

EXCELLENT PROSPECTS

Work to Begin on Polk County Salt and Oil Wells.

The Polk County Salt, Gas & Oil Company has its work outlined for the coming summer. Among other things decided upon is that a limited amount of shares be put on the market at 50c per share, fully paid and non-assessable. There has been a great many inquiries for the stock and in order to let the public have a chance to acquire an interest it was thought best to take this course as the officers realize that it is best to allow the people generally to have a friendly interest in the work. Work will begin on the B. F. Whiteaker farm north of Monmouth first, but the company has leases on a number of other places and expects to put down several wells. When Mr. Hirschberg drilled the well on the Whiteaker place he struck oil in small seams and the company has no doubt that had the machinery been sufficient to go down a short distance further good paying strata of oil sand would have been discovered. The well already bored however is producing a fine grade of salt water and arrangements will be made to manufacture salt which it is believed of itself will yield handsome profits even without the oil.

The oil and salt prospects on the Whiteaker place are full of promise. Few realize what an important asset they are likely to prove to Polk county. A good strike of oil would in a few days send property values soaring up clear beyond the dreams of everyone who has never experienced an oil boom. New people would flock in and the whole county would reap an enormous benefit. It is hoped that the new machinery can be gotten here and work begun on the new well in a very short time. In the meantime everyone should take an interest and help the industry along as it means millions of dollars to the county if successful, and its promoters have no doubt whatever, after thoroughly investigating the matter that oil in paying quantities can be struck within thirty days after drilling begins.

Beauty at the Beach.

Edwin Stone, of the Corvallis & Eastern railroad has issued an illustrated circular, expatiating the attractions at Yaquina bay. If Mr. Stone can produce genuine attractions in replica of the fairy portrayed on the cover pages, the success of his road is assured. The fairy in question is a veritable Venus, the only difference being that her wardrobe appears to be more extensive than that of the deity of classic lore. although her open work hose and peekaboo bathing suit add to her charms, and her attitude of repose is graceful, even though her Leels are in the air. Surrounded by shells and starfish, with the wavelets carressing her feet, the subject is one which appeals to man's artistic instincts. The representations of fishing and bathing and other seaside enjoyments are realistic and will have a tendency to cause the average man to chafe at the irksome routine of urban life.

Scio has a damage suit on similar to the one Monmouth has been wrestling with. As the result of walking off a bridge Frank Vavra's leg was amputated and he sued the town for \$25000 and \$1447 as costs incurred by reason of the accident. W. H. and Webster Holmes, the same attorneys that appeared for plaintiff against Monmouth are attorneys for Mr. Vavra.

Osborn Reapers.



For Osborn vetch reapers, the only vetch machine, Osborn Binders, Mowers, Rakes and Extras, call on J. H. Moran, Monmouth.

Independence Leading Dry Goods Store **Independence Leading Dry Goods Store**


W. A. Messner

FIRST MIDSUMMER CLEARANCE SALE

If you wish a swell shirt waist for the Fourth we can furnish it from the very latest spring styles and at the very lowest prices to be found in the Valley. Note the prices quoted below and call for inspection.

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Many people prefer buying the piece goods and having their waists and suits made to measure and to these we will offer our entire line of dress goods in both cotton and wool at the following low prices.

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Shoes This sale includes our entire line of shoes, with the exception of contract shoes, such as Walk Overs, Radcliffe and District 76, which we are not permitted to change the price of. All others at reduced prices. Buy your shoes now and save money. **Shoes**

WE also add to this list our line of Parasols. New arrivals this week, our ladies' Belts, Purses, Summer Gloves and Wrappers. Your produce will buy as much as cash on this sale, and we will pay you top price for same.

W. A. MESSNER