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WHY SO INACTIVE?

From the tone of Mayor Eldridge's message read before the council a short time after his election, and the manner in which it was received by the councilmen and citizens of Independence the opinion became prevalent that the year 1912 would be the record breaker of all history in Independence in the matter of civic improvement. But up to the present time practically nothing has been accomplished.

Civic improvement is the secret of success in every town or city. Whatever may be the advantages of a town, if they are not improved the progress of that town is retarded.

When a city measures its progress by the amount of money it is going to afford individuals directly, this progress is slow and uncertain.

This grand work of civic improvement is advancing all over the state to the good of people—advancing their properties and advancing their material wealth. It has been realized in Independence since the business streets were improved less than a year ago with cement pavement, but if we do not now take advantage of the opportunities afforded the progress of the city will be retarded just that much.

UNTHANKFUL

We know of at least one man in Polk county who does not want of office. In conversation the other day he said: "I had rather go to the penitentiary for a year than to serve a term as member of the legislature, as a county officer, or even a school director. A man may pile up a structure of good deeds as large as the new hotel and no one seems to notice it, not one word of commendation is uttered; but if he makes an official slip he is kicked clear down and everybody is talking about him."

The truthfulness of this remark appealed to us with much force, although this way of viewing the case is always disagreeable and unsatisfactory. We have seen it illustrated in Oregon history and in other states.

It is not generally supposed that a man is thirsty for glory just because he accepts some small, petty office, nor is it supposed that he will get the credit his work deserves—whether the office be large or small. No office holder ever escapes censure and growling and complaints of all sour stomached individuals. If he does his duty as he understands it, only striving for the right, sensible people will overlook his errors of judgment; and as for the other class he should not lose any sleep, but regard it with contemptuous indifference.

Our friend is right in his theory of the unthankfulness of the people to their public servants, and yet it is our observation that the public man who strives only to do the right irrespective of influence, policy or party lash, will in the long run receive the confidence and respect of the better class of his constituency, and will be respected as a power common-wealth by all.

NOW IS THE TIME TO INVEST

The intense cold winter in the east will drive many an honest farmer out to the pleasant sunshine and rain of Oregon during the coming spring.

The tide of immigration will be immense. Old Polk will receive her share. Good land is cheap here, cannot be cheaper; the necessities of life are reasonable; climate the best in the world; school facilities the finest; rail and river afford easy markets; mail service very good and improving; everything natural and artificial conspires to make this a desirable county to settle in.

Independence is today the best town in the state for a man with some capital to make investments, as it is situated on both the Willamette river and two lines of railroad, as well as in the heart of the great Willamette valley, which gives it an advantage not to be found in any other town in the state. Property here is comparatively low as compared to what it will be in a few months when the great tide of immigration reaches us. Now is the time to invest, as real estate advances every day.

Call at The Enterprise office and we will help locate you.

If you haven't registered do so at once. The registration books will close April 9th, and unless voters are registered before that time they will have all manner of trouble before being allowed to vote. The law requires voters to register every two years. By registering now the voter will save himself trouble on primary election day.

To the Republican voters of Polk county, Oregon.

I am a candidate for the Republican nomination for county Commissioner of Polk county, subject to the decision of the Republican primaries April 19th, 1912.—J. A. Baxter, Perrydale, Oregon.

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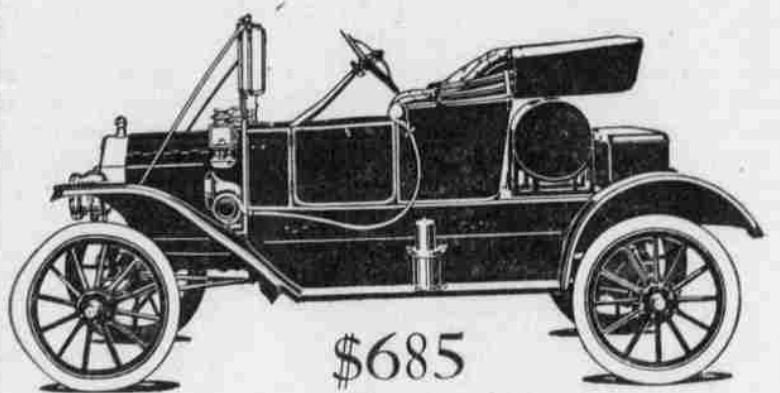
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