

## Independence Enterprise

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### WASTE OF OPPORTUNITY

At the National Apple Show at Spokane the world's prize of \$1200 was awarded to apples grown at Eagle Point. These apples were declared by the judges to be the finest apples grown in the world. The victory is the highest compliment attainable and carries with it the name of Rogue River which, through the competition and disbursement of the product on display will put that name into palaces, courts and salons of the world, since James J. Hill has instructed western agents to purchase at any price the apples to be presented to crowned heads of the old world. We cannot help experiencing a feeling of regret that through neglect Independence does not come in for a share of honors in these exhibits. With natural resources lavished upon this immediate section of the far famed Willamette valley in such a wonderful manner but which are allowed to go wasted, what patriotic resident can content himself to see them sacrificed. That the employment of our soil would yield fruit equal to that grown anywhere, there is no doubt. There is needed but a demonstration to prove it and create and awaken inclination and pride in the culture of commercial apples. It's a pity and a source of regret to every patriotic citizen that this matter is neglected. The excuse is unwarranted. There is no investment of thrift and pride in a community that neglects to embrace such an opportunity. Especially is it a matter of astonishment when it is remembered that the enhancement of the land would be five to ten fold. A bearing orchard of merchantable apples would command \$800 to \$1500 an acre.

Situated as Polk county is, with transportation facilities unequalled in any locality in Oregon, every possible excuse seems swept away. And yet there is not an orchard of merchantable apples in the county. For local consumption apples are shipped in to supply the demand. It need not end with the cultivation of apple orchards, for all other varieties of fruit are in equal demand in the local and Portland market.

Owners of real estate in Polk county are asking prices far in excess of what is justified by the income on present resources of their holdings. While their prices are lower than in most sections of the valley, they have failed to bring their land up to the higher rate of income that many other sections have.

Driving out up the beautiful valley of Rogue river south from Central Point to Medford, and on to Phoenix and Talent, there is a continuous stretch of orchards of hundreds and hundreds of acres of splendidly formed trees which are attended with such care that the observer marvels at their beauty. These acres and acres are indeed a sight to behold. Why not lay out such orchards in this county? Why not now? We have lost fifty years of opportunity.

### WHAT IS OUR EXCUSE?

One of the problems which the incoming mayor of Independence should select as a platform should be the paving of the five principal blocks of the business section of the city. The demand for this improvement is becoming urgent and a candidate who will favor such an expenditure should be chosen to run for the office of mayor of Independence. Some thought should be given to the matters of municipal improvements when the names of three councilmen to be elected along with a mayor are chosen and placed on the ballot.

The growth and spread of the business section of the city demands that these five business blocks be paved. Paving of these streets would lend more encouragement to investments here than any other one thing. It is intended to indicate the faith we hold for the future of the city. We are here to make our permanent homes. Many of us will run through a business career and shuffle off our mortal coil within these environs, and our trust in the eventual growth and development of the town is our abiding anchor. Let everything subservient to such growth be done to accomplish a bigger and busier city of Independence.

The peculiar and natural advantages in the situation of Independence is remarked by almost all visitors. Father Daly, of St. Mary's Cathedral in Portland, was most enthusiastic in his praise of the beauty of Independence on his visit here last week—everything but the streets. One particular question as to whether there was a city ordinance compelling all residence buildings of the town to be painted white carried with

it a feeling of pride for our city to all who listened to the father.

The beautiful residences of Independence have an air of prosperity about them and reflect civic pride. With the paving of these five blocks Independence will accomplish for herself the beginning of unprecedented prosperity and growth. Every day there is some one here who is looking for investment. They go away because there is not the appearance of prosperity in the business section that there is in the residence section of the city.

The administration of a new set of city officials, which it is earnestly hoped will work in harmony, will meet and treat this call for civic improvements. One firm with a large frontage on Main street has signified its intention to work for paved streets for these five blocks. Others are thinking seriously on the matter. Once the work is done it becomes a pride to every resident and in his visits about the state he will invariably grow enthused in praise for his town and its splendid streets and concrete walks.

Let's have a new deal. Let's have harmony and let's have paved streets.

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Willard A. Sloper, Charles O. Sloper and W. H. Cackle, executors of the estate of Viola Sloper, deceased. N. L. Butler, attorney. 26-30



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Dallas 8:40 a. m.

Train No 66 leaves Independence daily  
10:50 a. m.; leaves Monmouth, 11:05 a. m.;  
arrives Dallas, 11:30 a. m.

Train No 70 leaves Independence daily 8:15  
p. m.; leaves Monmouth 8:30 p. m.; arrives Dal-  
las 8:55 p. m.

#### FROM INDEPENDENCE FOR AIRLIE

Train No 61 leaves Independence daily 7:00  
a. m.; leaves Monmouth 7:15 a. m.; arrives  
Airlie 7:50 a. m.

Train No. 73 leaves Independence daily at  
2:30 p. m.; leaves Monmouth daily at 2:30 p.  
m.; arrives at Airlie at 2:30 p. m.

#### FROM DALLAS FOR INDEPENDENCE

Train No 65 leaves Dallas daily 8:00 a. m.;  
leaves Monmouth 8:55 a. m.; arrives Independ-  
ence 9:15 a. m.

Train No 63 leaves Dallas daily 12:45 p. m.;  
leaves Monmouth 1:10 p. m.; arrives Independ-  
ence 1:25 p. m. (This train connects at Mon-  
mouth for Airlie)

Train No 71 leaves Dallas daily 7:50 p. m.;  
leaves Monmouth 8:15 p. m.; arrives Independ-  
ence 8:25 p. m.

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leaves Monmouth 8:15 a. m.; arrives Independ-  
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