Independence Enterprise

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There are times when it is worth more to be a farmer than it is to be the ice man, and the present time is one of them, with high prices prevailing for about everything raised. He gets the traditional one dollar for wheat and 55 cents for oats is getting up among the airships. Eggs and butterfat are well up above the low water mark. If he has chickens, almost anything goes 10 to 15 cents a pound. Potatoes will make a millionaire of him if he has a good crop. Hay is higher than for years. In fruit good prices prevail. In fact there is hardly a thing that does not bring him substantial returns. Besides this the reports come from all sections of the valley that crops are generally good this year. All of this means a good deal of thoosing with something substantial to it.

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A Douglas county farmer, who has been spending a good deal of the world's goods on his favorite son in order that he might not be like his dad and have to go through the world without an education was accused by his hopeful, who ercently graduated from a college, thus: "Dad, I have long cherished the desire to go on the stage, and have at last decided, with your permission to —". About this time the old man, who had been rendered speechless, gained the power of articulation, interrupted his son as follows: "My boy, all the world's a stage. You hitch the mules to the big red plow and transfer the outfit to the ten-acre lot behind the barn where you can enact the star role in the beautiful little drama, entitled, 'down on the farm.'"

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About 200,000 people rushed into the Coeur d'Alene country after a chance in some government land. The average person will pay almost anything for a chance in something offering extra returns. The world is rushing along after chances in one way, while the plodder is the man who has the bank account. Of course, there are exceptions to the rule, but not many. The prospector, as a rule, is one all his life, gray of hair and hunting gold. It is chickens today and feathers tomorrow. A few have made while thousands have lost. In the parlance of the street it is a losing game.

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The commercial organizations of the various towns of the Willamette valley are flooding President Taft with invitations to stop a few minutes if not longer while on his tour of the Northwest. Now here is an opportunity for the commercial club of this city to get busy and join the procession by extending the hospitality of the city to the president and give him a chance to see our pretty girls and to kiss the babies. This will be possible now that it has been decided that the president is to have his own special train.

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According to a a recent decision handed down by the supreme court of Iowa, swearing over the telephone is permissible. Because of this ruling the Marcy Telephone Co. of Boone will have to reinstate the telephone of George Huffman. The company took it out because they said he "cussed" over the wire. The supreme court reached the conclusion that cussing is a relief for a man under business strain.

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The state of Washington has passed a law requiring superior judges to wear gowns. Now comes a Clarke county judge who prefers the plain American form of dress and who protests against the custom but who is advised by the attorney general that he must comply with the law. The judge, however, is to be congratulated upon his objection to frills and furbelows in connection with administration of justice.

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According to information sent from the seat of government at Washington at the close of the fiscal year, the government is twenty-five million dollars richer than it was, because it owes that much less than it was feared that it would. To a perfectly solvent government or individual, subtraction in debt is addition in wealth.

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If you are interested in the welfare of Independence be sure to attend all the meetings which are being held from time to time, the object of which is the promotion of the interests of the city and surrounding country.

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With 90c gas at Portland and $2 gas at Salem the citizens of the capital city naturally think that there is something wrong. And they are right.

During the past week wheat soared again, the gamblers having got busy and put another step on top of the ladder, and there have been numerous reports of big gains. The wheat gamble is one of the greatest games played, one that excites attention, because the product is close to the people.

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The Pendleton woolen mills will resume operations shortly after being closed down for a number of years. At one time those mills were famous for the Indian blankets turned out by them.

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Last Tuesday July 20., was Eugene day at the great Alaska-Yukon exposition and that city was well represented at the fair on that day. Eugene is ambitious if she is nothing else.

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"Business has been much better this year than last" is a familiar saying among the local merchants. It does not indicate that there is anything wrong with the city.

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Pay no attention to the wail of the pessimist. A pessimist is a man whose liver is ailing and therefore believes that all the world is feeling badly.

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In the good old hop-picking time the genus hobo is always with us, and then it behooves the householder to hide their valuables.

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Every town needs energetic, optimistic workers. Independence has them, though they are not always busy.

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LO, THE POOR EDITOR

The following definition of an editor, taken from one of our exchanges hits the nail on the head and is worthy of reproduction:

The editor of today has to get his nose down on the grindstone and keep it there sixteen hours per day and 365 days in the year or he falls by the wayside. There are men who quit work Saturday night and rest until Monday morning. They lay aside business cares at five or six o'clock every evening and do not resume them until seven or eight the next morning. Not so, your editor. He has no elegant leisure. He knows no hours, no Sundays, no nights. When he goes to a party, or to church, or on a pleasure trip, it is all in the line of duty. Withal, your editor is a cheerful, longsuffering soul, going about doing good in his humble way. He returns good for evil. He writes long puffs for church sociables, and in return therefor accepts a hunk of cake that would sink an ironclad. He notes the arrival of all the babies in the neighborhood and eternally perjures his soul in telling how pretty they are. He rejoices with the gay and mourns with those who are sad. He booms every enterprise which makes his community rich and goes about himself clothed in gunny sack coats and one suspender. He glories over the fortune of his neighbor, and meekly eats his own repast of boiled corn cobs and colored labels off tomato cans. He can write a sermon an account of a prize fight, a political speech, an obituary notice, poetry; split wood, pitch hay, wash dishes, preside at a camp meeting, curry horses, quote law or gospel or anything else at a moment's notice.

WOULD LAY OUT FRUIT TRACTS

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be one of the heavy stockholders of the company, and as he is very enthusiastic over Polk county as a fruit-raising section, he induced W. A. Albin, president of the company, to make a personal inspection of the soil and the climatic conditions of this section, with the result that Mr. Albin is now as enthusiastic as Mr. Simon himself, and he will use the best endeavors with the other members of the company to locate in our midst on the showing of proper encouragement in Independence.

This is a matter that every citizen of Independence and of Polk county, who are in the least possible manner interested in its growth and development, should lend their hearty support. It should be given every possible encouragement to help it along.

Within a short time after it has become generally known that such a project is being developed in Polk county attention will be attracted to us from all parts of the United States and it would not be many years before Polk county apples would be as famous as Hood River or Rogue River are now. Excursion trains would be running almost every day from Portland bringing prospective buyers among us and Independence would be on the map. Of course, we have our hop industry which no one can well sneeze at, but outside of the county the general opinion prevails that we can't raise anything else. Now is an opportunity and let us embrace it. Who will be the first man to start the ball rolling.

Some great bargains in men's hats at Conkey, Walker & Lehman's.

STATEMENT

of the Independence National Bank, of Independence, Polk county, state of Oregon, showing the amount standing to the credit of every depositor July 1, 1909, who has not made a deposit, or who has not withdrawn any part of his deposit, principal or interest for a period of more than seven (7) years immediately prior to said date with the name, last known place of residence or postoffice address of such depositor, and the fact of his death, if known.

J H Byerley, Independence, Oregon	$ 9 35
Levina Simpson, Independence, Oregon	80
W W Ireland, Monmouth, Oregon	1 80
Mrs A E Turner, Independence, Oregon	9
W. D. Elkins, Independence Oregon	6 00
G S Elder, Independence, Oregon,	81
H Smith, Independence, Oregon,	4 30
Barbara Sloper Est., Independence, Oregon,	4 00
Charles Phillips, Independence, Oregon,	1 63
J H Morris, Independence, Oregon	1 40
Carrie M Brown, Independence, Oregon	2 00
O C Beck, Independence, Oregon,	2 61
John F Lacey, Independence, Oregon	15 00
G A Wells Sr., Buena Vista, Oregon	7 50
Geo W Murphy, Buena Vista, Oregon	63
Gibson Burch & Fox, Buena Vista, Oregon	5 44
Wm Wells, Buena Vista, Oregon	23 00
Joshua McDaniel, Rickreall, Oregon	30 0
T P Cummins, Rickreall, Oregon	58
E L Gale & Co, Independence, Oregon	1 50
T C James,, Independence, Oregon	2 5
Hoskins Lumber Co, Independence, Oregon	2 81
Wm Faber, Portland, Oregon,..	68 70
H D Waller, Portland, Oregon,	3 84

State of Oregon, county of Polk,ss. I, C. W. Irvine, being first duly sworn, depose and say upon oath,that I an the cashier of the Independence National Bank of Independence, county of Polk, state of Oregon; that the foregoing statement is a full,true,correct and complete statement, showing the name, last known residence or postoffice address, fact of death, if known, and the amount to the credit of each depositor as required by the provisions of chapter 148, of the general laws of Oregon of 1907.

C. W. IRVINE.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of July, A. D., 1909.

B. WILSON,
Notary public for Oregon.

Dr. Allin, Dentist, Cooper Bldg. tf

THE HAWAIIAN BUILDING, A.-Y.-P. EXPOSITION, SEATTLE.

The building erected at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition for the exclusive use of the Hawaiian Islands, occupies a prominent position on the Court of Honor next the central government structure.

Hawaiia has prepared a more extensive and comprehensive exhibit of its marvelous resources than for any other world's fair. It will show all of its native fruits and vegetables; will offer an aquarium of live fish, and in various other ways interest the fair visitors. Fruits will be served by native girls and native orchestras and singers will be always on hand. A tank in the center of the structure will show the islands as they rest in the Pacific Ocean.

Upwards of $100,000 has been expended in assembling Hawaii's display.

Now comes the report from New York that Stephen Wise of that city, formerly of Portland, is after Mayor McClelland red hot. He wants the denizens of New York to recall the mayor who, he declares, has prostituted his high office and has been playing into the hands of rowdies and thugs.

A no-hat club is the latest fad in San Francisco. Bareheaded will be the rule. It is said to be a fine thing for head and health as well. Here is an oportunity for some Independence man to start something. Where is Mike?

Smoke Craven & Moore's special—5 and 6 for 25c.

For sale—A number of first class driving horses, weighing between 1000 and 1200. First-class roadsters. Enquire of I. W. Dickinson, at his livery barn on Main street. 8-10

New up-to-date caskets and coffins, burial robes, special line of trimmings for Catholics, G. A. R. and secret orders obtained from H. H. Jasperson. tf.