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## FIGHTS FOR THE PEOPLE

### B. F. JONES FILES SUIT AGAINST EXPRESS COMPANIES.

Charges that Rates Are Unjust, Unreasonable and Unfair — Railroad Commission Has Cases Under Adjudication at Present Time.

B. F. Jones returned Monday from Salem, where he has been trying a case before the Railroad Commission. Mr. Jones filed two cases before the commission; one against the Pacific Express Company, operated over the lines of the O. R. & N. Company, and one against the Wells Fargo Express Company, operated over all the lines in Oregon, on the grounds that their charges are unjust, unreasonable and unlawful.

The case against the Pacific Express Company was heard on November 18th, and is under advisement with the Railroad Commission. The case against the Wells Fargo Express Company was heard on the 30th, and after the plaintiff, B. F. Jones, had put in his evidence the attorneys for the express company filed a motion to dismiss the case on the grounds that the plaintiff had not proven that the rates were unlawful and unjust. The Railroad Commission took the case under advisement and ordered the express company to furnish to the commission a statement of their earnings in Oregon.

In talking of the cases to a representative of this paper Mr. Jones had to say: "The rates in Oregon are a hundred per cent higher than they are in the states of Indiana, Missouri, Minnesota, Iowa and Texas and the express companies are putting up a hard battle to maintain these rates. They have a number of head officials here from New York and their best legal council is here to assist their Portland attorneys.

Personally, I have no grievances against the railroads or the express companies," continued Mr. Jones, "but as a representative of the people I want to see that they get a square deal. If the express companies are charging the people unjust, unreasonable and unlawful rates, which I believe they are, then it is the duty of the railroad commission to find and fix reasonable rates."

C. L. McNary, deputy prosecuting attorney, is assisting Mr. Jones in the cases.

#### Will Reside at Perrydale.

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Perry, on 5th street, November 26th, at 2 p.m., occurred the marriage of their daughter, Miss Viola, and Mr. Hugh Wahl of Gaston, Rev. Hiram Gould officiating.

The bride was tastily dressed in white mohair and carried in her hand a beautiful bouquet of white carnations. The groom was dressed in conventional black. The newly married couple left on the evening train for their home near Perrydale, Clatsop county, where they will reside.

Only the immediate friends and contracting parties were present.

The home was beautifully decorated with wild grape and holly, under an arch of the same the bride and groom stood, supported by Mr. Clyde Perry and Miss Cora Lamberg, as bridegroom and bridesmaid. The table was furnished with a beautiful bouquet by Mrs. Rogers.—Forest Grove Times.

#### Buys Store at Kelseyville.

We take pleasure in announcing that Charles Collins, who, with his wife, came here some two or three months ago to take charge of the Owl Drug Store, has bought the business and will become a permanent resident here. Mr. Collins is a graduate of the Portland, Oregon, School of Pharmacy, and also holds diplomas in Washington and California, and has had twelve years experience. He is a young man of pleasing address, bright, intelligent, accommodating and of good habits, and we believe will become popular with our citizens and build up a good business. Mrs. Collins is a woman of quiet, dignified bearing, though thoroughly social, and is already making many friends. We heartily welcome Mr. and Mrs. Col-

lins and hope their stay will be both pleasant and profitable.

The above is taken from a Kelseyville, California, paper and refers to a son of our townsman, J. H. Collins.

#### Platform of B. F. Jones.

Independence, Ore., Dec. 2, 1908. Hon. Asa Robinson, Recorder of the City of Independence:

Dear Sir,—

I hereby accept the nomination for the office of Mayor of the City of Independence, as tendered me at the Citizens' Meeting held on the 27th day of November, 1908.

Not having been a candidate for the office, and not being present at the meeting, and not wishing to mislead anyone, I deem it wise for me to briefly state my position on city affairs, then the voter will not be deceived.

1st. I believe in municipal ownership.

2d. I believe in the city having a good water and sewerage system.

3d. I believe in enforcing all city ordinances, or if bad ones that they be repealed.

4th. That the mayor and councilmen carry out the wishes of the petitioners if they are the majority of the citizens of Independence.

5th. I will if elected to the office of mayor, endeavor to carry out these principles and shall at all times work for a greater Independence.

Respectfully,

B. F. JONES.

#### Marked for Death.

"Three years ago I was marked for death. A grave-yard cough was tearing my lungs to pieces. Doctors failed to help me, and hope had fled, when my husband got Dr. King's New Discovery," says Mrs. A. C. Williams, of Bac, Ky. "The first dose helped me and improvement kept on until I had gained 68 pounds in weight and my health was fully restored." This medicine holds the world's healing record for coughs and colds and throat and lung diseases. It prevents pneumonia. Sold under guarantee at all druggists, 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

## EVEN CARRIERS HAVE TROUBLES

Arch Parker and J. P. Dickinson, the two rural mail carriers out of Independence, were lounging about in Postmaster Merwin's holy sanctum sanctorum one day last week with long, glum faces after a day's cold trip over their routes. They were (discussing ways and means and otherwise seeking to improve on the comforts attendant on their arduous duties. On these cold, damp, foggy days it is very trying on the carriers to find a box in which there are a lot of pennies that have to be "fished" out and letters requiring stamps. Their fingers get so numb from the cold that it is almost an impossibility to pick up a penny. It would be a great convenience and would show much fellow feeling if the patrons of the routes would think of this and would try to make it easier for the carriers. If they would buy a quantity of stamps at a time it would enable them to stamp all their mail matter, or if they run out, they might put the money in an envelope so that the carriers would not have to get out of their rigs to pick up the pennies which get away from them.

A little tin box to put pennies in would solve the problem. The carriers could easily secure the pennies from a little box. Try something of this kind and see if you can't help the carriers out.

#### Beware of Frequent Colds.

A succession of colds or a protracted cold is almost certain to end in chronic catarrh, from which few persons ever wholly recover. Give every cold the attention it deserves and you may avoid this disagreeable disease. How can you cure a cold? Why not try Chamberlain's Cough Remedy? It is highly recommended. Mrs. M. White of Butler, Tenn., says, "Several years ago I was bothered with my throat and lungs. Someone told me of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I began using it and it relieved me at once. Now my throat and lungs are sound and well." For sale by P. M. Kirkland.

## GOOD ROADS CONVENTION

### MONSTER MEETING IN INDEPENDENCE MONDAY.

Every Business House in Town Will Close During Session of Good Roads Convention and All Farmers of the Country Will Attend.

The good roads builders will be in Independence Monday. It will be the biggest meeting ever held in Independence. You will come to see the great gathering. Will the opera house be big enough to hold the people? It will be something to be long remembered.

Something of the importance of the meeting is told in the following letter, which has been sent to almost everybody in this end of the county: "Independence, Oregon, December 2, 1908. Dear Sir: A convention has been called to meet in the opera house in this city at 1 o'clock, Monday, December 7, 1908. This convention is called for the purpose of discussing methods and to create sentiment at the coming session of the legislature to secure legislation for improvement of the public highways of Polk county and the state at large, for state appropriation for road work, for a state road supervisor, and for legislation looking to the employment of state and county criminals on the roads of the country. At this time it is intended that an organization be effected to work in harmony with the state organization in securing state benefits to Polk county. For this purpose it is intended to hold a monster convention in this city on the above date. Every business house of Independence will be closed on this date during the time of the meeting to allow business men to attend the convention.

The state is becoming very much aroused over the importance of good roads and meetings are being held in all parts of the state where the subject is being discussed. This is one of the paramount questions before us at this time. Good highways will do more toward securing new homeseekers to the Willamette valley than any other one thing. Good roads enhance the value of the lands through which they traverse, while they are a great source of convenience to the farmers as well. It should be a duty of the state to assist in this matter, and these meetings which are being held in all parts are intended to create a sentiment in that direction. It is urgent upon every farmer to attend this meeting, lending his influence for better roads and for state assistance in the matter.

"The principal speaker at this convention will be Judge John Scott of Salem, who will be assisted with maps and charts explaining the various plans of building roads and their approximate cost per mile. Other speakers will also be present, and an elaborate program for the entertainment of those in attendance will be arranged for."

#### HIGHLAND.

Quite a number of Highlanders attended the basket social given at Buena Vista last Wednesday evening. Among them were Miss Edith Alexander, Joe Anderson, Gail Alexander, Henry and Vern McElmurry and C. E. Nash, who took an active part in the sale of the baskets.

Parker is certainly coming into the limelight as it was the scene last Wednesday of a small sized wreck. A heavy laden freight train was crossing a cattle guard when the iron braces near the front end of a car loaded with lumber gave way. Timbers were torn from the car and the cattle guard was demolished and track torn up. After hard labor the crew succeeded in sidetracking the disabled car.

Gail Alexander was an Independence visitor Saturday.

Harry and Ed Valliere were transacting business in Independence Saturday.

Fred Haman left Monday for Troutdale, where he expects to work in a meat shop.

Our school had certainly ought to be placed on the county roll of hon-

or for last month, as we have made an average in attendance of 99.98 per cent.

Henry and Oren McElmurry were Independence visitors Saturday. C. E. Nash spent Friday, Saturday and Sunday with his parents at Buena Vista.

Peter Shafer tells us that he is still converting John Compton's oak and ash timber into cordwood. Joe Loundree began plowing on the Ireland place Tuesday.

Clint Agee, who has been away visiting, returned a week ago Sunday.

If a stranger should happen thru here just now he would think that all the young men and many of the older ones were studying astronomy by the way they are watching the zenith.

We understand that Fred Featherstone has ordered a hundred dollar stump puller. That certainly looks as though Fred intended cleaning up his farm.

Mr. Agee's mother is now spending a few weeks with him here.

Work on the Ireland farm is progressing rapidly as there were five teams plowing today (December 1) and more expected tomorrow. They are rushing the work, as their walnut trees will soon arrive and they want to finish the work while this good weather lasts.

Once more we see the pleasant and smiling countenance of Joe Anderson on our mail route. Mr. Dickinson has a vacation of two weeks and Mr. Anderson is filling his place.

We understand Frank Valliere intends setting his farm out in fruit trees and berries—a very profitable undertaking.

Henry Dickinson was in Independence on business Wednesday.

Mr. Simons came up from Salem Tuesday to visit his sons here and returned Wednesday.

Miss Edith Alexander left Monday to stay with her aunt, who is quite sick, near Wellsville. She will return Friday.

Quite a number of our young "Highlanders" took in the show at Independence Wednesday night.

## WANT TEN ACRE TRACT

I have a customer for a ten acre tract of land. If you have a good piece of land with no improvements and suitable for haying purposes and is not spotted I have your man. It must be good land and I must have information not later than Saturday morning. Better telephone to me.

How about that five acre tract I advertised for last week? I have not found the land. If you have it telephone to me and if you haven't the kind that I want may be your neighbor has. Tell him about it.

Chas. E. Hicks, Agent.

#### A Personal Appeal.

If we could talk to you personally about the great merit of Foley's Honey and Tar, for coughs, colds and lung trouble, you never could be induced to experiment with unknown preparations that may contain some harmful drugs. Foley's Honey and Tar costs you no more and has a record of forty years of cures. P. M. Kirkland.

#### Independence Boys Outclassed.

Independence and Corvallis football teams contested on Hill's Ball Park on Thursday afternoon. In this game Independence was outclassed in every particular, weight, training, etc. It is claimed the Corvallis team outweighed our boys by at least twenty-five pounds to the man. A large attendance was out to see the game. The score was 16 to 0 in favor of Corvallis. The Corvallis boys staid over to attend the Thanksgiving dance in the evening.

#### Type for Sale.

The Independence Enterprise has 150 lbs. new body type for sale. Used less than six months. Will sell it for half cost price. Write today about it.

#### For Eczema, Tetter and Salt Rheum.

The intense itching characteristic of these ailments is almost instantly allayed by Chamberlain's Salve. Many severe cases have been cured by it. For sale by P. M. Kirkland.

# Bargains

## Men's & Boys' Clothing

We've just selected from our regular line of Clothing 120 Men's Suits and we have placed them on our bargain tables at 20 to 30 per cent reduction in price to close out broken lines. All sizes, 35 to 44. 190 Young Men's Suits at 20 to 40 per cent reduction . . . Over 200 Boys' Knee Pants Suits at 20 to 40 per cent reduction.

## Barnes' Cash Store

SALEM, OREGON

## CHICAGO STORE

SALEM, OREGON

## OUR EXHIBITION

of Christmas Merchandise is great spick and span new goods from the best manufacturers of America and Europe.—New Dress and Waisting Silks, new Wool Suitings in the new directoire materials.

We are showing the latest New York craze: the

## Empress Nippon Coats

Also all the new styles in Directoire Suits, sheath Skirts, silk Petticoats, fine Furs, silk Umbrellas, kid Gloves in all shades, fancy neck wear and Ruchings. We show the strongest line of up-to-date new merchandise shown in this part of the world and at prices you cannot beat in Chicago or New York.