, Monmouth; Frank Loughary, Monmouth; Marshall Suver, Suver.

OPPORTUNITIES IN POLK COUNTY.

There is an excellent clay in Polk county that is admirably adapted for the manufacture of

tile and brick. This clay is used by a firm working in Newberg, and is carried by boat from Polk county for a distance of 50 miles. Now a factory nearer the clay would prove very profitable. There is a tile factory in Independence that has suspended operation on account of the death of its owner, that would be a fine opening.

There are opportunities abundant in Polk county for strawberry farms, the nursery business, orchards, stock industry, dairying, general merchandise, cracker factory, door factory, saw mills, box factory, furniture factory, foundry, electric railroad system, beet sugar industry, woolen mill, soap factory, paper mill, ice factory and steam laundry.

Willamette Valley Chautauqua Association.

The Willamette Valley Chautauqua Association will be held at Gladstone Park, near Oregon City, July 14th to 25th inclusive. Rates of one and one-third fare on the certificate plan has been made from all points on Oregon lines. Special attractions have been provided. "Germaine," the magician, with his wonderful productions; R. J. Burdette, the celebrated humorist, will entertain in his usual delightful manner, while the lectures of Hon. Champ Clark and Hon. J. P. Dolliver will be an intellectual treat.

Many other attractions will be provided, making the finest entertainment ever given at this chautauqua.

TENTH Correspondents' Contest

On April 1st, we commenced our Tenth Correspondents' Contest and on Friday, July 31, 1903, at 6:00 P. M. we will close it. We offer as premiums the following articles, selected by the Correspondents themselves:

- FIRST PRIZE..... A handsome, well-upholstered, velvet Couch
- SECOND PRIZE..... A lovely Picture
- THIRD PRIZE..... A fine Students' Lamp
- FOURTH PRIZE..... A good set of Ping Pong
- FIFTH PRIZE..... A Copyrighted Book
- SIXTH PRIZE..... Ladies Home Journal
- SEVENTH PRIZE..... INDEPENDENCE ENTERPRISE to any address for one year

CONDITIONS.

We want all the news that happens in Polk county and we want the ENTERPRISE to visit every family in the county. We want to help you and we want you to help us. Our interests are mutual. We will give points as follows:

One point for every item of news worthy of publication. 25 points for every article worthy of a separate head. If an article be specially meritorious or startling in the sight of the manager of this department an extra 15 points will be given. For every new yearly subscription 85 points. For every yearly renewal 75 points. For a subscription three months 25 points; six months and less than a year 35 points. For every dollar's worth Advertisement or Job Work we give 50 points, and we will gladly furnish you prices on any kind of Ad or Job. We are going to make a campaign for some new correspondents, and we will announce at times the places in this column. Watch for them, as we will make it to your interest to secure representatives in the sections we want represented. Other features will be announced along.

HOW YOU STAND.

Each week we will announce in this column your points. No article is credited until after it appears in the paper, although subscriptions and points secured in other ways will be announced as they come in. We want to keep everything fair and straight and if you think an error has occurred in your points write us within the week following and we will make thorough investigation.

Buena Vista, H.....	3781
Parker.....	2487
Monmouth, H.....	1081
Airlie, S.....	1006
Suver.....	565
Antioch.....	314
Monmouth, B.....	290
Riekreall, C.....	181
Lewisville.....	159
Highlands, D.....	92
Monmouth, A.....	97
Falls City.....	72
Sunny Slope.....	55
Ballston.....	39