

INDEPENDENCE ENTERPRISE

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MUST FACE SITUATION

It is unlikely that the gravity of the situation which confronts the school board of this city, on account of the crowded conditions of most of the grades, is appreciated by any number of the residents of Independence. The first and second grades are crowded beyond all possibility of good government, proper ventilation of the room and efficient instruction

on the part of the teachers. The school board reports that there are fifty-six pupils in the first grade. Divided equally there are enough for two teachers and two rooms. The worst of the situation is that there are no grounds adjacent to the school building upon which to build an annex. The only solution which offers itself to the board is the proposition of condemning the streets on either side of the school house for play grounds. This would give room for the annex and would solve the problem of the eleventh and twelfth grades which are desired for the schools of Independence. It is generally hoped that the matter will come up for consideration at a special meeting in the near future. There is no time to waste. The increase in the enumeration of school children for the district is growing rapidly—at the rate of five a month. It is up to the school board to meet the situation and they are stalled. Something must be done by the district. Independence is growing and the city must prepare for the increasing enumeration in her school census. To begin now with the construction of the annex is none too soon if we would take care of the increased number of school children a year hence. At the present rate of increase Independence will have 450 pupils next year. Divided equally there would be forty-five to the room. As the larger number go to the lower grades it will be seen that that they cannot be accommodated here next year. Even in the construction of an annex the district can find but temporary easement. In the course of six or eight years another situation similar to this will occur. INDEPENDENCE IS GROWING. The Independence of today is not the one of tomorrow. We must regulate our public affairs to fit the conditions of tomorrow as well as today.

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SHOULD GET POSTED

The passage of a recent law by the federal department making it a penalty to draw a check for less than \$1, we consider a gross injustice, and a serious hamper to the business interests of the country. A business man is now compelled to, if he wants something that comes to less than that amount, chase around to a postoffice and get a money order, trot out and get stamps or run the risk of losing the money if sent in the envelope. It looks to us like a scheme to boost the money order department of the post office and is a rank injustice to all.—Dallas Itemizer.

Dallas Itemizer should get posted before circulating a report of this kind. There will be a number of his readers who may be led to believe the statement through reading it in print, even if it is published in the Itemizer. There is not a word of truth in the statement and the Enterprise is willing to forfeit an inch of advertising space that it is not true. No, dear reader, the Enterprise will accept any size check you are willing to give us on subscription and we will take the chances that Mr. Hirschberg will honor it. So don't wait for your delinquencies to grow to the dimensions of a dollar.

CANNED EDITORIAL

When Editors become so indolent that they are reduced to publishing "canned editorial" it carries the impression that they are ready for cremation. This office is surprised to observe from the exchanges that come to this office the number of papers using such matter. The evidence of it is in the number of publications which are running the same matter each week. Editors who read the exchanges which come to their office from over the state cannot help feeling the degradation to the fraternity of the state in the adoption of "canned editorial."

PLAN OF REDEMPTION

Wonder if it is a case of somnolence or nicotine, this new state proposition? Perhaps it's just a test of our initiative plan—to give the voters of Oregon something for their money. Surely it's not the demand

of a long felt want. With the heavy burden of taxation which many of the towns of Southern Oregon are assuming it would appear that they are tax mad, to be talking of a new state with all its burden of expense. It is just barely possible that Southern Oregon has taken fright at the political situation in the state and are starting out to form a model political division such as the simple regime of old in Oregon. If we could all get in the band wagon and ride out we could possibly escape all the trials and tribulations of the isms of our politics, together with the results. Now don't get in a hurry for we may all decide to go with you.

An exchange, in speaking of the Christmas edition of the Condon Times has to say that "the town that can make it possible for such liberal advertising must be a good business point" and the Times hastens to remark in truth that "this only emphasizes the fact that a town is judged in a great measure by its newspaper and the support it gets" from its home merchants.

It is reported by the Albany Democrat that Rev. E. L. Jones of Portland has bought the Albany Herald from W. A. Shewman. Rev. Mr. Jones is a former resident of the Hub City and the Democrat recommends him in the following words: "He is an able young man of clean character, twice the champion orator of Oregon."

A six mills levy has been made by Dallas for Municipal purposes. 2 1/2 mills will be devoted to the general fund, 3 mills to street fund and 1/2 mill to library fund.

The way to boost the town is to boost the newspaper. Prosperity of the town can be and is judged largely by the paper.

INTENSIVE FARMING.

More than twelve thousand southern boys less than eighteen years old planted and cultivated an acre of corn each last year, under the direction of the Department of Agriculture. Persons interested in the experiment in Arkansas, Mississippi, South Carolina and Virginia offered to pay the expenses of a trip to Washington for the boy in each state who raised the greatest amount of corn on his acre. The winning boys will soon visit the national capital. The average yield of corn to the acre in 1909 was a little more than twenty-five bushels. The South Carolina boy, who made the best record, produced one hundred and fifty-two and a half bushels. The winning Mississippi boy raised one hundred and forty-seven bushels; the Arkansas boy one hundred and thirty-five, and the boy in Virginia one hundred and twenty-two. The average raised by each of the twelve thousand was sixty bushels.

The instruction given to those boys by the Department of Agriculture are available to every farmer in the country. If they should be followed exactly, the yield of corn to the acre could easily be doubled in a single year.

Intensive cultivation is worth while on all crops. The average yield of potatoes to the acre in 1909 was one hundred and seven bushels, but the Maine farmers averaged two hundred and twenty-five bushels, and some of the most progressive of them dug four hundred bushels to the acre. The yield of corn and potatoes depends more upon cultivation and fertilization than upon soil, and there is practically no part of the United States in which these crops cannot be raised successfully.

It is beyond doubt that larger crops can be produced from ten acres thoroughly tilled than from two or even three times ten acres cultivated as they usually are. The fact that the

South Carolina prize-winner raised more corn on one acre than the average farmer produces from six till a story that should not be lost upon those for whose benefit the experiment was made.—The Youth's Companion.

Card of Thanks.
Relatives of the late Mrs. Emily Christian desire through the Independence Enterprise to thank the many friends and neighbors for assistance and sympathy extended during the illness and death and at the funeral services of the late Mrs. Christian.

One man from Polk county is on the jury which is trying Binger Hermann, Mr. Thompson of the Gail Hotel, Dallas.

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