

The Independence Enterprise

Published by HENRY E. BROWNE.

Entered at the postoffice at Independence, Oregon, as second class matter.

PUBLISHED EVERY FRIDAY

Address all communications and make all bills payable to The Enterprise.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES

One year in advance \$1.50
Six months in advance .75
Three months in advance .50
Single copies .50
Example copies free on application.

OREGON AND ITS OPPORTUNITIES

Continued from page 1. It is pleasant to hear such words from strangers.

A man who would complain of these glorious spring days must indeed be hard to suit, for such weather is found nowhere except on the Pacific Coast, and no place furnishes more delightful specimens than does the Willamette valley.

EVERYTHING PROMISING

Increased Travel and Traffic by Rail and Steamer.—The Fruit Grain and Hop Ranches Flourishing.

There are few cities in Oregon whose business affairs, both municipal and private, are in better condition than are those of Independence. Occasionally we pick up a paper from a town up or down the river or over the coast which contains one or more notices of sheriff sales, business failures or affairs of that nature; and in nearly every issue of a few local papers in other parts of the state other than the Willamette valley, tells of what ought to be done in the way of starting factories, subsidizing various industries or reviving some enterprise which has been allowed to stagnate.

That is not the case in this city or in this county. Just why this is so is hard to explain, unless it is on account of the intrinsic worth of the citizens, their indisputable public spirit, and energy in matters pertaining to home improvement. There are some things easier to prove than to explain, and this appears to be one of them. In fact, there is no need of an explanation so long as the facts exist. And that Independence is enjoying a good business health is proven in a hundred different ways, of which only a few are necessary to carry conviction.

A prominent feature in the matter is the large and steady shipments of merchandise of all kinds to Independence by steamer, as well as by railroad. Then the number of commercial traveling men who stop at this point is something surprising; if they did no business here it is safe to say that they would not appear so regularly, nor stay so long.

There is another indication of prosperity, humble but convincing, and that is the number of teams, belonging to owners of large and prosperous hop, fruit and grain farms, which are seen on the streets, and the amount of goods being trucked out of the stores to be carried away in those stime farm wagons.

About as reliable an index of growth and stability as could be asked is found in the number of new buildings now under course of construction and in contemplation.

Then, too, the reputation among traveling men that the city has is quite sufficient proof of its good standing, from a commercial standpoint.

In the matter of location, anyone who has a spark of geological conception can see that Independence, with the river—upon which are now running three regular boats—at its very door and two competing railroads, can secure better transportation rates than other cities less advantageously situated, and can therefore do more business.

Much more in this strain could be said, and with equal truth, but it is not necessary. The forces which have placed Independence where she is will keep her there, and the growth will be substantial and her class of citizens the most desirable.

A RESTLESS PEOPLE

An Old Story, But One Which Explains Much for the Immigration From the East to the Coast.

Americans are probably the most restless class of people on the face of the earth, not excepting the tent tribes of Arabia, for unlike the latter the Americans are not forced by climate and political reasons to migrate frequently. The tendency for the last one hundred years has been toward the west, until the star of empire of this nation has lighted the American pioneers from the boisterous Atlantic to the calmer waters of the broad Pacific ocean.

The causes leading to this steady westward march have been manifold, some of them have ceased to exert any influence on the immigration which so steadily continues to pour into this state, the citizens needed to develop its wonderful resources. The principal reasons for their permanent residence in Oregon when they once settled here, and why others should settle here, is clearly set forth in the following:

Because it is the best country known to man of moderate means. Because it is a country of rich and fertile soil.

Because there are uplands, prairie lands and alluvial river bottoms.

Because you can be sure of profitable returns from whatever you put into the soil.

Because the winter does not consume what the summer produces. Because there are more and better opportunities for diversified farming than elsewhere.

And because of hundreds of other good reasons that time and space will not permit mentioning at this time.

"WHERE ROLLS THE OREGON"

The following interesting story is Bradstreet's report of Oregon:

For a long time we have heard rosy stories about the progress of Oregon as an agricultural state, its products, its name, and its climate possess many attractive features. Such are the attributes of the state that one is not astonished at its remarkable strides as a producer of wealth from the soil. Here in the east we get good opinions of Oregon by just viewing the excellent looking apples that are offered for sale by fruiters and hucksters in general. Apple orchards have proved successful in bringing material gains to the state. The heights to which this material wealth has risen is proved by recent census statistics, which show that farm values have increased 242 per cent, within the ten years 1890-1900, while farm land alone has risen in value to the extent of 262 per cent. These are large ratios, and they tell a tale of remarkable growth. In fact the statistics regarding the farms of Oregon will re-ay saying:

Thus in 1910 the state boasted of 45,128 farms, a gain of 9,291, or 26 per cent, over 1900. Land and buildings were valued at \$453,571,000 in 1910, as against \$132,338,000 in 1900, an increase of \$321,233,000, or 242 per cent. The total value of all farm land alone was reported in 1910 as \$309,948,000, as compared with \$113,138,000 in 1900, a gain of \$196,811,000, or 252 per cent. In 1910 the value of the farm land alone constituted 90 per cent of the total value of farm land and buildings, as compared with 85 per cent in 1900. The total acreage reported in 1910 was 11,628,910 acres, as compared with 10,571,600 in 1900, an increase of 1,057,000 acres, or 15 per cent. The improved acreage was returned in 1910 as amounting to 4,253,000 acres, as against 3,328,000 in 1900, an increase of 925,000 acres, or 28 per cent. The improved acreage formed 37 per cent of the total acreage in 1910 and 33 per cent, in 1900.

The average value of farm land per acre and buildings in 1910 is stated as \$39.01 as against \$13.14 in 1900, a rise of \$25.87, or 197 per cent. The average value per acre of farm land alone in 1910 was reported as \$35.25, while in 1900 it was \$11.23, the amount of gain being \$24.02, or 214 per cent.

The total number of farms operated in 1910 by owners, part owners, and owners and tenants, comprising the "all owners' class," was 37,456, as compared with 28,963 in 1900, an increase of 8,493. The total number of farms conducted in 1910 by cash tenants, share tenants, and cash and share tenants, comprising the "all tenants' class," was 6,837, as against 6,366 in 1900, an increase of 471. The total number of farms operated by managers in 1910 was 855, as compared with 508 in 1900, an increase of 327.

The total number of farms operated by the all owner class constituted 83 per cent, of the whole number of farms in 1910, and 81 per cent in 1900; and those conducted by managers 2 per cent, in 1910 and 1 per cent in 1900. Of the total number—37,456—of farms operated in 1910 by the all owners class, there were 24,877, or 66 per cent, reported as owned free of incumbrance, and 12,579, or 34 per cent., mortgaged; for 270 of these reported as owned free, however, no report of mortgage debt was secured. Expenditures for labor in 1910 reached the sum of \$11,011,000, as compared with \$4,843,000 in 1900, an increase of \$6,168,000 of 127 per cent.

A Profitable Invention.

The Safety Auto Crank, which was demonstrated in this city Saturday by J. P. Peit, the inventor, attracted wide attention. Many of our citizens became so much interested in the invention that considerable stock was purchased here. The auto crank is a device attached to the machine and so arranged that the engine can be started without the driver leaving the seat of the car. It is certain to grow in popularity.

DON'T WAIT

If you've anything good to say of a man, Don't wait till he's laid to rest, For the eulogy spoken when hearts are broken

's an empty thing at best, Ah, the blighted flower now drooping lonely

Would perfume the mountain side, If the sun's glad ray had but shown today

And the pretty bud caped, If you've any aims to give to the poor

Don't wait till you hear the cry Of wan distress in this wilderness, Least the one forsok may die.

Oh, hearken to poverty's sad lament! Be swift her wants to allay; Don't spurn God's poor from the favored door.

As you hope for mercy one day, Don't wait for another to bear the burden

Of sorrow's irksome load, Let your hand extend to a stricken friend

As he totters adown life's road; And if you've anything good to say of a man

Don't wait till he's laid to rest; For the eulogy spoken when hearts are broken

Is an empty thing at best. —Contributed.

Independence will celebrate in Dallas and Falls City this year on the Fourth and we expect a good representation from those towns at the races June 21, 22 and 23.

DEPARTURE OF BOAT

Lauch Independence leaves the Independence dock for Salem at 8:30 a. m. daily.

RETURNING

Leaves Salem dock at 4:00 p. m. Fare 50 cents each way.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Willard Cooper, deceased, by the County Court of the state of Oregon, for Polk County, and has qualified as such. All persons having claims against the said estate are hereby notified to present the same duly verified, together with the proper vouchers hereof, to the undersigned administrator at his residence near Airlie in Polk County, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice. Dated and first published May 12 1911.

CHARLES S. COOPER,

Administrator of the estate of Willard Cooper, deceased. B. F. Swore, Attorney.

In the Circuit Court for the State of Oregon for Polk County.

In the Matter of the Application of The Iowa Pacific Coast Land Company, a corporation, to register the title to the following described land:—The South half, the South half of the Northeast quarter and South half of Northwest quarter of Section 5, in Township 10, South, Range 7 West of Willamette Meridian, in Polk County, Oregon, containing 480 acres; All of Section 3, in Township 10, South, Range 8 West of Willamette Meridian, in Polk County, Oregon, containing 671.28 acres; All of Section 5 in Township 10, South, Range 8 West of Willamette Meridian, in Polk County, Oregon, containing 656.74 acres; The North 1/4 of Section 9, or all in Polk County, of Section 9, in Township 10, South, Range 8 West of Willamette Meridian in Polk County, Oregon, containing 124 acres.

Against All whom it may concern, Defendants. Take Notice, that on the 22nd day of April, A. D. 1911, an application was filed by said The Iowa Pacific Coast Land Company, a corporation, in the Circuit Court of Polk County for initial registration of the title to the land above described. Now unless you appear on or before the 29th day of May, A. D. 1911, and show cause why such application shall not be granted, the same will be taken as confessed, and a decree will be entered according to the prayer of the application and you will be forever barred from disputing the same.

E. M. SMITH,

Clerk. L. L. SWAN, Applicant's Attorney.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Polk County.

In the Matter of the Application of C. E. Leigh to register the title to the following described land:—The North 1/4 of Section 9, or all in Polk County, of Section 9, in Township 10, South, Range 7 West of Willamette Meridian, in Polk County, Oregon, containing 124 acres. The South half, the South half of the Northeast quarter, the South half of the Northwest quarter and Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 all in Section 1, Township 10, South, Range 8 West of the Willamette Meridian, in Polk County, Oregon, containing 671.28 acres.

Against All whom it may concern, Defendants. Take notice that on the 22nd day of April, A. D. 1911, an application was filed by said C. E. Leigh in the Circuit Court of Polk County for initial registration of the title to the land above described. Now unless you appear on or before the 29th day of May, A. D. 1911, and show cause why such application shall not be granted, the same will be taken as confessed and a decree will be entered according to the prayer of the application and you will be forever barred from disputing the same.

E. M. SMITH,

Clerk. L. L. SWAN, Applicant's Attorney.

MONMOUTH ITEMS

News from State Normal City Gathered at Random.

Miss Gertrude Cobb of Falls City, visited with friends in the village a few days last week.

Miss Estella Chute of Jefferson, visited with relatives here last week. Mr. Strong was in Independence Friday.

Some of our young people attended the High School Drama at Independence Friday evening.

W. Beckley has recently erected a garage for the new auto. Miss Sadie Lippfret, who has been visiting in the city for some time past, departed Thursday for her home in Los Angeles.

Rev. Gifford has been appointed as pastor of the Evangelical church here and prior to his coming the parsonage was painted and otherwise improved.

D. W. Stanley, a Michigan man, has been looking over this territory with a view of locating.

The meeting of the Polk County Bank stockholders was held here the latter part of last week. The bank is in excellent financial condition and its business is increasing all the time.

A. J. Smith of Eugene, a former resident of Monmouth, visited old friends here last week.

Persons driving automobiles faster than eight miles an hour in the city limits are liable to punishment under a new ordinance recently passed by the city council.

Miss Margie Butler, Miss Paradine Loughly, Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Chase, Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Wolverton and E. Rogers attended the Odd Fellows and Rebekah Grand Lodge at Portland, last week.

J. C. Hoyer of Dallas, was in the city one day last week.

ANTIOCH ITEMS

Geo. Fennett of Monmouth, is sawing wood in this vicinity.

Miss Lettie Fishback, who has been working in Carlton for the past two months, returned home a Monday.

Ridell Bros. are hauling lumber for a cattle barn.

Mr. and Mrs. McCaleb were trading in Independence Friday.

Mr. Bowman of California, is cutting wood for Dave Dove.

Mrs. Catherine McReynolds of Monmouth, was buried in the Davidson cemetery here Saturday.

Dwight Dayhoff and family spent several days of the past week with his sister in Eugene.

V. A. and Robert Fishback visited in Carlton Tuesday.

PARKER NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Peterson and children were in Independence Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fredricksen were in Independence Friday.

Henry McElmurry was shearing sheep for Bud Allen Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell and daughter were shopping in Independence on Friday.

Prance Lacey went to Portland last week.

Oscar Fredricksen had the misfortune to crush one of his fingers seriously one day this week by letting a fly wheel drop on it. He was taken to Monmouth, where a physician dressed the wounded member and he is getting along nicely.

Elmer and George Fredricksen went to Corvallis last week.

Geo. Erey of Independence, was in Parker on business Monday.

Esten Bevens passed through the village on his way to Bridgeport last Sunday.

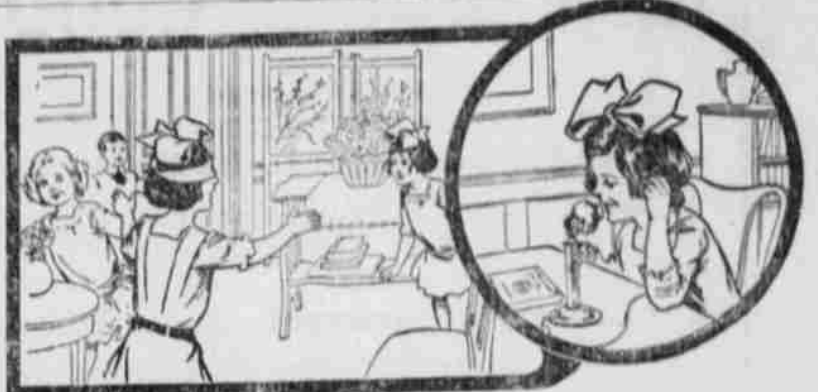
There will be preaching services in the school house next Sunday at the usual hour.

Lila Davidson went to Portland this week.

Joe Anderson has reshingled his house.

NOTICE Will the party who borrowed the flag from the Post Office please return it—M. Morwin.

We Sell KODAKS and all kind of supplies. Craven & Moore.



GATHERING FRIENDS

A LITTLE GIRL CAN ALWAYS GET SOMEBODY TO PLAY WITH BY USING THE BELL TELEPHONE. IT IS JUST AS USEFUL TO HER AS IT IS TO HER ELDERS.

THERE IS NO NEED TO BE LONESOME WITH A TELEPHONE IN THE HOUSE, BECAUSE YOU CAN AT LEAST TALK WITH YOUR FRIENDS, EVEN THOUGH THEY ARE FAR AWAY.

BELL SERVICE IS UNIVERSAL...

The Pacific States Telephone and Telegraph Company.

Beautiful New Jewelry for Graduation Gifts

"GOODS OF QUALITY"

I have just received from the manufacturers a nice line of Bracelets, Hat Pins, Lockets, Chains, Shirt Waist Sets, Cuff Links, Souvenir Spoons, Etc., in Solid Gold Front and Gold Filled, "guaranteed" goods, with the name of the manufacturer stamped on each piece, which means the factory guarantees them to me and in turn I guarantee them to you, which does away with all risk in buying jewelry, and insures satisfaction. I also have a small selection of solid gold pieces. Engraving free on all goods sold.

ROWE'S JEWELRY SHOP, Prompt Service.

DAINTY PERFUMES FOR DAINY WOMEN

Are here and Plenty. Everything else for toilet use. Our Soaps, Toilet Waters, Bath Ammonia, Talcum and Tooth Powder, Cold Cream, Etc., are such as must appeal to Women of Refinement. We will be pleased to have you call and see our line.

Kirkland's Drug Store The Store of Quality

Vitrified Sewer Pipe

WE CARRY A HEAVY STOCK OF THIS MATERIAL

THE CHAS. K. SPAULDING LOGGING CO.

Prices Reasonable :: Both Phones