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## The Year 1912

If in the year 1913, Independence can announce as many permanent improvements as in 1912, she will be the best city in every way between Eugene and Salem.

While many of the plans outlined are yet to be carried out, they seem to be assured and the promise is given of their immediate completion. Others are yet in the embryo form and not complete in detail but very problematical.

The railroad development, mill project and new business houses that have been announced during the year are prominent factors; but the small tax levy, city industries and healthful condition of the city are important elements that attract. Paved streets, sewer connections, fine public and high schools, and a good railroad service for our people, make investments good and attract the immigrants and home seekers who desire a good location in which to cast their lot. The soil of this section excels and the bottom lands along the Willamette is recognized as the very best for the production of paying crops of almost every kind.

We can count our growth in many ways and it is easily proven and can be verified by the post office receipts, showing a 23 percent gain over that of last year by taking notice of the school census, new teachers required, the increase in bank deposits or the enlargement of the hotel capacity of the city. These are factors that point the way the wind blows and prove any assertion we have made.

## Let Us Resolve

That we will work in harmony to build up the biggest, best, strongest and finest built city in the Willamette valley at Independence. Let us bury our petty differences. Let us hide the hammer, loose the habit of knocking; then boost, boost, boost every day of the remaining 351 days left of the year 1912. At the end of the year let us count the results and make note of a united community's results in one of the best located towns of Oregon.

Pretty cold these mornings but just think of how the people in the east and middle west are feeling, and then what do you say of temperate old Oregon?

Hot air is better than frozen atmosphere was demonstrated this week when we all turned on the faucets and found the water frozen up.

It is not often that we have snow in the valley but we had several white days this week.

## Doesn't Look Good to Us

\$4,000,000 bonded indebtedness would be required to build the immense city water supply project planned by the State Board of health for furnishing water for the Willamette valley towns. Independence is included in this list by the report. 1000 copies of this report are to be circulated. While this plan would undoubtedly furnish a fine supply of pure water, it is questionable as to its reasonableness for the different towns in cost. Take for instance Independence, would it not be cheaper, better and more satisfactory to go back into the mountains, tap some available stream and put in an independent system rather than be coupled with ten or fifteen other valley towns in a gigantic \$4,000,000 system. It would require more expensive piping, in order to carry quantities of water sufficient to supply the number of towns besides additional mileage down the valley. Take the towns Albany, Corvallis, Independence, Salem, Brownsville and the distance between each is almost enough to tap a stream from Independence and put in her own system. The Monitor believes in Municipal plants but this project makes too great a mileage necessary in reaching the length of the valley and from town to town down the Willamette river.

There is plenty of water available for a good water system for Independence from mountain streams of easy access, and one-thirteenth of \$4,000,000 would give this city a complete light and water system combined for a number of years yet to come.

## Normal to Help Public Schools

President J. H. Ackerman, of the Oregon State Normal School, has recently made arrangements with city and county superintendents of the different cities of the Willamette valley to furnish substitutes from the normal school here to fill temporary vacancies that may occur from time to time in their respective cities and counties. The substitutes will be taken from the senior class and will consist of those who may be doing practice work in the Monmouth Training School so as to enable such persons to gain experience in other schools. It is the policy of those having charge of the training to make the work as practical as possible. In accordance with the new plan, Misses Wood, Anderson, and Mrs. Scott were substituted at McMinnville the last Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of school before the vacation days. The superintendent there, W. R. Rutherford, has given President Ackerman a good account of the work of the students in the McMinnville school.

## NEWS FROM OUR NATIONAL CAPITAL

Congress Must Hold Night Sessions to Pass Many Large Measures in Time

Washington.—With final adjournment of the 62d congress two months away, the house is confronted by a jammed calendar and the supply bills which promise weary days and sleepless nights for the legislators.

Only a single appropriation bill, the legislative, executive and judicial supply measure, has been passed by the house. The Indian appropriation bill is now under consideration and it should be completed this week. The big appropriation measures which involve a vast amount of detail likely to cause lengthy discussion, are still to come. The postoffice appropriation bill has been reported from the com-

mittee and is awaiting action by the house.

Members of the house are looking forward to about a month of night and day grinding just before the conclusion of the session and the leaders are already making plans to hold a quorum of members that work may be rushed through.

## Tariff Hearing Begun

The ways and means committee of the house on Monday began its series of hearings on the all important subject of tariff revision. The hearings will be by schedule, beginning with chemicals, oils and paints, with subsequent dates arranged for the hearings of the various other schedules and the free list. In this way it is expected that most of the preliminary work may be in hand by the end of February, so that the work may then begin on the drafting of the measure or measures for tariff reduction in readiness for the extra session beginning in March.

Manufacturers Oppose Revision Plan  
A score of manufacturers, importers and representatives of other interests affected by customs charges aired their grievances before the house committee on ways and means in the first of a series of hearings preliminary to the sharp revision of the Payne-Aldrich tariff law in the coming extra session of congress.

The discussion ranged from poker chips to sponges and from caustic potash to laundry soap. The burden of the arguments was the maintenance of the present tariff instead of the changes proposed by the democrats along the line of the terms of the chemical tariff revision bill put through both houses to a White House veto last year.

## Real Dissolution is Court Demand

The plan proposed by Union Pacific Railroad attorneys for "dissolving" the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific railroad by allowing the Union Pacific stockholders to have the exclusive privilege of buying the Southern Pacific stock now owned by the Union Pacific railroad corporation was curtly but positively rejected by the supreme court of the United States.

The court took the position that a corporation only is another name for the stockholders, and to allow the Union Pacific stockholders to buy the stock now held by the Union Pacific Railroad company, the corporation of which they are the stockholders, would amount to nothing effectual. This action is regarded as a highly important precedent in anti-trust legislation.

## State Power Over Railways Curbed

The power of the states over railroads and express companies suffered a hard blow when the supreme court held that since the passage of the Carmack amendment to the interstate commerce law in 1906, the states had ceased to have the right to annul contracts between railroads and shippers limiting the liability for the loss of interstate shipments.

Another serious blow was delivered when the court held that the states, since the passage of the interstate commerce acts, and particularly the Hepburn law in 1906, had no power to penalize railroads for failure to furnish cars for interstate shipments.

## National Capital Brevities.

The navy department has awarded contracts for eight new submarines to cost \$20,000 each.

The death of Senator Davis, of Arkansas, probably means that Senator Chamberlain will become chairman of the public lands committee when the democrats reorganize the next senate.

The house committee on merchant marine began hearings Tuesday to investigate the methods and practices of domestic and foreign steamship lines, particularly as to any agreements, pools or combinations with railroads.

The inauguration of the parcel post on New Year's day was an unqualified success and so complete had the arrangements been made that not a hitch was reported from any point. Among the articles sent and received were blindie pups, sides of bacon, eggs, fruit, horse collars and like articles. One firm in Chicago purchased 17,000 worth of stamps.

## WM. G. ROCKEFELLER



William G. Rockefeller, Standard Oil magnate, whom subpoena servers for the "money trust" investigating committee cannot find.

## DYNAMITERS' BAIL FIXED

Court Names Total of \$1,100,000 and Hasty Incarceration Criticized  
Chicago.—Bail in the sum of \$1,100,000 for 32 of the 33 union leaders convicted of conspiracy to transport dynamite must be forthcoming in order

that they may take advantage of the granting of a writ of supersedeas by the United States circuit court of appeals here.

Judges Baker and Seaman heard the arguments and the decision was given orally by Judge Baker. He took occasion to intimate that undue haste was manifested in committing the defendants to prison.

## Legitimate Stage End is Predicted.

New York.—Thomas A. Edison said that he believed the end of the present legitimate stage is at hand as the result of his newest invention, the talking motion-picture machine, called the kineophone, which proved successful in a demonstration held a few days ago.

## Food or Clothing Corners Invalid.

Washington.—The supreme court of the United States laid down the far-reaching principle that "corners" of interstate commodities, such as articles of clothing and food, are in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law, and held that as far as the Sherman law was concerned, the indictment in the New York federal court of James Patten, Eugene G. Scales, Frank H. Hayne and William P. Brown for conspiring to run an alleged cotton "corner" was valid. The case against them was sent back for trial.

## PEACE NEGOTIATIONS ARE ABRUPTLY ENDED

London.—The first stage of the peace negotiations, which was regarded by diplomats largely as one of pretense on Turkey's part to avoid the appearance of yielding to the demands of the allies without pressure from the powers, is now over. It is expected that the second stage now will soon begin, with the powers behind the scenes pulling the strings which will compel Turkey to concede the bulk of the allies' demands.

Turkey renounced in favor of the allies her rights in the island of Crete at the conference Monday and promised further ratification of the Thracian frontier, but insisted upon the retention of Adrianople. The allies declared that this was not satisfactory and suspended the conference.

The conference may be resumed either by notification from Turkey that she has fresh proposals to submit, or by the allies on the ground that they have communications to make the Turks.

## Fourteen Perish in Sea Collision

Baltimore.—Fourteen members of the crew of the freighter Luckenbach, which was rammed and sunk by the British tramp Adrakuala, lost their lives in the sinking of the vessel, off Tangier island, in Chesapeake bay.

## THE MARKETS.

Portland.  
Wheat—Club, 80c; bluestem, 85c; red Russian, 78c.  
Oats—\$25 per ton.  
Hay—Timothy, \$18; alfalfa, \$12.  
Butter—Creamery, 37c.  
Eggs—Candled, 32c.  
Hops—1912 crop, 20c.  
Wool—Eastern Oregon, 18c; Willamette valley, 22 1/2c.

## Seattle.

Wheat—Bluestem, 86c; club, 81c; red Russian, 79c.  
Eggs—33c.  
Butter—Creamery, 38c.  
Hay—Timothy, \$19 per ton; alfalfa, \$12 per ton.

## PENNIES TO PAY FINES

Many Letters and Telegrams of Sympathy Received

Boise, Idaho.—Penny contributions to pay the \$500 fines assessed against R. S. Sheridan and C. O. Broxon, publisher and editor of the Boise Capital News, who are now serving a 10 days' sentence in the Ada county jail for contempt of court are coming by the hundreds from all parts of Idaho, and from a number of outside points.

Messages from many prominent progressives were received extending sympathy and support to the imprisoned men. Chief of these was a telegram from Colonel Roosevelt to Progressive State Chairman Gilson, extending his sympathy and admiration.

State Senator Dow Dunning, author of the plan to collect penny contributions, received \$10 from Colonel Roosevelt representing contributions from 1000 residents of Oyster Bay and other Long Island towns.

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