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BUSINESS MEN WILL BANQUET

MANY PROMOTION WORKERS OF
STATE WILL BE HERE

Enthusiasm for Organization of Independence Commercial Club Continues to Grow and Spread Among the Business Men of the City.

Next Monday night is the date of the splendid banquet which is to be given to the business men of Independence. It is intended to make this event the greatest in the history of the city in the way of a banquet. The demand for the organization is so general that it is almost an impossibility to find a man who is opposed to the plan. It is a matter of congratulation to every citizen of the town that the people feel as they do in the matter.

Opinion of prominent men of Independence point to the certainty of the success of the organization. They have begun to say less and less about the failures of the past. It is unfortunate that Independence should have failed in so many attempts to organize a commercial unit, and still more so many other enterprises have failed only to add to the embarrassment of worthy underlings which ordinarily should prove a blessing to the community. But the people of Independence seem determined now to make a success of this movement for organization. They seem to think that the time has come for advancement to higher and better things for this city. Indeed, it appears that we are on the verge of great prosperity and that within a few months our city shall see a great influx of Eastern emigration and homeseekers generally from all parts of the state coming to this, the most promising section of the state of Oregon.

Every physical condition is in favor of Independence over any other locality in the valley. With the best land comprising as it does, a diversity of soil that at once adapts it to growing of a multiplicity of products, why should we not forge to the front rank of all communities?

It is expected that a number of the foremost publicity promoters of the coast will be here next Monday night, and will invest the meeting and banquet with great enthusiasm. Tom Richardson is sure to be here, and invitations have been sent to a number of others. Ralph Hoyt, cashier of the Merchants National Bank of Portland, and president of the Portland Rose Carnival Association is expected, also Wm. McMurray, General Passenger Agent of the Southern Pacific Company. An invitation is also extended to Governor Chamberlain, and Col. E. Hoefler, "booster" of Salem is sure to be present.

Here are some of the men who are interested in the movement for organization and who are working in every way to make the splendid success that it deserves. A number of the farmers of nearby have expressed their approval and will join heartily in union with the city in promoting the welfare of our country. Read what the following men have to say of the project:

"I am heartily in favor of the club," says Dr. Hewitt, "it's the success of a town. You will notice that all the little towns of the valley that have organized their push clubs have come to the front."

"Yes, I regard it as being the best interest of the town. I am heartily in favor of the Commercial Club"—G. A. Wilcox.

"For the sake of the efforts that you are making for Independence and the community I want to say that I shall do everything that I can to help you in the work of building a commercial club. You are doing great work for Independence and it should be appreciated by every man in the city," says Mr. H. H. Jasperson, the undertaker. "In unity there is strength and in order to accomplish any undertaking for the city of Independence it is necessary first to organize that we can act as one man. I am sure that every citizen of the town will be out to attend the banquet Monday night. I am much interested in the movement."

"We need the organization," said W. W. Percival. "We need it in order to secure combined action in all matters of public interest. The citizens

of Independence should organize into a commercial unit. It is something that we are in urgent need of. I have seen by your paper what others have had to say in last week's issue and I will say that I endorse the move. The work is progressing along right lines."

"Independence ought to be benefited by healthy co-operation of everyone in the organization of a commercial club, or development league, or whatever it shall be called. There is not so much in a name or in the rooms occupied as there is in the spirit in which the movement is undertaken. Independence has a fine location and I believe a surprising growth will result from wise advertising, backed up properly by the people of the community."—R. W. Kirk, Principal of Independence Public Schools.

"It is certainly the proper move for the people of this town to take," said W. A. Messner. "In my mind there are going to be lots of people come from the East to this valley and unless the people wake up and do something they are going to be let down and out. This town has no advertising at all and it is necessary that the people do something to head eastern emigration this way. The town is situated better than most other towns of the Willamette valley, and I consider that it is up to the citizens at this time to make it a live, prosperous city. A good live commercial club will be more towards this end than anything else."

Mr. Chas. E. Hicks, Chairman, Independence, Oregon.

Dear Sir:
I have yours of the 6th inst., and thank you very much for the invitation to be present at your business men's banquet on Monday evening, February 15.

The writer will try if possible to be present personally but if he should not be able to be with you he will try and have a representative of the Rose Festival Association present.

Hoping to be with you that evening, I remain,
Very truly yours,
R. W. Hoyt

John M. Scott, Assistant General Passenger Agent of the Harriman lines in Oregon, has written this office that he will have Wm. B. Wells, of the publicity department of the Southern Pacific Company, here to meet with us on the night of the banquet. It was hoped that Mr. McMurray would be able to be here, but he is in the east at this time and Mr. Wells has consented to come in his place.

RUN DOWN BY TROLLEY CAR

Post Was Former Resident of This County

E. A. Post, brother of F. F. Post, a wealthy lumber dealer of Portland, Oregon, was struck by an east-bound Boyle Heights car last evening and severely injured. Physicians stated today that he had slight chance for recovery.

Mr. Post attempted to pass in front of the car when it was running at high speed. He was blinded by the headlight and was struck by the fender and hurled to the pavement, striking on his head. The injured man was taken to the Receiving Hospital unconscious. He sustained a severe fracture of the skull, a fracture of the jaw and serious internal injuries.

Edward A. Post, mentioned in the foregoing dispatch from Los Angeles California, is well known to many of the residents of this county. He is a nephew of T. J. Frier of this city and has a brother in Salem, F. F. Post. These men were born in Polk county, and are sons of one of the oldest pioneers of this county.

Pioneer Laid to Rest

Mrs. Mary Percival died at the home of Mrs. J. G. Riggs in Salem on the 3d inst.

She was born in Johnson county, Missouri, April 5, 1830. She married Wm. Percival on the same date in 1848 with whom she crossed the plains three years later. She had been a continued resident of Polk county for almost fifty-seven years, having removed to the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. G. Riggs at Salem about four months ago. There were seven children to the union: Mrs. J. G. Riggs of Salem; Mrs. T. J. Fryer of Independence; M. F. Percival of Monmouth; R. M. Percival of Walner Idaho; and W. W. Percival of Independence. Mrs. George A. Ford and Emma Percival are deceased children. The husband of the deceased died in 1895.

INQUIRES INTO COUNTRY LIFE

PRESIDENT'S COUNTRY LIFE COM
MISSION MAKES REPORT

An Epitome of the Report, Which Reflects True Conditions of Country Life, Together With the President's Comments on the Report.

Following is the report of the Country Life Commission which has just been turned over to President Roosevelt. This report as printed here is epitomized but contains the full kernel of meat:

The Commission's Report
That agriculture in the United States, taken altogether, is prosperous commercially, when measured by conditions that have obtained in previous years.

That country people are producing vast quantities of supplies for food, shelter, clothing, and for use in the arts.

That country homes are improving in comfort, attractiveness and healthfulness.

That the farmer is almost necessarily handicapped in the development of his business because his capital is small and the volume of his transactions limited, and he usually stands practically alone against organized interests.

That the unattached man has problems that government should understand.

That the reasons for the lack of a highly organized rural society are:

Lack of knowledge on the part of the exact agriculture conditions and possibilities of their regions.

Lack of good training for country life in the schools.

Handicaps placed on the farmers as against established business systems and interests, which prevents him from securing adequate returns for his products, depriving him of benefits which would result from unmonopolized rivers and the good that would come from the use of great tracts of agricultural land now held for speculative purposes.

That some of the remedies lie with the National Government, some with the states, some with voluntary organizations, and some with individuals alone.

That a broad campaign of education should be undertaken until the whole people are informed on the subject of rural life.

That the level of country life is high as compared with any preceding time or with any other land.

That there is discontent in the country, but farmers are not so prone to move to the city as formerly.

That the object of the commission is not to help the farmer raise better crops, but to call attention to opportunities for better business and better living on the farm.

That an organized co-operative system is the form of business combination the farmers need.

That the department of Agriculture should become in fact a Department of Country Life.

That the immediate needs of country life are: Effective co-operation among farmers; new kinds of schools in the country, which shall teach the children as much outdoors as indoors, better means of communication including good roads and a parcels post.

Makes Remarkable Record

New subscriptions are coming in to this office at the rate of twenty-five to the month. We are astonished at the gains. There is only one way to account for it that we know of. It must be the amount of good reading matter that we publish. The home news service of the Enterprise amounts, on the average, to that of the other three papers of the county combined. The greatest gains were during the month of January. The count from January 15 1909, to February 8, 1909 was exactly thirty-four. This lacks a week of being a month.

TEACHERS' EXAMINATIONS

Notice is hereby given that the county superintendent of Polk county will hold the regular examination of applicants for state and county papers at the Court House at Dallas, Oregon as follows:

For State Papers
Commencing Wednesday, Feb. 10, 1909 at 9 o'clock A. M. and continuing

until Saturday, Feb. 13, 1909 at 4 P. M.

Wednesday—Penmanship, History Spelling, Physical Geography, Reading, Psychology.

Thursday—Written Arithmetic, Theory of Teaching, Grammar, Book-keeping, Physics, Civil Government.

Friday—Physiology, Geography, Composition, Algebra, English Literature, School Law.

Saturday—Botany, Plane Geometry, General History.

For County Papers

Commencing Wednesday, Feb. 10, at 9 o'clock A. M. and continuing until Friday, Feb. 12, 1909 at 4 P. M.

Wednesday—Penmanship, History Orthography, Reading, Physical Geography.

Thursday—Written Arithmetic, Theory of Teaching, Grammar, Physiology.

Friday—Geography, School Law, Civil Government, English Literature.

Yours truly,

H. C. SEYMOUR,
School Superintendent Polk county, Oregon.

January 23, 1909.

HONOR LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY

Young Men's Republican Club of Salem Will Banquet

The hundredth anniversary of the Martyred president, Abraham Lincoln, will be observed at Salem, by the Young Men's Republican Club and their friends tonight. A delegation from Independence will attend this banquet. Prominent after-dinner speakers from all over the state are expected to be present. Col. Mercer of Eugene will be the principal speaker of the evening. Col. Mercer enjoyed a long personal acquaintance with Abraham Lincoln.

Col. Mercer spent a large part of his life in secret service, holding commissions from five presidents, and was in personal charge of Lincoln's body-guard at the time of his assassination, says Salem Statesman. He also led in the chase after the murderer. He is thus one of the best posted men in the country on this subject, and promises such an address as has not before been heard in Salem.

It is expected that there will be 400 plates at the banquet, which will be in the Willamette hotel. A splendid musical program has been arranged.

Harney County Invites Portland

A special committee from Burns, in Harney county consisting of Messrs Wm. D. Hanley, J. W. Gowan and G. A. Smith extended to the business men of Portland, at the Commercial Club luncheon Tuesday, an invitation to organize a great excursion party early in the spring to visit Harney county.

Foley's Honey and Tar clears the air passages, stops the irritation in the throat, soothes the inflamed membranes, and the most obstinate cough disappears. Sore and inflamed lungs are healed and strengthened, and the cold is expelled from the system. Refuse any but the genuine in the yellow package. P. M. Kirkland.

It Was a Hit

Homer Davenport's story of his boyhood life in Oregon begun in the January issue of Human Life made the hit that was predicted for it and Mr. Davenport sustained his reputation for humor and wit and his ability to entertain. See our ad. "The Oregon Magazine Hit of 1909" on another page. It will pay you to read it. It is given absolutely free with a year's subscription to the Enterprise during the month of February and March. Pay a year in advance and get the magazine.

Loses Horse in Runaway

A disastrous runaway occurred Saturday when a team belonging to John Moyer, of Polk county became frightened at the switch engine on Church and Trade streets and re down the street, colliding with a telephone pole on the corner of State and Church streets with such force as to kill one of the animals, says the Capital Journal. The other horse, the main cause of the runaway, received no injury at last.—Statesman.

The recent floods in California

have ruined about \$50,000 worth of salt manufacturing material. It will be about two years before the company recover their former position.

Subscribe now for the Independence Enterprise.

OUR NEW Spring Dress Goods

ARE NOW READY

They're all new goods bought for this season's trade

We haven't a yard of last year's novelties in the house.

The Novelty Dress Goods

This season appeal to the good taste of refined dressers. There's nothing gaudy in the line.

Fancy Weaves in Solid Colors

Predominate but we also show a splendid assortment of stylish color combinations in the pastel shadings which harmonize beautifully.

Satin Finished Wool Fabrics

Are extremely fashionable. You'll find our display of spring dress goods in strict accord with style tendencies.

There Will Be a Greater Demand

This spring for high class dress goods on account of the Seattle fair and choice patterns will be scarce later in the season. There is already a shortage in the wholesale market of desirable fancies. It will be to your interest to buy early while the assortment is complete.

OUR PRICES ARE BASED ON THE SPOT CASH PLAN. THAT IS WHY WE UNDERSSELL "REGULAR STORES."

BARNES' CASH STORE

E. T. BARNES, PROPRIETOR

SALEM, OREGON

LARGE INFLUX OF COLONISTS

WILL RESULT FROM LOW RAILROAD RATES TO COAST

School Children of Portland Will Be Asked to Write to Their Eastern Friends, in Co-Operation With Business Men of That City.

The business men of Portland have adopted a novel idea as a means of advertising to the East the proposal of the railroads to put into effect low rates to the West during the months of March and April. They have delegations to all the schools of Portland to talk to the pupils upon the importance of their co-operation with the business interests in helping to increase the travel which will come as a result of the one-way colonists' rates.

The boys and girls in attendance upon the schools will be asked to write to their relatives, acquaintances and friends living in the older states, regarding these rates, and also to give their impressions of Oregon as they know it. Already a number of other cities and towns throughout Oregon have decided to adopt this date, and it is hoped that not less than fifty thousand school boys and girls throughout the state may be induced to write letters. If they do, no one can estimate the value of this advertising vehicle, as the great majority of these letters will be read and re-read again and again.

This is a matter that should come up at the commercial club here Monday night. Every man, woman and child should address a letter to some Eastern friend calling attention to these low rates to the Pacific coast.

Within the past week announcement has been made that in addition to the \$25.00 fare from Missouri River points \$30.50 from St. Louis and \$33.00 from Chicago, a proportionate rate is good from every point in the United States. For instance, New York \$50.00, Boston

\$49.45, Cleveland \$39.75, Birmingham \$40.25, and Jacksonville \$50.75 are given as illustrations.

The Portland Commercial Club has now in the hands of the printers, leaflets giving facts about the city and state in addition to these rates, and these will be distributed at each and all of the schools. Samples of these leaflets are available to any reader of this paper. Oregon should get thirty thousand new settlers during March and April.

Kodol is a combination of all the natural digestive juices found in an ordinary healthy stomach, and it will digest your food in a natural way. Pleasant to take. Sold by The Williams Drug Co.

Notice.

Independence, Ore., Jan. 1, 1909.
Notice is hereby given that I have this day sold my drug store to The Williams Drug Co. All outstanding accounts up to and including date of this notice are due and payable to me at the office of The Williams Drug Co. All accounts owing by me will be paid on presentation of bill at said office of The Williams Drug Co. 32-6 D. G. DOVE.

WANTED.

Representative in this vicinity, male or female. Those willing to hustle can earn from \$100 to \$125 monthly. Experience not necessary. Address Northwestern Specialty Co. 501, 502, 504 Board of Trade, Portland, Oregon.

Polk's Gazetteer.

A business directory of each city, town and village in Oregon and Washington, giving a descriptive sketch of each place, together with the location and shipping facilities and a classified directory of each business and profession. R. L. Polk & Co., Inc., Seattle.

Floyd and Herbert Dove, nephews of our townsman, D. G. Dove, who have been stopping in this neighborhood for a month or so, departed last week for Portland and the Sound cities.

Mrs. G. A. Wilcox and Miss Burton were visitors to Salem Saturday. Mrs. Wilcox went to see off her friends, Mr. and Mrs. Ingalls.