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SOMETHING DOIN'

Monmouth Post Office Raised to Third Class Indicating Sure Growth

Pilot Knob Mining Company Holds Annual Meeting and Elects Board of Five Directors

Postmaster Lucas has received notice from the Post office Department that the Monmouth office has been advanced to the third class the advance to take effect Jan. 1, '05. Post office receipts are considered a sure indicator of the business conditions of a town and the rapid increase in receipts by the Monmouth office is a matter of considerable satisfaction to its patrons.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Pilot Knob Mining Company was held here Tuesday December 13th. About thirty stock holders were present. The object of the meeting was to elect a board of directors and transact such other business as might come before the meeting. W. T. Hogman, E. Evans, D. L. Keyt, J. E. Rhodes, and J. H. Hawley were elected directors. A Report given by the board shows very flattering prospects and it is thought that the Company can pay dividends during 1905.

The action of the Southern Pacific in making such an advance in rates on stock cars is a body blow to the stock industry of the Willamette Valley. Prompt action should be taken by the various commercial bodies of Portland and valley towns to remedy this matter. The producer is the one that must suffer by this advance in rates and it is the duty of every town to assist in securing more favorable rates.

Mrs. Margaret Bosworthy of Takoa Wash., is visiting relatives here. She has been visiting for the past three months and will return to Takoa next week.

D. L. Keyt of Perrydale spent several days here the first of the week looking after the affairs of the Pilot Knob Mining Company in which he is a heavy stock holder.

J. B. Stump received three bucks Monday from Chicago. A yearling cotswoold, winner of 1st prize as lamb at Royal Show, England and 1st prize yearling at St. Louis, and Lincoln lamb that won 1st prize at St. Louis were two of the shipment the third being a cotswoold lamb. Mr. Stump has made a practice of buying 1st prize stock from the largest shows of this country and England for a number of years and as a result his flock is as fine as one can find in any country.

The marriage of Miss Opra Towns to Mr. William Marks, took place in this city Thursday at 1 o'clock in the afternoon. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. A. Brown of the Christian church, at his home. Both bride and groom are well and favorably known in this community. They will make their home in Polk county.

The Normal basket ball team will play the Salem Y. M. C. A. team at Salem Friday night. The boys are training faithfully and proper coaching will turn out a very strong team. A trip for the team has been arranged that will cover Puget Sound, Eastern Washington and Eastern Oregon. They will leave immediately after the holidays.

Work on the big hardware building of Bridwell & Craven is at a standstill owing to their inability to get lumber.

E. M. Smith was in town Tuesday.

General Gibson Post

General Gibson Post, G. A. R. of Independence has held its annual election. The result is the selection of the following officers for the ensuing year:

Commander, E. G. Heath; senior vice commander, L. E. Eames; junior vice commander, J. C. Brown; adjutant, F. J. Fryer; quartermaster, J. G. Barber; surgeon, Henry Mott; chaplain, W. P. Fisher; officer of the day, M. Scraford; officer of the guard, H. D. Foster.

General Gibson Post is now out of debt and is in a prosperous condition. The large auditorium is the property of the Post and is paid for in full. The Women's Relief Corps will hold election Saturday and there will be joint installation of officers the first Saturday in January.

Saloon License Raised.

The Albany city council has raised the saloon license in that city from \$400 to \$500 a year.

Big Hop Ranch Rented.

The Krebs Bros have rented all but 57 acres of their big hop ranch to Chinese. The remainder will also probably be leased and Conrad Krebs thinks he may grow a queue to properly stand in with his tenants.

MILLS IN SIGHT

Two Lumber Mills will Soon be Turning Out Their Product at Independence

Site Chosen For Douty & Simpson Mill Where O. R. & N. Warehouse Now Stands

The new Douty & Simpson saw mill will be located on the site now occupied by the O. R. & N. warehouse where the Prescott & Vaness mill stood a number of years ago. Negotiations for this property have been on for some time but it was not secured until now. Only a few rods above this site the Oberer hard wood mill is located.

The machinery for the Douty and Simpson mill is reported on the way and it will not be many weeks before the hum of the two may be heard on the river bank at Independence. The Douty and Simpson plant is called a 35000 foot capacity though according to Mr. Douty it will cut 50000 in a ten hours run. The Oberer mill is a hard wood plant and will employ about 16 men. The new mill will require a considerably larger number and the two will make a payroll that will mean a great deal to the town.

week the water had run down until the boats were not making regular trips. With the last rains it began to rise and last night was sixteen feet above low water mark and still slowly rising. Boats are now making regular trips and it is not likely there will be a scarcity of water for boating purposes before next fall.

Street Scene in Corvallis

There was a sort of free-for-all fight on Main street Thursday night. A crowd of young toughs became involved in a heated argument as to each one's ability to "lick" any other man in the crowd, and as words failed to express emphatically enough their confidence in themselves, they proceeded to give a practical illustration in which fists were freely used. Chief Lane happened along and proved his superiority over the whole gang by running them in. About half a dozen of them paid for their amusement to the tune of \$10 each. —Corvallis Gazette.

LIVE STOCK SHIPPING

What it Costs to Ship a Car Load From Independence To Portland

The freight rates on live stock out of Independence has been \$21 for a single deck and \$25 for a double deck car. A double deck car carries twice as many head of hogs or sheep as a single deck. Consequently shippers of course, as a rule have been using double deck cars. In a double deck car the same number of hogs or sheep could be shipped to Portland for \$25 as could be shipped in two single decks for \$42. The complaint of the shippers now is that since double deck cars are no longer furnished freight rates are thereby advanced from \$25 to \$42 or \$17 on a double deck car load.

"It will mean," says George Boothy, "that the farmers foot the bill. I haven't used a single deck car for sheep or hogs in four years." "It means we'll have to drive stock to Portland or make arrangements for a boat," says F. J. Fryer. W. W. Percival also states that the stock raiser will have to bear the higher freight and the effect in his opinion will be noticeable as a check on hog raising, particularly. Mr. Fryer is convinced the new rate cannot be met for according to his figure it costs 40 cents a head including all expenses to ship sheep to Portland when, he estimates they can be driven for much less due allowance included for loss of weight. Mr. Fryer drove one band to Portland a few weeks ago.

Elect Officers

The Eastern Stars have elected the following officers for the coming year:

Mrs. Hank Madison, W. M.; Mrs. A. S. Locke, W. P.; Mrs. Mix, A. M.; Mrs. O. D. Butler, secretary; Mrs. A. J. Wilson, treasurer; Mrs. John Richardson, conductress; Mrs. Geo. Burton, A. C.

A Financial Success

After casting up accounts, the ladies of the Presbyterian church find their receipts from the bazaar of last week to be a round one hundred dollars. Considering that the price of admission was only ten cents and the time was limited to one afternoon and evening, this is a great record. It was not alone in a financial way that the affair was successful, but every one present thoroughly enjoyed the character of entertainment.

J. H. Scott and the rest of the old officers were re-elected at the good roads convention held in Salem this week.

OPERA HOUSE
Wednesday and Thursday Dec. 21 and 22
THE GRAND SACRED OPERA
Belshazzar
Or the Fall of Babylon
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BELSHAZZAR'S FEAST

Grand Sacred Opera at the Opera House Wednesday and Thursday Nights, Dec. 21 and 22.

This sacred opera is the most vivid representation of the times which are now occupying the thoughts and labors of the world's greatest Archeologists. The story of Belshazzar equals in its intensity and dramatic interest Shakespeare's greatest masterpieces, and does historically for the Jewish race what the bard of Avon has done for his Anglo-Saxon ancestors. It tells how, on the day of Babylonian magnificence and profligacy, the mighty monarch Belshazzar gave a great feast to all the lords in his kingdom and polluted the sacred vessels which had been stolen from the Jewish temple in Jerusalem in the days of Nebuchadnezzar. While the wild orgie was at its height and while they drank wine from the sacred chalices, a blazing message of warning appeared upon the wall of the banquet hall, which neither the king nor his wise men were able to read or interpret. There was then brought before the king the comely Jewish youth, Daniel, who was able to read in the mystic characters the doom of his heathen captors, whose mighty walled city in that same night fell into the hands of the Persian army and the great King Belshazzar was slain. The story admits of many tragic climaxes and the great chorus of fifty selected voices and some of Independence's favorite soloists will prove equal to its demands in every way. For the past two weeks daily and nightly rehearsals have

been held and all who attend the rendition in the opera house next week will be surprised to learn how much may be accomplished in so short a time. The Oregonian of Nov. 8 says: "It was undoubtedly the best production of its kind ever given in Portland, and is a credit to both the director, Mr. Martin E. Robinson, and to every member of the cast and chorus who were able to so successfully produce a work of this character in so short a time." All the parts will be sung by local singers except the "King," Mr. Geo. C. L. Snyder, who comes over from Salem to impersonate that character.

Tramps Infest The Valley.

There are said to be more tramps in the Willamette valley now than ever before at this season of the year. Portland is said to be literally overrun with these people, and the strange part of it is that they do not seem to be inclined to work and that a man can go into the city at any time who is really in search of work, and procure a position. Salem has been having her share of these hobos, says the Journal, and officers Lewis and Murphy made 103 arrests in the last 12 days, all but 13 of whom were merely hobos, who were suspicious characters and had to be locked up over night for the safety of the community. It is impossible for the two officers to keep their eyes on 24 hobos in this city at night unless they are under lock and key.

Low Water No More

Low water will not be an obstacle to navigation on the upper river any more this season. Last