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**DO WE WANT
A CANNERY?**

**If We Do Now is the Time
to Get Busy.**

OWNED BY LOCAL CAPITAL

**Money to be Raised by Popular
Subscription to Stock in
Mutual Company.**

A representative of the Hastings Industrial Company, of Chicago, was here the first of the week looking over the situation with a view of inducing our people to put up a cannery. These people make a business of building canneries and claim that they can build them cheaper than they can be built by those who are not in the business. They have the plans and specifications all ready for the buildings and equipment of plants. They built one at Freewater last year Mr. Walsh, the special agent, will go to Dallas, Monday, to consult with the people there who are organizing a cannery company and will likely secure the contract to erect it. He informed the Enterprise man that a first class plant, with a capacity of 12,000 cans per day, could be built and equipped for \$7500. This would mean that it would take 150 men subscribing \$50 each to raise the amount. This ought to be an easy matter if we are to judge from what has been said by a few to whom the matter has been submitted, but as it is of full as much interest to the farmers adjacent to this town as it is to the townspeople it has been thought best to talk the matter up and then call a meeting of those interested and give all a chance to have a word in the matter.

It is likely that about a week from tomorrow the matter will be taken up at a public meeting, but as yet no definite action along that line has been had. It has been hoped that we may be able to have one or more men present at the meeting that have had experience along the line of canneries and that can give some practical ideas as how best to proceed with the organization.

There is ample land adjacent to town on which a crop of tomatoes can be raised this year that will pay the running expenses along with what fruit can be had and inside of two years there will be berries enough raised here to keep the cannery going until tomato time and then apples and other fruit will fill out the season. In this connection we might say that it would be well to have a vinegar factory and pickle works in connection with the cannery and thus utilize all the waste as well as to fill in the odd spells between crops.

Mr. Walsh says that the average yield of tomatoes is about 400 bushels per acre and that good firm tomatoes will make 16 cans to the bushel so that a fair price can be paid for the raw material and then make a profit for the manufactured article. There is no lack of market for all the canned goods that can be put up, for the demand is increasing faster than the supply. This is evidenced by the fact that the Weber-Bussell people have put up two big plants this year, one of which is at Newberg. There is

no fear about the product being in demand for it will be put up under the supervision of a thoroughly competent man which the Hastings people furnish at a stated salary and guarantee his work to be satisfactory.

Another thing about the above company that shows that they are at least honest appearing and that is that they will put up the cannery and deliver it in working condition to a committee of the stock holders, who shall be perfectly satisfied, before a cent is asked on the contract price for the plant. This seems to be fair. This is a matter that should be canvassed throughout this section of the county and it seems to be as good a chance to get a cannery as there has been brought to the notice of the writer this year.

If the little town of Monroe, containing about 700 population, can put up a \$7500 cannery, Independence with more than double the population and with unlimited natural advantages, certainly ought to do as well. There are hundreds, yes thousands, of acres of land lying around that can be made to yield big returns from berries or fruit of any kind, that is now only bringing a nominal income. This land ought to be cut up into small tracts and made productive.

A cannery will make a market for much small fruit and several kinds of vegetables and will be an inducement for frugal people to buy small homes near the city and thus enhance the value of the community in more ways than one. Taxes will be lessened on account of the increased valuation and there will be more people to work the roads, consequently we will have better roads; although we have much better ones than many places in the Willamette valley.

It is to be hoped that the people will see their way clear to get together on this matter and that we will be up with any of our neighbors in the cannery business by fall, for if we get this industry established here it will mean others in the near future, one of which will be taken up with eastern parties as soon as possible.

Monmouth Ladies Entertain.

A very pleasant party was given by Bessie Graham and Ruby Fream at the home of the latter. The house was tastefully decorated with ivy and Japanese lanterns. One of the interesting features was an artificial well, draped with crepe paper, entwined with ivy, where punch was served by Bessie Graham.

After an hour or so of games and amusements, supper was served by the charming hostess. Being a leap year party the girls assisted the boys to the dining room where a dainty luncheon was served. After being informed that it was on the wee small hours of morning, the guests departed after a very delightful evening.

Those present were: Mildred Force, Agnes Clark, Blanche Chute, Hazel Work, Muriel Boyle, Lois Herren, Allene Hosner, Tressa Churchman, Olive Pettite, Ruth Nunn, Rainie Burkhead, Chester Strong, Wendell Crowley, Ray Chute, Norman Crowley, Irvin Springer, Glen Work, Harold Herren, Howard Morland, and Douglas Crowley.

The Independence Athletic Club first basket ball team will contest tonight at the auditorium with the Columbia university team. The local first team has not been defeated so far this season but the boys are not sure that they will be able to defeat the Columbia aggregation tonight. A splendid game is in store for all who attend.

Wilson & Holcomb, wood and wood-sawing. 2-18 2mp

**POLK COUNTY
INSTITUTE HERE**

**To Be Held in Independence
Saturday Feb. 22.**

WILL BE A GOOD MEETING

**Instructive and Interesting to
Patrons as well as
to Teachers.**

Following is the program for the teachers' institute to be held in the Independence public school building on Saturday February 22. This institute will be attended by teachers from all over the county and will be worth while for all the friends of education to attend. Independence people should turn out and make this a success and give the teachers such a good time that they will want more institutes held here. We ought to have the good things of this life distributed as evenly as possible and as these institutes are among the good things we want our share of them and the way to get them is to make it pleasant for the teachers.

The program as given below is very interesting and instructive and will be well worth hearing as there are some of the best instructors in the state to speak. No doubt the discussions that will take place will be thorough in bringing out all the pertinent points of the various subjects.

Teachers institutes are a great help to the schools of the county. In the early days in this state there were no institutes and there consequently was little concerted action along educational lines; now however it is very different. The boy or girl of today who does not get a fair common school education is an object of pity, for the opportunity is good and the inducements are also good.

- Music, America.....All Language and Composition.....
 - ...Sup't R. F. Robinson, Portland
 - "How Shall Teachers Prepare for Teaching Agriculture?".....
 - ...Miss Loretta Smith, Monmouth
 - Grammar.....
 - ...Prof. L. R. Traver, Monmouth
 - Music.....
 - ...O. S. N. S. Faculty Quartette
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 - Music.....
 - ...O. S. N. S. Faculty Quartette
 - Language and Composition.....
 - ...Sup't R. F. Robinson
 - Arithmetic.....L. R. Traver
 - Appreciation of Art.....
 - ...Mrs. E. M. Pennel, Monmouth
 - Music.....
 - ...O. S. N. S. Faculty Quartette
- The above program will be interspersed with several numbers from the Independence public school.

PEOPLE TO MAKE NEW LAWS

Measures to be Voted on at June Election.

The voters of Oregon will be asked to vote upon 19 measures at the June election. Briefly stated the measures are as follows:

Submitted to the Legislature—

Amendment increasing compensation of members of the Legislature to \$400 for a regular session and at \$10 a day for special sessions.

Amendment permitting the location of the State Institutions away

from the capital.

Amendment increasing the number of Supreme Judges to five and extending the jurisdiction of Circuit Courts to probate work; also requiring provision by the law for District Attorneys, County Courts, etc.

Amendment changing the time of holding general elections from June to November

Legislative acts submitted under the referendum—

Act giving the Sheriff custody of prisoners.

Act requiring granting of free railroad passes to certain officials.

Act appropriating \$100,000 for armories.

Act increasing the University of Oregon appropriation to \$125,000 per annum.

Act for protection of salmon on the Lower Columbia.

Amendment giving cities exclusive control of liquor selling, gambling, etc.

Amendment exempting dwelling houses, factories, tools, furniture, etc., from taxation.

Amendment giving voters the power to recall public officers.

Act instructing members of Legislature to vote for people's choice for Senator.

Amendment providing for proportional representation.

Act limiting expenditures for political campaign purposes.

Act to protect salmon on the Upper Columbia.

Amendment limiting the power of District Attorney to file indictments.

Act for creation of Hood River County.

ADVISES HOLDING HOPS.

Samuel Livesley, one of the oldest and most experienced hop dealers, is at the Hoffman house and will be there some time. A Register representative asked him some questions on the hopgrowing industry and its products in this country and got some interesting information. Mr. Livesley said:

"I have bought and sold hops all my life and have seen the time when they used to raise 168,000 bales per annum in Wisconsin, but there are now but very few yards in the entire state. The hop business has more ups and downs than any business I know of, and yet if one knows enough to hold over from a period of depression to one of advance, they can usually realize a good profit. I would not advise those who have hops to sell now. What the price will be next year will depend entirely on the crop raised. If anything should happen to the crop in New York or across the water the coming year, there will be a big demand for the hops now on hand in Oregon and a good price would be paid for them. I would recommend a reduction of the acreage or a cessation from growing for a year and it is more than probable there will be a better demand for what there is raised. I am going to England some time this Spring, and if any of your hop growers have quantities on hand they would like me to take samples of, I will do so and see what can be arranged in the way of a sale."

—Eugene Register.

J. H. Dixon went to Portland Wednesday to confer with the railroad officials in regard to using the hop warehouses for storage purposes for other articles besides hops during the summer season. He was successful in making the arrangements and during the summer he will use the warehouses for general storage purposes.

Drop head sewing machines, up to date for \$13.75 can be had from Jasperon who has nearly forty years experience with sewing machines.

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