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GIVE US FREE LOCKS.

A movement has been started over the valley having as its ultimate object the government ownership of the Willamette locks at Oregon City. Already we see the commercial bodies of Salem, Independence and other representative river points discussing free locks and the best means to attain that end.

The desirability of free locks is so evident to every shipper in the valley, especially the farmer, that it really seems a question with but a single phase. Free locks would remove the extra tollage on every pound of freight passing up or down the river, a bounty paid directly by the navigation company but which in the final comes out of the pocket of the shipper. If boat freight rates fall, a like reduction would be compulsory to the railway companies.

Government engineers have at times recommended government ownership of the locks, so that the purchase should be fairly easy to accomplish. Once free locks it will be much easier to influence legislation for the improvement of the Willamette, as the tonnage will be easily increased three-fold, and more prestige will be given to the claims for legislation for its improvement.

In justice to valley shippers the government owes it to them to grant free locks. The Columbia is free for navigation, and thousands upon thousands will be spent in further improvements in the next decade. Our claims for recognition are certainly as meritorious as those coming from Eastern Oregon.

We are preparing figures to show in detail the benefit of the proposed change. However, as the matter now stands the points along the river must unite in petitioning congress through our Washington delegation to further the measure. Already Portland, Salem and Independence have signified their intentions to work for free locks, but more vigorous action is necessary. Let the shippers unite in the demand and there is every reason to believe it will be granted.

AIRLIE.

Mrs. Anna Wilson is visiting in Yamhill county.

The Best Advertising Medium.

The best advertising medium is the one which goes to the fireside. Such a paper is the INDEPENDENCE ENTERPRISE. It makes a feature of securing the news from every point in Polk county, and if we publish the news from all these points it must follow we have readers there. How can you reach these people as effectively as through the columns of this paper? If you are not an advertiser, why aren't you? The most successful are the heaviest advertisers, and there is no surer road to success than that of emulating those who are achieving success.

Mr. J. A. Withrow is having his granary painted.

Mrs. Ira Hooker, of Pedee, visited in these parts Monday.

Roy Woodcock, of Corvallis passed through here this week.

Mrs. A. C. Staats and daughter, Edith, were Independence visitors last week.

Rosco Staats and Floyd Williams were Independence visitors last Sunday.

Harvest is coming, several machines having commenced threshing Monday.

Walter Dalton and Willie Williams started for Newport Tuesday, for a two weeks' outing.

We wish to thank the editor for the Ping Pong set we received as fourth prize in the late ENTERPRISE contest.

The farmers' rural telephone line is completed and now neighbors can say "Hello" whenever they wish to.

\$100 Reward, \$100

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers, that they offer one Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

Address: F. J. CHENEY & Co, Toledo, O.
Sold by Druggist, 75c.
Hall's Family Pills are the best.

LITTLE LUCKIAMUTE.

J. W. Hiltbrand was doing business in Albany Saturday.

John Walker has several sick horses with a disease called lung-tus.

John Scrafford, of Corvallis, spent his 86th birthday with his son, Hon. M. Scrafford.

Olen B. Scrafford, of Walla Walla, spent a few days with friends and relatives the first of the week.

E. Leman, while burning brush last Friday, let the fire get beyond control which burnt up about ten cords of wood.

S. B. Tetherow and J. F. Loughary each have several tons of hay baled on account of not having room to store it loose.

Some of the steam threshers have already started to threshing. The best yield in wheat so far that we have heard is 22 bushels.

We are having no trouble to pass our spare time now as every few minutes we are engaged in conversation with some kind of agents. Tuesday there were only six at our farmhouse all at one time. The farmer may recover.

Suicide Prevented.

The startling announcement that a preventive of suicide had been discovered will interest many. A run down system, or despondency invariably precede suicide and something has been found that will prevent that condition which makes suicide likely. At the first thought of self destruction take Electric Bitters. It being a great tonic and nerve will strengthen the nerves and build up the system. It's also a great stomach, liver and kidney regulator. Only 50c. Satisfaction guaranteed by A. S. Locke, druggist.

Reduced Excursion Rates to the Seaside and Mountain Resorts for the Summer.

The Southern Pacific Company has placed on sale at very low rates round-trip tickets to the various resorts along its line, and also in connection with the Corvallis & Eastern Railroad to Detroit and the seaside at Yaquina Bay, latter tickets good for return until October 10th.

Three-day tickets to Yaquina Bay, good going Saturdays, returning Mondays, are on sale at greatly reduced rates from all points Eugene and north on both east and west side lines, enabling people to spend Sunday at the seaside. Very low round trip rates are also made between Portland and same points on the Southern Pacific, good going Saturdays, returning Sunday or Monday, allowing Portland people to spend Sunday in the country and the out-of-town people to have the day in Portland.

Tickets from Portland to Yaquina Bay good for return via Albany and east side, or Corvallis and west side, at option of passenger. Baggage checked through to Newport. A new feature at Newport this year will be an up-to-date Kindergarten in charge of an experienced Chicago teacher.

A beautifully illustrated booklet describing the seaside resorts on Yaquina Bay has been published by the Southern Pacific and Corvallis & Eastern Railroads and can be secured from any of their agents, or by addressing W. E. Coman, G. P. A., S. P. Co., of Portland, or Edwin Stone, manager C. & E. R. R., Albany, Oregon.

RICKREALL.

Mrs. M. Myers and daughter are cooking for Linn Gay's threshing crew.

The hop louse has made its appearance, but the growers are not going to spray.



H. H. Jasperson,
Undertaker, Embalmer,
and Funeral Director.
Independence, Oregon.

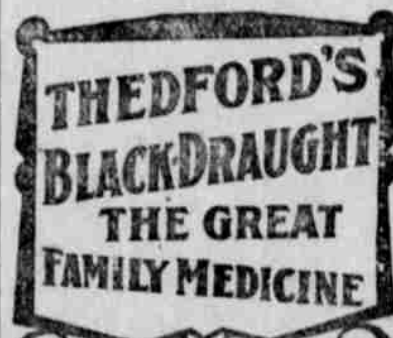
L. A. Goodell and Orval Price went to Newport Friday, returning home Monday.

Hale Backensto and wife left Monday for San Diego, Cal., with their own conveyance, calculating to take about two months to drive it in.

John Vernon Sr. died Friday at 3:00 o'clock, and was buried Monday in the Salt Creek cemetery. The family have the sympathy of the community.

The little son of A. Hill came near being killed. He ran in front of a binder and fell, but only received three cuts on the leg, as he went under the sickle bar.

The thresher whistle is heard from several places this week, and farmers report grain turning out better than expected.



Theford's Black-Draught has saved doctors' bills for more than sixty years. For the common family ailments, such as constipation, indigestion, hard colds, bowel complaints, chills and fever, biliousness, headaches and other like complaints no other medicine is necessary. It invigorates and regulates the liver, assists digestion, stimulates action of the kidneys, purifies the blood, and purges the bowels of foul accumulations. It cures liver complaint, indigestion, sour stomach, dizziness, chills, rheumatic pains, sideache, backache, kidney troubles, constipation, diarrhoea, biliousness, piles, hard colds and headache. Every druggist has Theford's Black-Draught in 25 cent packages and in mammoth size for \$1.00. Never accept a substitute. Insist on having the original made by the Chattanooga Medicine Company.

I believe Theford's Black-Draught is the best medicine on earth. It is good for any and everything. I have a family of twelve children, and for four years I have kept them on foot and healthy with no doctor but Black-Draught. A. J. GREEN, Ilwaco, La.

One field went 30 bushels to the acre.

Mrs. T. S. Burch and son John, J. B. Nesmith and family, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Cook, the Misses Burch and Lee Burch, Mrs. C. S. Basket and grandchildren are among the Rickreall people who visited Newport this week.

Mrs. Babbitt and Miss Bowden were passengers Wednesday to Corvallis for a few days.

Dysentery Cured Without the Aid of a Doctor.

"I am just up from a hard spell of the flux" (dysentery) says Mr. T. A. Pluner, a well known merchant of Drummond, Tenn. "I used one small bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy and was cured without having a doctor. I consider it the best cholera medicine in the world." There is no need of employing a doctor when this remedy is used, for no doctor can prescribe a better medicine for bowel complaint in any form either for children or adults. It never fails and is pleasant to take. For sale by Kirkland Drug Co.

E. T. HENKLE,
Barber Shop.
MAIN STREET,
INDEPENDENCE, OREGON.

The Arcade,
Davidson & Hedges, Props.

CIGARS, Cigarettes, Tobaccos and Confectionery.

FIRST CLASS SODA FOUNTAIN IN CONNECTION.

...THE...
Monmouth Laundry
H. D. WHITMAN, Prop.
Should have your Work.
.....Washing called for and delivered.
Washing called for on Tuesday and delivered on Saturday.....
Work Guaranteed.
Monmouth, Oregon.

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New building next door to Jos. Meyers & Sons.

Call and get fine Furniture Polish free.

Do not miss seeing our superior line of Carpets, Mattings and Linoleums.

The House Furnishing Co.,

Next door to Joseph Meyers & Sons, SALEM, ORE.
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