

# WEST SIDE ENTERPRISE

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## WOULD EMPLOY LARGE FORCE

More than a Score Families  
Would Get Work.

## WILL INCREASE LAND VALUES

These are Some of the Reasons  
Why a Cannery Should  
Come Here.

At 2 o'clock Saturday those interested in the new cannery met in the opera house to compare notes and talk over the matter further. The minutes of the previous meeting were disposed of and Mr. Stockton, formerly in business here, gave the meeting some sound advice. He was sent here by the Salem Board of Trade to do what he could in helping to organize the cannery company. He said the cannery at Salem employed 100 hands two years ago and 250 last year, showing the increase in the business in one year's growth. He told of one man buying a piece of land for \$1500 and the first year taking off of it \$1700 worth of produce, thus paying for the land and having a nice little balance besides. The same can be done here.

The committee that had been soliciting for stock to the cannery then reported that it had secured subscriptions to the amount of \$4275 and that there were nearly 100 farmers on the list. This amount will be nearly doubled by next Saturday.

B. F. Jones then made a report of the trip taken by himself and Mr. Messner to Springbrook to inspect the cannery at that place. The manager of the cannery told them that there was an unlimited demand for tomatoes and that they had no trouble in getting rid of the canned goods they turned out. They have special orders from England for Royal Ann cherries. This cannery is a small one, being capitalized at \$5000, yet it paid the farmers last year for fruit and vegetables \$1,5000 and paid for labor to the boys and girls of the neighborhood \$6000. In addition they paid the stockholders good dividends. This cannery has been running four years and in order to show that there is not much danger of overcrowding in the cannery business it is only necessary to state that the Weber-Bussell company in putting in a cannery at Newberg, two miles from Springbrook, with over six times the capacity of that at the latter place. The cannery paid the following prices last year: cherries, 4 to 5 cents, strawberries 4 to 5 cents, raspberries 4 to 5 cents, pears \$15 to \$30 per ton, plums \$10 a ton, apples \$12 a ton, beans \$22 per ton, tomatoes \$9, giving a profit at that price of 25 cents per case. The price could be increased to \$12 and leave a good profit for the cannery.

The committee walked from Newberg to Dundee and look a look at the country. It has been cut up into tracts of from two to ten acres and all the farmers are prosperous and have money in the banks. There is but ten acres of tomato land in the vicinity of Springbrook and they cannot get tomatoes. Here it is different. There is an almost unlimited amount of fine tomato land and they can be produced much cheaper than anywhere else in this valley. The same may be said of spinach, which is now becoming very popular in the markets.

Mr. Percival also gave the meeting a good talk along the line of waking up to the opportunities which this country affords. He advocated a larger capitalization than \$6000 and it was determined that the capital stock should be placed at \$10,000. Several others also made good talks and it was moved that a committee of five including the chairman, be appointed to draft articles of incorpora-

tion and another committee to draft a set of by-laws for the government of the company.

There will be another meeting held at the opera house next Saturday at which time it is confidently expected that at least two-thirds of the entire capital stock will have been subscribed.

Following is the personnel of the committee: On incorporation; B. F. Jones, Verd Hill, H. Hirschberg, Geo. Wells and W. A. Messner. On by-laws, W. T. Hoffman, P. M. Kirkland, S. McElmurry, W. L. Bice and A. Nelson.

## Local Telephone Company Organized.

The Home Telephone Company of Independence was organized in this city Tuesday evening and enough stock was pledged at the meeting to make the promotion an assurance. The stock of this new enterprise will be owned and controlled by local people only and will be run in connection with the North-western long distance and Home telephone company of Portland lines. It is said that construction work on the new telephone line will be commenced within a short time.

## Arabian Knights a Success.

The Arabian Knights, which was put on by local talent at the opera house in this city Saturday night, was a decided success. The Arabian Knights is an excellent comedy and deserved a much better turnout than was accorded. Many of the players deserve special mention of the manner in which they sustained their characters. Independence has good local talent and theater goers will be pleased to see more plays put on by them. It is rumored that another play may be put on by the same people in the near future.

## Erecting Steel Tower.

The steel tower which was authorized by the city council to be constructed to take the place of the wooden one which was about rotted down, is this week being erected. The tower is fifty feet high and of angle iron and is being installed back of the city jail. It is a great improvement over a wooden structure and will be put in the place of the former at about thirty dollars additional cost over one of wood. When the bell is installed on this high tower it will be heard many miles when the atmosphere is right.

## SALEM PEOPLE PUSHERS.

The advertising which the board of trade of Salem is doing has already begun to bear fruit. According to a report in the Evening Telegram a colony of twenty-five people from Pennsylvania are to be met at Portland by a delegation from the Salem board of trade who will conduct them to Salem and Marion county.

The Salem Statesman, commenting on the work which the board of trade is doing and the results accomplished, says in part: "This colony has been supplied with Salem literature and what is more, one of their leaders has been sent a mammoth potato, which was almost too heavy to get into the mails. It was one of the nineteen that weighed a bushel, and the potato was accompanied by a photograph of the entire hill. A sample of magnificent Salem English walnuts was also sent. These are to be exhibited a week or ten days before the crowd starts and then they will be brought along as mascots for the party en route."

When this party of twenty-five arrives they should be given the glad hand by Salem people. They will probably come up on the Oregon Electric and an special committee of the board of trade will be provided to meet them. Much good work of this kind is being done throughout the east by different methods, and too much cannot be done in an honorable way to induce these people to locate with us.

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Methods.

It is estimated by the forest service bureau of the government that under ordinary circumstances a fence post will last for two years. If given preservative treatment, costing about ten cents, it will last for ten years. The service of other timbers, such as railroad ties, telephone poles, and mine props, can be doubled and often trebled by expensive treatment. To-day, the cost of wood is a big item to every farmer, every stockman, every railroad manager—to everyone, in fact, who must use timber where it is likely to decay—this is a fact which should be carefully considered.

It is easy to see that if the length of time timbers can be used is doubled only half as much timber will be required as before and only one-half as much money will need to be spent in the purchase of timber. Moreover, many woods which were for a long time considered almost worthless can be treated and made to last as long as the scarcer and more expensive kinds.

Of the actual saving in dollars and cents through preservative treatment, a fence post such as was mentioned in the beginning might serve as one example. The post is of loblolly pine, and costs untreated about 8 cents, or including the cost of setting, 14 cents. It lasts about two years. Compounding interest at 5 per cent, the annual charge of such a post is 7.53; that is, it costs 7.53 cents a year to keep the post in service. Preservative treatment costing 10 cents will increase its length of life to about eighteen years. In this case the total cost of the post, set, is 24 cents, which compounded at 5 per cent, gives an annual charge of 2.04 cents. Thus the saving due to treatment is 5.49 cents a year. Assuming that there are 200 posts per mile, there is a saving each year for every mile of fence a sum equivalent to the interest on \$219.00.

In the same way preservative treatment will increase the length of life of a loblolly pine railroad tie from five years to twelve years and will reduce the annual charge from 11.52 cents, which amounts to a saving of \$58.75 per mile.

It is estimated that at 150,000 acres are required each year are to grow timber for the anthracite coal mines alone. The average life of an untreated mine prop is not more than three years. By proper preservative treatment it can be prolonged by many times this figure. Telephone and telegraph poles, which in ten or twelve years, or even less, decay so badly at the ground line that they have to be removed, can, by a simple treatment of their butts, be made to last twenty or twenty-five years. Sap shingles, which are almost valueless in their natural state, can easily be treated and made to outlast even painted shingles of most decaying resistant woods. Thousands of dollars are lost every year by the so called "bluing" or freshly sawed sapwood lumber. This can be prevented by proper treatment, and at a cost so small as to put it within the reach of the smallest operator.

Circular 139 of the Forest Service, "A Primer of Wood Preservation," tells in simple terms what decay is and how it can be retarded, describes briefly certain preservatives and processes, give examples of the saving in dollars and cents, and tells what wood

preservation can do in the future. The circular can be had free upon application to the Forester, Forest Service, Washington, D. C.

## Orchestra Tomorrow Night.

The Independence orchestra, with the assistance of a few of Monmouth's good performers, are to render a few selections at the oratorical contest which is to take place at the Monmouth normal gymnasium tonight, much to the delight of those who contemplate attending that event. This splendid organization has been doing some solid rehearsing, under strenuous circumstances, owing to the fact that it is so difficult to meet together for rehearsal. It is safe to say that their music will be up to its usual excellence.

## Sis in New York.

The rural comedy, "Sis in New York," was put on at the Independence opera house Tuesday night, and it was an enthusiastic audience which greeted the production. "Sis in New York" is one of the good plays that always delights its audience, and it is a pleasure to extend to the players the high commendation which they certainly deserved. The people of Independence owe it to the opera house management to patronize such companies. They should be greeted with a full house. In this way good companies can be induced to make Independence a circuit town.

## TEACHERS MEET AT RICKREALL.

Saturday, March 14th, is the date set for the convention of the school officers, parents and teachers' meeting which is to take place at Rickreall for the teachers and patrons of that section. The program which has been arranged for that date is as follows: Elementary Agriculture, C. L. Hawley.

Some conditions in our public schools that should be improved, Prof. L. B. Traver.

Our public schools from a Mother's point of view, Mrs. F. H. Morrison.

Attendance in our schools, Prof. Geo. N. Murdock.

Address, State Supt. J. H. Ackerman.

## Test Soil for Sugar Beets.

H. Hirschberg has at his office in the Independence National bank a large quantity of sugar beet seed which he has at considerable expense taken the pains to bring here for the purpose of testing the growing qualities of the soil adjacent to this city. It is his intention to distribute the seed free to the farmers of this locality and this fall to send samples of the products to La Grande to test the sugar quality of the beets grown here. If the experiment proves what he anticipates then the country will be justified in growing sugar beets as one of its resources, and, incidentally, this city will have a sugar refinery.

## SHEEP PAYS SMALL FARMER.

A little over a year ago S. H. McElmurry bought fifty head of Merino ewes at a cost of two hundred dollars. This week he says that he has cleaned up \$315 from the bunch, having sold twenty-eight old sheep and twenty yearling lambs, leaving him thirty head. Last spring he sold \$75 worth of wool from the fifty head, and also \$25 worth of sheep that year. This item is printed with the intention of showing the profits which may be expected from a little bunch of sheep run in connection with a small farm. What Mr. McElmurry has done can be accomplished by any of the farmers of the Independence country. These sheep have cost their owner practically nothing, having run in the field during the entire year, and it is stated that the sheep have been a benefit to the growing grain upon which they pastured during the winter.

## Card of Thanks.

We desire to thank the many friends of Mr. David Johnston for their many acts of kindness during his last illness.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Hooper.

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