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A RETRACTION

Last week we stated that the Enterprise had been sold to Schmitt & McMillen of Sprague, Washington, a fact which apparently Schmitt & McMillen and the latter having the experience. This week it becomes necessary to retract the statement. We were sincere in our part of the transaction and apparently Schmitt & McMillen were equally sincere, as they paid \$200 down when terms of agreement were reached, but they have been unable to secure a loan either in Independence or Sprague, as expected, consequently failed to close the deal and take possession at the time agreed upon and expected.

The new firm was to take possession the first of June. Monday McMillen informed us that they were unsuccessful in securing the money required, and that if his partner, Mr. Schmitt, did not make a raise within two days he was going to throw the whole thing up. The "raise" has not been made and the natural assumption is that they have abandoned the idea.

As stated in the article we had no intention of leaving Independence, nor did we expect to vacate the building wherein the Enterprise is published. We are aware of the fact that Independence does not want two papers, and will not afford ample support for two, but we received sufficient encouragement from the business men, who knew the conditions, to warrant the establishment of a paper and we had entered negotiations for another plant.

McIntosh & Witse, who occupy a room in the Enterprise building, were the promoters of the transaction, probably hoping to work a hardship on the writer and family for the sake of spite, but it developed that their efforts have placed \$200 in the Enterprise funds, for which we are thankful.

Having been successful in the sale of other property, this week we are enabled to make some needed improvements in the plant and hope to place the paper in keeping with the progress of Independence and tributary country.

We have nothing but the best wishes for Independence and Independence people, and our all absorbing desire is to make it a Greater Independence.—Not by inviting or encouraging undue competition, but by

more fully developing the resources of the city and country and promoting the interests of all.

In conclusion we wish to say we are here to stay. We court no favor and fear no frowns. The Enterprise is a public enterprise for friend and foe—and we are here to serve you to the best of our ability.

Henry E. and C. Meda Browne

THE RIGHT MAN

Favoritism to none, equality to all, strict enforcement of laws, to conduct the office in harmony with other county and municipal offices, and systematic, economical and efficient administration, is the platform upon which J. W. Orr of Rickreall, stands in making his campaign and upon the same principles he expects to be elected sheriff for Polk county. If he cannot be elected on these principles he does not want to be elected at all.

These are certainly good reasons why Mr. Orr should be the choice of electors in this county next November, regardless of politics. But this is not all. Mr. Orr is a Polk county boy with a good record behind him and a bright future before him. He is a heavy tax payer on real and personal property, independent of any political ring, free from all promises, and his education and business qualifications make it possible for him to conduct every department of the office as it should be conducted.

When the voters of Polk county consider the importance of electing an officer who possesses these requisites Mr. Orr will have no trouble in securing the election. He is a clean and responsible man and should be elected to serve you. At the November election vote for J. W. Orr.

PROSPEROUS POLK

Excellent crops and prevailing good prices will this year put the farmers of Polk county in the best of circumstances this fall and through him the state is expected to prosper as never before. Every indication is for big yields in all the staple products and for some, prices will be high. The hop crop, Independence's chief industry, is going to be above the average without the interference of some unforeseen obstacle, and the prices give promise of skyward conditions.

The largest wheat crop ever harvested is predicted for Oregon, Washington and Idaho, and it is thought the yield in the three states will be at least 70,000,000 bushels, worth approximately \$52,500,000. Oats are expected to add \$18,675,000 to the farmers' bank roll and other crops in like proportion.

The desire of the railway company to stimulate the livestock industry in every possible way is also an encouraging feature for the farmers of this territory, and there never was a time

in the history of the Pacific Northwest when conditions looked more favorable for the farmer than right now.

IT IS TOO TRUE

Not particularly in sympathy with all the principles of the socialist party, we must admit that if the sentiments contained in the following article from the Appeal to Reason, were put into practice in each daily life, the world would be better for it.

Would Socialism give white men and negroes equal chances? Yes. Why shouldn't it? It is cruel and unjust to make a man accept less than you because he happens to be weaker than you. If any one should have an advantage over another—though Socialism stands for absolute equality of opportunity—it seems justice it should be the weak. But understand, that equality of opportunity does not imply enforced association. Because a negro had a good chance to make a good citizen, dwelling in comfort, it by no means means that a white man would be compelled to marry a negro, or even associate with him. Equality of opportunity implies on the contrary that each have a chance to make a good living and enjoy life, and also that each shall be enabled to follow his individual inclination so long as it did not interfere with the rights of others.

Too many men today follow their own inclinations without regard for the rights of others. We believe that men, under our competition system of government, must necessarily pursue their several vocations with a determination to succeed, but it is cruel and unjust—legitimate robbery to succeed at the expense of others, and without thought or care for the welfare of fellow-men.

Some real estate men often sacrifice the interest of others in their pursuits for money by encouraging unnecessary and un-called-for competition, and the result is disastrous to the town or city in which they live.

An example: We have bakers second to none in the county and in the meeting every requirement. To encourage competition for the sake of a few dollars for the real estate man, is to work a hardship on the enterprise, on the competition and upon the people in general. Anyone with as much gray matter as a fish worm knows there is no opening here for another bakery. The same may be applied to other enterprises in this city. We do not advocate boycott, but we do believe that the class of men encouraging unnecessary competition should be shut out of business.

INTEREST AROUSED

Now that the three year homestead bill seems certain to become a law, interest is being aroused anew in Oregon's vacant lands. Statistics have been gathered from the records of the General Land Office showing there is lots of room in this state for the homesteader, there being 15,959,377 acres still unappropriated. This is a little more than one-quarter of the state's area. Every county in the state has its quota and while most of the land is far from the larger towns, much of it is fertile and will be productive when tilled.

Albany's Fourth of July celebration will have a double significance this year. Besides Independence day enthusiasm, the coming of the Oregon Electric to Albany will figure as a cause for celebration and much rejoicing on the part of Albany people.



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DATES OF SALE

May 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24-29, 1912.
June 1, 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29,
July 2, 3, 6, 7, 11, 12, 15, 16, 20, 22, 23, 26, 29, 30, 31, 1912.
August 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 12, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, 30, 31, 1912.
September 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 30, 1912.
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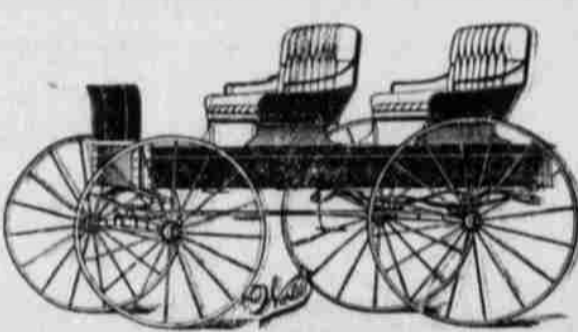
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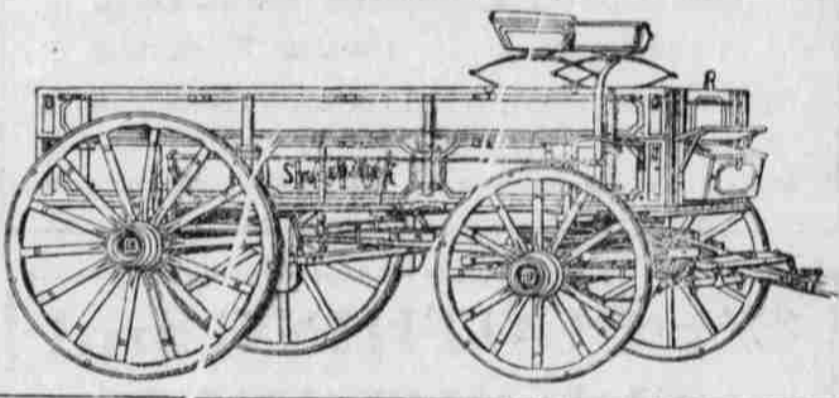
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