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## A NEW SAW MILL

A Lumber Mill of 35,000 Feet Capacity to Take The Place of Smaller One

Will Mean Larger Pay Roll and Be Matter of Convenience to Builders Next Year

Independence is to have a new saw mill. The capacity is to be 35,000 feet a day. The proprietors will be Douty & Simpson, owners of the small mill now in operation here.

The new plant will not be an enlargement of the old mill, for a new outfit has been purchased outright. The machinery will be on the ground in a short time and with no serious mishap to interfere with present plans, will be in operation by January 1.

For some time, the owners of the Independence mill have labored under the disadvantage of being unable to supply the home demand for lumber. More hop houses have been built in the Independence district this year than during any single season since the hop industry was started and the Independence Lumber Co., with the limited capacity of its present mill, could not fill the orders offered. Lumber by the hundreds of thousands of feet has gone into hop houses and other buildings and people have been put to the inconvenience of going away from home to get their lumber bills filled as no outside mills have seen fit to establish a lumber yard here.

There is prospect for much building the coming year. The Krebs Bros. alone have plans drawn for forty-one buildings on their big hop ranch and will need 1,000,000 feet of lumber. Horst Bros. also will do considerable building and many of the smaller yards will use lumber in proportion to their size. Then there is prospect for more residence and business buildings than there has been for many years.

Bryant & Lucas and the Watkins mills of Falls City and Johnson & Co. of Dallas have furnished most of the lumber shipped in from the outside. It is the purpose of the new mill to not only supply the home trade, but reach out for business. If 35,000 feet will not meet the demand, a double shift can be put on, turning out 60,000 feet daily.

The shortage in the lumber supply had set others to figuring on establishing a mill here and perhaps had something to do with the hurrying up of the local firm in putting in a larger plant. Douty & Simpson however, have had a larger mill in contemplation for some time.

### "Frenzied Finance"

Thomas V. Lawson in a series of articles on "Frenzied Finance" in Everybody's Magazine, is making it interesting for people in high places especially the legislature of Massachusetts. In the December number Mr. Lawson says:

"As a result of studying at close range the Massachusetts Legislature, its workings and those who worked it, I do not hesitate to say that:

"The Massachusetts Legislature is bought and sold as are sausages and fish at the markets and wharves. That the largest, wealthiest, and most prominent corporations in New England, whose affairs are conducted by our most representative citizens, habitually corrupt the Massachusetts Legislature and the man of wealth among them who would enter protest against the iniquity would be looked on as a 'class anarchist.' I will go further and say that if in New England a man of the type of Folk,

of Missouri, can be found who will give over six months to turning up the legislative and Boston municipal sod of the past ten years, who does not expose to the world a condition of rottenness more rotten than was ever before exhibited in any community in the civilized world, it will be because he has been suffocated by the stench of what he exhumes.

### Booth's Statements.

"Mr. Green never made any such statement to me," declared J. Henry Booth, receiver of the Roseburg land office, to the Telegram correspondent, when asked if it were not true that A. R. Green, special agent of the department of the interior, had not told him he could "either resign or be dismissed."

Mr. Booth said it had been his intention to resign for some time, having had positions offered him at better salary than that carried by the receivership of the Roseburg land office. He says he does not intend to resign under pressure, averring that his conduct in the land office here has been straightforward and honest; that he would positively not resign under the circumstances and had no reasons for so doing.—Evening Telegram.

### Off For Washington.

C. W. Fulton, United States Senator from Oregon has left for Washington to attend the short term of Congress and the special session of the Senate, which is always held at the beginning of a new administration. Several saw the Senator off from Portland although many of the stalwarts did not put in an appearance to say the farewell word.

Senator Fulton promises to put in some good bids for a river and harbor appropriation that will be of substantial benefit to Oregon. He says the needs of the Columbia bar are the most urgent of all and that these will be brought to the attention of Congress.

### Getting Back State Tax

The Toledo Reporter thinks Lincoln county should get back its portion of the state tax on account of the Lewis and Clark Fair by putting up a county exhibit. The Reporter says: "Lincoln county has the resources, has many such as our fish, crabs, clams of various kinds, oysters and especially rock oysters for which no other county can compete, besides innumerable other resources. Will we put our light before the world at this great gathering? This being the greatest opportunity of the age, let us stand united in this our great opportunity, raise what we can ourselves, then as taxpayers stand by our county court and support them in obligating us for the balance, feeling assured that what ever we do, (if done right,) will be as 'bread cast upon the water.'" Lincoln county has a bright future, will we assist to hasten the time? Our great summer resort is taking hold of the hearts of men in high places, and will work wonderful results in the near future. Let us all work for the common good in this exhibit, banishing selfishness, grafts and grafters. If all will only do this we assure you Lincoln county will not be found at the rear in the great procession on June 1st.

### Enlisting in Chinese Army

It has come to light that a considerable number of the Oregon National Guard are enlisting to serve the Reform party in China for a term of five years. Officers down to second lieutenant are being selected. It is the purpose to have them put in charge of Chinese recruits as drill masters.

## THANKSGIVING

The Day Generally Observed in The Time Honored Way in Polk County

Everybody Eats Turkey, Thanks are Returned in Churches and Social Time Enjoyed

Thanksgiving has come and gone. It was generally observed in Polk county. Banks and county offices were closed, the schools took a holiday and people gathered together in churches and returned thanks for the peace, plenty and prosperity that here abound. Stores and other business houses generally, closed in the afternoon.

Today bones of the traditional turkey lie bleaching in back yards for the golden-brown drum-stick and white meat from the breast with cranberry sauce, were table attractions in many Polk county families as well as at hotels and restaurants yesterday.

In Independence the churches united to hold union services. The Presbyterian church was the meeting place and the attendance was large. Rev. Allen presided and Rev. Elayer preached a very interesting sermon. Dr. Thompson was related on account of a wedding ceremony. The music in charge of Mrs. Conkey was exceptionally good.

The only other function of a public nature was a ball held at the auditorium in the evening.

It was given by the Independence orchestra as a Thanksgiving Ball and was one of the most enjoyable social affairs that has been held in the auditorium. The attendance was large, the music by an orchestra of nine pieces was good and everybody was pleased with the evening's entertainment. Refreshments were served in the hall by the G. A. R. ladies.

### The Riddell Bros.

Says the American Sheep Breeder concerning two Angora goat

breeders of Monmouth, Polk county, Oregon, who attended the sheep and goat show at the World's Fair, St. Louis: "Those two young Oregon boys, the Riddell brothers, who, alone of all the Oregon goatmen, had the grit to come 2500 miles to see the big goat show and bank on the four goats they brought, made a fine impression and earned by their modest behavior the good opinions of the whole Angora crowd. \* \* \* The goat show would not have been complete without the two modest little gentlemen from Monmouth, for whom everybody easily grows into liking. Next time you come, boys, leave your bachelor diffidence at home and bring along with your goats a pair of those radiant girls that have made the Willamette valley as famous for its beautiful women as it is for its Angoras and longwools."

### Is It Independence?

Unfortunately for a number of valley towns, the Southern Pacific railway runs only through the suburbs and passengers going through on the train get a very inaccurate impression of these towns. This is particularly true of towns in which there is an abundance of shade trees, for the trees shut off the view and leave the traveler almost in doubt whether there really is a town of any size anywhere near the railway station. To make matters worse, residents of the part of town through which the railway passes are often careless about the condition of their buildings and fences, the back yards lying next to the railway. A liberal application of whitewash and a few hours' labor with hammer and nails repairing fences and buildings would help the looks of things and leave a better impression upon the minds of thousands of visitors who will pass through the valley next year, going to or from the Lewis and Clark fair.—Oregonian.

Corvallis will give a poultry show December 8, 9, 10. Over \$150 worth of fancy poultry will be given away by local breeders during the show.

### SUMMARY OF ASSESSMENT ROLL

The Polk County assessment roll as summarized by Assessor Meyers has been forwarded to the Secretary of State by County Clerk E. M. Smith. Polk's taxable wealth is shown in the summary as follows:—

CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY	NUMBER	VALUE
Acres of tillable lands	115,763	\$1,644,515
Acres of non-tillable lands	276,646	849,285
Improvements on deeded or patented lands		255,200
Town and city lots		135,610
Improvements on town and city lots		296,330
Improvements on lands not deeded or patented		8,590
Miles of railroad bed	69.49	207,730
Miles of telegraph and telephone lines	134.50	8,450
Railroad rolling stock		27,685
Engines and manufacturing machinery		37,950
Merchandise and stock in trade		113,690
Farming implements, wagons, carriages, etc.		33,430
Money		36,475
Notes and accounts		80,235
Shares of stock	1,110	73,380
Household furniture, watches, jewelry, etc.		58,275
Horses and mules		110,810
Cattle	8,858	99,025
Sheep and goats	39,945	61,130
Swine	4,127	8,325
Total taxable property		\$4,146,100
Polls	1,324	
Polls collected	81	



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