

ALL INTERESTED

Big Meeting of Improvement League at Independence Last Night

Will Attend State League Meeting April 26 as Representatives of the Blue Ribbon County

There was a big meeting of the Independence Improvement League last night.

Besides business men of Independence there were live awake farmers present from the Luckiamute country, from Buena Vista, on the south, from the Simon neighborhood on the north and from over the river on the east. From the Marion County side there were E. L. Rowland, L. Mattison, Henry Pierce and Wm. McAllister; from Luckiamute, M. S. Scraftford and Maurice Fowle; from the south, Eston Bevans, Geo. McLaughlin and Rev. Mears; from the north, John and Will Simon.

Included among the public spirited men of Independence that turned out were, Messrs. Messner, Calbreath, Percival, McCready, Newbill, Hodges, Donovan, Kutich, Cooper, Cooper, Henton, Drexler, Paddock, Solie, Burton, Bice, Mattison, Ketchum, Fluke, Sharman, Sperling, Dr. and Word Butler and Hurley.

The spirit of unison in the matter of development of Polk county dominated the meeting and business men and farmers talked for development of our resources. It was decided to secure a special car, decorate it and secure a band, and attend the State League convention in Portland on the 26 in a body as representatives of the Blue Ribbon county.

The committee reported the adverse action of the Polk county court on sharing in the maintenance of a ferry at this place. Convinced that the Court is not familiar with the conditions that call for a free ferry and believing the members are desirous of giving the people making the request a square deal, the Secretary of the League was instructed to communicate with the Court, urging them to give the matter their most serious thought and give a final answer at its next sitting.

The president was authorized to appoint a committee of ten ladies and as many gentlemen to take up the matter of beautifying the town by cutting down all thistles and briars in the streets and annihilating everything that mars the general appearance of the town.

Several new names were added to the list of membership.

BUENA VISTA

J. K. Neal of Eugene has arrived in Buena to open a general store. Every article usually handled in such stores will be found, especially when his new building is ready. Mrs. Neal also came the first of the week.

Abel Porter has gone to Salem to work until hop-picking.

J. A. Mears was in Independence and Dallas Monday.

The lectures given by Mrs. Round in our churches Sunday were very interesting and well attended. They were highly appreciated.

The new building to be erected by the I. O. O. F. will be hurried to completion. In the meantime the store will occupy another building in Buena.

Mrs. J. K. Richardson is home from a short visit to Portland.

Elmer Nash spent Sunday with his parents. His school will last five weeks longer.

Notice

Standing rigs after 9 P. M. 25c J. W. Dickinson.

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Two hundred Igorrotes, Moros, Negritos and Visayans are on their way from the Philippine Islands to Portland. They are expected to arrive the latter part of this month and will at once proceed with the construction of a Philippine village on poles over Guild's Lake at the Fair grounds. A choice article of diet with these people is boiled dog but Independence will not be in a position to enter the market with dog meat to sell by the time the Fair opens.

PARKER

Mr. Percy Dickinson is building a tower for a windmill which is nearing completion.

Miss Lizzie James visited Mrs. Boone Thursday.

Miss E. Johnson was in Parker Sunday.

Mr. Joe Harlan was a visitor here Thursday.

Mrs. Chris Peterson visited relatives here Sunday.

Ed Steele recently sold two valuable hounds to a man living in The Dalles for ten dollars each.

WHO ARE THE MORAL BUSINESS MEN

Are lawyers more moral than business men; ordinary men of affairs than trust magnates; journalists than politicians; and so on through the grades and divisions of society? Such questions are constantly in discussion. Formerly the politicians were blamed exclusively for much bad legislation that is now charged in part to the business men who influence legislation. The role taken by the ablest lawyers in making legislation ineffective is being more vividly expounded than it ever has been before. Our laws to take an example-forbid rebates and all kinds of discrimination between shippers. The railway men in general admit the desirability of such law. Yet they, and the shippers, and the attorneys for both, devote themselves to discovering devices for outwitting the law. There is no moral standard which restrains either lawyers or business men from any secret practice intended to help them escape from laws the passage of which they favor. The public faces the necessity of contriving laws so drawn that the very ablest minds in the country can invent no trickery to beat them, but probably public opinion on such matters is being educated by all the experiments now being made. The struggle for money is losing something relatively, and the moral standards slowly make a corresponding gain. —Colliers.

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Are you doing all in your power for the general development and improvement of the community or are you satisfied to sit back at ease and as far as you are concerned, let things drift?

Have you written those letters to Eastern friends telling them of the attractiveness of Oregon and inviting them to the Fair or are you allowing them to languish in ignorance of this land of plenty?

Do you greet the newcomer with a hearty welcome and a word of encouragement, or do you try to scare him out by assuring him that this is no country for him anyway?

Do you take an active interest in the appearance of the town or do you look upon unsightly shacks, rubbish heaps and broken down fences as you look upon the poor-something we are always to have with us?

Are you looking out for and saving your choicest products for the Lewis and Clark Exposition?

Is your lawn kept up and made presentable to visitors, or does it resemble a last year's birds' nest?

Do you make an effort to show visiting friends about and give them the magnificent view which may be had from surrounding hills or are you satisfied in allowing them to leave without obtaining a correct idea of the Valley?

Do you encourage the establish-

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It has been a matter of pride for the national guard in some states to be led by old soldiers and to acquit themselves well in the presence of critical officers. The good soldier wants the best training possible. He can get it from men who have been in active service. Good organization and good handling are fully as important to a body of troops as the quality of its personnel. Neither can succeed without the other, but perhaps the rarest things are good organization and leadership. If General Miles' regime only fixes the standard for the future of state troops the whole country may be benefited.

Japan thinks seriously of inviting all creation to come to a world's fair and incidentally look her over. With the energy and ingenuity of the Japs it would seem feasible to cut the little island loose from its moorings and float it around the world for exhibition at enormously profitable rates.

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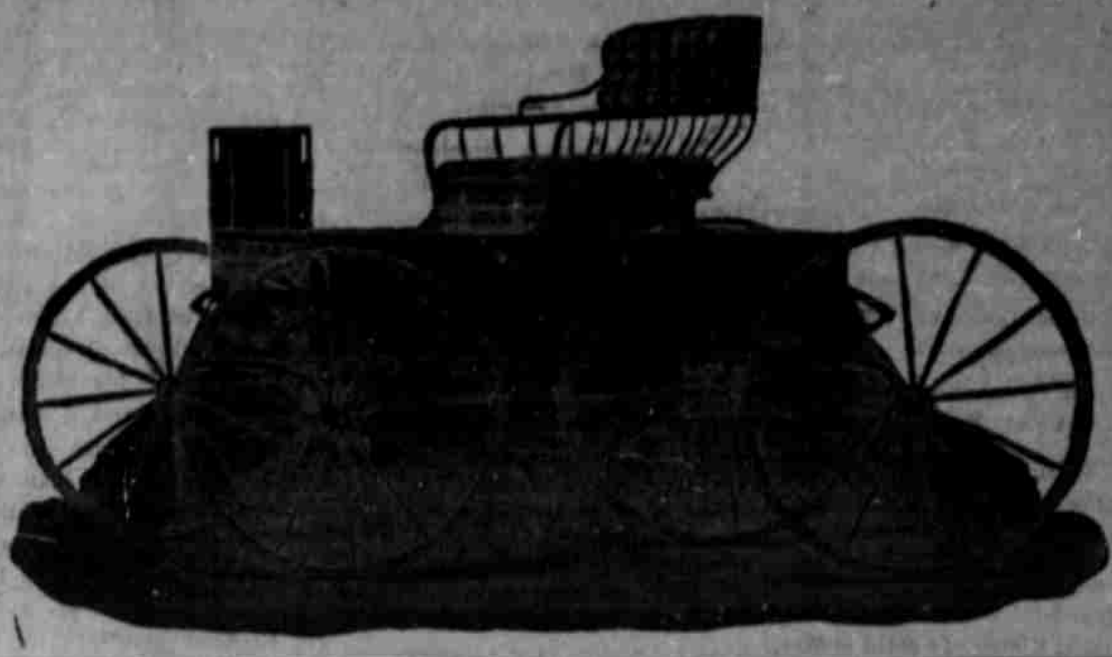
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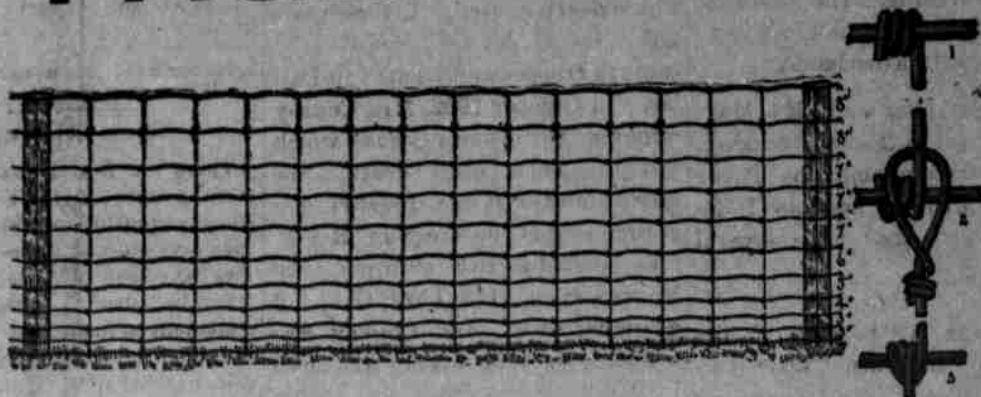
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