

INDEPENDENCE ENTERPRISE

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KEEPING THE TOWN ALIVE

It is the opinion of the author of this article that one of the first things needed for the upbuilding of any town is the necessity of combating the tendency of communities to lose sight of the co-operative spirit and become divided into factions. The second is the important use that may be made of libraries and reading rooms that may be established at various social centers of the towns.

There are communities and towns whose capacities for social enjoyment are limited, just as there are individuals whose capacities for self-entertainment are limited. There are towns—dead little towns—where enthusiasm has been banished from the inhabitants' vocabularies, which seem to have been built only for people whose faces are turned toward the beginning of life, while they reluctantly step backward toward the grave.

Who is there that has not been in some community where a puritanical ban is placed upon the joy of living, where the innocent enjoyment of the young people has been changed to gray and somber forms and the beat of the community pulse has been lowered to a faltering sixty-two?

A careful watch upon these places would see them gradually empty themselves of their young men, who are seeking wider and more responsive fields than are afforded by the conservative attitude of their elders in their home towns. In this way the red blood goes out and the soul of the town is shriveled, its vitality sapped, its capacity for growth stunted. And there is the best indication of the spirit of a town—what the young people say about it.

If they are suppressed in their natural and normal efforts to give themselves wholesome pleasure they are sure to find little attraction. If they say the town is dead it is dead. They know. But if they get enjoyment out of living there the visitors are sure to find it out, and it attracts other people—people who desire to share a pleasant community life.

Beware of that town where the young people complain that there "is nothing to do." That town needs a municipal doctor to prescribe a social tonic. It needs a social magnet to draw the people together. It needs allopathic doses of the brotherhood of man.

We must remember, however, that when our young fellows go off to the cities and our daughters are taken by "discerning" young men away to other places we have conditions where the doctrine "Let well enough alone" will not apply. We have created a double problem. First, we must re-energize the languishing communities; second, we fill our cities and cause dilemmas. At present in the second problem we are not interested. It is with the languishing community, the near source of the nation's red blood, that we must deal. These communities must generate power and enlarge capacities for social enjoyment and intellectual activities.

Organizations should be organized in these dead towns, and they should get together and decide upon some plan of interesting the whole population. Public spirited citizens could take upon themselves the work of committees and make provision for entertaining the people. In the spare room of the building a school library might be installed, and the people might have access to it. A reading room would be easy to provide and maintain.

A small tax levy or a popular subscription could provide for equipment of a gymnasium and payment for such services as would be necessary. Boys' clubs, girls' clubs, men's clubs and women's clubs could be organized to meet on certain nights or in afternoons. Domestic science meetings, sewing circles, civic improvement clubs, debating societies, amateur bands and orchestras could be organized.

On certain evenings when the people meet for general entertainment there might be addresses by the mayor, councilmen, county officials, the health officer, some physician or some other citizen interested in and an authority on some phase of municipal progress. On these evenings the people from the rural districts could be invited and a simple entertainment in the way of refreshments served.

At these gatherings the right of free speech should be considered sacred. It must be everybody's meeting, and a chairman for each meeting should be elected every evening. The reason for coming together should be the common good, and such a reason will soon generate warmer community spirit and higher ideals of civic righteousness.

Our stock of men's, women's and children's shoes can't be beat for style, quality, wear and price.—Conkey, Walker & Lehman.

INDEPENDENCE NEWS

Dr. Allin, Dentist, Cooper Bldg. if
A good pair reading glasses
\$1.00 at Kramer's.

Work has begun on the new school building.

Oliver Berchold of Portland was visiting Independence friends the first of the week.

Wesley Perry was over from Salem the first of the week.

Mrs. W. F. Bundy of Hopdale lost a \$100 cow last week.

Mrs. Dr. Staats of Airlie was in Independence Wednesday.

Mart Scrafford was a business visitor here last Saturday.

Mrs. G. A. Wilcox was in Salem one day during the past week.

Miss Emma Henkle is home for the summer from her school at Condon.

Don't forget our big special sale of lawns.—Conkey, Walker & Lehman

Household furniture for sale. Enquire of W. J. Weber or Albert Post.

Special one-fourth off on all our blue dish ware.—Conkey, Walker & Lehman.

Edwin Wallace spent Saturday and Sunday with his mother, Mrs. M. W. Wallace.

Red and Alske clover seed for sale. Call on Ernest Ziesch at Park-er. Phone Farmer 129.

Fred Ireland of California is visiting with his sister, Mrs. Gerard of this city.

We are showing a nice swell line of men's fancy belts. A big assortment at Conkey, Walker & Lehman's.

For sale—An extra good cow. Enquire of Mrs. Alice McGowan, Bell phone 681.

If you are looking for a pair of colored hose remember we have every shade.—Conkey, Walker & Lehman.

Falls City will celebrate Independence Day this year. This will be the only celebration in Polk county.

For further particulars address M. D. Hammel, Locator and Surveyor, Prineville, Oregon.

Dr. Duganne, dentist, over Independence National Bank, Bell phone 121; Independent, 4410.

Just arrived, a large stock of ladies' embroidered dutch collars.—Conkey, Walker & Lehman.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Wilkinson and infant son returned Sunday from a visit with relatives in Salem.

Mr. Conway and wife of Vancouver but formerly of this place attended the funeral of the late Roswell Shelley.

Our stock of ladies' muslin underwear is complete and a large assortment to select from.—Conkey, Walker & Lehman.

Mr. Shaw, state commander of the G. A. R., who was to have been here Tuesday to address the citizens of Independence, will be unable to attend on account of sickness.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baptist Church

Sunday school at 10; B. Y. P. U. at 7:15 and preaching services at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Wednesday evening prayer meeting at 8 p. m. and the Friday evening Bible study of the young people at 8. On Sunday afternoon at 3 there will be baptizing at the river.

Methodist Church

Regular services will be held next Sunday. Sunday school at 10 a. m. and preaching at 11. The L. T. L. at 3 p. m. for all the children. Epworth League at 7 p. m. and preaching at 8 p. m.

Catholic Church

Announcement is made that Father McDevitt will be in Independence next Sunday with the Chapel Car to hold Mass at 9:30 a. m. with evening services at 7:30. The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

Grand Rally at Christian Church

Pastor Maynard R. Thompson and other brethren send forth a call for a general rally of all the members of the Christian church next Sunday at 10 a. m. Let every member be present. All who cannot come should write to the clerk, F. L. Hooper. The state convention meets at Turner the latter part of the month and the new church year soon opens. Hence the importance of this rally. Come to Bible school early so that it will be closed for the rally at 10:30. Children's day will be observed in the evening and an interesting program will be rendered by the Bible school.

SCHOOLS CLOSE ON JUNE TENTH

The closing exercises of the Independence public schools will be held in the opera house at 8:15 p. m., Saturday, June 11. There will be a joint program between the high school and eighth grade, when the members of the eighth grade graduating class will receive their diplomas. The program will be as follows:

Piano Solo Leona Sperling
Recitation Vale Hildebrand
Vocal Solo Florence Gebro
Chorus Miss Denison

High School and eighth grade girls Address to class and presentation of diplomas Dr. Dunamore

Dialogue Eighth grade
Vocal Solo Miss Denison
Dialogue High School

This program will be free and the public is invited to attend. Although many changes have been made in the teaching force this year the work has been successfully finished. Mr. Teats has been elected principal in place of Mr. McIntosh, who resigned on account of the death of his wife. The board has elected Mr. Crowley as principal for the ensuing year. All the grade teachers have been re-elected but some have resigned for other positions.

CALL FOR SEALED BIDS

Sealed bids will be received by the school clerk of school district No. 63 at Independence, Polk county, Oregon up to 1:30 o'clock p. m., on the 20th day of June, 1910, for the erection of a frame school building in said district, according to the plans and specifications thereof, which said plans and specifications can be seen for examination and inspection at the Independence office of the Spalding Lumber Co., in the city of Independence, Polk county, Oregon, and are

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hereby referred to and made a part of this notice. A certified check for ten 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 shall be accepted and said bidder shall fail to enter into a proper contract and provide a suitable bond for the faithful performance of said work. The board of said school district reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

By order of the board of directors,
C. BORROUGHS,
Clerk of School District No. 63.

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.

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Hear Ye! Hear Ye! the News of our June Sale

JUNE WHITE DAY AND CLEARANCE SALES—EXTRAORDINARY BARGAINS

Matchless bargains indeed will mark this great event. This store never does things by halves—"strike straight to the point" is our motto—and this sale will be one of the strongest strokes of enterprise we ever attempted. Don't fail to look for our ad when you pick up the paper

Prices on Ladies' Suits, Coats and Skirts Cut to the Quick during June

Cream Serge Jackets

Also Cream with black pin stripes.

White Hosiery

For Ladies and Children

\$1.00 values79c
50c values41c
25c values19c

Ladies' Sweaters

Prettily Made of Best Yarn

\$3.00 values \$2.00
\$7.50 values \$5.00
\$15.00 values \$8.50
\$16.50 values \$9.00

Handsome New Waists

In Silks, Linens and Lawns
\$5.00 values \$4.80
\$5.00 values \$3.99
\$1.00 values 75c to 44c

Corset Covers

Regular \$2.25 values \$1.80
Regular 75c values 58c
Regular 45c and 35c values 24c

Every corset cover reduced. Come and be surprised at the values we are giving.

Corsets

Miss Hope Frances Gale, expert corsetiere from the East, will give fittings of the celebrated

Royal Worcester Corset

and

Bon Ton Corset

From now until June 4th, we cordially invite you to visit our corset department and be fitted to one of the best corsets made in all the world.

ALL PRICES REDUCED ON CORSETS

Table Linens

Now is certainly the time to supply yourself with a complete assortment of fine linens.

\$2.50 Damask \$1.89
\$2.00 Damask \$1.49
75c Damask 60c

Night Gowns

A pretty new line that has never been shown before. Both high and low neck, trimmed with embroidery or lace.

\$1.50 values \$1.19
\$1.25 values89c
Girls' Nightgowns, 68c
vals. at 48c

Drawers

Combination suits (corset cover and drawers, or corset cover and skirt) also long chemise, greatly reduced in price.

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Salem's Leading Department Store