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MAYOR OF INDEPENDENCE DELIVERS FIRST MESSAGE

To the honorable members of the Common Council of the City of Independence:

Gentlemen: As mayor-elect of the City of Independence, and in accordance with law and time honored custom, it becomes my privilege as well as my duty to present for your consideration my views and recommendations for the welfare and government of our city. In assuming the responsibilities of the executive office of the city I assure you that I desire the undivided support of the council, as well as the citizens of Independence. If the citizens, the council and mayor can work in harmony it must insure good government, strong and just ordinances and a well kept and prosperous city.

I congratulate the retiring mayor and councilmen on the financial condition in which they left the affairs of the city. Our city is old in years but young in matters of modern improvement. Being situated as it is on the banks of the Willamette river, in the very center of one of the richest agricultural districts in the great Willamette valley, and being the hop center of the world, which means that we have more acreage of good alluvial sandy bottom land tributary to our city than any other part of the Willamette valley, and soil that is capable of producing clover, alfalfa, and all kinds of fruit that can be grown within the state of Oregon; if we will but let harmony and the spirit of improvement prevail, I have no doubt but that the city of Independence will keep in line with our sister towns, and that the public spirited and enterprising citizens will push her claims to the front and see to it that our mild climate and zephyrs from the coast range and up and down the Willamette river will not start a crop of moss on the streets of our growing little city.

Remembering that it is easier to pay one dollar than two, I am of the opinion that it is economy in the end to provide for a bond issue for a term of twenty years for all needed improvements, which will require a small tax levy each year to pay the interest, and the increased valuation of property and the growing population of our city would make it but a light burden to redeem them twenty years hence. A tax levy of a few mills every year is not as burdensome to the people as it would be to issue warrants and pay a high rate of interest.

Realizing that if we wish to keep in the procession with other towns along the banks of the Willamette—Eugene, Albany and Corvallis—we must make some needed improvements which the growing wants of a prosperous town demand. The citizens of our city have, by almost unanimous petition, asked the council to inaugurate a good sewerage system, and it is the duty of the mayor and council to carry out their wishes. In fact, the time has come when it is absolutely necessary for the health of our city that a sewerage system be put in and maintained. I would therefore recommend that the council take this matter up and push it through to a speedy completion.

Our sister cities, Dallas, Corvallis, and other enterprising towns in the valley that are coming to the front,

have all, wherever it was within their power and mountain water could be had installed a gravity system at a cost of from \$25,000 to \$100,000, and I have been assured by the water commission of the city of Corvallis that the water rates in that city have been lowered and that they have not only paid the interest on their bonds, but are laying up money for their redemption, and their system has only been inaugurated about two and one-half years; and as the result of their having secured good mountain water, there have been built in the city of Corvallis over five hundred new houses during that time, and the population has increased one-third.

The citizens of Independence have voted three to one for a mountain water gravity system, and in consideration of that vote and recommendation of the citizens, the council has secured water rights on the mountain four miles east of Independence at an elevation of 150 feet above the city, which can be brought in, including reservoirs, mains and all necessary equipment, at an estimated cost of \$20,000. Believing that it would be a saving to the city from the time of its inauguration and would give our town an even start with other towns, I would recommend that the will of the people be carried out.

As the records and files of the recorder's office are of much importance and great value, I deem it in the interest of economy and safe government that a proper desk with suitable locks and drawers be provided, and that the same be kept in the City Hall.

I would recommend for your consideration the advisability of revising the City Ordinances, as in some instances they are in conflict with the State law under which we are organized; and having not been compiled for many years they should be revised and printed in pamphlet form so that each councilman and city officer could have a copy.

In the matter of street assessments or other improvements I would recommend that all parties who are delinquent be notified as by ordinance required, as it is manifestly a great injustice for one person to be compelled to improve his property and open the streets in front of his property while the adjoining owners are not forced to comply with the same ordinance. This method, if followed, will discourage public spirited citizens and create dissensions among our citizens.

Finally, I would recommend that all officers of the city practice strict economy and guard well the people's money, but at the same time I shall always advocate a liberal policy in all matters pertaining to the city, bearing in mind that we are a growing and aspiring city; and in order to keep pace with our sister towns we must exercise good business methods as well as a wise and judicious expenditure of the city funds. Economy does not always consist in guarding the treasury with a miser's hand. Therefore, let progress, good clean government and a wise and judicious expenditure of the city funds and the spirit of onward and upward be our watchword.

Respectfully submitted,
B. F. JONES, Mayor.

Cupid Works at Falls City (From Falls City News)

Mrs. F. K. Hubbard and Mrs. W. B. McKown were called to Dayton on account of the death of their father. He died the evening of the 24th. Mr. Alderman was well-known here.

Clyde C. Reynolds of Emmett, Idaho, and Miss Myrtle Reynolds of this city were married at the M. E. parsonage at noon on December 24th. Rev. B. Burt Paul performing the ceremony. A number of their relatives were present. After the ceremony the young couple with their friends and the pastor and wife went to the Walker where they enjoyed a bounteous repast. Both of these young people are well-known here having lived here for many years.

Clarence Powell of this place and Miss Ora Linton of Oregon City were married at the home of the brides' parents in Oregon City Monday, the 28th ult. Both parties are well and favorably known in this neighborhood. They will visit in Oregon City and Roseburg before returning home.

W. F. McMurphy of this place and Miss Laura Barden of Cornelius were married at the home of the bride at noon on Sunday, the 27, Rev. Mr. LaDow officiating. The room was beautifully decorated with carnations. After the ceremony the newly married couple led the way to the dining room where the many guests enjoyed the wedding dinner. Mr. and Mrs. McMurphy received many beautiful and valuable presents.

Mr. McMurphy is one of the progressive business men of this city while the bride is one of the highly respected young ladies of Cornelius.

President Helps Orphans.

Hundreds of orphans have been helped by the president of The Industrial and Orphan's Home at Macon, Ga., who writes: "We have used Electric Bitters in this institution for nine years. It has proved a most excellent medicine for stomach, liver, and kidney troubles. We regard it as one of the best family medicines on earth." It invigorates the vital organs, purifies the blood, aids digestion, creates appetite. To strengthen and build up thin, pale, weak children or run-down people it has no equal. Best for female complaints. Only 50c at all druggists.

Committed for Third Time

Mrs. Lydia Messenheimer of Independence was last week committed to the state insane asylum for the third time. Both previous times she was discharged as having recovered but in each case the attack of insanity reoccurred within a short time. She has several young children who will be sent to the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society. Mrs. Messenheimer's husband left the state some months ago and no clue of his whereabouts can be had. His wife has been living at the home near Independence for several months in a practically destitute condition.

A Religious Author's Statement.

For several years I was afflicted with kidney trouble and last winter I was suddenly stricken with a severe pain in my kidneys and was confined to bed eight days unable to get up without assistance. My urine contained a thick white sediment and I passed same frequently day and night. I commenced taking Foley's Kidney Remedy and the pain gradually abated and finally ceased and my urine became normal. I cheerfully recommend Foley's Kidney Remedy. P. M. Kirkland.

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Oregon Apples Are Attraction

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Oregon Grape in the East

Oregon grape was the chief decoration in historic old Plymouth church in Brooklyn, New York, on Christmas day, and Oregon's state flower was deserving of a place of honor in the church made famous by one of the greatest of all Americans, Henry Ward Beecher.

Gilliam County Seeks Publicity

There will be an enthusiastic mass meeting at Condon on the 7th, the purpose of which is the development of Gilliam county.

There is no case on record of a cough, cold or influenza developing into pneumonia after Foley's Honey and Tar has been taken, as it cures the most obstinate deep seated coughs and colds. Why take anything else. P. M. Kirkland.

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