

**Independence Enterprise**  
 CHARLES EDWARD HICKS  
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**A TOWN'S OBLIGATION.**

The proprietor of a certain grocery of Independence refused this week to patronize the job office of the Enterprise. His stationery needs are letter heads and statements, and he will go hence from Independence to buy them, because he can get them printed for less. He says he can buy them for less than \$7.25. That is the price quoted by our solicitor and which is the price set by the Franklin Association of Portland and the DeVine Association of Salem. It is remarked that the Franklin and DeVine associations are organized by a number of merchants who have agreed with printers on prices which are equitable and just in face of all competition. This groceryman positively declined to patronize this office on the assertion that he can buy cheaper elsewhere. It might be remarked that this same groceryman has not patronized this publication to the amount of \$5 in either advertising or commercial printing for his institution in our history of the town. We would like to inquire, is this justice to an institution of publicity which is established here with the expectation of receiving the patronage of every business and professional man of the city and every farmer of the community? Is it just that he should leave the burden of providing a public necessity to a small coterie of public spirited men? Is it right that such sorely needed printing as he may have to give out should be sent away because we refuse to furnish it at a lower price than that which carries a mere margin of profit? Is it right that, when we are employing in the production of this paper, a member of our family who is more needed at home, he should spur his duty to a public enterprise that without question would return him a profit on an investment in its publicity—an enterprise without which in the town he would be one of the first to complain?

We say it without apology; it is mean treatment. It is such selfishness and narrow business methods that have forced the publisher of the Enterprise to seek patronage of merchants in Salem that the town of Independence may survive a creditable newspaper.

This treatment comes at a time when a few faithful business men are making overtures to us looking to a settlement of business that will enable us to discontinue all outside advertising of competing firms. So encouraging is the outlook that it is hoped that beginning with the first of the year such arrangements can be made.

The Enterprise has a right to expect a liberal patronage from firms and professional men of the city; the more right because there is no overburdening of the firms with the one paper which you have. Not satisfied with the conditions as they exist, with the lean patronage accorded the Enterprise, one prominent business man has made overtures to a publisher at Silverton with the hope of having another newspaper established here.

No other town the size of Independence in the state of Oregon can boast of anything like the plant of the Enterprise. No other town of our population in the state boasts of an eight page, all home print and home news such as you have here. It is complimented far and wide. Letters are on file from publishers in many parts of the state attesting this. And yet some are not satisfied.

No publisher has ever attempted more for Independence and none, perhaps, has accomplished more. The fine brick built this year by Mr. Campbell was through the influence of the commercial club which grew out of the efforts of the publisher of this paper. The cannery, which will eventually be a success and pride to every resident of Independence, was brought out by this paper. The ladies' auxiliary, which was an outgrowth of the commercial club, and which established the free library and rest room—a worthy establishment, be it said,—was no less creditable an achievement. Many other minor matters have been attempted, and though many failed, it was due to lack of public spirit in a few who lend little support to any patriotic enterprise. It is in a sense embarrassing to recount these public moves in which the Enterprise has spent a good deal of money but it is said in the hope that all will rally to the support of a paper for Independence and working for the accrue of the trade which belongs to the institutions of the town.

Regarding the rates for advertising space it is just to remark that no other paper could exist on charges

which are made by the Enterprise. Think of it! Eight cents an inch for a contract of 2000 inches. Sit down and write to other papers of the state and compare prices. 1910 rate card quotes 11 cents for 200 inches. 12 1/2 cents is an almost universal price of space in country weeklies. Our prices are an innovation. Our expenses are reduced to the minimum and you are the one who is to receive most benefit.

We solicit your undivided support for the year 1910 and we sincerely hope you will promptly assure us of it that the Enterprise may be published for you. Our work during the next year will be for our patrons and everything possible will be done to turn the trade to them. We shall cherish no ill feeling for any one, but our duty to our patrons will be our first and only consideration. Our business shall be one of reciprocity.

A man who produces an article and delivers it for cost is foolish but a man who will ask it of you is a Jew. Do you parley with the grocer over his prices? What does the grocer think of a man who tries to Jew him down on his prices. Our prices are as staple as those on groceries. There is a cost of stock and a cost of production to cut into which is robbery of our family. Do not imagine you are dealing with a thief when you deal with a publisher or printer. Stealing is beneath his dignity and the chrome which accompanies the wholesalers' shipments is a bill in which is printed a hand with the inscription "Please pay." This is intended to remind us that our account is already overdrawn at the bank.

**Old Wheat Flour**  
 Everyone knows that old wheat flour is superior to flour made from new wheat. Remember that all our brands of flour are made from old wheat, we having reserved enough to last us until the first of the year. Be sure and ask your grocer for our brands of flour made from old wheat and take no other.—Oregon Milling and Warehouse Co. 1847

**Notice of Stockholders' Meeting.**  
 Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Independence & Monmouth Railway Company will be held at the Independence National Bank in Independence, Oregon, on the 31 day of December, 1909, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of electing officers for said company for the ensuing year and for the transaction of other business that may properly come before said meeting.  
 D. W. Sears, Secretary.  
 Dated November 18, 1909. 25-31

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS.**  
 Notice is hereby given by the undersigned administratrix of the estate of James T. McClain, deceased, to the creditors and all persons having claims against the said estate, to exhibit them, with the necessary vouchers, within six months after the first publication of this notice to the said administratrix at her residence at Silver, Polk county, Oregon, the same being the place for the transaction of the business of said estate.  
 Margaret E. McClain, Administratrix.  
 B. F. Jones, attorney. 27-31

**INDEPENDENCE AND MONMOUTH RAILWAY**

**TIME TABLE**

**From Independence to Dallas**  
 Train No. 64 leaves Independence daily 6:00 a. m. and Monmouth at 6:15 a. m. and arrives at Dallas at 6:40 a. m.  
 Train No. 68 leaves Independence daily at 10:50 a. m. and Monmouth at 11:05 a. m. and arrives at Dallas at 11:30 a. m.  
 Train No. 70 leaves Independence daily at 6:15 p. m. and Monmouth at 6:30 p. m. and arrives at Dallas at 6:55 p. m.

**From Independence for Airline**  
 Train No. 61 leaves Independence daily at 7:00 a. m. and Monmouth at 7:15 a. m. and arrives at Airline at 7:50 a. m.  
 Train No. 73 leaves Independence daily at 2:30 p. m. and Monmouth at 2:50 p. m. and arrives at Airline at 3:25 p. m.

**From Dallas for Independence.**  
 Train No. 65 leaves Dallas daily at 8:30 a. m. and Monmouth at 8:55 a. m. and arrives at Independence at 9:15 a. m.  
 Train No. 69 leaves Dallas daily at 1:00 p. m. and Monmouth at 1:25 p. m. and arrives at Independence at 1:40 p. m. (This train connects at Monmouth for Airline.)  
 Train No. 71 leaves Dallas daily at 8:00 p. m. and Monmouth at 8:25 p. m. and arrives at Independence at 8:40 p. m.

**From Airline for Independence**  
 Train No. 62 leaves Airline daily at 8:15 p. m. and Monmouth at 8:50 a. m. 9:10 a. m.  
 Train No. 72 leaves Airline daily at 4:05 p. m. and Monmouth at 4:40 p. m. and arrives at Independence at 4:50 p. m.

**PROFESSIONAL CARDS**

**DRS. RUSSELL & MATTHIS**  
 PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS  
 Office Postoffice Building  
 MONMOUTH, OREGON

Both phones. Calls answered promptly day and night.

**W. R. ALLIN, D. D. S.**  
 DENTIST

Both phones. Cooper Bldg. Independence, Oregon.

**LAURA PRICE, M. D.**  
 Monmouth, Oregon

Specialty Diseases of Women  
 Bell Telephone Main 193

**L. L. HEWITT, M. D.**  
 PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON

Office in Cooper building, room 2 and 3. Office hours, 9 a. m. to 12 m. and 2 to 6 p. m. Calls answered night and day.

**DR. DAVID D. YOUNG**  
 OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIAN

Office hours: 9 to 12 and 1:30 to 5. Office in Campbell building, room 2. Phones, Home 4910, Bell 243. Independence, Oregon.  
 In Dallas Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

**THE ELDRIDGE**  
 C. E. VanAllen, Prop.

Large sunny rooms, en suite or single. Electric lights, bath and piano. European Plan  
 228 N. Commercial st., Salem, Ore.

**LAUNCH INDEPENDENCE**

Plays between Independence and Salem daily except Sunday. Passenger and freight business solicited.  
 Leave Independence .. 9:30 a. m.  
 Leave Salem .. 3:15 p. m.  
**SKINNER BROS. SKIPPERS**

**Electric Bitters**  
 Succeed when everything else fails. In nervous prostration and female weakness they are the supreme remedy, as thousands have testified.  
**FOR KIDNEY, LIVER AND STOMACH TROUBLE**  
 It is the best medicine ever sold over a druggist's counter.

**Painless Dentistry**  
 Out of town people can have their plate and bridge work finished in one day if necessary.  
 We will give you a good 22k gold or porcelain crown for \$3.50  
 Molar Crowns 5.00  
 22k Bridge Teeth 3.50  
 Gold Fillings 1.00  
 Enamel Fillings 1.00  
 Silver Fillings .50  
 Inlay Fillings 2.50  
 Good Rubber Plates 5.00  
 Best Red Rubber Plates 7.50  
 Painless Extr. 50

**Wise Dental Co.**  
 INCORPORATED  
 FALLING BUILDING, PORTLAND, OREGON  
 Third & Wash. Sts. OFFICE HOURS: 8 A. M. to 8 P. M. Sundays, 9 to 1.

**"Olympic Flour"**  
 is an aid to rather than a test of your ability."  
 —Mother.

If you don't get the baking results you should try a sack of Olympic—it always makes good things to eat.  
 It's "better than ever."

**AT YOUR GROCER'S**  
 PORTLAND FLOURING MILLS CO., PORTLAND, OREGON

**Rug Special for CHRISTMAS**

We have through a special purchase secured 200 of the choicest rugs ever seen on the market in Salem. They come in Axminster, Wilton velvet, body Brussels, tapestry Brussels, in all the most charming artistic designs and coloring and in all sizes. These rugs having been delayed in shipment, coming in too late for the early fall trade, we have decided not to carry them over to the spring trade; they are therefore offered at a bargain price.

Come in and inspect them; the prices will suit you.

**L. U. Josse**  
 COURT STREET, SALEM, OREGON

Dr. Duganue, Dentist, over Independence National Bank. Bell phone 121; Independent, 4410. tr

**Marlin**  
 12 Gauge Repeating Shotgun

The 12 gauge Marlin repeater is a gun of perfect proportions, and has one-third less parts than any other repeater. It handles quickly, works smoothly and shoots close and hard.

The Marlin solid top prevents powder and gases blowing back; the side ejection of shells allows instant repeat shots; the closed-in breechbolt keeps out all rain, snow and sleet, and the dirt, leaves, twigs and sand that clog up other repeaters.

All 12-gauge Marlin repeaters have double extractors that pull any shell, and the automatic recoil hangers safety lock makes them the safest breech-loading guns built.

The SIGN OF THE MARLIN  
 Marlin 12 gauge repeaters in three distinct models, many grades and styles, fully described in our 136-page catalog. Free for 3 stamps postage.

**The Marlin Firearms Co.,**  
 42 Willow Street, NEW HAVEN, CONN.

**Christmas Shoppers**

Do well to buy from us; our stock is complete. We can help you to make your selection.

**HAND BAGS**—the best that money can buy. Genuine Seal, Alligator, etc. New designs. Prices from \$1.00 to \$25.00 each

**BOOKS**—in late fiction and fancy gift books. Very cheap. Books for boys and girls; all kinds of new juvenile books.

**PICTURES**—our new ones have arrived and you should make your selection early. Framed and unframed. A fine line of Oval Frames shown in gold and in black.

**CROKINOLE BOARDS** have been added to our lines and you can now get one of the best games of the season at our store. This is the style on which over 80 games can be played. Prices with the necessary Rings, Cues, etc., range from \$2.50 to \$7.00. Our price on WHITE HOUSE COOK BOOKS is now \$1.00. WATERMAN'S FOUNTAIN PENS always make a good gift; we have them.

**BIBLES**—a complete line, including Teachers' Editions, Text Editions, Testaments, Psalms and Books of Prayer.

**CALENDARS**—in beautiful Water Colors, Sepias and Prints; just the thing for a little remembrance. Prices from 15c to \$3.00.

**CHRISTMAS STATIONERY**—a big assortment of Holiday boxes in beautiful designs; all prices. This includes Crane's best Linen Paper.

**The Commercial Book Store**  
 163 Commercial St., SALEM, ORE.

**Perfection of Detail**

Our Superior Steel Ranges embody best construction and features in these popular style ranges. Attractively nickled, malleable iron, joined with cold driven rivets are some of the features of this fine range. It is not an ordinary range. It is not bolted together so that in a short time the bolts work loose, the putty drops out and "air leaks" come in, causing waste of fuel and slow baking. The Superior Steel range is perfection in every construction detail.

**Bridge & Beach Superior**

These heaters give you satisfaction. They warm the apartments better than any other stove, because they are made to throw out the heat. You know that with some heaters you are freezing when the stove is red hot. Those are not the SUPERIOR—they are wood eaters.

**IT IS EASY**

to fix up your house with our line of builder's materials. Save contractors' prices by coming direct to us for them.

**HANNA BROS.**