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TWO CORPORATIONS.

Polk county is pretty well bottled up in the matter of sending out or receiving news from the rest of the world after 7 o'clock in the evening. The Western Union has laid an embargo on business with that company by establishing a charge of 50 cents extra to send a message after 7 o'clock. That is, a message that the Salem office would charge 25 cents to send would cost 75 cents sent from Independence. To send a ten word news item out of Independence after 7, the price is 53 1/2 cents. To send the same number of words from Salem the expense is 3 1/2 cents. The result is there is less news of Polk in the outside press than any county in the state, population and amount of business transacted considered. Other counties, it is said, are taxed in the same way, but the above statement is true, nevertheless. Why this discrimination should exist belongs to the troubles of the Western Union. Why it should not exist is a trouble of the public. The Western Union has a valuable franchise in Polk county and it has all the protection of a private citizen. The Bell Telephone Company is in the same category. That corporation, too, has valuable franchises and protection in this county. No good citizen objects to these corporations making money, but the people have a right to expect something in return. These corporations should share in the burdens of taxation and meet the people half way in the matter of service. The telephone company, though it has an office and does a lucrative business in Independence, refuses to subscribe to a street sprinkling fund. As a consequence the merchant, butcher, milliner and other business houses pay the bill for the telephone company. The company has thrown itself on the charity of its patrons and it is not for the purpose of paying its help more. The long hours and low wages of telephone girls is patent to every one. The disposition to take all you can get and give the least possible in return may be overworked by corporations as well as individuals and the advisability of meeting their patrons half way is suggested to both the telegraph and telephone companies in this county.

Discouraged because his prophecy of high water in the Columbia failed to materialize this spring, Weather Forecaster Beals has decided to hazard no more predictions on the rise of the river. For the same reason he might quit sending out weather forecasts.

The official election returns show the republican plurality at the recent election to be more than 24,000. For supreme judge Frank A. Moore received 24,217 more than his opponent Thos. O'Day. J. W. Bailey's plurality for dairy and food commissioner was still a little greater, being 24,283. The total vote of Oregon for 1904 was 99,315, as compared with 92,920 for 1902, or an increase of 6395 or about 6 1/2 per cent. The local option law carried by a vote of 43,316 to 40,198, or a majority of 3118. The direct primary law carried by a majority of 39,851, the vote being 56,206 for and 16,354 against. The office of state printer amendment failed to carry, the affirmative receiving 45,334 votes, while 49,558 were necessary to make a required majority of all votes cast at the election. Representative Hermann was re-elected by a plurality of 6813 and Williamson by a plurality of 13,353.

In an interview with the WEST SIDE ENTERPRISE this week, Squire Farrar, a member of the state senate, intimated that the next legislature may take some action on the local option law. While some members may feel a delicacy in dealing with a law placed on the statute books through the initiative and referendum, Senator Farrar indicates that he is not afraid to take some action on the local option law, for he believes the people did not vote understandingly on it. He does not expect the legislature to undertake to repeal the law outright but thinks it might amend it in such a way that the referendum would again be invoked and with a second vote Senator Farrar is of the opinion that local option would lose overwhelmingly.

All the snake charmers are in Salem this week.

And now they are living in tents in Independence.

Make your plans to spend a season of recreation hop picking.

You can now go from most any where to Salem on a hot air trolley line.

Have you subscribed for any stock in the Polk County Oil and Gas Company?

The Hoo Hoo building at the St. Louis Exposition burned, but Oregon's hoo doo building escaped.

The Willamette Valley was dry before Governor Chamberlain issued his local option proclamation.

The need of a sewerage system, something Independence must have in some form, is apparent to any one these dry days.

Launched on Friday, the 13th of the month with an abortive attempt to break a bottle of wine on her bow, the "Independence" launch is tied up on the bank of the river and refuses to go.

Portland wants a girls' reform school and wants it located far away from the boys' reform

school at Salem. The enchantment of distance would be most resplendent if it were located in Jackson or Malheur county.

BELIEVES IN DAIRYING.

Why the Southern Pacific is Interested in the Dairy Industry.

In his address before the Grangers' and Hop Men's Convention, H. E. Lounsbury answered the oft asked question as to how the railroad can afford to sacrifice a portion of the revenue heretofore obtained from hauling wheat to market to encourage the dairy industry by the very low rates on milk and cream.

"About five years ago" said Mr. Lounsbury, "the railroad company employed C. L. Smith, an experienced dairyman and agriculturist of Minnesota, to deliver a series of lectures to western Oregon farmers on dairying and diversified farming.

At the same time to better promote the dairy industry—low transportation rates were established on milk and cream to enable the dairymen to send the product of his herd to the nearest creamery or cheese factory, and these rates are still in effect.

The establishment of low rates on cream, and the introduction and general adoption of the hand separator coupled with the able missionary work of the Oregon Agricultural College through farmer's institutes were very important factors that contributed materially toward bringing the dairy industry to its present stage of development in the Willamette Valley. As soon as it was found that a farmer with a small herd of dairy cows, and a cream separator, could afford to ship cream on the railroad to a distance of 100 miles, new creameries sprang into existence all along the line. Under these changed conditions it was not necessary for the farmer to live near a creamery to find a ready market for his cream. All he was required to do was to take his can of cream to the railroad station and send it to any creamery that he liked.

From a careful study of agricultural conditions in the Willamette Valley, it was found that on account of cropping the land to wheat year after year, the soil was gradually becoming impoverished and the yield of wheat per acre was growing small each season. This meant a gradual reduction in freight tonnage. The railroad which is interested in the prosperity of the country through which it runs more than any one else for the reason that it hauls the products out and supplies in, was confronted with the possibility of hauling less and less wheat tonnage each year, unless something was done to change existing conditions. In comparing a dairy section in San Joaquin Valley, California, with a wheat raising section of the Willamette Valley, the amount of travel in the dairy region was found to be three times what it was in the wheat raising country. Furthermore it was learned that in the great dairying state of Iowa and Minnesota, the farmers were restoring the productivity of their soils by the change.

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Summons.

In the Circuit Court of the state of Oregon for the county of Polk. Department No. 2.

Charles P. Darling, Plaintiff, vs.

Amanda A. Darling, Defendant.

To Amanda A. Darling, defendant:

You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit on or before the expiration of six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, to wit, on or before the 28th day of July, A. D. 1904, that being the date of the last publication of this summons, and if you fail to answer, for want thereof, the plaintiff will apply to the said court for the relief prayed for in said complaint, and will take a decree against you therefor to wit: a decree of divorce dissolving the bonds of matrimony existing between you and plaintiff upon the ground of your wilful desertion and abandonment of plaintiff for more than one year prior to the filing of his said complaint, and for such other general relief as may be deemed just and equitable in the premises. The date of the first publication of this summons is the 9th day of June A. D. 1904. This summons is published by order of the Hon. J. F. Stibbey, Judge of the county court of Polk county, Oregon, duly made and entered therein at Chambers in the city of Dallas, Polk county, Oregon, on the 7th day of June A. D. 1904.

Ed F. Coab, Attorney for Plaintiff.

Notice to Creditors.

Notice is hereby given that I have been duly appointed executor of the estate of E. C. Keyt Sr., deceased, by order of the county court of Polk county, Oregon. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present the same duly verified to the undersigned executor at Perrydale, Polk county, Oregon, within six months from date of his said appointment. D. L. KEYT, Executor of the estate of E. C. Keyt Sr., deceased.

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