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## WILL OLD TOWN STAND FOR TAX

### SOME ARGUMENTS FOR MAYOR'S VETO OF MEASURE

#### North Independence is Asked to Pay Taxes for Municipal Improvements in Which She Will Be Denied Privilege of Sharing Same.

The Enterprise, in seeking to get the facts as to the present status of the sewer system proposition for Independence, has asked Mayor Jones for a statement of the matter. The Enterprise is doing this with the hope that no controversy will grow out of it, but that the people can have the facts as to the true standing of the matter at this time. The mayor has been kind enough to do this and the same is herewith given, which it is hoped will allow all people a thorough understanding of the matter.

Following is the mayor's interview: "Over four years ago, by a vote of three to one, the people of Independence voted for a gravity water system to be owned by the city. Through the efforts of Councilmen W. W. Percival, Joe Hubbard and Mayor Paddock, the city purchased valuable water rights, three and a half miles south of Independence, at an elevation of over two hundred feet above the city. But these men were unable to get an ordinance through the council for municipal ownership of this splendid proposition for the people of Independence and the matter is still sleeping. Later on the council entered into a contract with the Williamette valley company, in which the said company was to furnish water to the city for five years. The people know and the records show that this company has failed to live up to its agreement.

"Last December, during my absence from the city, at a citizen's meeting, I was nominated for mayor. When I returned I stated publicly, through the columns of the Enterprise, that I had not sought the office and if elected I would use all honorable means to establish a gravity water and sewerage system and that if the people did not want this, not to vote for me. Thereafter being elected without opposition, I took it that the people wanted a mountain gravity water system to be owned by the people and a good and sufficient sewerage system as advocated by me in the Enterprise.

"Therefore, at the first regular meeting of the council after taking the position of mayor, I introduced a resolution asking the council to pass an ordinance to bond the city for a gravity water system, also asking in said resolution that the city be bonded for the sum of \$8000 for a sewerage system, estimates being on file in the recorder's office with maps thereof showing that the water mains could be put in for \$8000 which estimates were made by order of the city council by M. Gessner, an engineer of Salem, Oregon.

"The part of this resolution relating to the water system was on motion stricken out, and the balance of the resolution, applying to the sewerage system, was passed and a committee was appointed to employ an attorney to draft an ordinance under the resolution.

"This committee, after a delay of several weeks brought in an ordinance proposing to bond the city for \$17,000 for the purpose of sewerage. The ordinance passed its first, second and third reading on the same night that it was introduced, not giving any notice to the people of the character of the ordinance until it was passed. I never saw the ordinance or a copy of it until it was presented to me for my signature.

"The plans and maps made by the engineer employed by the council and on file showed that only a portion of the city was to be sewerage which portion was to be fully sewerage and completed by the city by taxing all the property owners in the city and leaving out all of North Independence and a large amount of other property within the city limits. Yet these people are to be taxed under this or-

dinance for a sewerage system that does not run to their property. In other words one-fourth of the people are to be taxed for twenty years to pay for a sewerage for their neighbors in South Independence.

"This is certainly class legislation. North Independence is now taxed and is compelled to pay her portion of the expense does not get any benefit there-city's water bill. Yet North Independence, even being refused fire protection as provided for in said contract, although they have long ago petitioned the council for fire protection.

"I believe in the right of petition; I believe in equal and just representation as well as uniform taxation. I want a water and sewer system, but I want each and every property owner to pay for his sewerage and the water that he uses.

"My reasons for vetoing the ordinance, other than herein stated and contained in the veto, were:

"1st The ordinance does not recite the legislative act, granting the city of Independence its charter and the amendments thereto, which I considered necessary in order that the ordinance be legal and the bonds salable.

"2d The council had employed and paid Mr. Gessner, an engineer of Salem, Oregon, to survey and make estimates of the cost of putting in the main sewerage, the people to pay for their own laterals which said estimate, so filed in the recorder's office, was for \$8000, while the ordinance voted by me was for \$17,000, a sum \$9000 greater than Mr. Gessner's estimate.

"As to the legality of the ordinance this is a matter upon which attorneys might differ. The ordinance was drawn by a competent attorney of Dallas, but we do not think that the committee gave him all the facts in the case. The city charter had been amended by a vote of the people and changes had been made in the information of which the attorney did not possess.

"I have no personal interest in the water or sewerage question other than that of any other citizen and to carry out the wishes of the people and to see that every citizen gets a square deal whether he lives in (Continued on last page)

## GRAND SUCCESS SAYS PERCIVAL

W. W. Percival returned home from Corvallis last Tuesday morning from attendance at the first meet of the Corvallis Driving Club Association. It was a three days meet and he says the attendance was good with exception of the first day. The management spared no pains to cater to the racing game and that every event was pulled off as advertised, and that besides the regular events several special purses were hung up the last day of the meeting. All purses were paid in full and all horsemen who entered in the races were well pleased with the treatment accorded them by the association.

Mr. Percival was represented in two of the events and carried off first money in each. In speaking of the meet as a whole Mr. Percival says that taking into consideration that it was the first meet of the association it was decidedly successful and he predicts a bright future for the Corvallis association, of which J. N. McFadden is president and L. Baker is secretary.

He further states that all the horses in attendance at the Corvallis meet have arrived in this city and will take part in the races now being held in this city.

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## CITY FULL OF RACE HORSES

### GRAND STAND FILLED WITH PRETTY WOMEN

#### First Day of Independence Driving Club Meet Indicates That Races Will Be More Largely Attended Than Ever.—Many Fast Horses.

The Fourth Annual Meet of the Independence Driving Club opened yesterday afternoon with a fair attendance for the first day, and the indications are that it will be a success in every respect. With the exception of one harness race all the events will be started with full entries. Among the list of horses entered will be found some of the speediest that follow the Northwest circuit which extends from Butte, Montana, to Los Angeles, California.

Besides horses from the home stables of racers that have been entered, which comprise those of C. A. McLaughlin, R. Dickinson, W. Shinn, P. M. Kirkland and A. Byers will be found horses from the stables of G. F. Brown of Corvallis, F. W. Davis of Walla Walla, F. Heavener and W. W. Cardwell of Roseburg, A. T. Boynton of Los Angeles, H. G. Cox, Billy Smith, A. C. Lomire, G. R. Sawyer and S. W. Watts of Portland, Dr. E. G. Young and Perry Mauzey of Salem, G. A. Young and Peter Cook of Rickreall, J. J. Thurston of Suver, O. A. McElroy of Eugene, Joe Rose of Oakland, Oregon and L. Galbreath of Oakland, California.

The first race on the program this afternoon is a running event, 4 1/2 furlongs for a purse of \$100, the entries being Princess Viola, Kam Sack, Crigleigh, The Councilor, Little Nell, Lily Adams and Miss Condon.

The second race is one that is creating much interest among local horsemen, it being an event for Polk county horses only, 1/2 mile heats, 2 best in 3. Entries, Prince Falmont, Dan Sherlock, Sis Bender and Sally Young.

The third is a trotting race, 2:17 class, 2 in 3, for a purse of \$150. For this even entries are Blacksmith, Star Light, Coma, Red Skin and Velma.

The fourth is a three-fourth mile dash for a purse of \$150. The entries are Princess Viola, Kam Sack, Crigleigh, King Kore and Pacifica.

Saturday will be the last day of the meet and some of the best races on the program will be pulled off on that day. The first horses to be called to the post will be those entered in the five-eighths of a mile dash for a purse of \$100. Among the horses that will start in this event will be found Carl P., Princess Viola, Kam Sack, Crigleigh, The Councilor, Lily Adams and St. Salvia.

Velma, being the only horse entered in the trotting event in the 2:28 class, for which a purse of \$150 has been hung up, this race will probably be called off and some other event substituted in its stead.

In the pacing race, 2:15 class, 1/2 mile heat, 2 in 3, for a purse of \$150, three horses will start, as follows: Lew Miller, Zon Nort and Blue Jacket.

The last race on the program is a mile dash, the purse being \$150 and the entries being Kam Sack, Crigleigh, Axlebein, Little Nell and St. alvanSl.

Arrangements are being perfected for a foot race Saturday afternoon, between a sprinter from Roseburg and a homeboy, for a purse of \$100.

### HIT TELEPHONE POST

Tuesday evening, while on their return home from a pleasure trip to Monmouth, Maurice Butler and Roy DeArmond met with what might have been a serious accident but which terminated in the wrecking of the machine. Slight bruises was all that happened to the boys.

The accident occurred just outside the city limits, the night being dark. In attempting to avoid a bad place in the road the driver steered to one side, getting into a grassy spot. The

grass being wet the machine skidded, in such a manner that the hub of a back wheel came in contact with a telephone pole.

The machine was badly wrecked. The driver was badly shook up as stated above.

### Did Not Enter His Horses

Our fellow townsman, C. A. McLaughlin, came home from Corvallis last week sadder than a wet hen. He took a number of horses down there intending to enter them in the races which were held the last three days of the week under the auspices of the Corvallis Driving Club Association. From Mr. McLaughlin's version of the affair somebody tried to hand him a package that he didn't care to stand for. The trouble arose over the rules of the association governing weights, the conditions being such that if he entered his horses which are of light weight he would have to carry so much extra weight that he would have little chance to win over other horses entered.

He intimates "that of all the beings not equipped with long ears and double back kneed legs, those who had the management of the racing at Corvallis in hand were the babies."

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## DOINGS OF FRATERNAL UNION

Independence lodge of the Fraternal Union held a very interesting meeting, both from a lodge and social standpoint in their hall last Thursday evening, the occasion being the initiation of ten candidates, four of whom came from Monmouth and the remaining six from Independence. Besides a full attendance of the members of the lodge there were about forty-five visiting members from Albany and Monmouth lodges. The Monmouth party came over on a hay rack and those from Albany in a four horse trolley.

The home lodge was assisted in the work of initiation by the visitors. State Organizer, Charles Maples, was present and gave a very interesting talk on the benefits and advantages of the Union to its members. There were also short talks by the members from Albany and Monmouth lodges. Excellent music was furnished by the lodge orchestra and the ladies furnished an elegant lunch. Festivities came to a close about midnight. All present expressed themselves as having spent a very pleasant evening. The Union now has a membership of a hundred and twenty-five, having, since March 1st this year, taken in forty-two new members outside of Monmouth. A number of candidates will be initiated at the next meeting of the Union.

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