

# WEST SIDE ENTERPRISE

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## THE CANNERY IS ASSURED

### Committees Reported Over \$6000 Stock Pledged.

### WORKERS SIGN WITH RELIEF

### Now that the Great Part of the Missionary Work is Accomplished.

The cannery is an assured fact for Independence. This fact was settled at the meeting which was held in this city last Saturday afternoon, which was an adjourned meeting from the one held in the opera house the week previously.

There is now over \$6000 subscribed. The committee which has worked in the matter of securing the pledges for the sale of the stock have been untiring and it is gratifying the results they have procured. The amount necessary for the establishment of the plant is pledged, but the committee was continued until the meeting which is to take place in the opera house here next Saturday when an adjourned meeting will be convened to complete final arrangements and organization.

The committee on sites have options on something like six different locations and the site for the cannery will doubtless be made from one of these by the board of directors.

On motion the incorporators were to act as a committee to visit other canneries and to ascertain the approximate cost of machinery to be installed necessary for the canning of vegetables and fruit.

It is desired that every subscriber to the cannery be present at the coming meeting here Saturday next. This meeting will be called to order at 2 o'clock p. m. in the opera house.

There was a reasonably good attendance at the meeting last Saturday, considering the climatic conditions. Enthusiasm prevailed throughout the meeting and in the words of one of those in attendance, "everybody 'hollered' for a cannery." And it is true that everybody should be deeply interested in this project. There is no town in the Willamette valley more favorably situated for the growing of vegetables and fruit for canning purposes than is Independence. As an instance of which the case of W. J. Steele, of Buena Vista, who has taken a deep interest in the cannery project, may be cited. He says: From one hundred and sixty vines he gathered two hundred bushels of tomatoes. This, it will be observed is a yield of over a bushel to the vine. Walt Huntley stated in the meeting that he raised three hundred bushels from one-third of an acre of ground.

These examples are instances of tomatoes grown on bottom land, and give a fair idea of what may be expected in the production of tomatoes for canning purposes, and results of the productiveness of the soil of the land in the vicinity of Independence.

The subscription of stock for the cannery is held largely by the farmers of the Independence country. This shows that the feeling for the cannery is widespread and is as it should be, for there is no one who will be more benefited than the farmers. It will not only give them a better market for their products but will materially advance the value of real estate in the neighborhood.

### GRANGERS MEET AT LEBANON.

An enthusiastic meeting of the granger was held in Lebanon last week and passed many resolutions. Among the items of transaction were the following:

Special committee on the referendum against U. of O. appropriation re-

ported gratifying progress. The argument of the council had been filed with the secretary of state and the matter now goes to the voters of Oregon.

The report of the committee on education was adopted. It favors a change of text books for our public schools not oftener than once in ten years. Incidentally in the discussion mention was made of the work on agriculture now in our schools. It was highly extolled.

Good roads resolutions favoring legislation, that were passed at a mass meeting held at Liberty, Linn county, were read and the rules referred to a standing committee. Gives each road district the power to levy special road tax, the property tax not to exceed 10 mills; poll tax not to exceed \$0.00 on males between twenty-one and fifty. Each road district to elect its own supervisors and districts to be made smaller.

### The Gypsy Queen

will be produced at the opera house Saturday, March 21st, by the Independence Dramatic Club, assisted by other talent. A beautiful story runs throughout the piece, interspersed with a pleasing comedy role. A play sure to please the most exacting. Mr. Roy Westwood will play the duke comedy part, while Mr. J. Conway will handle the juvenile lead. The assistance of the above named gentlemen will make a much stronger cast than is possible with our local talent. New specialties will be introduced between the acts.

### Are You Thinking of Independence?

Every town in Oregon does not need a fruit cannery, no more than every farmer needs a hop yard. There is too much tendency to over-do any particular by all rushing into it.—Itimiser.

### Mrs. Ferguson Dies.

Mrs. Eleanor Ferguson, who has been feeble for sometime from the effects of old age, died Wednesday morning at 3 o'clock. She was eighty-seven years of age. She was an early comer to Independence, having settled here in 1884, and has resided here continuously since. She leaves three children to mourn her, two residing here, J. N. and R. E., and W. S., who resides in Petosky, Michigan.

Funeral services will be held from the Baptist Church in this city at 1 o'clock Friday.

### A NEW HOME ENTERPRISE.

The Home Telephone Company of Independence, has been organized with home capital. Articles of incorporation have been filed and stock subscribed. A modern telephone plant will be built known as the common battery system. The contract has been let and work will commence at once. The company has secured offices in the Cooper block. J. M. Staats, of Airlie, representing the independent telephone interests of that locality, was in town yesterday conferring with the home telephone company, and has made arrangements to connect all of their lines with the new system.

Independence is certainly to be congratulated on the advent of the independent telephone in this locality. A long-distance line will be built into Independence immediately connecting direct with the automatic system of Portland.

"Gypsy Queen" at the opera house Saturday, March 21st.

Miss Opal Hart returned Monday from a visit with relatives in the vicinity of Dallas.

The Polk county tax list is at the First State Bank where taxes may be paid.

No more waiting for patterns. Messner, Conkey & Walker carry a complete stock.

The Rev. Chase, who has been very ill for sometime past is reported to be convalescing.

Mrs. Quincy Reeves who has been visiting L. G. Reeves, returned to Portland Sunday afternoon.

Floyd Totten, who has been visiting relatives in Independence for the past two weeks left Saturday for Niles, California, to again take up his work in the big fruit dryer there.

## ANOTHER BIG PACKING PLANT

### Is Seeking to Enter the Rose City.

### STATE AGRICULTURAL BOARD

### Applies to the Various County Courts for Exhibits at the State Fair.

The Schwartzchild & Sulzberger Packing Company is asking permission of the city of Portland to cover fourteen acres in the suburbs with a plant which will represent an outlay of \$1,500,000. Coming immediately after the definite announcement of the \$4,000,000 establishment which Swift & Co. are to build during 1908. Oregon stockmen are jubilant over the recognition accorded this section of the United States as a packing center.

Secretary F. A. Welsh, of the Oregon State Board of Agriculture, is asking the co-operation of the various county courts of the state in arranging for exhibits at the state fair, held annually at Salem. It requires forethought at the beginning of the planting season to secure attractive displays which become of more vital importance each year in view of the immense number of newcomers seeking location in Oregon.

Every one of the merchants in Central Point, Oregon, is using special stationery designed in such a way that the low colonist rates are forced upon the attention of the recipient. Railroad officials on various roads have reported travel which indicates thirty trainloads of homeseekers now enroute to the Pacific coast.

Fruit, dairying, and other industries of Oregon have all been given their share of publicity, but poultry raising is rarely mentioned outside of the publications which are either devoted to poultry or have a special department for it. \$5,000,000 annually is a very conservative estimate of the returns from this industry to Oregon farmers, and yet thousands of cases of eggs are shipped in every year from the middle west to supply the demand here. Expert poultry raisers say that the climate of western Oregon in particular is conducive to very rapid and healthful growth, and there is one community alone in southern Oregon that annually markets between \$40,000 and \$50,000 worth of turkeys.

The series of meetings being held by Secretary Tom Richardson, of the Oregon Development League, is focusing the attention of the whole state. At Ashland there were three enthusiastic gatherings, one at the Normal school, a second at the Commercial college, and the last in the evening attended by the citizens generally. For Medford's meeting a special train from Jacksonville brought a hundred and fifty people who came down to participate. Grants Pass was next, then Roseburg, where the substantial interest aroused was best evidenced by the raising of \$6500 for an immediate campaign. Albany and Stayton had meetings on Friday and Saturday. A commercial club has just been organized at Bend.

Ground will be broken for the Oregon building at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition at Seattle on Wednesday, the 18th inst, with appropriate ceremonies.

### The Dutch Auction.

A "Father Knickerbocker" Dutch Auction seems to be the thing just now according to the Cresson (Pa.) Record. Some enterprising merchant offers the "Father Knickerbocker" Mission Clock the first day at the regular price and then reduces the price 50 cents each day until sold. This creates great excitement, especially among the ladies, each one

waiting and planning to buy it at her own price, when lo! someone snags it up, then everyone goes and buys a "Father Knickerbocker" just to show that they can have a "good time" and the "Dutch Auction" has done its work, every one is happy, the town has "better times" and the dealer has boomed his business besides having his share of the fun.

Which of our local merchants will be first to have a "Dutch Auction" here?

### ANNOUNCEMENT.

To the Hon. Frank W. Benson, Secretary of state, Salem, Oregon, and to the members of the Republican party and to the electors of the Counties of Polk and Lincoln, in the State of Oregon, I Benjamin F. Jones, reside at Independence, Polk County, Oregon. I am a duly registered member of the Republican party, in South Independence Precinct, Polk County, Oregon. If I am nominated for the office of Joint Representative for Polk and Lincoln counties, at the Primary election to be held, on the 17th day of April 1908. I will accept the nomination and will not withdraw, and if I am elected I will qualify as such officer.

The direct Primary law having passed by a vote of 58,850, against 16,354 and believing in the doctrine that the people know what they want, I further state to the people of Oregon, as well as to the people of my legislative district, that during my term of office I will always vote for the candidate for United States Senator in Congress who shall have received the highest number of the peoples votes for that position at the general election next preceding the election of a Senator in Congress without regard to my individual preference.

If nominated and elected I will during my term of office stand for the just regulation of all transportation, equitable assessment and taxation of all property, state or National ownership of the Locks at Oregon City, and the improvement of all navigable waters in Oregon. A most liberal policy for all Public Schools. The right of suffrage to women.

B. F. JONES.

### NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS.

All the stockholders of the Independence Cannery Company are hereby notified to meet in the opera house on Saturday, the 21st, at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing a board of seven directors, and for such other business as may lawfully come before the meeting. It is desired that any stockholder who cannot be present at such meeting send in his proxy with the name of the party he desires to vote it, if he cannot be present.

W. A. MESSNER,

B. F. JONES,

Secretary.

The "Father Knickerbocker" Dutch Auction is the latest. One of our live merchants will offer it soon.

### KEEP THE KIDNEYS WELL.

### Health is Worth Saving, and Some Independence People Know How to Save It.

Many Independence people take their lives in their hands by neglecting the kidneys when they know these organs need help. Sick kidneys are responsible for a vast amount of suffering and ill health, but there is no danger when all diseases and aches and pains due to weak kidneys can be quickly and permanently cured by the use of Doan's Kidney Pills. Here is an Independence citizen's recommendation.

J. R. Collins, City Marshal, living in Independence, Ore., says: "I am glad to have the opportunity of recommending Doan's Kidney Pills as they proved very satisfactory in my wife's case. She suffered for a number of years from a complication of diseases; doctored but received no relief and her health gradually ran down. Seeing Doan's Kidney Pills so highly recommended, she procured a box at P. M. Kirkland's Drug Store and the trouble gradually vanished. She is now in good health and attribute solely to the use of Doan's Kidney Pills."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents Foster—Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States. Remember the name—Doans—and take no other.

## FIRST STATE BANK

Independence, Oregon.

CAPITAL, \$25,000

A GENERAL BANKING BUSINESS CONDUCTED

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS:

W. A. Messner, Pres. E. Hofer, Vice-Pres. C. C. Patrick, Cash Wm. Riddell F. N. Stump, J. P. Rogers

## Wagons and Buggies

A Car Load of Studebaker Rigs and Wagons. The Finest that ever hit the city.

Anything in the line of

### Shelf and Heavy Hardware

## ..Hanna & Irvine..

THE HARDWARE MEN

Independence, Oregon

### Something Nice in Harness

We have single and double sets, made of the finest leathers and beautifully finished and trimmed. Not only perfect in design and fashioning, but every article well worn and ready for long and arduous service. We shall be pleased to show you samples of our stock Harness, and to also make sets to your order. We guarantee entire satisfaction with our work and the materials that we put into it.

### George Dunham

Independence, Oregon

## Boost! Boost! Boost!

for the "Blue Ribbon County" of Oregon. Is Polk county keeping abreast of the development that is in progress throughout the state? To attain the full meads of its possibilities every community must have a local spirit of co-operation. This spirit is best manifest by loyalty to local institutions. Are you using our flour?

"Pride of Oregon," "Valley," and "Prize Peach," hard wheat, are our brands.

W. T. Hoffman M. Tillery

## Oregon Milling & Warehouse Co.

## POLK COUNTY BANK

MONMOUTH, - OREGON.

PAID CAPITAL \$30,000.00

Transacts a general banking and exchange business. Deposits received, Loans made, Drafts sold.

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

J. H. Hawley, Pres., P. L. Campbell, Vice Pres., Ira C. Powell, Cashier J. B. V. Butler, F. S. Powell, J. B. Stump, I. M. Simpson.