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PROGRESSIVE INDEPENDENCE

In this advanced age we have ocean cables, wireless telegraphy, long distance telephones, rural mail delivery, and everything giving us direct communication with our fellow men all over the world. This country is presently experiencing greater development than has ever been recognized in all its history, and the western states are known throughout the world for their rapid progress. Every town in the Willamette valley—yes in the Pacific Northwest—is looking forward to a better future, and every town has experienced wonderful development in the past ten years. Perhaps we do not notice it, but Independence is not an exception to the general rule. If we pause a moment and reflect over the past few years we must observe the progress this city has made. Perhaps not as much as some other towns, but it is nevertheless true that Independence is a better town in many respects today than it was when the wave of prosperity began sweeping over this section of the globe.

If there is one thing more than another which has retarded the progress of this community it may be attributed to the independence of Independence people.

But there is now a growing appreciation of the fact that in civilization there is no such a thing possible as independence. He who wants sible as independence. He who wants sense of the word, must seek isolation, depend upon his own garden for food, upon his own weaving for garments and upon his own building for shelter. If one lives amid human society he can be no more independent than can one nation be independent of another.

The complexities of civilization increase in exact ratio with the increase of comfort and this is readily demonstrated by even the most superficial glance at the progress of other towns where the foundation of development has been established upon civic improvement. If it is a fact—as one man in this city claims—that Independence is no better off today than it was ten years ago, it is because the people have been slow in making the progress of the city possible. But when we look back over the record of the town a few years there must come a grain of doubt as to the correctness of the statement. The new high school, the new churches, the new stores, the new sewer system, and the improved condition of the store buildings and residences in the city all go to prove that the city has been in a progressive way, slow, but sure. You who have been here constantly and observed the development little by little, are perhaps not as cognizant of the fact as some of us who have been absent for a few years, but it **CANNOT BE DISPUTED** Independence has developed and will continue to do so. There is a spirit of progress prevalent here today that cannot be overcome by a few "kicks and knocks" unintentionally aimed at the city's welfare.

Independence and its tributary country stands today upon the threshold of a better future. The wave of prosperity may seem to have been slow in reaching this vicinity, but it has come in an advanced stage, and another season will reveal a great change for the better.

THE HOME RULE LAW

Those of us who opposed the Home Rule measure prior to the last general election will have to admit that it has been the means of reform in some places where the saloon evil had become entirely obnoxious to the most unconcerned. At Mt. Angel, for instance, where saloons have run wide open every Sunday since the city was incorporated, an ordinance has been passed by the council intended to close saloons on Sunday, and for the first time in the history of that city the saloons are complying with the law.

The reform has come only because the Liquor Dealers' Association has become convinced that saloons must comply with the law or be forced to suspend by a dissatisfied people.

A LETTER FROM THE COLD WISCONSIN COUNTRY

The following letter was written by a former resident of the Willamette valley, who is now living in Wisconsin but not as a matter of his own choice:
Henry E. Browne,
Independence, Oregon.

Dear Brother:—
I received your letter a short time ago and was glad to hear from you—glad you are settled in your new home and glad that you are pleased with the prospects of a good business in the future. One thing in which you have the start of us is that you do not have any of the 30-degrees below zero weather to contend with.

The past week has simply made us hump to keep warm in the house by a warm fire. We have an unusually warm building made on purpose, you know, but Jack Frost gets after us just the same. Last Thursday morning dawned with the mercury hiding 20 degrees below the goose egg and there was not much let-up during the day. You know what that means.

Have you seen anything of that out there? I guess not. Well, I try to be as patient as possible—burned a little "smoking" and some cigars as Oregon friend sent me for Christmas, and hope to survive.

Today it has been snowing some, with a strong northwest wind blowing, and there is no reminder in the air of a January thaw, I assure you.

I would like to be there and enjoy some of that nice climate I've been reading about in the Enterprise.

Ever since the first of November it has been decidedly chilly in this part of the country, not so terribly cold, but just enough to remind a fellow that it was far from the "good old summer time." The past two weeks, however, have called for close attention to proper wraps when out of doors and watchfulness of the stoves within. No fruit hanging on the trees, no birds singing, oh no. Sleight is the order of the day when not too cold. The ice harvest is on and no failure in the crop. It has matured wonderfully this season. It's above the average per acre, and the ice men are jubilant as a result. Coasting is indulged in to quite an extent.

I will write more about our excellent (?) weather as the season advances.

From a Would-be Oregonian.

APPOINT ROAD SUPERVISORS

List of Men Who Will Serve During Ensuing Year.

At the session of the County Commissioners' Court last Wednesday, the following were appointed road supervisors, to serve during the ensuing year:

- | District | Supervisor |
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| 1. | William Schaad |
| 2. | Leo Newhill |
| 3. | John Duguan |
| 4. | T. H. Crawford |
| 5. | A. J. Brown |
| 6. | L. A. Allen |
| 7. | D. P. Stapleton |
| 8. | Thomas Strain |
| 9. | P. T. Peterson |
| 10. | E. E. Hiltbrand |
| 11. | E. A. Pagenkopf |
| 12. | William Hoisington |
| 14. | Waldo Finn |
| 15. | A. L. Bartholomew |
| 16. | J. W. Jones |
| 17. | Henry Voth |
| 19. | Ira Hooker |
| 20. | M. N. Jones |
| 21. | A. Sampson |
| 22. | T. J. Merrick |

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