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ROUTE OF WEST SIDE HIGHWAY IN DOUBT

Once more the question of "where do we go from here" on the proposed West Side Highway is acute and three men composing the highway commission of the state of Oregon are making an investigation of the two routes. One would go south from Monmouth and the other would go from Monmouth to Independence and then south. The daily papers have sent special correspondents here this week to "cover" the story and one of them reaches the following conclusions:

"In an effort to get the west side Pacific highway built from Rick-reall to Independence and on south to Corvallis by way of this city, H. Hirschberg went to Portland yesterday to consult with members of the state highway commission. The original plan is mapped out by way of Monmouth from Rick-reall. Farmers south of Independence and in the vicinity of Parker and Suver have offered to contribute approximately \$4000 and do the necessary work if the plan can be changed to include these points on the improved road. Other inducements, it is said, will likely be made to have the road built through Independence and it is believed that the commission will accept the liberal offer that has been suggested.

"A paved road has already been built from Independence to Monmouth and north part way to Rick-reall. By way of Monmouth is a shorter route from Portland and way points, but from Salem the more direct route is by way of Independence. Inasmuch as most of the traffic will be on the east side of the river to Salem it is contended that the best route to southern Oregon is through this city. The result of the conference is looked for with much hope on the part of Independence people."

NOT MUCH DOING IN POLK COUNTY PRIMARIES

The Polk County primaries to be held on May 21, will be devoid of unusual excitement as the republicans have but three contests and the democrats one. Following is the complete list of filings for the respective offices:

For Sheriff—John W. Orr, Republican.

For Treasurer—A. V. R. Snyder, Republican.

For Clerk—Floyd D. Moore, Republican.

For Assessor—Fred J. Holman, Republican.

For Superintendent of Schools—Josiah Wills, Republican.

For Coroner—R. L. Chapman, Republican.

For Surveyor—J. J. Sammons, and Edgar J. Howe, Republicans.

For Commissioner—Albert Teal, Ezra Hart, O. A. Wolverson, Republicans; W. J. White, C. C. Gardner, Democrats.

For District Attorney—J. N. Helgeson, Republican; E. K. Piasecki, Democrat.

For Joint Representative (Polk and Lincoln counties)—George T. Gerlinger, D. E. Fletcher, Republicans.

For Representative—P. O. Powell, Republican; L. D. Brown, Democrat.

TELEPHONE RATE HEARING IN INDEPENDENCE MAY 5

The application for a raise in rates of the Independence Telephone Company to apply in the cities of Independence and Monmouth has been set for a hearing and investigation before the Public Service Commission of Oregon at the city hall in Independence on Wednesday, May 5, at 1:30 p. m., "at which time and place all parties to the said proceedings will be heard thereon."

The telephone company desires to raise its monthly toll charges and the Independence city council in behalf of the people, filed a protest against such a proposed raise. All citizens interested in the matter are urged to be present and state their objections to the proposed advance if they have any. Some one will be present to represent the city council.

Whether citizens of Monmouth will be present to file a protest we have not learned.

MICKIE SAYS

LISTEN HERE, OLE TOP! YOU MAY MANAGE TO WAGGLE ALONG O.K. WITHOUT SUBSCRIBING FER TH' PAPER BY READIN' IT 'ROUND TOWN SOMEWHERE, BUT HOW 'BOUT YER WIFE? SHE LIKES TO READ TH' PAPER TOO!



MARK E. HIBBARD DEAD LIVED HERE TWENTY YEARS

Mark E. Hibbard, familiarly known as "Markie" and for twenty years a resident of Independence, died on Sunday night aged 69 years. He had been afflicted with Bright's disease for a number of years.

Mr. Hibbard was born in New York and was unmarried. His only relative in the West was Mrs. C. L. Fitchard of Independence.

"Markie" enjoyed a wide acquaintance and had many friends. Interment was made at the I. O. O. F. cemetery, yesterday, Dr. H. C. Dunsmore having in charge the last rites at the grave.

CIVIC CLUB MEMBERS STUDY ELECTION MEASURES

The Independence Civic Club is keeping pace with the other Federated Clubs of the state by giving a month to the study of the measures to be voted on at the forthcoming election. At the meeting Wednesday it was decided to have an "Americanization" meeting Wednesday, May 12. Roll call will be responded to with patriotic quotations. Mrs. Chown, Mrs. J. S. Cooper, Mrs. Kreamer, Mrs. Swope and Mrs. Hubbard will make further arrangements for the meeting. As is the custom with the Club, the members will co-operate with the mayor in plans for "clean-up-day." Mrs. W. H. Walker and Mrs. O. D. Butler were appointed to confer with the mayor regarding arrangements. Plans were made for a cooked food sale, Saturday, May 8. The following ladies will have charge: Mrs. Robbie, Mrs. Sloper and Mrs. Baun; co-chairmen, Mrs. Chas. Fitchard, Mrs. J. N. Jones, Mrs. Arrell and Mrs. Girard. The committee on the Community Memorial Building which includes Mrs. J. S. Cooper, Mrs. George Conkey, Mrs. Butler and Mrs. Eldridge hope to have some report to make at the meeting May 12.

THIS WEEK FIVE YEARS AGO IN SOUTH POLK COUNTY

(From the Independence Monitor April 30, 1915)

Allen T. Clark and Miss Pauline Olin married on April 22.

William C. Pollan died at his home at Monmouth.

Water fountain installed at the corner of C and Main streets.

ROY W. FINSETH OF DALLAS IS SUICIDE

DALLAS, Or., April 29—Roy W. Finseth, of this city, killed himself last night with a revolver at his home. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Finseth and was reared here and educated in the Dallas schools. He has been employed in his father's store for several years.

He was first sergeant of Company L of the old 3d Oregon of this city and a veteran of the Mexican border trouble. Mr. Finseth leaves his wife and small child, besides his father and mother and a brother, L. S. Finseth.

He was a member of the Knights of Pythias and that body probably will have charge of the funeral.

SUNDAY AND MONDAY, MAY 2-3
(Including Sunday Matinee.)

Mary Pickford

IN
"Heart O' the Hills"

The smile which as you know turns to sadness, to anger, despair, hatred and revenge as the play runs. This is the story of a little mountain girl, true to her principle but ready to fight with fist or gun for Clan or against oppression. The Third Great Mary Pickford Picture from her own studios.

Jeff and Mutt Comedy and Fox News

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, MAY 4-5

NORMA TALMADGE

in "THE ISLE OF CONQUEST."

Sailing the seas of happiness—a girl—a man—the only survivors of a shipwreck—a typical, tropical isle—prospects of a life-long isolation—the birth of love—and then came—her husband! The story of a brave girl's fight for happiness; an absorbing drama that strikes straight to the heart. Beautiful scenes—lavish settings—and a thrilling journey thru Nature's Wonderland.

Comedy and International News

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, MAY 6-7

"RIO GRANDE"

The Augustus Thomas Sensational Stage Success

Half Mexican, half American, at first the Mexican blood prevailed and she hated the Gringos. Then the American blood asserted itself and she came to love, not all, but one—Gringo. But what a struggle with self; what struggles with her friends and neighbors, all Mexicans; what changing first to one side and then the other! And then finally the stirring raid upon the American settlement, in which she at last found herself! A picture that will go big everywhere. Why shouldn't it? It has everything.

Rolin Comedy and Pathe News

SATURDAY, MAY 8

VIRGINIA PEARSON

IN

"Bishop's Emerald"

Herold Lloyd Comedy and Ford Weekly

ISIS THEATRE INDEPENDENCE

ODD FELLOWS CELEBRATE 101ST BIRTHDAY

The 101st anniversary of the founding of Odd Fellowship was duly celebrated by members of the Independence lodges and a number of visitors last night. The congenial smile and hearty handshake greeted all when they entered the hall and a more lively and congenial bunch never gathered before.

The Ozark Orchestra, consisting of W. Huntley, Guy Walker and Ed Wunder, started the program off with their popular music and got everybody to jigging with their feet. Then Attorney B. F. Swope delivered an eulogy of Odd Fellowship which was very interesting

and instructive. John Mills of Salem also spoke briefly. A solo by Mrs. Edna Irvine and a reading by Miss Arbutnot helped fill the evening with joy. Their selections were much appreciated. Five boys from the high school added a popular number to the program. Sandwiched in between these numbers, the orchestra played and was abundantly applauded each time.

There was a great spread in the banquet room after the program. No king ever sat down to a greater feast. Everyone ate until he or she was "running over."

Another big night for Odd Fellowship has passed but the memory and taste will linger for weeks.

Latest Dope on Big Auto Race

In Brilliant Bursts of Speed New Leaders Now Set the Pace—More Surprises in Store.

Now see them go!

Seven of them all bunched together and racing like the wind! Did you ever see a prettier race in your life? Did you ever witness a better burst of speed experience greater thrills, or be entertained by greater surprises? Did you ever see so many earnest, ambitious, red-blooded Americans participating in an event which means so much to them—the ownership of a fine, brand new automobile of late design and Maxwell make, or other attractive prizes, the awarding of which is now only a few days ahead?

Certainly not; they don't make them any better than this race of ours in Independence. And the best is yet to come. Faster time, and greater surprises in the relative standing of those participating may be expected in the last laps of the race.

Developments of the Week.

For your approval, ladies and gentlemen, we present as leader in the race this week Miss Faye Johnson, a well-known and popular Independence girl, who was all but obscured by the dust raised by other entrants in the race a week ago today. Miss Johnson is getting a fast pace for the others to follow, and enthusiastic friends along the way are calling forth her best efforts to remain in the enviable position she has taken.

Close behind the leader comes Miss Louise Bauman of the Independence telephone exchange. She was also one of the trailers one week ago, having just entered the race, but she was alive to opportunities in the field, and her activity and enthusiasm, aided by her substantial encouragement of friends, have shown excellent results.

Mrs. Maud McElmurry, pace maker in the race for two successive weeks, drops into third place. However, that is no indication that she may not soon regain her coveted position, and keep it to the end. She is well aware that votes which count at the finish are those which really count.

Miss Cecilia Birkholz drops from third to fourth place, but with a substantial increase in her voting strength as compared with her standing one week ago. She is closely followed by Miss Lillie Calkins, of Airlie, whose advancement shows one of the surprises of the week. One additional subscription would have shifted the positions of the two contestants. The two young ladies are putting up a pretty race for something better.

Next on the field come Carroll Smith, of Independence; Miss Alma Sanderson, of Greenwood, and Mrs. Gail Alexander, of Independence, route 2, all in a bunch. Carroll Smith is an Independence

school boy. By no means is he neglecting his studies, but in this race he is also stepping right along in professional style. Miss Sanderson ranked second a week ago, and a little bird which flew down from the Greenwood community yesterday afternoon brings the good news that she will be among the leaders again before long. Mrs. Alexander has come up from behind in manner to indicate that toward the finish she may have votes to burn.

One new candidate is James H. Hinkle. He is a rural mail carrier at Monmouth, a snappy, likeable young fellow, with friends galore in his home community, and alive to his opportunity in this campaign to secure the very thing he needs—a new automobile. Sickness at home prevented him from showing much voting strength this week—but you can't tell what will happen when he really gets started.

Keep your eye, also, on Miss Helen Butler. With her studies at the Normal and her school work in Independence class rooms she has been a very busy young woman lately. But in that connection it is well to remember: (1) the best things in life usually are obtained by busy people; (2) the old adage, "still waters run deep." Either may apply to Miss Butler in this instance. She may soon begin to exemplify those truths.

Among other likely candidates in the field are Miss Beulah Compton, Cecil Ruef and Lemuel Barnett, Independence; Mrs. Jake Fetzer, Suver; Mrs. Will Pettijohn, East Independence. They will have to move pretty fast to stay in the running, but they are not yet down and out.

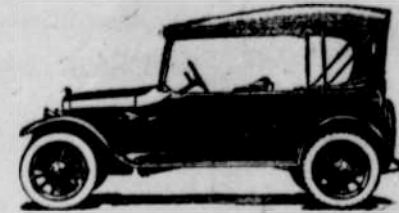
In this connection it is well to remember that the leaders of today were not the leaders of yesterday. They may not be the leaders tomorrow.

Last Call for Big Votes.

In fairness to all concerned—the contestants and their friends—we call attention once more to the fact that the "first period" of the voting schedule will come to a close Saturday night, May 1, at 9 o'clock, sharp. After that hour a sharp decline in the voting power of collections will become effective. Resident candidates should report earlier in the day. The late hour is for the benefit of candidates who reside at a distance.

Remember, also, that long-term subscriptions have the highest voting power. Two 5 year subscriptions, amounting to \$15.00 (with the special \$15.00 club ballot added) are now good for 100,000 votes; ten such subscriptions are good for 500,000 votes; and so on. The same amounts returned later in the campaign will not be worth as many votes. This is another fair warning.

WHO WILL OWN THIS FINE MAXWELL CAR?



That's the leading question of the hour in south Polk county today. You can help your favorite own it soon by merely subscribing for, or renewing your subscription to the Polk County Post. That's easy for you, and it will be fine for you and your friend. Here's the latest standing of votes:

FAYE JOHNSON, Independence	202,400
LILLIE CALKINS, Airlie	168,800
LOUISE BAUMAN, Independence	195,500
JAMES H. HINKLE, Monmouth	8,050
MRS. GAIL ALEXANDER, Independence Rt. 2	129,000
ALMA SANDERSON, Greenwood	131,950
CACILIA BIRKHOLZ, Independence	170,500
HELEN BUTLER, Independence	19,800
CAROLL SMITH, Independence	138,650
MRS. MAUD McELMURRY, Independence	189,000
LEMUEL BARNETT, Independence	15,900
MRS. WILL PETTIJOHN, East Independence	5,000
CECIL RUEF, Independence	11,100
BEULAH COMPTON, Independence	5,100
MRS. JAKE FETZER, Suver	5,000