

**Independence Enterprise.**

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The president's action reprimanding Congress was, we believe, upheld by public opinion, but when a week later he made a violent attack upon certain newspapers which criticized the Panama Canal operations, opinion was not so favorable. There is a general feeling floating about this country that a rule of this sort ought to work both ways. When President Roosevelt used his efficient vocabulary denouncing the Indianapolis News and the World and Sun of New York, for charging corruption in connection with the Panama Canal purchase, there were a lot of us who felt that the accusation business ought to be open to us all. When he threatened criminal prosecution of the offenders, people began to talk of lese-majesty.

If, as afterward developed charges of these papers were silly and unfounded, that fact does not, in our opinion, alter the case. It has never been our pleasure and privilege to read a newspaper which printed even approximately the truth, yet we would not have our people deprived for that reason of the inalienable American right of throwing mud at everybody from the president to the coroner. When the republic was yet young its chief executive tried to muzzle the press; an avalanche struck his party at the next election, and the grasses have been waving peacefully over its head for a hundred years. We are apparently no nearer a muzzled condition of mind now than we were in the days of John Adams: why should we muzzle our tongues?

Another and perhaps a greater menace to liberty of speech and of the press has arisen. This is the decision of Justice Wright against the American Federation of Labor and the sentencing of its officers, Gompers, Mitchell, Morrison to jail for disobedience of the court's order in the boycott of the Buck Stove and Range Company.

The American Federation of Labor is the chief association of organized labor in this country. It has been of inestimable value in improving the condition of the workmen both within and without labor unions. As the strike proved an expensive

and wasteful process and one to be resorted to only in emergencies, the boycott has proven a most efficient weapon in enforcing labor demands, and organized labor has always exercised its prerogative of saying as publicly as it thought necessary that it does not patronize those whose act have been hostile to its cause. If Justice Wright's decision is sustained by higher courts it will mean that the workmen of this country have no right through their organization to retaliate when they have been attacked. It will mean, too, that extent an abrogation of the right of freedom of speech and the press. If Justice Wright's opinion is found to be justified by the law, it is high time that such an absurd, autocratic and un-American law should be stricken from the statutes. We predict that if Gompers and his associates ever go to jail, any political party which adequately represents a protest against this proceeding, will be triumphant in 1912.

The directors of the county fair at Anderson, Indiana, last fall decided that newspaper advertising was money thrown away. They, therefore, purchased more of the usual posters, they sent out many more thousands of circulars, premium lists and other devices for attracting attention usually resorted to outside of newspapers.

The newspapers of the city, country and vicinity, resolved that if the management of the fair felt that way about it, they would assist their scheme by refraining from giving the usual amount of free advertising, so that in none of the newspapers of the vicinity was there a single mention of the fair in any respect.

The result was failure. The biggest day of the fair brought an attendance of but 5000 people as against 18,000 on the same day of the year before.

There are not many people in these enlightened times but know there is but one medium through which to get matter to the attention of the public. There is a reason for this. It is a busy age and people have but a moderate amount of time left for reading and they must read the newspapers. That leaves them but little more time for reading anything else. Consequently nine-tenths of them consider the reading of such matter as is thrown at their doors or in their doorways promiscuously as just so much waste time. Moreover they have found from experience that if there is a patent medicine that is strictly and purely a blirk; a scheme that will not bear investigation, an offer that must be kept from the gen-

eral public, a sale that is a fraud pretending to give bargains and good values but in reality intended to skin the people—they are all advertised through the medium of the circular thrown in the door, in the yard, over the back fences, in the mud or dust or anywhere that respectable, thinking people do not look for them. This has come to be so well known and so thoroughly considered that merchants and others realize that they are absolutely throwing their money away, hence, the live, wide-awake active progressive merchant no longer pursues that method of attracting attention.

It has been remarked that mercantile firms who exploit their wares through the columns of the newspapers are merchants whom you can trust to deal fairly and squarely with you. Those who send out circulars in secret from their competitors are attempting to take advantage of competing firms and to hold out overdrawn inducements to the public. The regular advertiser is trustworthy. Patronize him. He is open and above board in his dealings.

Really, don't you have a feeling of humiliation when you are seen picking up one of these circulars from your front yard. Don't you generally send one of the children out after it so that you won't be seen picking it up. There is a dignity in a newspaper advertising that commands respect.

**Hexamethylenetetramine**

The above is the name of a German chemical, which is one of the many valuable ingredients of Foley's Kidney Remedy. Hexamethylenetetramine is recognized by medical text books and authorities as a uric acid solvent and antiseptic for the urine. Take Foley's Kidney Remedy as soon as you notice any irregularities, and avoid a serious malady. P. M. Kirkland.

**Monmouth Loses to Chemawa**

In the basket ball game played between Monmouth and Chemawa last Friday night the splendid team from Monmouth was defeated by a score of 7 to 4. A very good game was put up by both teams, but the odds were against the Monmouth girls in superior weights. The O. S. N. S. team feel certain of victory when a return game is played in the Normal gymnasium.

DeWitt's Carbolyzed Witch Hazel Salve, the original, is good for anything when a salve is needed, and is especially good for piles. Sold by The Williams Drug Co.

**NEWS LETTER FROM NORMAL**

**Commencement**

The opening event of the Commencement season was the Junior Sophomore reception given by the two classes on Saturday evening Jan. 30. The decoration scheme was novel and pretty, rustic twigs and branches with banks of moss and festoons of lichen gave a woody effect that was charming. In a shaded bower in a far corner the "old oaken bucket" held delicious punch and was presided over by merry maidens from the two classes. Colored lights in the chandeliers and an electrical device added to the beauty of the scene. The program deserves especial mention. A pleasing departure from the usual address of welcome was the song of welcome sung by a chorus of voices to the air: "Old Oaken Bucket". This was followed by a scene from "School for Scandal" in which Jean Kuykendall and Irwin Montague acquitted themselves admirably. The girls chorus sang very sweetly and the male quartette was enjoyed once more. Four marches and the usual class songs and yells brought the evening to a close.

**Oratorical Contest**

In the annual tryout, held at the Normal Friday evening, January 29, D. C. Henry and Mabel Robinson were the only contestants. After a close decision the judges awarded the president's medal to Mr. Henry, who will represent the school in the state contest at Corvallis in March. Mr. Henry's subject was: "The Spirit of the Times"; Miss Robinson, "The Spirit of the Present Time."

**Basket Ball**

The girls' basket ball team met its first defeat at Chemawa on Friday evening, with a score of 12 to 7. The floor was unfamiliar and the opponents strong, hence the score. O. S. N. S. is determined to win out in a return game at Monmouth soon. The girls go to Astoria this week as guests of the Astoria team. They will play on Friday night.

**Societies**

Election of officers for the third ten weeks occurred in the two ladies' societies at the last regular meeting. The Vespertines elected Miss Nagle, president; Miss Rasmussen, vice president; Miss Walker, secretary. The Delphians elected Miss Jewett president; Miss Hyde, vice

president—Miss Larson, secretary. The societies then adjourned on account of the oratorical contest.

**Personals**

Miss Edna McIsaacs of New York City was the guest of Miss Pearl Simmons during commencement. Mrs. Thomas of Corvallis visited her daughter, Miss Daisy Thomas, for commencement. H. Zophar Tharp and Mrs. Tharp were guests at the Junior-Sophomore reception. Curtis Johnson J'06 was a pleasant guest during commencement. The Normal was honored to have present on Monday evening Hon. L. E. Bean and Hon. C. L. Hawley, of the House of Representatives, and Secretary C. L. Starr, of the State Board of Regents.

Friends of Miss Lella Spencer will miss her during the coming semester. Miss Spencer has returned to her home near Antelope until the September term.

**Pneumonia Follows La Grippe**

Pneumonia often follows la grippe but never follows the use of Foley's Honey and Tar, for la grippe coughs and deep-set colds. Refuse any but the genuine in the yellow package. C. R. Kluger, the Jeweler, 1099 Virginia Ave., Indianapolis, Ind., writes: "I was so weak from kidney trouble that I could hardly walk a hundred feet. Four bottles of Foley's Kidney Remedy cleared my complexion, cure my backache and the irregularities disappeared, and can now attend to business every day, and recommend Foley's Kidney Remedy to all sufferers, as it cured after the doctors and other remedies had failed. P. M. Kirkland."

**Was Worth Hearing**

One of the largest gatherings ever assembled at Astoria congregated last Saturday evening in the Miller & Alcorn hall to hear the recital given by the students of the American School Music, of Portland, Oregon, in that vicinity.

The numbers were highly appreciated as was evidenced by the marked attention and hearty applause of the audience. The following program was rendered.

Piano solo: "Star of Hope" Reverte by Miss Blanche McKinney. Violin solo: "Flower Song" rendered by A. G. Waterstein. Organ solo: valse, "Bo-Peep" rendered by Miss Hattie Atwater. Violin solo: "6th Air Valse" by Frank McCurdy. Organ solo: "Sunset Nocturne" by Miss Lillie V. McCallum. Piano solo: "Moonlight on the Hudson" by Mrs. Flora McCurdy. Organ solo: "Happy Peasant" by Miss Alice Muhleman. Organ solo: "Moonlight Reverte" by Miss Leota Lewis. Organ solo: "Arbutus Waltz" by Miss Bessie Holington. Violin solo: "My Old Kentucky Home" by Frank McCurdy. Piano duet: "Waves of the Ocean" by Misses Lewis and McKinney. Violin solo: "Angels Serenade" by Robert Story. Piano solo: "Sweet Bye and Bye" valse by Mrs. Flora McCurdy. The program was ended at 10:45 and the balance of the evening was spent in dancing.

Kennedy's Laxative Cough Syrup not only allays inflammation and irritation of throats and lungs, but it drives out the cold from the system by a free yet gentle action of the bowels. Sold by The Williams Drug Co.

**Notice of Stockholders' Meeting**  
Notice is hereby given that the regular meeting of the stockholders of the Independence Cannery Company will be held in the opera house in Independence, Oregon, as provided in the by-laws, at 10 o'clock a. m. on Tuesday, March 9, 1909, at which time the election of officers for the ensuing year will take place, and also for the transaction of any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

H. HIRSCHBERG,  
President. W. A. MESSNER,  
Secretary.

Receipt books made to order at the Enterprise office.

**UNDERTAKING**

Day and night calls promptly attended to. Fine parlor in connection. An experienced lady assistant. W. L. BICE, Embalmer and Funeral Director. Licensed by the Oregon State Board of Health. BICE & CALBREATH  
Independence, Oregon (Home Phone: Store, 2220; Res. 3121)  
(Bell Phone: Store, 114; Res. 73)

**ANNUAL JANUARY CLEARANCE SALE**

This sale means a mercantile event that borders on the marvelous. A regular price-cutting outrage. A sweeping reduction throughout this entire store. Reduced prices that will undoubtedly create a sensation. All broken lines and odds and ends go at a mere fraction of their former value. Prices have been cut as never before. We are going to make this sale a record breaker in the history of this house. The only original and genuine clearance sale will be on at THE BEE HIVE STORE

**SALE CONTINUES DURING MONTH OF JANUARY**

This gigantic sale which started here last week carries an important message to every family in Polk county.

<p><b>Clearance Sale of Men's Shirts</b> Men's golf Shirts, broken line values from 50c to \$1.00, sale .35c "Monarch" Shirts, \$1.00 to \$1.25 sale .75c <b>Clearance Sale Underwear</b> Men's cotton ribbed Underwear regular 50c grade .37½c Men's wool ribbed, \$1.00 grade, .75c <b>Clearance Sale Men's Pants</b> A line of fancy worsted Pants, values to \$3.50, sale \$2.40</p>	<p><b>Clearance Sale Hosiery</b> One lot of children's black Hose regular 25c values, sale .12½c <b>Clearance Sale Suspenders</b> Heavy web Suspenders, 25c and 35c values .19c <b>Clearance Sale Shoes</b> One lot of children's Shoes, values up to \$1.25, sale .69c <b>Clearance Sale Ladies' Shoes</b> One lot of ladies' \$3.00 and \$3.50 Shoes, all good makes, sale \$2.50 <b>Clearance Sale of Towels</b> Our large 25c "men" Towels, white and fancy border, sale .18c</p>	<p><b>Clearance Sale Underwear</b> Children's and misses' union Suits values to \$1.00, one lot, sale .48c <b>Clearance Sale of Comforters</b> Special lot, full size white cotton sale \$1.45 <b>Clearance Sale of Linen</b> 66-inch table damask, 75c grade at .59c <b>Clearance Sale of Outing</b> Best quality Outing, fancy and plain colors, sale .8c <b>Clearance Sale of Embroidery</b> One lot 8c and 10c values .5c</p>	<p><b>Clearance Sale Petticoats</b> Sateen and heatherbloom, sale from \$1.65 to \$3.45 <b>Clearance Sale Bed Spreads</b> A large, heavy Marcellus Spread \$1.25 value, sale .93c <b>Clearance Sale Blankets</b> All wool Blankets, white and values to \$7.50, sale \$4.95 <b>Clearance Sale of Muslin</b> Heavy brown Muslin sale .6c "Lonsdale" bleach Muslin sale .9c</p>	<p><b>Clearance Sale Boys' Caps</b> All 50c Caps, all styles, sale .35c Lot 1.—Boys' Knee Pants Suits \$3.00 to \$3.50 values, sale \$1.98 Lot 2.—Boys' knee Pants Suits, reg. \$4.00 and \$4.50 vals. \$2.79 Lot 3.—Boys' \$5.00 and \$6.50 knee Pants Suits all late cuts, sale \$4.39 Lot 4.—A broken line of Men's Suits, reg. \$8 and \$10 vals. sale \$4.75 Lot 5.—Men's navy blue serge, fancy worsted and mixed effects regular \$12.50 to \$15, sale \$9.85 Lot 6.—Men's hand tailored Suits Values \$16.50 to \$20, sale \$13.85</p>
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There will be no reductions on the following lines: W. L. Douglas shoes, Queen Quality shoes, Gordon Hats, Butterick Patterns. Prices on these goods are controlled by the manufacturer and must be sold regularly.

This Sale Positively Closes Saturday, January 30, 1909.

**DALLAS THE BEE HIVE STORE OREGON**