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INDEPENDENCE ENTERPRISE

SIXTEENTH YEAR

INDEPENDENCE, OREGON, FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 1910.

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SCHOOL BOARD FACES DILEMMA

TOWN HAS OUTGROWN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION

School District Must Acquire Additional Grounds Before Annex to School House Can Be Made—Would Condemn Streets for Purpose.

At the meeting of the school board Monday, in the office of Dr. E. L. Ketchum, the resignation of B. F. Jones as school director was accepted. The resignation of Mr. Jones came on account of his removal from Independence. He was the eldest member of the board at the time of his resignation. A call has been made for a special meeting of the voters of the district, which has been announced by the district clerk for Friday, January 21. The object of the meeting is to elect a director to fill out the unexpired term of Mr. Jones' vacancy.

The school board has finished the enumeration of the district and it is found that we have in the district 453 children of school age. The census of last year was 396. There is a gain of fifty-seven pupils during the year.

A tax levy of five mills has been made by the school board to be devoted to current and incidental expenses of the year. It is thought by the directors that they will be enabled to pay \$2000 on the district's indebtedness with the remainder from this levy after current and incidental expenses are deducted. The indebtedness of the district is \$13,000. This will be the first payment made on the debt of the district in three years. The last payment was made in 1906 when a tax levy of ten mills was made. At the time of the ten-mill levy there was a valuation of \$500,000 of property in the district. The value of the property of the district is now \$906,380. It will be seen that the levy of five mills of this year is little short of that of ten mills three years ago. It also shows a very creditable increase of property interests in the district.

The success of the schools of Independence is very much hampered on account of the crowded condition of a couple of the lower grade rooms. On account of the crowded condition of first and second grades, pupils cannot receive the individual attention that they should. The second grade has fifty-six pupils and the first grade has forty-six. It is a well-known fact that a teacher cannot do justice to a room of over forty pupils. The problem of ventilation is one that enters largely into consideration when rooms are overcrowded.

This is the situation which confronts the board of directors at this time. The building of an annex to the school building offers a solution to the problem and would also make the addition of the 11th and 12th grades possible. These are now being added, however, under strenuous conditions. To build the annex more grounds must be secured and there is none available except by condemning public thoroughfares to school purposes. The appropriation of the adjacent streets on the east and west side of the school building would solve the problem. This plan was adopted at Corvallis when the population of the district increased to such an extent that the school building was inadequate to meet the occasion. The situation is one that must be met. It is a hindrance to the coming to Independence of homebuilders. Already the district is practically unable to handle the pupils and some plan must be devised to meet the emergency. The special meeting, which is called for Friday, January 21, may have to deal with the subject and it is hoped by the board that the attendance will be represent-

tative on that night. It is not likely that definite arrangements will be made on that night since nothing can be done more than that advertised in the call, but the matter can be discussed which is essential to actual relief measures.

Tuition fees to the amount of \$160 have been collected this year. It is the largest amount of money collected for tuitions in the history of the district.

Hard Fought Game

Independence and Newport had a lively and hard-fought game of football at the latter place January 2. The activity of the game was accentuated by reason of a frozen field and "spectacular" plays were numerous from the same cause. The score was 11 to 0 in favor of Independence. Among the latter's players were Wallace and Huntley, O. A. C.'s first team men of the past season, and Floyd Williams, a former star athlete and football player of the college.—Benton County Republican.

A Wild Blizzard Raging

brings danger, suffering—often death—to thousands, who take colds, coughs and lagrippe—that terror o winter and spring. Its danger signals are "stuffed up" nostrils, lower part of nose sore, chills and fever, pain in back of head, and a throat-gripping cough. When Grip attacks, as you value your life. Don't delay getting Dr. King's New Discovery. "One bottle cured me," writes A. L. Dunn, of Pine Valley, Miss., "after being 'laid up' three weeks with Grip." For sore lungs, Hemorrhages, Coughs, Colds, Whooping Cough, Bronchitis, Asthma, it's supreme. 50c, \$1.00. Guaranteed by all druggists.

Announcement

John H. McNary and Charles L. McNary announce that on and after February 1, 1910, they will remove from their present quarters and establish their law office at rooms 305, 306, 307 and 308 United States Bank Building, at the corner of State and Commercial streets, Salem, Oregon. 335

To have Dr. Lowe show you the new seamless glasses for both far and near vision does not obligate you to purchase. Call at the hotel parlor Friday, January 21—one day only.

Compound Red Spruce and White Pine Cough Medicine is a combination recommended by the medical profession as an expectorant of rare value, especially in cases of chronic bronchitis and ordinary coughs and colds. Williams Drug Co. 241

ONE OF HIS NUMEROUS CHARACTERISTIC POSES.



REV. GEO. W. TAYLOR

ISSUES HIS ANNUAL MESSAGE

MANY GOOD RECOMMENDATIONS TO CITY COUNCIL.

Deals with Financial Affairs of City of Independence and Public Works Proposed for Year of 1910—Recommends Revision of Ordinances.

To the Common Council of the City of Independence, Gentlemen:

Chapter V of the charter of Independence provides that the mayor of the city shall "on the first Monday in January of each year, communicate to the council by message a general statement of the condition of the affairs of the city with such recommendations as he may deem proper." As this action is made obligatory it becomes my duty as well as privilege to submit for your consideration the following:

The total income for the city of Independence, as taken from the books of the treasurer, for the year 1909 was \$4497.74, divided as follows:

7-Mill city tax on \$406,391.43,	\$2844.74
Dray licenses	82.00
Ferry account	450.00
Near bear licenses	750.00
Skating rink	15.00
Star Theater	30.00
Black Tent	54.00
Traveling shows	24.00
Peddlers' licenses	7.25
Merry-Go-Round	18.00
Shooting Gallery	16.00
Pound fees	14.00
House rent	10.00
Dog tax	51.00
Fines	120.00
Pool rooms	7.00
Miscellaneous	5.25
Total receipts 1909	\$4497.74

The expenditures for 1909, as taken from books of recorder were:

Warrants Issued.	
City Attorney	\$ 35.00
City election	12.00
Police	707.35
Ferry Account	254.50
Lights and water	1238.19
Streets and sidewalks	438.35
Recorder's Fees	146.65
Lumber	113.59
Fire department	35.75
City Hall	184.62
Labor	198.25
Printing	40.95
Krebs case	57.08
Recording deeds	2.75
Surveying instruments	98.65
Donation fire department	25.00
Donation Library Association	100.00
Health Officer	24.70
Refund Star Theater	6.00
Sewer plans, etc.	42.00
Hardware	32.50
City Treasurer	40.50

Paid Without Warrant	
Interest bonds of city	128.00
Interest warrants	12.51
Total expenditures	\$4004.80

The balance of receipts over expenditures is \$492.94 while the actual balance in hands of treasurer is \$371.06. The difference is accounted for by the treasurer having paid warrants issued in 1908 out of funds received in 1909.

The bonded indebtedness of the city is \$3200.00 drawing four per cent interest. For the year 1910 you will have available for use the balance in the treasury, \$371.06, and the sum from taxes obtained by a six-mill city levy upon \$512,960.00, which will give \$3083.76, and such other amounts as may be received from uncertain sources of revenue.

The fixed expenditures for the year 1910 as estimated from those of 1909 are approximately \$2500.00, not including any repairs or improvements of any kind, and as there was expended during the year just closed, for street improvements alone approximately \$700.00, it will appear that with same sum used for similar purposes your fixed expenditures for 1910 will closely approximate your fixed revenues, so that incidental expend-

itures must be closely approximated upon incidental revenues if expenditures are to be kept within the yearly income which should be done.

An inspection of the books of the City Treasurer and of the City Recorder show the same to be kept in a neat and orderly manner, which I desire to commend, but I desire to recommend a slight change in the keeping of the accounts of the city. I would have all money paid into the hands of the recorder and receipted for by him, the receipts between council meetings to be reported by him at each council meeting and the same entered in the city records; the recorder to keep a book of receipts as well as expenditures; all moneys to be turned over to treasurer by him and treasurer's receipt taken for same—all expenditures to be made by warrant. In this way the council may be advised at all times as to the financial condition of the city and the recorder's books and those of the treasurer will serve as a double check upon all transactions.

The past council adopted the method of laying down cement cross walks between cement walks. I desire to recommend that this method be continued and be extended just as fast as possible.

That the laws of the city may be efficiently enforced it is essential that the officers to whom this duty is intrusted shall have accurate knowledge of these laws. That this knowledge may be attained the laws should be arranged so that they may be easily consulted. The present arrangement of the laws of this city is such that it is most difficult to ascertain just what the law is in many matters of vital concern to the welfare of the city.

I would recommend that the laws of the city be thoroughly revised and codified; that the loose leaf style of

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UNION REVIVALS CONTINUE WORK

117 HAD COME FORWARD UP TO TUESDAY.

An Attractive Feature of the Meeting is the Choir Work and Solos of Professor F. F. Leonard, and Supporting Instrumental Music.

The spirit of religious interest in the revivals is spreading daily in the hearts of the people of Independence and vicinity. Wagon loads of people are coming from Monmouth and efforts are being made to provide a special train from that city to accommodate those who are taking an interest in the meetings there. The meetings have started the people thinking of their past lives and their standing before God as they have not thought for years. Large crowds are being attracted to the auditorium night after night to hear the earnest, fearless eloquence of the gospel messenger, Rev. George Taylor.

The choir has been growing nightly and the volume of song and sweetness of tone are one of the very attractive features of the meeting. Mr. Leonard is contemplating putting on a service of song later called the "Pink Rose Service," written by Mrs. Whitmore. It is set to music by Tullard & Meredith of Philadelphia. The story is told of how Della, the bluebird of Mulberry Bend, was saved by a pink rose. Mr. Leonard is pressing into service every singer of Independence and he has issued an ear-

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FRAKE'S

Grand Opening of Beauty Parlors

A noted beauty specialist from the East, has been imported at great expense to assume charge of this department, conduct manicuring parlors and handle a complete line of toilet articles and hair goods. The complete manicuring parlor equipment from the Portland store has been brought to Salem for the use of this modern store.

Hair Goods Emporium

A large balcony has been erected in the store to be used exclusively for beauty parlors and the most complete line of hair goods ever shown in the Willamette valley. An expert has assumed her duties here. She is the only specialist of the kind in Salem. You are invited to call and inspect our new department, meet the beauty specialist, and tell us what you think of the innovation.

Miss M. D. Evans MANAGER

279 Commercial St. SALEM, OR.