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OUR PROGRESS

There have been six important events in Independence during the past two years: the location and building of the High School in 1910, the completion of the sewer system in 1911, the paved streets in 1911 and 1912, the construction of a new and modern hotel in 1912, the improved transportation facilities by rail and water and the building of the Oregon Electric railroad on the east side of the river. There have been many other achievements, but these have marked epochs in the city's progress, have been "red-letter days" in its history. They have not only been substantial elements in its progress, but have been eloquent evidences of its enterprise.

In addition to these nearly \$6000 has been subscribed as a bonus to warrant the establishment of a new lumbering enterprise, and a large portion of this has already been paid over to the committee authorized to handle the affairs. Independence, in this particular respect, has made a record that is unequalled by any city of like proportion in the state.

All have been wise investments. They have returned far more than they cost. They have brought a local prosperity and won for us a fame enviable and substantial, and have laid a foundation for the future whose possibilities cannot be estimated. Every object of expenditure is still with us, a source of inestimable value and each one has grown in its usefulness during a short space of time.

A noteworthy feature of our people's public spirit has been that it has not been confined to any single department of enterprise. Mechanical, industrial, educational and religious interests have received equal attention. Behind them all we have a country with natural resources of such variety, attractiveness and opulence as to warrant and sustain all the development we apply to them.

The lumbering enterprise will be the capstone. It is the one industry that has long been needed. While it has not cost Independence as much as have some others, its ultimate return will probably be greater than all others combined. The one mortifying obstacle in the way of our progress has been the lack of a pay roll—lack of means of employment for the laboring classes. It has crippled our schools and our business growth, has kept out accessions to our population and has prevented increase in property values. For the past half century we have had to sit in almost isolation and see manufacturing enterprises go up on all sides of us, and the population growing constantly. It has been said of us that we are behind the times in enterprise. Despite all this, our city has forged ahead, has done a more thriving business than any of its neighbors and is without a superior as a social, educational or business center.

Let us congratulate ourselves that the mill has been secured at such a small cost. Not a subscription has been made that will not yield the subscriber manifold.

HOT AIR POLITICS

One of the perplexing phases of the political situation—in the minds of some, at least—is that American people in their prosperous circumstances would undertake a change in the administration. But it is history. Political affairs are like a great tidal wave sweeping in and out. Men are like sheep; they follow the bell-wether. The world's applause is not

given to merit, but to performance. It is not altogether character, but position that receives honor. The obscure are neglected and scorned; the conspicuous are flattered and caressed. If a man is down he is kicked, if he is up he is petted. The world has a ones to hurl at the vanquished, and roses for the victor. All of us condemn this method, but all of us do it and probably always will.

Nothing so helps a man as to have a prefix in front of his name, and this may account for the epidemic of office holders. Many a man would be poor indeed but for the title that surmounts his name, and to which he has earned no higher right than that of growing a mustache or developing a voice.

Ignorance is largely at the basis of the adulation of noted people.

Have you ever attended educational, social or religious gatherings and observed the attitude and gaping wonder with which crowds gather around and behold some personage whose only claim to honor lies in that he has held some prominent office or been well advertised in the newspapers? Fame in these days is largely a matter of manufacture. It is not the result of merit so much as knowing how to get it. It is the man who pushes himself forward, gets himself on programs on public occasions and who knows how to work the newspapers, who have discovered the secret of conspicuousness. Cheek and obtrusiveness count for vastly more in bringing man to the front than do solid qualities. And the same is as true in business as it is in politics. We could point to a score of persons whose names are "household words," who would not have been known outside of their township but for their sublime assurance and irrepressible "gall," and yet there are thousands who think them great men. These are the persons partly responsible for the present political situation.

Shall modest men become discouraged when they thus behold shallowness and humbug running riot?

Verily, NO! The bras band and rosette type of politicians, public men and business men are of short duration. The "scrub" horse race will soon be run. Adulation showered upon pretense is exceedingly empty. Wealth and fame with no solid qualities behind them are like bubbles glittering for an instant, and then gone for ever. All about us are the wretched wrecks of those who were once beguiled by them. That man is a fool who puts himself in a position which he is incapable of sustaining, whether it be a business undertaking or a political career. There is no actual happiness, no genuine success that is not based upon merit. Let not the meritorious men, then, though forgotten, be disheartened. Although he may be overlooked and misunderstood, though the world may pass by him in neglect, he will find that all men are not what they seem. The world sees through its shams and humbugs; and it laughs at and despises them.

The hope of staying this regressive tide of practical prosperity lies in the development of more independent sentiment among the people. Let there be but one aristocracy in this free land, the aristocracy of mind and purpose.

PORTO RICO'S NEW WONDER

From far away Porto Rico come reports of a wonderful new discovery that is believed will vastly benefit the people. Ramon T. Marchan, of Barceloneta, writes "Dr. King's New Discovery is doing splendid work here. It cured me about five times of terrible coughs and colds, also my brother of a severe cold in his chest and more than 20 others, who used it, on my advice. We hope this great medicine will be sold in every drug store in Porto Rico. For throat and lung troubles it has no equal. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by all druggists.

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HERE TO STAY

New York Man Returns to Oregon to Make His Home.

Chas. Freeman of Franklin County, New York, who accompanied B. C. Rockwell on an investigating trip to Oregon two years ago, after looking over a portion of the Pacific coast, and getting terms and prices of land, returned to his New York home. But Mr. Rockwell remained in Oregon, locating on a farm east of Salem where he remained for a year, when his desire for his former occupation so far superseded that of farming that he decided to dispose of his farm and moved to Independence.

Here he became identified with the Independence creamery with K. C. Eldridge.

After remaining in New York two more years Mr. Freeman became so favorably impressed with this section of Oregon that he sold his place in the east and started westward, arriving at the Rockwell home in Independence with his family where he will remain until he can locate more permanently.

Mr. Freeman and wife are accompanied by two other families who are in search of homes, and they are also pleased with the country.

VOTER FOR 69 YEARS

Monmouth Man Celebrates His 90th Anniversary.

One of the oldest men in Polk county, and perhaps the oldest, is T. Orville Waller of Monmouth, who celebrated his 90th birthday Wednesday, November 20th. Upon this occasion many of Mr. Waller's friends called upon him during the day to offer congratulations and manifest their esteem for this pioneer gentleman.

Mr. Waller was born in Morgan county, Illinois, in 1828, and crossed the plains to Oregon in 1849, settling in Polk county on a donation land claim. He erected the first store in Eola in 1856. Mr. Waller has lived in Monmouth since 1880.

His first vote was cast for James K. Polk, and he is still a voter, having cast his last vote in the election on November 5th.

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No More Suncay Games.

Some little dissension has been awakened in the high school because Prof. Chate ruled against Sunday ball games. At a recent meeting of the board of directors the principal's orders were confirmed and because of the fact that the boys disregarded the same last Sunday there will probably be no more foot ball team in the high school this year.

Other schools in the state are under a like ruling and it would seem that Independence students ought not expect any more privileges in this respect than other towns.

FLAGGED TRAIN WITH SHIRT

Tearing his shirt from his back an Ohio man flagged a train and saved from a wreck, but H. T. Alston, Raleigh, N. C., once prevented a wreck with Electric Bitters. I was in a terrible plight when I began to use them, he writes, "my stomach, head, back and kidneys were all badly affected and my liver was in bad condition."

Takes Tartar Emetic.

A. Anderson swallowed a quantity of tartar emetic Tuesday evening by mistake, and for a short time his condition was quite serious. Dr. Butler was called to his home in North Independence and arrived just in time to prevent serious, and perhaps fatal results.

Mr. Anderson has been suffering with rheumatism for some time. He supposed cream of tartar was given him, but it developed that a mistake had been made in putting up the medicine and it was not discovered until he had taken the poison.

W. L. Bush and family departed on Thursday for Hoskins, Oregon, for a few days' visit. From there they go to Anaheim, California where they expect to reside permanently.

A free bible lecture will be given in the Baptist church next Sunday afternoon under the auspices of the International Bible Students' Association. All are cordially invited.

The ladies of the M. E. church will hold their annual fair and bazaar on December 13 and 14 this year. Further announcement will be made in the Enterprise next week.

If you miss the Thanksgiving ball next Thursday night, given under the auspices of the Independence Orchestra, you will be missing a good time. Tickets to dance only \$1.00.

The government boat has been doing some dredging in the river near here this week, going on down to Portland yesterday.

Sol Herzog went to Dallas Tuesday to see how the sale is moving at the Dallas store.

Roosevelt is still on the fight and Tripp is still selling real estate.

Prof. McAdams of Salem, was in the city Saturday.

Hon. J. S. Cooper made a trip up the line yesterday on business.

Don't forget the big orchestra ball in the opera house Thanksgiving evening. Good music and a good time is assured. Tickets to dance \$1.00.

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