

# Independence Enterprise.

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## WHO IS TO BLAME?

A dry goods merchant, something less than a thousand miles from here, was starting down town one day last week when his wife reminded him of his most important duty during the day. "Now, my dear, be sure and don't forget to send to the city today for that new stanhope, so that we can have it by Sunday. You know our old buggy is getting so it is not fit to be seen."

Just a few blocks away the merchant who handled vehicles was sitting at breakfast with his family. The conversation drifted around to the near approach of school. "And that reminds me, John," said the lady who sat at the head of the table, "I must be going to the city not later than next week. I must get goods for the children's school clothes and then to see about a fall suit for myself, and while I am there perhaps I had better see about a new rug for the parlor and some lace curtains for the front window."

An hour or two later one of the leading grocers stepped into the bank to buy a draft which he was going to send to a catalogue house for a "well bedroom suite." "How's business?" asked the banker. "Oh, not very good," replied the coffee and tea merchant. "Things are a little dull just now." Before the banker finished writing the draft, a dapper young man with a grip stepped in and asked how everybody was. The banker seemed glad to see him. He was the representative of a large printing establishment in another state. He and the banker chatted pleasantly for a few minutes after which the young man inquired casually of his friend behind the window if he wanted anything. "Well, yes," replied the other, good naturedly. "I believe I do. Print us 50,000 checks, 5000 drafts and a couple of thousand letter heads." The young man thanked him cordially for the order and hustled out.

That night the local business men had a meeting in the town hall to discuss the growth of the mail order evil. All of these gentlemen mentioned in this narrative delivered a short talk. They all agreed that the farmers were guilty of treason to the home merchant when they persisted in buying their goods of mail order houses, and the meeting closed by adopting strong resolutions about trading away from home.

The above story, taken from an

exchange, fitly illustrates the condition in many communities of the country. How well it fits Independence let the business men answer themselves. The presses of the Enterprise are rusting for lack of employment and the advertising columns are patronized by out-of-town concerns. It is no fault of the Enterprise that this condition exists in Independence. During our first six months' service a manager of this paper we plead with the business men, week after week, for business, with always the same result. Two mercantile institutions have run through their career here without a dollar of pay reading in this paper. Whatever good the Enterprise has been to them as a booster for Independence was had at no expense to them, but they did not merit the trade of the people, principally because they did not employ the columns of this paper. This is true more than to any other reason. It is foolish to argue that there is no advertising value in this paper, yet certain merchants of Independence have made the assertion that this is so, two of them having expressed themselves freely as being through patronizing it. It is this that has done more damage to the town than anything that has happened to it. It has turned business away that will be difficult to reclaim. In the first place it put this paper on its metal. It went out to show them that there is a value in the advertising columns of the Enterprise. With almost 12,000 inches of advertising sold in one outside town alone, its advertising value ought to be well established.

Results? On a recent visit to that town the advertising manager of one firm said: I, myself, have waited upon five different Independence customers this morning, and they have all bought good bills of goods. I could go into business in Independence and hold all that trade. I don't understand why your merchants refuse to patronize your paper. They are killing their business by not doing so. The Independence country is as good as there is, and big, well-stocked stores ought to be thriving there."

If any merchant doubts this they can have the proof. It will be gladly substantiated. This institution cannot thrive without business. You businessmen will be making money by patronizing it. You can double your business if you will work in conjunction with this paper. We will be glad to work in harmony with you. It is at this time one of the best, if not the leading country weekly in Oregon, with the finest equipment and greatest possibilities, being situated as it is in one of the best sections of the Willamette valley. We want to work with you, but we have exhausted our patience. As a last resort we beg you to come in with us and help to make Inde-

pendence at least the best city of Polk county. Will you do it? Begin now.

## FOR 5000 INHABITANTS.

With the permanency of the town of Independence a settled fact and the promise of unrivalled development in this valley, the work of improving the city generally should be undertaken by the city administration. Good streets are the first consideration. Paved streets will make a city in spite of all opposition, given the environment of Independence. Every business institution of the city will take on new life when these improvements are made. Somehow country trade flows to cities which are in the front rank of municipal improvements. A new mayor is coming into office who believes in high-class municipal improvements and who we believe has the courage of his convictions. His work will be watched with much interest and expectation. The ambition of every resident of Independence should be to make the city more presentable. It is a matter that should not be disregarded. We must keep pace with other towns of the Willamette valley or we will be forsaken of home-builders and trade as well. Independence is situated right to grow into a town of 10,000 or more.

The pride of a well-regulated city extends far and wide. It will be felt largely by the farmers on all sides and they will lend their support to a bigger and better Independence when they see that we are building the city from without and within. Good sidewalks to replace the boards on all the business streets and in the residence sections as well, paved streets as well as the main thoroughfares leading into the town are some of the urgent needs at this time. Better stocked stores and a market for country produce will secure the country trade and the better city trade. A Market is one essential, and if it is not what it is in other towns then our city must necessarily suffer loss of trade.

To work best for these benefits it is necessary that the city of Independence be organized into a commercial unit. Concentrated action can be had on all matters pertaining to the city's welfare in this way. Every business man of the city owes it to the town to buy a membership in the commercial club and assist in making that organization what it is in all the other progressive cities of the state. Don't wait to be pressed into the organization but go right over to the Independence National Bank and give the secretary, Mr. your name for enrollment. If you won't do this, better get ashamed of yourself and quietly slip out of town and send in a business man to take your place. Be a factor in the development of Independence. Independence first, and you will have to look out for additional clerks to care for your business.

Motto: for a five thousand city, then more.

## A STATE SANITORIUM.

The need of a sanatorium in which to take care of and treat subjects of tuberculosis is one of the urgent calls on the state. It is to be hoped that the coming session of the legislature will take the matter under consideration. There is not a community in any county of Oregon but that has suffered from it cases of tuberculosis. In most of these cases proper conditions for treatment and cure are not to be obtained, for the reason that they do not exist except in the open air sanatorium at Portland attendance to which is almost prohibited on account of the charges that are made by that institution. The establishment of a sanatorium is urgent for the reason that society should protect itself against cases which are prevalent. Tuberculosis can be cured. The money spent by sufferers from this disease, of Oregon alone annually, fighting the "white plague," would support a modernly equipped sanatorium. The tax payers are better prepared to furnish this money than the unfortunate families which suffer from the ravages of this dread disease.

An exchange says: From one end of the country to the other men and women of all ranks and classes are rising up to fight in the battle against tuberculosis. Including the recently formed societies there are at the present time 211 associations for the study and prevention of tuberculosis in the United States, with a total membership of over 20,000 all engaged in an active war on consumption. Never before in the history of the country has such an army been massed against a disease. And with the present rate of increase sustained, it is estimated that the army will be doubled in size within a year. On January 1, 1905, there were in the United States only 24 associations for the study and prevention of tuberculosis. By January 1, 1909, there will undoubtedly be 250 such associations, an increase of over 800 per cent.

The states which lead in the number of associations are, Massachusetts with 28, New Jersey with 22, New York with 19, Michigan with 16 and Pennsylvania with 14. Thirty-five of the forty-six states have one or more associations.

Great is the Willamette valley, a fact people appreciate after a visit elsewhere, truthfully says the Albany Democrat. Its climate is unsurpassed, its resources varied and increasing and its advantages the best. It is a modern section of country, and its possibilities cannot be overestimated. Comparison with other sections does not hurt it. In fact it shines best then.

F. V. Carter, of Ashland, banker of the Rogue River valley and state senator from Jackson county, was the guest of H. Hirschberg Wednesday.

## Declines the Honor

Editor Enterprise: I have been informed that my name came before the meeting last Friday night for nomination to the office of city councilman and that I was duly nominated. I wish to state through your paper that I respectfully decline the honor. In declining to run for the office I beg to say that I believe there are many other men in Independence who are not only better suited for the place but who would be glad to serve in that capacity.

C. W. IRVINE.

Independence, Oregon, December 3, 1908.

## CIRCUIT COURT DOCKET

### Following Cases Docketed for Next Monday's Term

The following cases will be heard before Judge Burnett in the Circuit Court for Polk County during the December term which convenes in Dallas next Monday morning.

- B. J. Bowman vs Howard D. Goodfellow and A. D. Goodfellow, action for note; John Bayne for plaintiff, F. A. Turner for defendant.
- White Sewing Machine Co. vs L. D. Daniel, action for money; J. L. Collins for plaintiff and L. D. Brown and N. L. Butler for defendant.
- State of Oregon vs E. M. Young, assault with intent to kill R. J. Taylor, J. H. McNary for plaintiff and J. A. Carson and Oscar Hayter for defendant.
- Thomas Kinchin vs B. Pickins.

damages. Oscar Hayter for plaintiff and N. L. Butler and L. D. Brown for defendant.

J. A. Harps Mfg. Co. vs T. A. Riggs, action for money. F. A. Turner for plaintiff.

Vick Brothers vs Barthardt & Meyer, action for money. J. H. Fowler for plaintiff.

J. H. Johnson vs Sheridan Lumber Co., mandate from supreme court. Oscar Hayter for plaintiff and E. R. Bryson and W. H. Holmes for defendant.

Hanna & Irvine vs A. J. and Martha Paul, action for money. B. F. Jones for defendant and Sibley and Eakin for plaintiff.

State of Oregon vs John Courtney, assault with intent to commit rape. J. H. McNary for plaintiff.

State of Oregon vs John Mode, fornication. J. H. McNary for plaintiff and E. R. Bryson for defendant.

State of Oregon vs J. H. Fowler, Larceny by embezzlement. J. H. McNary for plaintiff and N. L. Butler for defendant.

G. W. McGuire and A. E. West vs J. H. Fowler et al, damages. B. F. Jones for plaintiff and Oscar Hayter for defendant.

Jacob Schnabel vs William Schindler, action for money. John Bayne for plaintiff.

R. M. Wade & Co. vs I. L. Smith, action for money. B. F. Jones for plaintiff.

L. W. Josse vs D. C. Harris, action for money. M. E. Pogue and W. M. Kaiser for plaintiff and G. G. Bingham for defendant.

Asbury Shultz vs City of Dallas, damages. W. H. Holmes for plaintiff and Oscar Hayter for defendant.

James A. Roberts vs Wm. C. Brown, action for money. Oscar Hayter for plaintiff and N. L. Butler for defendant.

Walter L. Tooze vs C. A. Nelson et ux, action for money. J. H. Fowler for plaintiff.

John G. Barr vs E. M. Young, action for money. Geo. G. Bingham for plaintiff.

D. S. Bentley vs Ed Riggs, action for money. W. O. Sims for plaintiff. Petition for naturalization of Thos. Elliott.

Petition for naturalization of Wm. Bijinski.

Petition for naturalization of Robt. McCrae.

Petition for naturalization of Frances Heyden.

Petition for naturalization of

Henry Fern.

J. H. Hanna and Elsie J. Hanna, vs A. S. Newton and G. N. Newton, action for money. B. F. Jones for plaintiff.

The Averill Machine Co. vs F. N. Smith and S. B. Tetherow, action for money. Sibley & Eakin for plaintiff. J. D. Smith vs County of Polk, State of Oregon, action for money. Sibley & Eakin for plaintiff and J. H. McNary for defendant.

R. M. Wade & Co., a corporation, vs Independence Canning Co., a corporation, action for money. Oscar Hayter for plaintiff.

W. G. Bernstein vs Claud Clem and J. M. Cleveland, action for money. Fullerton & Orcutt for plaintiff.

## Buy Hardware Store.

J. M. Craven, who for a number of years has been connected with the R. M. Wade store in this city, in partnership with his brother, J. H. Craven of Pendleton, has bought the Faulk Hardware Store of Dallas. These two brothers have been engaged in the hardware business most all their lives and know the line from a to z. They are coming into the possession of one of the largest hardware stores in Polk county. Independence is loser of a good man in J. M. Craven.

## Stockholders' Meeting.

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Independence National Bank will be held on Tuesday, January 12, 1909, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., at the bank, for the purpose of selecting a board of directors and the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting.

C. W. IRVINE,

Cashier.

Dated this 3d day of December, 1908. 27-31.

## Notice to the Public.

Notice is hereby given that Hanna Bros. have this day bought all right, title and interest in the store of Hanna & Irvine, hardware dealers of Independence, from S. E. Irvine, and that all outstanding accounts due said firm are payable to J. L. Hanna at the office of Hanna Bros. All accounts owing by said firm of Hanna & Irvine will be paid by J. L. Hanna at the office of Hanna Bros.

J. L. HANNA.

S. E. IRVINE.

Dated this 1st day of December, 1908. 27-31.



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