

# INDEPENDENCE ENTERPRISE

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## SPAULDING MILL IS BURNED DOWN

SUPPOSED THAT FIRE ORIGINATED IN ENGINE ROOM.

LOSS OF MILL, MACHINERY AND LUMBER IS ESTIMATED BY OWNERS AT \$7000; COVERED WITH AN INSURANCE OF \$4000.

Fire broke out in the Spaulding Lumber Co. Mill at this place last Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and within a very short time the plant was reduced to scrap iron. The fire company was rendered practically powerless to assist in attempting to save the property, owing to there being no hydrant provided for that section of the city.

Messrs. Spaulding and Miles were in Independence as soon as they could get here from Salem on the day of the fire. They did not make any statement as to their future intention but it is believed that they will put in another mill as soon as insurance matters are settled.

In talking to a representative of this paper, at their Salem office over the loss of their Independence mill Mr. Spaulding said Monday morning: "We have not had time yet to make up our minds what we will do. I am sure that you people at Independence feel the loss as much as we. It is true that the pay roll on our mill was small. We expect to do the right thing by your city."

"As soon as we have had a chance to meet together and talk over our plans we will inform you of our intentions in regard to the rebuilding of our mill at Independence."

N. J. Sykes, head bookkeeper of the Spaulding Lumber Co., spent all day Monday invoicing the lumber which was saved from the fire. The loss is claimed to be \$7000. There was an insurance of \$4000 on the mill.

It is believed that the fire originated in the engine room. Various reports are in circulation: one, that several boys were seen to leave the engine room shortly before the flames burst forth.

The loss of the mill will seriously interfere with building operations in this city. Many buildings are in course of construction and it was generally known that the Independence mill would not be more than able to take care of the local demands for lumber. Arrangements are being made with outside concerns to get lumber on the grounds by D. A. Hodge, manager of the Independence plant, to relieve the situation.

This mill was formerly located in North Independence, at the mouth of the slough. The plant was brought here from Boring, Oregon. It was bought by the Chas. K. Spaulding Lumber Co. in December, 1905. During the ownership of the Spaulding people it has been under the management of D. A. Hodge. While the plant was not as busy as it might have been and did not employ as much help as it was hoped it would, it has been a welcome institution to Independence and unless it is rebuilt the city will suffer a serious setback through the loss of the mill.

### Woman Suffrage Opposed.

SALEM.—Negative arguments have been filed with the secretary of state against the woman's suffrage amendment and against the creation of Orchard county. The amendment is opposed by the Oregon State Association Opposed to the Extension of Suffrage, and the new county by the executive committee of the Anti-Umatilla Division League.

### BLOCKS TO DEVELOPMENT

The editor of the Enterprise of Independence calls attention to the uplifting influences of gymnasiums, libraries, reading rooms and numerous other things in a small town. He believes that such institutions would do

much to keep a town alive, wake up a dead one, keep the young people at home and improve things all around. There is no doubt but what all this is as "true as gospel". The trouble with the slow and half-dead towns of Oregon—and we have them—is that at the least sign of enterprise and life some sleepy, crabbed, land hog gets in the trough and lies there and blocks the development of the entire community.—Portland Labor Press.

### East to Get Fruit.

ROSEBURG.—The members of the Umpqua Valley Horticultural Society and Fruit Growers' association went on record favoring the disposal of their product in the Eastern markets in the future instead of in the Pacific Coast market, as has been the custom in the past. Local fruitgrowers declare that the Douglas County fruit is equal to that raised in the celebrated Hood River.

### Girl is Spirited Away.

KLAMATH FALLS.—The disappearance of Miss Cora Seaton, the 18-year-old girl who confessed to having set the fire which destroyed the Dave Shook house and barn on the 6th and 16th of April, is causing the county officials much worry. That the girl was spirited away to keep her from testifying before the grand jury about the Shook fires is the theory of the police.

### Assembly Makes Selections.

PORTLAND.—The republican state assembly, which met in convention here, named the following ticket:

Representative in congress, first district—W. C. Hawley, of Salem; representative in congress, second district—W. R. Ellis, of Pendleton; governor—Jay Bowerman, of Condon; secretary of state—Frank W. Benson, of Roseburg; state treasurer—Ralph W. Hoyt, of Portland; superintendent of public instruction—L. R. Alder, of Eugene; state printer—William F. Clarke, of Gervais; attorney general—J. N. Hart, of Baker City.

## GREAT NORTHERN WILL EXHIBIT OREGON PRODUCTS

PORTLAND.—What is considered one of the best opportunities ever presented to the residents of Oregon to exploit the resources and commercial advantages of the state is the exhibit car of the Great Northern Railroad company, the arrangements for the equipment of which are now being made by the company.

The car will be made up exclusively of specimens of Oregon products and will be hauled free by the company on all the lines and divisions of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific systems. Every town of any consequence touched by the lines will be billed in advance of the arrival of the car and the people of the respective communities will be invited to visit the car and see the display of exhibits.

### Lecturer to Go Along.

A lecturer will accompany the car and explain to the visitors the purposes of the exhibit and supply information concerning the resources of the state. Among the features that will be given in the lecture will be farming, dairying, stockraising, lumbering, fishing and manufacturing industries, the nature and productivity of the soil of the various localities, irrigation and fruit raising, and the opportunities for additional thousands along these lines of endeavor will be set forth.

### Will Club With Journal.

In response to many calls from subscribers in and around Independence the Enterprise has arranged to club with the Oregon Journal during 1910.

Following are rates:  
Daily and Sunday Oregon Journal with Enterprise ..... \$7.00  
Daily Oregon Journal with Enterprise ..... 5.50  
Sunday Oregon Journal with Enterprise ..... 3.25  
Semi-Weekly Oregon Journal with Enterprise ..... 2.25

## CITY GETS NEW BUSINESS BLOCK

HANNA BROTHERS MAKE EXTENSIVE IMPROVEMENTS.

WILL CLOSE UP GAP BETWEEN THEIR HARDWARE STORE AND THE NEW HOME OF THE INDEPENDENCE ENTERPRISE.

Within twelve hours after the sale of the Independence sewerage bonds by the city to the Independence National Bank, Hanna Brothers had workmen on the ground to begin the construction work on the two new store buildings which are to occupy the space between their hardware store and the new home of the Independence Enterprise. J. L. Hanna has been true to his promise in the matter, and he is showing his confidence in the future of this city.

There are to be two store rooms each 22 feet by 60 feet. It is believed that this additional room is intended to accommodate the increasing

trade of Hanna Brothers. They have made no statement at this time as to what the rooms are to be devoted. Mr. Hanna promises that these new store buildings will be fitted up in first-class shape and there is no doubt but that they will be in great demand should they be for rent.

This new building, as well as the Enterprise building, is provided with a foundation to support two or more stories in case there is a demand for additional room.

### Convicts to Be Measured.

SALEM.—Tom Wilson, bookkeeper at the state penitentiary, is completing the installation of the Bertillon system at the prison. Under the system to be used by the state, eleven measurements will be taken six of these to be used for filing purposes. It is planned to arrange for a system of exchange with all of the penitentiaries in the Western states, thus keeping in touch with thousands of convicts. The finger print system is already in use at the Oregon prison.

### Card of Thanks

The Chas. K. Spaulding Lumber Co. desire to express their obligation to the citizens of Independence and to the fire department for the assistance they lent in saving their lumber yard from fire and for their efforts to save the sawmill plant from destruction.

D. A. Hodge, Manager.

## PLATFORM ADOPTED BY REPUBLICAN STATE ASSEMBLY

The republicans of Oregon, in assembly convened, reaffirm their faith in the principles of the republican party, and with pardonable pride point to the record of its achievement.

We reaffirm our faith in the principles of representative government and in the maintenance of political parties, believing that no party can maintain its identity or exert its proper influence for good government without organization.

As the representatives of the republican party of Oregon we find our warrant for this assembly in the express provisions of the preamble of the direct primary law, which reads as follows:

"Political parties are useful and necessary. The method of naming candidates for elective public offices by political parties and voluntary political organizations is the best plan yet found for placing before the people the names of qualified and worthy citizens from whom the electors may choose the officers of our government."

"Every political party and every voluntary political organization has the same right to be protected from the interference of persons not identified with it as has its own publicly avowed members, that the government of the state has to protect itself from the interference of persons who are not known and registered as electors."

We commend as the sentiment of the assembly the words of Governor Charles E. Hughes:

"I believe in party organization and I desire to see it strong, efficient and representative."

And the expression of Theodore Roosevelt that: "Voters should be guaranteed the right to determine within the ranks of their respective organizations who the candidates of the parties shall be."

### Organization is Essential

We reaffirm our faith in the principles of representative government and the maintenance of political parties, believing that no party or association of men can maintain its identity or exert its influence for the principles it expresses without organization; we believe in the wisdom of counsel, and as free citizens of a free government we enjoy the constitutional right of members of the republican party to assemble for the purpose of adopting a platform, considering the fitness of candidates, making recommendations to the people and performing such other duties as may be deemed wise and expedient; and that any infringement upon such right is a denial of the wisdom of the founders of our government, both state and national, and against the rights guaranteed by our constitution and a violation of the real spirit of the direct primary law, with the fundamental principles of which we are in hearty accord, and believe it should be supported and obeyed.

We favor the creation of the office of lieutenant-governor of the state, who shall perform the duties of the governor in case of his inability to act.

We favor the abolishment of all useless and unnecessary offices, boards, commissions and clerkships and for a just and economical expenditure of public moneys.

We are opposed to the pending bill providing for the election of delegates to national conventions of the republican and democratic parties at the expense of the taxpayers. These delegates are not public officials, but are representatives of their respective parties, and the taxpayers of the state should not be called upon to pay their railroad fare, hotel bills and other expenses of these trips.

We favor an appropriation by congress placing the Indian war veterans of the Pacific northwest on an equality with the veterans of the Civil war in the matter of pensions.

We favor only such conservation of the public resources as will best develop and settle the country.

### Administration is Indorsed

We unqualifiedly indorse the administration of President Taft, and point with pride to the fulfillment by the national republican party of the pledges contained in its last platform. We point with pride to the history of the republican party and to the capacity of the party, so often demonstrated, to solve public questions and to legislate and administer the government in the interest of the whole people. We affirm our continued loyalty to the principles and policies of the party, and we mutually pledge ourselves to the effort necessary to strengthen the party organization and to put into office men who are loyal to its principles.

## COUNCIL BUSY WITH DETAILS

PREPARE FOR IMMEDIATE CONSTRUCTION WORK.

BIDS FOR MATERIAL ARE BEING CONSIDERED AND COUNCIL WAITS FOR WRITTEN AGREEMENTS OF PRICES ON SAME.

At the adjourned meeting of the city council, held in the council chambers in the city hall Wednesday night, two ordinances were passed. One of these was to regulate the sale of bonds which were bid in by the Independence National Bank and the other will deal with the construction of the sewer system. These ordinances were read the required three times and passed in regular order. Another ordinance, dealing with motion picture shows of the city was read the second time and will come up for final passage at the next regular meeting.

The matter of material to be used was discussed and bids from a Washington dealer were submitted. It is likely that these bids will be accepted providing the agreements which are now being drawn up are acceptable to the city.

### Indignant Women Parade

The greatest suffragette parade that ever marched through the streets of London, England, was seen Saturday when more than half a million women showed their indignation at the shelving of the Shackleton bill giving the right of franchise to women in parliamentary elections.

### CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### M. E. Church

Preaching in the morning by the pastor. In the evening at 8 o'clock Dr. T. D. Bancroft of Kansas City, Mo., will speak on the subject, "How to Do Things". He also lectures on Monday night on the "Assassination of Abraham Lincoln". Sunday school at 10 o'clock. Song service in evening begins at 7:30.

#### Baptist Church

Rev. F. A. Gregory of Amity, Oregon, will preach for us next Sunday as our pastor is to preach in the Amity Baptist church. Sunday school at 10, B. Y. P. U. at 7:15, preaching services at 11 and 8. Tuesday evening Bible study will be at Mr. Boydston's home. Wednesday evening prayer meeting at 8. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

#### Calvary Presbyterian Church

At Calvary Presbyterian church next Sunday morning, the usual services will be held, with Sunday school at 10 o'clock, followed by morning worship and sermon at 11. In the evening, instead of the usual preaching service, the choir will present a service of song, or sacred concert, with solos, duets, etc., from Calvary's famous soloists.

This will be the last service preceding vacation, and there will be no services held during the month of August. The Sunday school services, however, will be continued right along through the summer.

#### Christian Church

Maynard R. Thompson, having returned from a two weeks' visit to eastern Oregon, will preach in the pulpit of this church next Lord's day at both services. His morning theme will be "Divinely Led in Triumph". In the evening he will set forth the scriptural answer to the scriptural question—"What Must I Do to Be Saved?" Bible school at 10; meeting for Bible study and prayer, Wednesday evening. "The Spirit and the Bride say 'Come'."