

The Independence Enterprise

RAILROAD CO. TAKES OPTION

Oregon Electric Said to Buy an Option on Independence Property.

More Improvements in Contemplation Will Greatly Add to Appearance of Our Business Streets.

Possibilities of the new railroad from Independence to the coast are apparently increasing every day. While it seems to be impossible to determine anything definite regarding the matter at this time, it is a known fact that the parties interested have been looking over the proposed line within the past two weeks and reports coming from those who are supposed to know are very encouraging.

It seems, from what little can be learned of the project, that the Hill system is either financing the proposed Valley & Siletz road or that they expect to build a road from their east side line to connect with the line which is likely to be built from Independence to Newport by way of the Siletz country, the incorporators of which road are said to be members of the Falls City Lumber Company. This conclusion has been drawn from the fact that the Oregon Electric Company has purchased an option on Jos. Montgomery's property on the east side of Main street where it is supposed that a railroad bridge will cross the Willamette.

Absolutely nothing definite can be learned regarding the future plans of the Oregon Electric or the Valley & Siletz Co., and the current reports regarding the new coast line are practically all based upon conclusions. However, the active investigations of the railroad men indicate that there is going to be much progress in railroad development in this part of Oregon, and it has stirred business interests to unlimited enthusiasm. People all over the Willamette valley are looking toward Independence with a remarkable degree of interest and the home people are putting forth every effort to meet the future growth and prosperity of the city. New developments are planned every day, among the latest of which is the proposed new fronts in Conkey, Walker & Lehman's two stores and probably the store owned by Zed Rosendorf. With the store buildings of Bice & Calbreath modernized and improved in this manner and the same with Mrs. G. L. Whiteaker's building adjoining the new hotel and bank property of A. L. Sperring, it means a complete new block on the west side of Main street between C and D streets.

North of D street C. G. Long is erecting a new garage building and putting in a new front to the old building which has stood on the bank of Ash creek almost since Independence was an infant. Hanna Brothers' row of fireproof buildings erected on the east side of the street make it possible for us to claim without fear of contradiction that Independence possesses the best business street of any city in the state with equal population. But the end is not yet. On south Main street H. Hirschberg contemplates erecting a three story building in the near future and it is more than probable that concrete or brick buildings will be built during the summer on the north side of C street. R. L. Gaines, who recently purchased the laundry building, expects to make quite extensive improvements on the same in the near future, and so the good work goes on. Probably no city has experienced greater development during the past year than Independence.

MONMOUTH SELLS WATER BONDS

J. C. Powell, mayor of Monmouth, was in the city the latter part of last week and reports the sale of the Monmouth water bonds at a nice premium.

The city, he says, immediately began the construction of the plant, an up-to-date system in every respect. The water is to be taken from a reservoir at the summit of Cupid's Knoll by which ample pressure will be afforded to make it an excellent plant.

FALLS FROM GANG PLANK

Member of O. A. C. Glee Club Takes Midnight Bath in the Willamette.

Passengers and Boat Crew Enjoy Entertainment Given By College Boys as they Proceed up River.

The entertainment given in the Opera House Saturday evening by the O. A. C. Glee and Mandolin Club was well attended and highly appreciated.

The college boys probably enjoyed their reception here better than they did their journey home.

After the show the company started for Corvallis in a large automobile. A few miles from the city the machine became stalled in the mud and the boys were compelled to walk back to Independence or proceed on foot to Corvallis, which, in either case was by no means pleasant. They decided, however, to "hit the trail" for the nearest point and arrived in this city a few minutes before the steamer Pomona, landed at the Independence dock. Then it was decided to try the river route and in this one of the boys—two in fact—met with unpleasant features.

As they were marching one by one over the gang plank to the deck, one of the members of that celebrated mandolin club fell into the river. He was rescued by another member of the party who sprang into the water and assisted him to safety.

When the excitement was all over and the steamer had started up river the boys are said to have put on another entertainment and entertained the passengers and boat crew until morning when the boat landed at Corvallis.

Sunday a man came down from Corvallis and hauled the car to the Independence garage where it was repaired preparatory to the return trip.

The College Boys' visit to Independence was one long to be remembered, tedious and expensive, but the entertainment was enjoyed by all who attended.

JURORS FOR MAY TERM DRAWN

Following is the names of the jurors drawn by County Clerk E. M. Smith and Sheriff J. M. Grant to serve at May term of the Polk county Circuit Court, beginning May 13. With their postoffice addresses:

F. O. Byerly, Amity, R. 2; Roy Black, Dallas; J. H. Mulkey, Monmouth; F. E. Murlock, Monmouth; John Simpkins, Salem, R. 1; A. N. Newbill, Dallas; M. Scraftford, Monmouth; J. W. Richardson, Jr., Independence; Robert Tawler, Airle; Clyde Kelly, McCoy; W. W. Rowell, Rickreall; W. A. Chute, Salem; C. W. Beckett, Salem, R. 1; Verd Hill, Independence; Lee Conner, Perrydale; H. H. Meckley, Dallas; Robert Ankney, Rickreall; A. W. Fluk, Dallas, R. 2; F. E. Rider, Independence; G. A. Shields, McCoy; G. W. Chapman, Salem, R. 2; John Taylor, Airle; G. W. McLaughlin, Buena Vista; C. P. Ham-bree, Monmouth; T. J. Merrick, Sheridan, R. 2; O. E. Focht, Beilston; L. Ritner, Airle; Frank Schryer, Airle; Felix Comegys, Amity, R. 2; Irv Hussey, Butler; I. M. Simpson, Suver.

DIES IN WASHINGTON

Former Resident of this City Passes Away at His Home in Washington.

Alexander Cooper, a former resident of Independence and commonly known here as Pete Cooper, died in Chehalis county, Washington, April 24, 1912.

Mr. Cooper was born in Missouri in 1846 and crossed the plains in the year 1852, locating near this city, and has resided in and near Independence most of the time since. Alexander Cooper was a nephew of J. R. Cooper of this city.

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REINCARNATION.



IMPORTANT FRATERNAL MERGER

The Fraternal Union of America, with headquarters at Denver, COLO., one of the best and most favorably known fraternities in this vicinity, at a special session held at Denver, April 3rd, consolidated with the American Nobles of Waterloo, Iowa.

The Fraternal Union of America retains its name and charter, only slight changes in the constitution being made in order to meet the new conditions. By this consolidation the Fraternal Union of America has increased its resources to nearly half a million—and its membership now numbers approximately 50,000. This makes it one of the large fraternities of America. All certificates of the American Nobles were reinsured and its entire membership now has full protection of the Fraternal Union of America. Headquarters will remain in the Fraternal Union building in Denver, Colorado.

Several changes were made in the supreme and official body which now stands as follows:

Supreme lodge officers, Past Supreme president, F. F. Rose, Denver; Supreme president, V. A. Young, Waterloo, Ia.; Supreme vice president, H. M. Wharing, Denver; Supreme secretary, Sam S. Baty, Denver; Supreme treasurer, Willis M. Marshall, Denver; Supreme physician, Dr. J. C. Hutchinson, Denver; Supreme protector, George A. Ostrom, Portland; Supreme Guide, Dora McCarten, Wenatche, Wash.; Supreme Guard, Mattie Farley, Spokane; Supreme sentinel, Chas. H. Amos, Sioux City, Ia.; Supreme stewards, C. F. Tipton, Trinidad, Colo.; R. E. McKeely, Omaha, Neb.; Newman Laser, Atlanta, Ga.; Abner A. Smith, Henderson, Texas; Elmer S. Nordyke, Los Angeles, Cal.; Advisory board, V. A. Young, H. M. Wharing, Samuel S. Baty, and Frank L. Bishop of Denver; W. F. Heame, Mangum, Okla.; M. F. L. Roy, Manchester, Ia.; and S. L. Kern, Waterloo, Ia.

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ENJOYS HOSPITALITY

Chas. Calbreath fell from a step ladder Friday and injured himself to the extent that he has not been on duty much during the week except to assist as night watch at the store of Bice & Calbreath while the front is out. Mr. Calbreath has been assisted by Pete Dusp, the night police, who has enjoyed the lunches and hospitality of the kind furniture man.

Judge Wilson, last week purchased two houses and lots in this city. He believes in the future of Independence.

PROF. CROWLEY RESIGNS

Principal of Schools Goes to Other Fields of Labor.

Prof. Crowley, who has been principal of the Independence High School for some time, has resigned his position and will probably take up work in some other field, but just where it is not fully decided.

Prof. Crowley was unanimously elected by the directors, at a recent meeting, and it was expected that he would continue in the work another year, but he could not be persuaded to remain.

He will be succeeded by Prof. F. G. Chute of Salem, who has been elected since the resignation of Prof. Crowley. Prof. Chute comes well recommended and it is more than probable that the high standard of the Independence schools, which has been established during Prof. Crowley's administration will be maintained.

Prof. Crowley will finish the present school year before his resignation takes effect.

STATE DEPUTY HERE

L. W. Laing, deputy head consul of the M. W. A. was in the city Saturday. Mr. Laing says the order, generally speaking, has not suffered to any great extent as a result of the increased assessment. He believes that the order is so permanently established that no harm will result from the action of the Head Camp at a recent meeting in Chicago.

PROSPECTS FOR MILL FAVORABLE

Falls City Lumber Company Sends Representatives to Formulate Plans.

Considerable interest was aroused in the city Wednesday when it was announced that a mass meeting would be held in K. of P. hall in the evening to discuss ways and means of securing a saw mill. About fifty business men assembled at 8 o'clock and the meeting was called to order by J. Hanna who announced that he and Verd Hill, on invitation, held an interview with Mr. Belcher of Falls City Lumber Co., at the Marlon Hotel in Salem, when it was learned that the company is really interested in moving its mill to this city. It seems the company has decided upon the

Nelson place in North Independence for the mill site. Some time since the business men and citizens of Independence volunteered to donate the mill site in such location as the company may select. Ross Nelson was present at the meeting Wednesday evening and informed the body assembled that they would sell the land required for \$200 per acre. This is a most remarkable offer and is certainly a sacrifice for the benefit of Independence. The land is worth more than double the amount asked.

There was so much enthusiasm manifested at the meeting Wednesday that it was decided to ask Mr. Belcher to meet the citizens in the open house Thursday evening and make a statement of what would be required of Independence. Mr. Belcher, it seems, was unable to be present at the meeting Thursday evening, but the other representatives of the Falls City company were present and, while no definite conclusion was reached relative to removing the mill from Falls City to Independence, conditions look very encouraging.

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