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COMMERCIAL CLUB ITS VALUE

This is a plain, simple, straightforward talk to the people who are interested in the business interests and general welfare of Independence. The city is at the opening of a fine career of progress and prosperity. Just what caused the renewed interest is not a question we should concern ourselves about at this time, but it may well be said that the paved streets, the sewer system the new High School building and better schools were potent factors in starting the wheels of progress in this city. The new hotel was doubtless another significant sign; and the many new houses and business buildings all erected within a few months past, mean something to the growth and the prosperity of this city. Independence will doubtless double its population within ten years. This increase will come earlier and more certain if the citizens of this vicinity take steps to bring it about. We ought to help ourselves grow, not sit down and wait for the growth to come in spite of ourselves.

No single organization can do so much for Independence just now as the Commercial Club. With the large membership, composed, as it is, of representative citizens of all business, trades and professions, can be of vast benefit in planning improvements in advertising the city and in creating civic sentiment if the same interest can be maintained for a year that was manifested when the organization was first started. All personalities must be thrown aside if we expect to meet with achievements in the work of the future.

The field of efforts for the Commercial Club is practically unlimited. There are factories that might be secured, visitors that might be entertained, conventions that could be brought here, town improvements that could be promoted, advertising matter that could be circulated, and if each member of the Independence Commercial Club will do his part in promoting these local affairs of the city, the wealth of the Club in mere dollars and cents, is incalculable.

We believe the establishment of the proposed mill in this city and the proposed railroad from here to the coast depends largely upon the local Commercial Club. Now what are we going to do about it? Are we going

to sit down quietly and let some neighboring town get away with the opportunity afforded, or are we going to put more energy and life in the work and eventually succeed in making Independence the best town in the Willamette valley south of Portland.

Don't pause too long in answering the question. Now is the opportune time.

THE "BLUE SKY" BILL

We have just received from Secretary of State Olcott, a copy of the Blue Sky Bill which will be introduced at the November election. The bill, designed to protect purchasers of stock and bonds and to provide for the thorough regulation and supervision of corporations, is modeled after the famous Blue Sky law of Kansas. The Oregon bill has been in the course of preparation for a number of months and has been revised and approved by some of the best lawyers and business men in the state. The administration of the corporation laws now costs the state about \$7000 per year. Under the new law the expense will be about \$12,000, but this is more than offset by the new source of revenue provided in the bill, which, it is estimated by the Secretary of State, will add about \$20,000 to the present annual receipts from corporations, in addition to saving the people of the state at least a million dollars a year now thrown away on worthless stock and bonds.

Voters of the state should not hesitate to sign the petitions now in circulation.

HATS OFF TO THE PIONEER

With every recurring meeting of the old settlers of Oregon comes a deeper sense of obligation which the people of this country owe to these pioneers throughout the state. We regret that Independence has not long since organized a Pioneers' Association with its annual meetings and the old-fashioned picnic occasions.

The pioneer and their co-laborers made possible the Oregon of today. They laid broad and deep the foundations upon which a splendid commonwealth has been raised. They were men of heroic mould, those early settlers. They had to face difficulties which would have overwhelmed men less determined and less resourceful. How well they did their work later generations may attest.

This tribute of gratitude and affection would be incomplete without reference to the pioneer women. There is much said about our forefathers and the debt we owe them and their memory, but little is written or spoken about our foremothers; yet the women of the earlier days in Oregon deserve equal, and indeed greater praise than the men. Pioneer life was more irksome and more dangerous to them than to their husbands, brothers and sons. They merit grateful remembrance from all who follow them and to their honor we suggest

that an organization be effected in his city at once.

The writer has had share in numerous enterprises, but none is recalled with more pleasure and pride than the part he took in the organization of the Waldo Hills Picnic Association in Marion county a number of years ago, whose annual meetings are growing in interest and attendance each year. May the association have annual meetings to the world's end and then beyond the world of time and space as well.

POLITICAL DUTY

The election of candidates to office depends sometimes upon trifling incidents. Not seldom is the result of a contest dependent upon the residence of the various aspirants. One is supported because he is a neighbor, a fellow-townsmen, a citizen of the same county. The outcome of such a local pride is frequently the election of unfit public servants. It is all right to have kindly feeling toward one's neighbors, but it is all wrong to support an incompetent for office simply because he happens to be a neighbor or a pioneer citizen.

Qualifications for political office should be fitness for the position above all else. Voters who are patriots will wish to choose as officeholders the best qualified men, wherever they may happen to reside. It is a grave wrong for a newspaper or an individual to support openly or tacitly, for public office an unfit person because of claims of locality. And the giftiness of a candidate is perhaps occasioned by his prolonged service of the people.

Patriotic reasons demand that a newspaper or individual, who, because of location is best acquainted with the candidate, should openly and fearlessly oppose the neighbor and county-man who is unqualified. It requires a high order of courage to do this, but it is the right thing to do.

BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

There can be no more short-sighted policy in town building than that which takes into consideration only the present. All towns suffer from the effects of this policy, particularly when they are young. Some towns never recover from it. Despite the evident mistakes of earlier years and the cost of remedying them afterwards this bitter experience apparently counts for but little. Given the same conditions, the same mistakes reappear in town governments and in public and private improvements.

How Independence has out-grown the swaddling clothes of its infancy. The plot of the original town, now city of Independence, is but a hand-full of territory as compared with the Independence of today. There have been additions platted until the city is quadrupled, and even more. Had this been foreseen how much better the streets and alleys could have been laid off, the grades established, and the property lines determined.

That Independence will continue to grow and widen and build up is as assured for the future as for the past. This fact should be taken into consideration in all municipal improvements. It is a waste of time, money and energy to build for today only. Tomorrow comes quickly and certainly. Nor is the future far off, but at hand. It is so easy to shut ones eye to this fact, so easy to content one's self with providing for the immediate and leaving the future to care for itself that it needs constant watching to prevent the old, narrow and short-sighted policy from having control. A town that builds for the future will help to make the future what is wished for it. A town that builds only for the present will either be unprepared for the future when it comes, or will have no future come at all. More likely the latter.

PASSING OF THE HORSE

The oncoming and improvements of the automobile, the advent of the electric railroads and other rapid methods of transportation employed by the American people today are regarded by many as presaging an era in which the horse will be no more. The predictions of these prophets, however, will only partly

come true. It will be many years if ever, before the automobile or the motor carriage becomes successor to the faithful horse.

The change in methods of transportation will never effect the admiration that man has for a fine horse, the price of which continues to increase with the increased number of automobiles thrown on the market to day. The handsome, well trained horse will always find a ready market, and admirers; and neither the automobile or the motorcycle will take his place. Man will have to suffer re-constitution before he will be willing to give up the horse to any patent machinery. The plug-horse is fast becoming extinct, but the fine bred animal will maintain its place in the world until the end of time. Without him such attractions as Independence enjoyed last week would be unknown, for no automobile race can furnish such entertainment as the fast horse.

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