

INDEPENDENCE ENTERPRISE

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TIME CHANGES CONDITIONS

Again we are reminded by the approaching New Year that time is fast fleeting by. Measured by the record of mankind on earth, the length of a single generation, or even a single century is but a short span. But there are single lives that are privileged to see greater events and greater progress than are recorded in a dozen centuries of the dark ages of the past. There is a tendency on the part of man, and there has always been, to look back on the "good old times" and wish for a share of life as it used to be. No doubt the student of the Thirtieth Century will look back upon the romance that is dead just as we are prone to look upon the picturesque events of colonial days and the development of the civilization of Greece and Rome with a feeling that we lost much by not living when such significant things were happening.

But if we look at the situation judiciously, we are forced to the conclusion that never in all the history of this country were greater movements under way than those of the immediate present. It seems probable that the year 1910 will go in history as one in which the most vital developments in Oregon have been accomplished. Not only that, but human relations have this year been determined. Important controversies of the classes and masses have been practically settled, the rule of special privilege in a political sense is practically at an end and the recognition of righteousness of a square deal for every man impregnably fixed in policies and in the individual conscience.

The man who lives today cannot say with the dreamer that "the age of romance is dead." Instead he should realize that he is in the midst of the most dramatic period in the state's history—the period in which human rights are to be defined and preserved as they never have been before. The man who shares the activities of today, in station however humble is a participant in the significant movements that are visible to every thinker.

Tidal waves may wreak havoc upon a community, and be remembered for the disaster they have wrought. They are but local even when greatest. Real work is done by the tide itself, which is universal, although irresistible. Perhaps we do not all notice it, but we are living at a time when it is approaching its maximum, and it will be well to observe its progress and its probable effect.

STAY IN OREGON

There is now and there has been for a number of years a lot of people in Oregon who are looking for a better location in which to pursue the different vocations of life. This seems to be more general, however, among the husbandmen. Many have sold their interests in the Willamette valley and immigrated to the much talked of "cheap land" country in Canada because they could purchase farm interests cheap. Agents have been busy telling our people that the lands are the best on earth. The writer has time and time again warned farmers of this valley to keep away from Canada. That it's better to pay the prices for farms in Oregon rather than go to Canada even though the land there could be had for nothing. Now comes the report that some who have settled in the north are dissatisfied; that the winters are eight months long and food with which to provide comfort is hard to get and coal is still harder. Last season the crops were a failure owing to the lack of water and cattle had to be driven a hundred miles for water. In fact in the territory where so many have gone during the past few years there has been no water for man or beast.

Keep out of Canada, and if you are looking for a good location settle in the vicinity of Independence.

BOURNE VS. BOSSISM

Senator Bourne, in a sworn statement filed with the secretary of the state, shows that he expended the sum of \$621.30 during the last campaign preceding the recent general election for the purpose of defeating the Assembly candidates and to aid in the adoption of the Presidential Preference Bill. Probably no other

man in public life today is doing as much to destroy the reign of privilege as is Mr. Bourne. He is devoting a greater part of his time and energy to the restoration of popular government, and some have said that he has neglected his duties in other respects. While his efforts in behalf of popular government may be well placed, it would seem that as much energy manifested in Oregon's needs would be more appreciated.

The Enterprise is in sympathy with Mr. Bourne in trying to down bossism and the obliteration of class rule, but we feel that his attention and efforts could be put to better service just now. His all absorbing desire should be for the interests of those whom he is supposed to represent.

HOME INDUSTRY

We owe it to the community in which we live to do everything we can that will be to its advantage. Our neighbors' prosperity means a great deal more to us than someone's who lives elsewhere. We should bear this in mind when buying our necessities for the household. We can afford to pay our home merchant a firm price for his wares rather than to send our money away, knowing as we do, every dollar our citizens make will help in sustaining our schools, churches and public institutions, and on the other hand the merchant will help the case by keeping in stock such goods as the public demands. Independence merchants are cognizant of this fact and are adding to their respective lines each year.

NEWS FROM PARKER

Mrs. Haight had a very bad spell with her heart a week ago Sunday, and Dr. Staats of Airle, was called. She was much better at last report.

Several of our young people attended the Christmas tree and entertainment at Fairview School house last Thursday evening.

Miss Ethel Lewis finished a three months' term of school here Friday, and returned to her home in Lewisville Saturday. She made many friends while here and all hate to see her go.

It has not yet been decided who will teach the remaining four months of school.

Clyde Bush's family gave a party last Friday night. There were about forty young people present.

The Christmas tree at the Parker school house was a decided success. The program was well rendered, and the house was most beautifully decorated for the occasion. In spite of the stormy weather a goodly number was present and all had a good time.

Rev. McCain, Mr. Neal and Mr. Getty of Buena Vista, came over to our Christmas tree Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Haight visited their daughter at Airle last Friday.

Ross Chamberlain is spending the holidays at the home of Gust Fredrickson.

Mr. and Mrs. Jellesch came up from Independence last Sunday to eat a Christmas dinner at their son's home.

Miss Myrtle Haight and her sister attended the Masquerade Ball at Wells last Friday night.

Fred Wells took Miss Lewis to Independence last Saturday.

Fred Wells visited his aunt, Mrs. Mary Bevens, at American Bottom, Saturday and attended the Christmas tree at Buena Vista in the evening.

Fred Fredrickson and Dell Grigsby were business visitors at Buena Vista Saturday.

Mrs. Connett was a passenger to Independence Friday morning.

Asa Haight is plowing for Mr. Sharp.

The train did not come up Monday until after twelve.

Peter Peterson is doing some slashing on his place this week.

Mrs. Ewing and children returned home Monday on the noon train.

Rumor has it that Mr. Whiteaker has sold his farm which he purchased two years ago from Sam McElumurry.

Elmer Fredrickson was a Corvallis visitor last week.

Ross Chamberlain of Corvallis, attended the Xmas entertainment here Friday evening.

Mr. Shermer of Salem, visited his daughter, Mrs. Zellesch, Tuesday.

Johnnie Lacey went to McMinnville Friday to spend Christmas with his sister Francis.

Sam Russell went to Portland on Thursday to spend the holidays with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Ewing and children went to Independence to spend Xmas at the home of Mrs. Ewing's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Lacey were passengers to McMinnville last Saturday, and will spend a few days with their daughter, Mrs. Herzherd.

James Davidson and wife and baby of Portland, came up Sunday morning in time to eat Christmas dinner with relatives. They will remain during Christmas week.

Johnnie Lacey returned home on Monday.

John Ward came up from Independence Friday and took home a big load of baled hay.

Miss Nellie Fredrickson was a guest at Fred Fredrickson's last Friday.

Nellie and Elmer Fredrickson visited at the home of Fred Fredrickson last week.

Rev. McCain preached here last Sunday.

Mrs. Lacey and son were shopping in Independence last Friday.

We understand that Mr. Jellesch bought a new organ in Portland the other day and gave it to the little girls for Christmas.

Mr. Mode of Suver, visited in Parker Sunday.

Dell Grigsby and Fred Wells attended the basket social at Fairview last week.

There is to be a basket social at Buena Vista next Friday.

Look out for wedding bells—they will soon be ringing.

HERE ARE A FEW
GOODS WE WANT
To Close Out

24 all wool undershirts \$1.00 each
Sale price 50 cents
5 fancy cotton undergarments \$2.00
each, Sale Price 50 cents
4 wool ribbed undershirts \$1.25
Each 50 cents.

The prices are all far below cost but we want to close them out and if you can use them it will be a big saving to you.

Yours truly,

O. A. KREAMER

CLASS and
ECONOMY

"Handsome is that Handsome does," is an old saying trite, but true, because beauty being only skin deep does not always sink as far as the heart. The same applies to Drug Store goods—some are good and some merely look good. The quality of everything we sell is as near perfection as can be. We sell everything to be found in a first-class Drug Store and we guarantee the class and grade. Quality considered our prices are low. There is economy in buying from us, as our goods are the wear-well sort.

Here you will find many valuable presents for the Holidays. Come in and let us show them to you.

Kirkland's Drug Store
Main Street
Independence, Oregon

To Our Friends and Patrons

We will improve this opportunity of thanking our friends and patrons for the liberal patronage that has been given this establishment during the past year. To us it has been a busy one as well as a profitable one. We have endeavored to merit your support in various ways and our increased trade is evidence that this effort has been made with a degree of success.

For the next ten days we will be busy taking inventory, but not too busy to supply your wants in our line. Next year we will make a greater effort to meet the demands of our patrons and the general public, and solicit a continuance of your patronage.

Wishing you all the compliments of the season we remain

Yours for business,
CONKEY, WALKER & LEHMAN