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## TELEPHONES CONSOLIDATE

Home Telephone Company Absorbs Bell Company's Interests.

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The consolidation of the Home Telephone Company and the Bell Company in this city was consummated on Friday of last week. C. E. Carlos, manager of the Home Company, having purchased the local exchange of the Bell company. Both lines were connected Friday evening at 5 o'clock and communication was effected throughout this part of the county over the Home lines.

Mr. Carlos secured an option on the property some time ago and has since been investigating the advisability of the proposed change. The proposition met with universal approval of all patrons and it is going to mean a more economical and better service. The convenience of communication through one switch board will be more appreciated as the service continues.

The Bell Company will maintain the long distance service, but it will be furnished through the central office of the Home Company under the management of Mr. Carlos.

One thing connected with the transaction, however, which is universally regretted, is the possible removal of Mr. Shenfield, local manager of the Bell Company, from this city. Mr. Shenfield has many friends here who will regret that he will be removed to some other location.

## FIRE CONSUMES HOME

Farm Residence of Paul Mann Reduced to Ashes.

The farm home of Paul Mann located a few miles north of this city, together with most of its contents, was consumed by fire Friday forenoon. The fire probably originated from a defective flue. Before it was discovered the upper part of the house was enveloped in flames. Neighbors hurried to assist in removing household goods from the burning building, but the fire had gained such headway before assistance arrived that it was impossible to accomplish very much.

Mr. Mann cried no insurance on his property and it was a heavy loss for him.

## INDEPENDENCE DEFEATED

Corvallis and Independence High School base ball teams played here Saturday afternoon, the game resulting in a victory for the visitors.

The second team at Dallas played on the same diamond with the second team of Independence, and the game resulted in favor of Independence.

Sunday the first team went to Falls City and crossed bats with the high school team of that place, the game resulting in favor of Falls City at the rate of 25 to 15.

## A GOOD SHOW

Mahara's Minstrel's, staged in the Opera House Friday night proved to be the best entertainment that has been put on in the city by a traveling company for a long time. The singing was greatly enjoyed by the large audience present.

## APPEALS CASE

The case of Welker vs W. G. Farmer, which was tried in justice court some time ago and resulted in favor of plaintiff, has been appealed to the circuit court. Mr. Farmer owns a confectionery store in this city. Welker claimed to have worked for him and the suit was for wages alleged to have become due. Now Mr. Farmer intends to try the case out in circuit court.

## NEW BANK

May first, or thereabouts the new bank will be opened in the Sperry building. Mr. Irvine informs us that they expect to be ready for business by May 1st.

## LAFOLLETTE IS HEARTILY MET

Hundreds of People Congregated to Hear the Wisconsin Speaker.

Mr. LaFollette is Met in the Opera House By an Enthusiastic Crowd of Independence Voters.

Senator Robert M. LaFollette of Wisconsin, spoke to a large audience in the opera house Tuesday morning at 9:30 o'clock. Mr. LaFollette was late in arriving from Salem, and long before his appearance the streets were thronged with people who had assembled for the purpose of hearing the noted Senator.

According to arrangements previously made Dr. Dunsmore introduced the speaker and the work began at once. His voice was hampered by cold and his countenance showed marks of hardships of the long and tedious campaign that he is just closing. Nevertheless his address was received with wonderful enthusiasm, and indicated that there are lots of LaFollette followers in Independence.

People who had previously worn Taft Buttons were at least courteous enough to remove them Tuesday morning and everything pointed to a successful campaign.

But the uncertainties of life are not few and Mr. LaFollette has learned in former years that the sentiment of the people is not to be depended upon altogether.

The speaker was brief and right to the point. In his preliminary remarks he regretted his delay in arriving in Independence, but manifested hearty appreciation of the reception tendered him.

Mr. LaFollette stated briefly why he is a candidate for president of the United States and pointed a few facts to illustrate why he should be nominated. In all that was said in the Senator's speech there was much good and it went to show that it was an unprejudiced attempt to secure the honors.

Mr. LaFollette says that he expects to be nominated for president of the United States but assured his hearers that in case he failed to be elected in 1912, that they would surely have another opportunity to vote for him in 1916.

In his remarks Mr. LaFollette expressed himself in favor of Woman's suffrage and took special pains to score Taft, the trusts and Theodore Roosevelt, who claims the support of the anti-Taft movement.

Independence, we believe, is a strong Taft town but since Mr. LaFollette's visit to Oregon the conditions have been slightly changed.

## BUYS LAND HERE

W. A. Spurrier of Iowa, arrived in the city this week and will make his home in this vicinity. Mr. Spurrier bought the Cass place near here some time ago, paying \$125 per acre for the property without seeing the same. After he arrived and looked over the place he was better satisfied with his purchase. He intends to settle here. Mr. Spurrier thinks the Willamette valley is the right place.

## OBITUARY MENTION

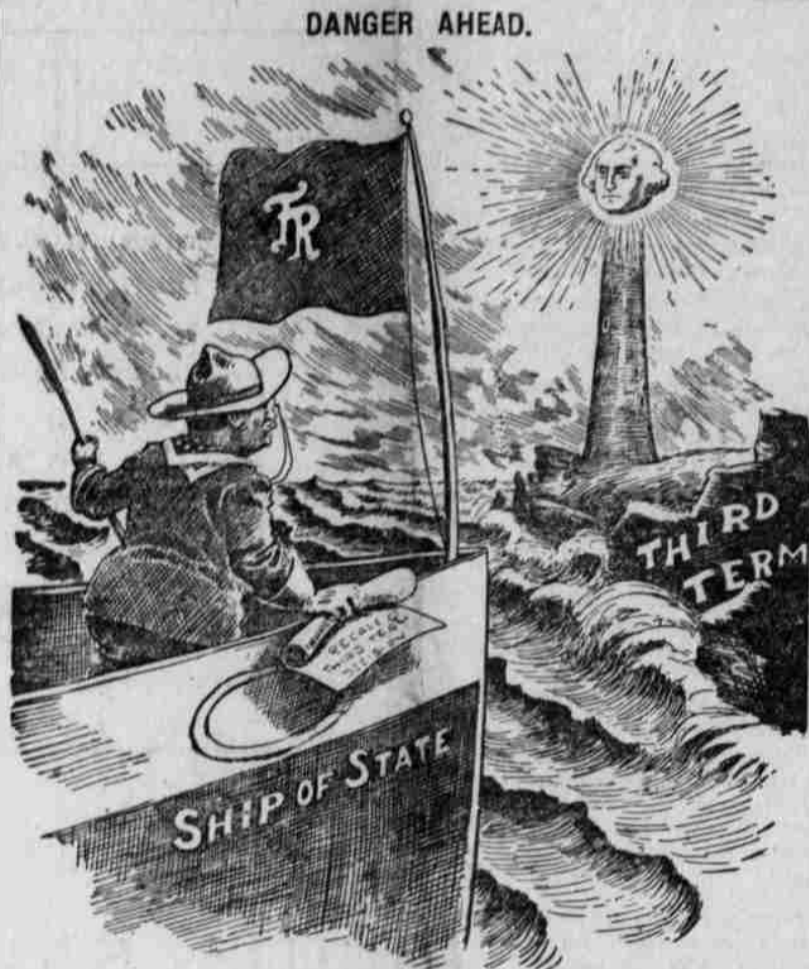
Charles N. Tharp, a brief mention of whose death was made in the Enterprise last week, was born in Licking county, Ohio, October 11, 1838.

Mr. Tharp crossed the plains with ox teams in 1864 and has since been a resident of this vicinity. During the past 15 years he has been a resident of this city.

Mr. Tharp died April 6, 1912, after an illness of many months. He is survived by a widow and eight children.

## ALMOST A Miracle

One of the most startling changes ever seen in any man, according to W. B. Holsclaw, Clarendon, Tex., was effected years ago in his brother. "He had such a dreadful cough," he writes "that our family thought he was going into consumption, but he began to use Dr. Klag's New Discover and was completely cured by ten bottles. Now he is sound and well and weighs 218 pounds. For many years our family has used this wonderful remedy for coughs and colds with excellent results." Its quick, safe, reliable and guaranteed. Price 50 cents and \$1.00. Trial bottle free at all druggists.



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## MARRIED

At the bride's home in Affile, on Sunday, April 14th, Mr. Richard C. Crowley and Miss Erma Goodman were united in marriage. Rev. Sanford Snyder officiating.

A little amusing experience was had at this service. When the minister arrived at the home of the bride he found that the home was just over the county line in Benton county. As the minister's orders were not registered in that county he could not perform the ceremony.

Fortunately the line dividing the counties of Polk and Benton was only a few rods from the house, there fore at the hour set for the service the minister headed the procession and marched over the line and under an oak tree in Polk county the ceremony was performed.

## ELECT OFFICERS

B. F. Swope is Elected Secretary of Commercial Club.

At the Commercial Club Tuesday evening occurred the regular annual election of officers. J. S. Cooper was re-elected president, J. L. Hanna was elected vice president, K. C. Eldridge was elected treasurer and B. F. Swope was elected secretary to succeed J. G. McIntosh.

The records show that the membership has fallen off a little during the past year and there are now about eighty members in good standing. At the meeting Tuesday evening, however, there was a manifestation of public spiritedness, and it is believed that the club will work out some problems during the ensuing year for the good of the public in general.

Little business came before the meeting and practically nothing was done aside from the election of officers.

There are several propositions that the Club will have to deal with during the ensuing year, and with the efficient officers now in charge it is believed that much good will be accomplished in the way of making this a greater Independence.

## MR. BRIDGES DIED

B. R. Bridges, a pioneer of Polk county, died at his home on the Luckiamute last Monday after a brief illness with pneumonia.

Mr. Bridges was born in Springfield Ill. At an early period in his life he moved to Independence, Oregon and here resided for many years.

Four daughters, two sons and a widow survive him. A few weeks ago Mr. Bridges moved his family to a farm on the Luckiamute river. Soon after his removal he was seized with pneumonia which caused his death.

The funeral was held Thursday at the family home, Dr. Dunsmore officiating. Interment was made in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

## CITY FATHERS IN SESSION

Little Business Transpired at Recent Session.

The regular meeting of the common council was held Wednesday, called under usual circumstances. Nothing of great importance transpired. The question of better water system was discussed at some length and several propositions were suggested which, if eventually consummated, will give Independence a system that she has long been in need of. A committee was appointed to meet the manager of the Oregon Power Company with a view of making improvements in the company's plant here. If it is not accomplished through the company now in charge of the property it will be done by municipal ownership. It is learned that members of the council have investigated the advisability of co-operating with Monmouth in this respect, but no definite conclusion has been reached.

The city purchased a new street sweeper and the machine was put into service yesterday morning. The new machine seems to meet the requirements and will probably be maintained.

The usual bills and claims against the city were disposed of in the usual manner.

It was comparatively a long session, but much of the time was occupied in formulating plans for the future.

The matter of paving Monmouth street is practically a dead issue. It was expected that this matter would be introduced, but no steps were taken in this direction, and it is probable that the matter will be dropped for the present at least.

Frost has fallen in the valley several mornings this week, but so far as can be learned little or no damage has resulted.

TO THE PATRONS OF THE INDEPENDENCE AND PACIFIC STATES TELEPHONE COMPANY:

Having purchased the exchange of the Pacific States Telephone Company at Independence and Monmouth and consolidated the same with the Independence Telephone Company we will, from now on, give universal telephone service with only one system; the rates for this service being the same as set forth in our articles of agreement with the business firms and telephone users previous to making the consolidation, viz. Business, 4-party semi-selective, \$1.50 per month respectively. As can readily be seen this will be of financial benefit to the community as well as doing away with the annoyance and inconvenience of a dual telephone system.

To the man having both phones in his home for which he has been paying \$2.00, it will be a saving of 25 per cent on each month's bill, and to the man who has had either the Home or Bell phone, and has been each day "turned down" with the reply, "John Smith has the other phone, or "Tom Brown does not have his phone," it will be of yet greater satisfaction as well as a good bargain financially, for as a telephone is valuable in direct proportion to the number of people you can talk to over it, a telephone reaching half the telephone users being worth \$1.00 per month, one reaching them all is obviously much more worth \$1.50. The work of changing the magnetos phones now in use by the Bell company to the Central Energy type of the Independence company, will be carried on as rapidly as circumstances will permit, during which time the service may be retarded somewhat but we take this opportunity of guaranteeing to the telephone using public that our service will be kept up to the high standard we have heretofore maintained and trusting that the new order of business may be entirely satisfactory to our patrons as well as ourselves we are—Yours for a greater Independence.

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