

INDEPENDENCE ENTERPRISE

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COUNTRY PUBLISHERS FAVORED

During the last month or more the Independence Enterprise has been doing everything possible to get favorable report from the committee room in congress of the Tou Velle and Nelson bills. These bills are drawn with a view of having the government abandon the printing of government envelopes with return addresses. No less than fifty letters have been written by the publisher of the Enterprise to representatives and senators asking for their support of these bills. The first of these letters undertook to show why the government should not enter into a field so largely occupied by private institutions deserving of government foster of which the following is one:

"Inasmuch as the success of the country publisher, as well as many other institutions, depends upon the support which may be lent by all organizations I am writing this letter to you asking that you will use your influence in behalf of the bills now pending before congress prohibiting the printing of special-request government envelopes. You will understand that this matter affects the country publisher in no small way. There is scarcely a publishing house in any of the smaller villages of the United States which does not depend, more or less, for its support upon its commercial printing establishment run in connection with the newspaper. You will agree with me that these country institutions are not overly well cared for. The profession of country publishers is the most ill provided for of any of the business professions, notwithstanding it is, perhaps, of more vital importance to the stability of good government than any other privately organized institution. The people of the United States are more deeply indebted for the moral and financial welfare of the land to the country publishers than to any other institution.

"The favorable consideration of the Tou Velle and Nelson bills will provide the benefit which we as publishers are asking of you. May I ask your earnest interest in behalf of this proposed legislation favoring country publishers?"

This letter met with prompt response from all representatives in Congress and the Enterprise now has assurance of the favorable report of the bills from committee. The belief is general, as expressed from letters received during the past week that the bills will become a law.

The law will mean much to country printers and publishers.

THE DESPOILERS

Something of the overwhelming discouragements which are met by reformers, that is, men who undertake to make the world better, to purge it of damning vice in relation to the affairs of men, comes to our realization when we read of the works of such men as Judge Lindsey, Francis J. Heney and like heroes. The Oregon Labor Press of Portland, speaking along these lines, has to say:

"Judge Lindsey has done a good service in exposing the Beast in the Colorado jungle. The same beast exists in Oregon. We have clipped his claws and knocked out some of his fangs, but his claws are growing and his fangs are increasing, and his whelps are whimpering right here in the Oregon jungle. The Assembly scheme, the constitutional amendment scheme, the harsh cries against the rule of the people, all go to show the presence of the Beast. So also with the open defiance of the people in Portland in franchise grabbing, water front selling, water main grafting and other matters. We have frightened the Beast; we have a club and a firebrand with which to drive him back that they have not got in Colorado—the initiative and referendum—but the Beast lurks and creeps, hoping to catch us asleep. Will he?"

The despoiler of political purity seeks to obtain a livelihood at the expense of the honest citizenship of the country, the purloiner of municipal franchises will ever be plying his craft and cunning and bribery in defiance of honest government. Grafting is a profession with dishonest representatives of some corporations as well as many individuals and the warfare against their nefarious methods cannot be relinquished for a moment. Masked burglaries are not more contemptible than these. Through the power of political prestige, bribery

and perjury, the foundation of state is threatened.

THE IDEAL VILLAGE

In a talk before the Civic club of Arlington, N. J., Mrs. Mary Pattison, president of the New Jersey Woman's Federated Clubs, pictured the ideal village in the following manner:

"Let us take an imaginary journey," she said, "to a slightly elevated spot somewhere and build an ideal village or town. Let there be a clean, wide sweep of greensward shaded with trees and cut with winding roads, a few hills and a cool, picturesque valley to one side, through which a clear, happy rivulet curls its way untainted with sewage and disease carrying insects and unspoiled by the dumps of refuse usually deposited along such banks. Let us see there instead grass, flowers and birds.

"On one of these hills near by we find a roomy schoolhouse, than which nothing better is known, where the children are being educated in the real things of life, in common sense and in industrial and organic matters, with no danger of forced mentality.

"Here we find usefulness with beauty of method. As a result horse or coarse play and disrespect are unknown. Individual and careful thinking are encouraged, and appreciation is developed, with charm of manner and the cultivation of the healthiest bodies.

"In the center of the town, near a few choice shops and offices, we find an airy and well built market where only the best and purest foods can be bought, not necessarily luxuries, but the substantial varieties that make blood and muscle strong and of good quality—a place where it is not sufficient to simply label the contents of packages, but where it is necessary to tell which beefsteak has had its juice extracted, what fish and fowl have been embalmed, what animals died in disease and what fruit has had its natural fermentation stopped by the use of preservatives.

"It is, in fact, a place to buy food where one is not in danger of one's life or, worse, one's health at every turn.

"Let us perhaps build two churches in our beautiful village, although that may be one too many, but let there be one opening the gate of heaven through the intellectual door or under the portal of the understanding where reason reigns and science proves. Then a little farther on let us find another, bringing God on earth through the aid of the emotions, with the heart as the knower and the senses trained to love. Let them both be beautiful, but let us go first to one and then the other till in the future they unite.

"Our community is made up of homes, cheerful, normal, happy homes, individual in expression, co-operate in management and lovely in design, where the atmosphere is the guiding element, where nothing is held that gives more trouble than worth, where harmony, health and happiness leave not a crevice for hell to peek through.

"And now a little walk to the right and opposite the park we are led to the village clubhouse, a fine pleasure edifice equipped for all ages. It is a place where play and gymnastics are supervised, a place for games of all sorts, with rooms for music, art, dancing, etc., and for that foolish frivolity without which society would lose its charms.

"May we keep our hand to the wheel and help to usher in the new village home if not in detail, at least in essence—a home where one might free the spirit by just living, where doctors and lawyers are the minimum in number and teachers are the maximum, a place where only health is known and where the whole air thrills with life."

Good Roads Meeting at Dallas

There will be a good roads meeting at Dallas on Friday, May 27. This meeting will be addressed by Morris W. Eldridge, who has been sent out by the good roads division of the Department of Agriculture for the purpose of delivering a series of lectures in this state in connection with the good roads movement here. This series of lectures will begin at Ontario, and it is expected will include most of the principal towns and cities in the state.

As representing the Oregon Good Roads Association, Lionel R. Webster, chairman of the executive committee, will accompany Mr. Eldridge on his trip, and will speak with him at most of the meetings. Mr. Webster will be at Dallas with him, and it will be a part of their effort to further the organization of a good roads association in Polk county.

The occasion of this meeting affords a great opportunity for Polk

county to get actively in line in this great movement for the development of the state. It is hoped that a great number of the citizens of this county will attend this meeting at Dallas on next Friday, and that each and every one will be ready to help in the furtherance of the good work. It is to their interest to take advantage of the opportunity. The very fact that the government is giving this assistance to the work here ought of itself to afford great encouragement to efforts in this state. This meeting will certainly be in the interest of better roads, better conditions in every way, and will further the development of the state, and especially of Polk county.

Mrs. Henkle Honored

The following officers were elected by the Rebekahs at their grand lodge session in Eugene last Wednesday:

President, Mrs. Addie Grout of La Grande; vice-president, Mrs. Belle Belcher of Lafayette; warden, Mrs. May Greer of Hillsboro; secretary, Mrs. Ora Cosper of Dallas; treasurer, Mrs. Eda Jacobs of Portland; trustee of the home, Mrs. Mary Tomlinson of Portland; assembly trustees, Mrs. Emily Pogue of Ontario and Mrs. Hattie Henkle of Independence.

Odd Fellows and Rebekahs to the number of seven hundred, paraded the streets of Eugene on Wednesday and this large body still lacked three hundred or more of comprising all the visiting members of those lodges, who were in Eugene at that time. It is estimated that the visiting members, together with the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs of Eugene numbered about twelve hundred.

INDEPENDENCE NEWS

Mrs. Norman Hayes of Corvallis visited the first of the week with Miss Bertha Bohannon.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Locke returned to their home in Portland Wednesday. They were here on account of the illness and death of James Alexander who was Mrs. Locke's father.

Maurice Butler, who has been sojourning in California for the past two months, returned to his home in Independence Sunday. He has entirely regained his former good health.

Mrs. M. W. Wallace was a Portland visitor Wednesday.

Crosby Dalton came home Wednesday from McMinnville to visit his mother in Monmouth.

Mrs. Vaughn from Rickreall is visiting her mother, Mrs. J. W. Kirkland.

Wm. Addison and August Sperling were Portland visitors this week.

Mrs. Corrie Hubbard, Mrs. J. S. Bohannon, Mrs. E. T. Henkle, Miss Katherine Jones and Miss Grace Jones of Independence attended the grand lodge of Rebekahs at Eugene this week.

Mesdames. Irvine and Bliff Entertain

Members of the Konjockety club were delightfully entertained by Mrs. Claire Irvine and Mrs. H. D. Bliff at the home of the former Saturday evening, May 14. The evening was spent in playing whist. Miss Ethel Whiteaker received the prize, a dainty hand-painted salt and pepper set. A delicious lunch was served. Those present were: Mrs. Van Dornisfe, Mrs. D. Collins, Mrs. F. A. Williams, Mrs. T. Fitchard, Mrs. C. Percival, Mrs. W. Huff, Mrs. Jessie Cronwell, Mrs. J. Whiteaker, Mrs. Norman Hayes of Corvallis, Mrs. W. Craven, Mrs. Claire Irvine, Mrs. H. D. Bliff, Miss Iva Burton, Miss Florence Burton, Miss Ethel Whiteaker, Miss Bertha Bohannon, Miss Emroy McDevitt.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed administratrix of the estate of Rachel Watson, deceased, by the County Court of the State of Oregon for Polk County, and has qualified as such. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same duly verified, together with the proper vouchers therefor, to the undersigned administratrix at her residence at Independence, in said County and State, within six months from date of this notice.

Dated and first published this 20th day of May, 1910.

MRS. A. M. THARP,
Administratrix of the estate of Rachel Watson, deceased.
B. F. Swope, Attorney for.

CALL FOR SEALED BIDS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received at the office of the Independence Enterprise in the

OUR SHOE DISPLAY



MAY BE SEEN ALL THIS WEEK AT OUR ESTABLISHMENT. AND THEY ARE ALL NEW SPRING GOODS, TOO—NEW IDEAS IN FOOTWEAR THAT ARE SURE TO MAKE QUICK PURCHASERS OF THOSE WHO LIKE TO DRESS THEIR FEET NEATLY AND COMFORTABLY. WE HAVE OXFORD TIES THAT ARE EXCEEDINGLY HANDSOME, FORMED ON UP-TO-DATE LASTS, AND MOST GRACEFUL IN FORM. ALL SIZES TO FIT ALL FEET. THE PRICES ARE EXTREMELY MODEST, CONSIDERING THE HIGH QUALITIES.

YOURS TRULY,

O. A. KRAMER
JEWELER AND GENTS' FURNISHINGS.

city of Independence, Polk county Oregon, up to 7 o'clock p. m., June 1, 1910, for the erection of a concrete business block in said city of Independence, to be built according to the plans and specifications thereof now on file in the office of the Independence Enterprise in said city, the same being made a part of this notice. A certified check for ten per cent of the amount of said bid must accompany each of said bids, the same to be forfeited as fixed and liquidated damages in case such bids shall be accepted and said bidder shall be unable to enter into a proper contract to carry out the said improvements or shall be unable to provide a suitable bond for the faithful performance of said work. The right to reject any and all bids is hereby reserved.

CHAS. E. HICKS.
Dated this 13th day of May, 1910.

CALL FOR SEALED BIDS.

School District No. 29 hereby calls for sealed bids for the furnishing of 85 cords of seasoned body red fir wood, to be delivered on or before the first day of September, 1910, at the school buildings of said district as the board may designate. Said bids will be opened on the 20th day of May, 1910, at 7:30 p. m., when the board will canvass said bids, exercising the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

By order of the board of said District No. 29.
E. L. Ketchum, Clerk.

SEALED BIDS WANTED

Sealed bids will be received at the office of the School Clerk of School District No. 29, at the City of Independence, Polk county, Oregon, up to 7 o'clock p. m., the 20th day of May, 1910.

1910, for the erection of a concrete High School building in said school district at said City of Independence, according to the plans and specifications thereof which plans and specifications can be found for examination and inspection at the store room of Rice & Calbreath, Independence, Oregon, and are hereby referred to and made part of this notice. A certified check of 10 per cent of the amount of the sealed bid must accompany each of said bids to be forfeited as fixed and liquidated damages in the event such bid should be accepted and said bidder should fail to enter into a proper contract and provide a suitable bond for the faithful performance of said work, in the event the contract for said work is awarded to him. The Board of Directors of said school district reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

By order of the Board of Directors.
E. L. Ketchum,
48-52 Clerk of School District No. 29.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Nancy Brouse, deceased, by the County Court of the State of Oregon for Polk County, and has qualified. All persons having claims against the said estate are hereby notified to present the same, duly verified, together with the proper vouchers therefor, to the undersigned administrator at his office in the city of Independence, in the County of Polk within six months from the date of this notice.

Dated and first published this 22nd day of April, A. D. 1910.

B. Wilson,
Administrator of the estate of Nancy Brouse, deceased. Independence, Oregon.

WANT A SMALL FARM

EVERYBODY DOES. OUT AT WALNUT ACRES THERE ARE SEVERAL ACRES THAT WHEN THE EXPERT WALNUT MAN WAS THERE THOUGHT NOT THE VERY BEST FOR WALNUTS. OF COURSE YOU KNOW THAT WALNUTS HAVE TO HAVE A PARTICULAR GROUND IN A NUMBER OF WAYS. THIS LAND IS A DEEP BLACK SOIL—THERE'S NOTHING BETTER IN POLK COUNTY FOR HAY, GRAIN AND VEGETABLES. THIS LAND WE ARE OFFERING ON A LITTLE PAYMENT EACH MONTH AND ONLY 4 PER CENT INTEREST. FOR SPECIAL PRICES AND TERMS WRITE

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