

BETTER SERVICE IS NOW ASSURED

Southern Pacific to Put Independence on Main Line from North to South.

New Cut-off Line from Independence to Eola will Shorten the Distance to Capital City.

Judging from authentic reports going out from railroad headquarters at Portland there is going to be more activity in railroad building in the Willamette valley within the next few years than ever before in the history of Oregon. The work has already commenced and plans are well laid for great developments. The Southern Pacific Company is now placing material upon the ground for the electrification of its west side lines and from what can be learned independence will be connected with the metropolis of Oregon by two electric lines, one of which at least will likely be completed before 1913.

It is predicted that this valley will be woven from one end to the other and from east to west with electric lines, touching all the principal towns and cities. Independence, as well as other points in the valley will be materially benefited by the railroad improvements now in contemplation.

According to plans now made independence will be on the main electric line from Portland to Eugene by way of Salem. The company proposes to make a cut-off line from Eola to this city and another from Wellsville, a small town south of here to Albany, making it the shortest and most direct line from north to south. The line from Eola to Salem on the bridge which is in course of construction at the present time. It is learned that the S. P. Co. has taken over a controlling interest in the Salem & Falls City road and this will also be electrified.

The new railroads will make Salem a great city. It will be the center of new lines radiating in four or five directions. Besides being on the new north and south electric trunk line it will be connected in the best possible manner with all of the existing steam line mileage on both sides of the valley. Independence, being located convenient to the capital city cannot help being wonderfully benefited by the railroad improvements to be made in the future.

Mail Carrier Will Fly.

This is an age of great discoveries. Progress rides the air. Soon we may see Uncle Sam's mail carriers flying in all directions, transporting mail. People take a wonderful interest in a discovery that benefits them. That's why Dr. King's New Discovery for Coughs, Colds and other throat and lung diseases is the most popular medicine in America. "It cured me of a dreadful cough," writes Mrs. J. F. Davis, Stickney Corner, Me., "after doctor's treatment and all other remedies had failed." For coughs, colds or any bronchial affection its unequalled. For sale by all druggists.

Did Not Celebrate.

Independence, as usual, held no celebration this year on the Fourth of July and the city was comparatively quiet. People went to different places to manifest their patriotism, but for the most part Albany seemed to be the center of attraction. The excursion train over the Oregon Electric line was met at East Independence by quite a number of our citizens, who went over on the launch, and helped to swell the crowd at Albany.

Makes a Good Showing

The statement of the new Farmers State Bank, as shown in the issue of the Enterprise last week, bears evidence of the future success of the institution. Probably no bank with so short a career in Polk county ever made a better showing.

Miss Babe Damon is home from Portland, where she has been attending school. Her vacation is on account of sickness. Mr. Damon went to Portland after her last Thursday.

PLANS ARE FINISHED

Oregon Power Company Soon to Begin Improvements of Plant.

Manager J. L. White of the Oregon Power Company, was a business visitor in the city last week, and while here, in an interview with the writer, he stated that the arrangements regarding the installation of new wells and additional pumping equipment for the betterment of their waterworks system in this city were completed, and that the work of remodeling the plant would commence immediately.

The betterments which are to be provided, according to Mr. White, will very greatly improve the service and will provide for all future demands for at least fifty years to come.

This is indeed welcome news and the citizens of Independence ought to appreciate having such a progressive company in their midst. If the character of improvements to be made to the waterworks system are of as substantial a nature as those recently made in the electric lines in this city, it will indeed afford great relief.

FIRST TRAIN SUNDAY

Two Cars Make First Run Over New Electric Extension.

The first electric train over the Salem-Albany extension of the Oregon Electric road passed through East Independence Sunday afternoon. The train consisted of only two cars and carried the railroad officials. The track is said to be in first-class condition for the operation of fast trains and the regular service was commenced yesterday, when the big Oregon Electric celebration was held at Albany.

The new road also makes a change in the boat service from Independence and hereafter the launch will meet all trains on the east side line at the station to be known as East Independence. This will make better transportation facilities from Independence to Salem and Albany.

MONMOUTH MAN GONE

John Murphy, Polk Pioneer, Passes Away at His Home in Monmouth.

John Murphy, a Polk county pioneer and well known resident of Monmouth died at his home in that city Saturday, after a long illness. The funeral services were conducted at the Christian church in Monmouth Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Murphy was born in Knox county, Illinois, Oct. 27, 1843, and came to Oregon in the fall of 1852, locating in this county where he has since resided.

Elects Secretary.

At the regular meeting of the Commercial Club held Tuesday evening J. G. McIntosh was elected secretary to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of B. F. Swope. Aside from the election of a secretary and the reading of a few communications little business was accomplished.

The matter of erecting a new home for the club was not brought up and it seems probable that it will not be mentioned again for the present.

SUBSCRIPTION REDUCED

On account of increased circulation, making it necessary for us to buy papers in larger quantities, we are able to purchase stock at a cheaper rate, and have decided to give our subscribers the benefit, consequently the price of subscription to the Independence Enterprise in the future will be only \$1.00 per year. Everybody can now afford to take the home paper.

In addition to this we are able to furnish either the daily or Semi-Weekly Oregon Journal at very low rates of subscription. Call upon or write to the

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COMMON COUNCIL IN BUSY SESSION

H. Hirschberg Introduces An Ordinance Intended to Grant Franchise.

Bill is Referred to Light and Water Committee for Further Consideration.—Comes Up Next Meeting.

The common council of the city of Independence met in regular session Wednesday evening. Mayor Eldridge called the meeting to order in the usual form and the following councilman responded to the roll call. Messrs. Mix, Bohannon, Campbell and Dixon.

No meeting was held on the third Wednesday in June and the recorder read the minutes of the meeting held on the first Wednesday in June, which were approved as read.

M. Mix, chairman of street committee, reported that Mr. Estess had been engaged to clean the streets and do other work required, at a salary of \$95.00 per month instead of \$4.00 per day, as was expected would be required, and the chairman reported that the work was being very satisfactorily accomplished.

Claims and bills against the city aggregating something more than \$300 for the month of June were read and on motion of councilman Dixon, supported by councilman Bohannon, they were allowed.

In the bill of the Recorder it was observed that the sum of \$57.00 was turned over to the city Treasurer for fines collected during the month of June. The recorder reported that several other arrests had been made and in cases where the prisoner was without funds the city marshal escorted him to the city limits and instructed him to travel on.

On motion of Councilman Bohannon the ordinance committee was instructed to bring in a bill for an ordinance at the next meeting intending to adopt the official street grade as established by Mr. Kelsey recently. The object of this is to require the Southern Pacific Railway Company to lower its road bed in the city to conform with the street grade. An effort was made in this direction some time ago, but it was found that the city had no established grade and the company refused to make the change in its road bed. Under the new ordinance they will be required to make the change, which will improve the appearance of the street and make it more convenient to travel on Railroad street.

Mr. Bohannon suggested that the sinking fund for the sewer should be set aside according to the ordinance and same be placed out at interest. The fund amounts to two and three-fourths mills on the dollar on the assessed valuation of city property. The recorder will ascertain the exact amount and report conditions at next meeting.

J. S. Cooper, who will begin work soon on his new residence at the corner of Third and C streets, made application to the council to tap the main sewer in that vicinity, and petition was granted.

C. W. Irvine, secretary of the Masonic lodge, and Ross R. Nelson, petitioned the city council to vacate that portion of Monmouth street east of First street. If this can be accomplished it is the intention of the petitioners to erect a building on the site 66 by 76 feet, and the same will be used for a motion picture house.

Councilman Mix moved that the recorder be instructed to post three notices in accordance with the terms of the petition, and the motion was carried.

An ordinance was introduced intending to grant a fifty year franchise to H. Hirschberg and his heirs and assigns, to construct electric light wires, water mains and street railways. On motion of councilman Dixon the ordinance was read first time. Mr. Mix moved that the ordinance be referred to the water and light committee for their further consideration and the motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Bohannon, the chairman of the fire committee was instructed to appoint firemen sufficient to meet the city's requirements, and the motion was carried.

On motion of Mr. Bohannon the council adjourned.

BUSINESS INCREASE

Receipts of Independence Post Office Show Great Gain Over Last Year.

During the first six months of the calendar year 1912, the receipts of the Independence post office exceeded the corresponding months of the year 1911 more than forty-six per cent. The increase was not occasioned by any extraordinary stamp sales, but was purely an increase of business transacted in that office, and indicates an increase in the population of Independence and tributary country.

We know of nothing that will more accurately show the growth and prosperity of a community more than the amount of business transacted by the postmaster, and the figures furnished by Mr. Merwin look very encouraging to all who have an interest in the city's welfare.

Recovering from Injury.

Frank Gray was out on crutches Wednesday, having partly recovered from a serious injury sustained a couple of weeks ago while working on a building at Horst Bros' hop yard. Mr. Gray and Wm. Mattison were working on a new building when the frame fell over letting them drop to the ground a distance of twenty-two feet. Mr. Gray broke a bone in his left foot and Mr. Mattison injured his back. Both are recovering slowly.

Insect Bite Costs Leg.

A Boston man lost his leg from the bite of an insect two years before. To avert such calamities from stings and bites of insects use Bucken's Arnica Salve promptly to kill the poison and prevent inflammation, swelling and pain. Heals burns, boils, sores, piles, eczema, cuts, bruises. Only 25 cents at all druggists.

Falls From a Horse.

Miss Helen Eaton fell from a horse Tuesday, dislocating her left shoulder and fracturing two bones in her left arm. The accident occurred on the east side of the river. The unfortunate young lady was immediately brought to this city where Dr. Butler reduced the fractures.

The Choice of a Husband.

is too important a matter for women to be handicapped by weakness, bad blood or foul breath. Avoid these kill-hopes by taking Dr. King's Life Pills. New strength, fine complexion, pure breath, cheerful spirit—things that win men—follow their use. Easy, safe, sure. 25c at all druggists.

Thrown From Motorcycle.

An automobile traveling at the rate of about 25 miles an hour, struck a motorcycle conveying Roy Hamel and Floyd Browne to Salem, Wednesday evening. The boys were suddenly dismounted, but escaped with only a few bruises.

May Sue for Damages.

Rev. Sanford Snyder, who was injured some time since by a train on the Salem & Falls City road, has put his case in the hands of attorneys, and unless the company is willing to make a settlement somewhere within reason he will begin suit for damages.

At The M. E. Church.

Sunday School at 10:00 a. m.
Preaching at 11:00 a. m. Theme: Patriotism That Counts.
Epworth League at 7:00 p. m.
Evening sermon at 8:00 o'clock. Theme: Fig Leaf Aprons. Good music by the choir.
F. N. SANDIFUR, Pastor.

Mrs. A. J. Cooper and Miss S. A. Richardson returned from Turner Monday, where they have been attending the State Convention of the Christian church.

Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Howard and daughter of South Dakota, are camping on the west side of the river in this city. They came here two weeks ago to look over the country.

THE CHERRY FAIR PROMISES FUN

Two Thousand Elks Will Visit Cherry City in a Body Next Week Friday.

Salem to Afford Great Attractions at The Cherry Fair Next Week Three Days.

The Cherry Fair to be held in Salem next week on Thursday, Friday and Saturday bids fair to surpass all previous meetings of this kind held in the Capital City.

Thursday's attractions will be "Made in Oregon" Exhibits and products of Oregon at the new Armory building, and the grand industrial parade.

Friday will be Elks' day and 2000 Elks in session at the convention in Portland will be present and form a parade. This will be followed by the commercial parade. This will be headed by Governor West in Cowboy costume.

On Saturday the third and last day will occur the automobile parade and the baby show at the armory.

Base ball every day, street shows, water carnival, etc. to interest the visitors. Five bands have been engaged to furnish the music.

The committees promise the largest and best Cherry exhibits that have ever been shown in Oregon, and Salem is making every possible effort to take care of her guests next week and the largest crowd ever seen in that city is anticipated.

Special rates on all railroads have been provided.

TO QUELL SUFFRAGETTES

An Iowa paper says a society has been launched in Kittington to be known as the National Male Suffrage Protection League. It is hoped to stop the advance of the women's suffrage movement and eventually blot it out. The plan is outlined by the secretary as follows:

"We propose to put down the newest fad of a few idle spinsters and childless wives by a simple method. We believe that at the present time there is a larger proportion of females than males in the population of the United States, and it is the unattached female who is causing the agitation because she needs something to take up her time. The members of this league take a solemn oath not to marry a suffragette and require their prospective wives to take oath never to favor women's suffrage. We believe that when it comes to a show-down between a cause and a husband the women will choose the latter. When this movement of ours spreads there will be a lot of backsliding in the ranks of the suffragettes. We are positive there will be no gain in converts among the young women. If our plans succeed, and I have no doubt they will, it will be a matter of time until the agitation for woman suffrage is a thing of the past."

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Lee Whitcomb and bride will reside on Mrs. Kurre's farm near here.

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High Grade Watches

There is nothing like a good watch for company, satisfaction and utility. Experience has taught us the kind of watches that give the best satisfaction and it is to our benefit to sell a watch that will give the best time and service. If you will come to us with your watch troubles we will save you dollars and give you satisfaction.

Prices range from \$1.00 to \$40.00

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