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We don't know whether William D. Bennett, Democratic nominee for public service commissioner, will get very close to the goal in his campaign for election, but we do know that he is rendering the people of Oregon a very good service by initiating a measure to be voted on at the Fall election to amend the public utilities act so that said commission shall not have authority to alter existing rates, tolls, charges, joint rates or charges where same have been fixed by franchise or contract or which may hereafter be so fixed and further providing that the commission shall not have authority to fix rates, tolls or charges in cases where right to fix and establish same has by legislative grant or by people's vote been vested by charter in any municipality.

It is inconceivable that the public will permit a condition to prevail in which a public utility, which has agreed to perform service at a given rate for a certain period of time, can at its option appeal to the public service commission and the latter at its option may nullify an agreement, contract or franchise and allow a raise in rates. Of what good is the agreement, contract or franchise anyhow?

If an individual or firm bids to perform a certain work at a certain rate, they must carry out the contract duly made whether it is financially profitable or not and for the protection of the public they are required to give a bond for the faithful performance of the contract. Why is a public utility any better than the individual? Why is a public utility allowed to ride roughshod over the people like an outlaw whenever it chooses to do so? Why not let the public run the public utilities for a while instead of the public utilities running the public?

An unusually brutal crime was committed in Clackamas county last week and the youth confessing to the crime says he expects to be hung. He does not know that capital punishment was not in effect at the time he committed the murder. This is only another example that capital punishment does not prevent crime. There will be just as many if not more murders in Oregon with capital punishment as without it.

### THE RHYMING SUMMARIST

Ross, the Docs, Claire, Joe and Ben  
 Put on their bibs and tucker,  
 And headed for the land of palms  
 In its push and pucker;  
 With little hats upon their crowns  
 And the pass word in their pockets  
 In they slip  
 Give the grip  
 And pass the secret lockets.

We know not what goes on within  
 Whether joy, grief or pouting,  
 But on the outside looking out  
 There is no cause for doubting;  
 A million men more or less  
 Time and money giving,  
 To laugh and shout,  
 As they go about,  
 Thankful to be living.

Some may stray from the narrow path,  
 But that's a personal weakness,  
 And dims not the glory of the band  
 That puts some vim in meekness;  
 You'll find them standing on the square  
 And justice they are humming,  
 If you hurt a lung  
 Or should be hung,  
 They'll give you what is coming.

## Have Installed Electric Oven

And are putting out the best bread on the market. It is more like Mother's bread. Clean and baked by electricity.

Try it; You will like it.

## Independence Bakery

## DEVELOP RESOURCES, STATE CHAMBER'S AIM

Expansion Movement Now In Progress Will Allow Broader Activities.

What does Oregon need? What—if it were possible to name the chief factor—does it most need in order to develop with a maximum of success?

The question is impossible to answer. There is no "chief factor." The solution lies not in one particular need, but many.

Oregon today, facing an era of development unparalleled in its history, must fill these needs if it expects to go ahead.

Of the many factors that must be employed if the state is to progress immigration and colonization stand pre-eminent in order to solve the vital problem of land settlement.

Irrigation, reclamation of land and drainage must be developed as another method of bringing about the solution of this problem. Farm labor must be brought in. Homeseekers who in turn become food producers, must be encouraged and made to see the possibilities that await them in the great northwest.

Good roads must be built. As the vast tracts of wilderness with their billions of feet of timber are concerted into lumber, highways must be provided over which commerce can be carried and the scenic beauties of the State viewed by the tourist.

Among other needs are industrial expansion, railroad extension and water power development.

Advertising and publicity must be carried on if Oregon is to be made known as a country for the homeseeker where Opportunity beckons. Its scenic beauties must be advertised to attract the stream of golden dollars from tourists and pleasure seekers. Other states, most of them with fewer advantages to attract, are realizing millions each year from tourists—because they realize the value of advertising and making public what advantages they possess.

Oregon must develop its water transportation, its mineral lakes, its ports and reach out for foreign trade and it must develop the state to produce the exports which are to go down to the sea in ships. It must expand its educational facilities as an additional advantage to hold out to the homeseeker with children to educate.

The Oregon State Chamber of Commerce is the most logical agency to carry on this development work simply because a state organization of this nature can work for the mutual good of all communities in the state without favoring any particular one.

### OREGON PLAYGROUND FOR TOURISTS AIM OF STATE CHAMBER

Switzerland used to be the poorest country, per capita, in the world. Now it is the richest. Tourist travel did it.

Main and Colorado each receive \$50,000,000 per year from their tourists; Florida gets \$250,000,000; California, half a billion a year. Oregon gets \$5,000,000.

A three year's advertising campaign by the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce may be expected to bring in at least one-half of what Main and Colorado get, or \$25,000,000, which should increase on a rising scale.

### STATE CHAMBER SEEKS TO DOUBLE POPULATION ON FARMS IN 3 YEARS

Oregon has water resources to irrigate 4,000,000 acres of land now unproductive, and which would support in comfort, 200,000 new population, or about 40,000 new families.

If in its three year's campaign to put families on Oregon's vacant land, the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce can bring 1,000 families to utilize this land and water, it will mean expenditures alone for such commodities as clothing, food, furniture, etc., of \$1,000,000, calculating the expenditures for an entire family at only \$1000 per year, to say nothing of the wealth produced by these new settlers.

Land settlement is one of the chief aims of the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce expansion program in its movement to aid in the development of the State.

Oregon has 16,000,000 acres of tillable land now uncultivated. Oregon produced 20,400,000 bushels of wheat in 1919.

If Oregon's 16,000,000 acres of tillable but uncultivated land were planted in wheat and the yield were the Oregon average for ten years—21.9 bushels per acre—new production would be 350,400,000 bushels which, at the price today of \$3 per bushel, would mean a cash value of \$1,051,200,000.

The Oregon State Chamber of Commerce expects to double the number of farmers in three years. If this means double the wheat crop, it will mean an additional yield of 20,400,000 bushels of wheat, which at the prevailing price would mean a cash value in new money of \$61,200,000.

### QUALIFIED

"Can you get somebody well fitted to fix up my advertising for these cabs?"  
 "Sure; I'll get you a good hack writer."

### FOR A BIG REINDEER HERD.

A Canadian company has obtained a concession of more than 75,000 acres which it is proposed to make use of for grazing grounds for a great herd of reindeer.

### Notice That Certain Street Improvement Bonds Will Be Paid.

Notice is hereby given that there are sufficient funds in the Street Improvement Fund of the City of Independence, Oregon, to take up for payment and cancellation Bonds Nos. 23 and 24 bearing date July 1, 1914.

That on July 1, 1920 each of said bonds will be taken up and cancelled and paid in full, principal and interest to said date and thereafter said bonds will cease to bear interest.

Dated May 29, 1920.

C. W. IRVINE,  
City Treasurer.

### FARMS AND ACREAGE WANTED

For real service and results list your property with us. We have six salesmen with machines. We inspect and photograph your property and advertise extensively, and have a demand for property at all times. Fred W. German Co., 732 Chamber of Commerce Bldg., Portland, Oregon. 4-3

### Geo. E. Nichols & Co.

Wholesale Produce Merchants  
108 Front Street, Portland, Ore.

Farmers, you can ship direct to us and get the most for your veal, hogs and poultry. Get your money the next day by mail.

Large Hens	34c
Small Hens	32c
Fat Veal	21c
Block Hogs, 125 to 150lb	22½c

You will not feel satisfied until you get our services.

### THE WIND MILL SHOP A. G. Williams, Prop.

All kind of barbering done and satisfaction guaranteed. Ladies' shampooing and massaging given special attention. Shine in connection.

### VALLEY & SULETZ TIME TABLE

Effective April 1, trains will run as follows:

No. 2 arrives from Hoskins	9:15 A. M. daily
No. 4 arrives from Camps	4:00 P. M. daily except Sunday
No. 1 departs for Camps	10:50 A. M. daily except Sunday
No. 3 departs for Hoskins	4:15 P. M. daily
Freight service	2:30 P. M. on Tuesdays and Saturdays

### SWOPE & SWOPE

### LAWYERS

Office over Craven & Walker's Store  
Independence, Oregon

### TO REALIZE THE MOST MONEY

We buy everything you want to sell and sell everything you want to buy. Cash or trade.

Bring in everything you want to sell and I will sell it for you on a commission.

MAX GOLDMAN

## Every Home Should Have One

A SAVINGS ACCOUNT BOOK whose happy pages record not only considerable money saved and drawing interest twice a year, but also a persistence of effort to be proud of.

Deposit every pay day. We will help you save safely.



The FARMERS STATE BANK  
Independence Oregon

C. W. IRVINE,	President.
J. B. PARKER,	Vice President.
C. G. IRVINE,	Cashier.
GLEN C. SMITH,	Asst. Cashier.

## "I'm here to Tell You" says the Good Judge

That you get full satisfaction from a little of the Real Tobacco Chew.

The rich taste of this class of tobacco makes it last longer—and cost less—than the old kind.

Any man who uses the Real Tobacco Chew will tell you that.

Put up in two styles

RIGHT CUT is a short-cut tobacco  
W-B CUT is a long fine-cut tobacco

Weyman-Bruton Company, 1107 Broadway, New York City



### TEMPTING AND DELICIOUS

Doesn't it look good? Our meats are always choice, tender and palatable and you will never be able to get better meat than we sell, no matter how much you pay. So save time, trouble and worry by coming here for your meats.

## City Meat Market

MILLER & SMITH

### The Independence National Bank

Established 1889

AN ACCOUNT in a commercial bank is the most convenient aid to modern business. It systematizes payments, is a check on all expenditures and shows you just where you stand each month. Open one with us today. It will pay you to do so.

Member Federal Reserve System

Officers and Directors

H. Hirschberg, Pres.	C. A. McLaughlin, V. P.
W. H. Walker	D. W. Sears
Ira D. Mix, Cashier	O. D. Butler

## INDEPENDENCE WOOD YARD

DICKSON & MATTISON, Props.

Dealers in

## All Kinds of Wood

The Post stands for South Polk County all the time.