

Independence Enterprise

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—AND THUS ENDETH ANOTHER CHAPTER

"If you won't let me play in your back yard you can't slide down my cellar door." Kid play. And yet this is the attitude of the very eminent highway commission of the state of Oregon toward Polk county. The honorable gentlemen or kiddies who are attempting to run the highways of the state have decreed that this county—or county court—needs a spanking, and of course, to officials who appear to feel that their will or desire must be unquestioned irrespective of what measures may have been enacted by the legislature, the shingle is the only remedy.

The commission is sorely grieved because the Polk county court will not sanction a stretch of the Pacific highway between Monmouth and Suver. The commissioners are insisting that the highway be built south from Monmouth and the county court maintains that it can only be legally built by going from Monmouth to Independence and then south whence the commission may determine. The very fact that the route south from Monmouth will cost Polk county many thousand dollars more than it would to build it south from Independence does not appear to be worrying the state officials, yet as Polk would have to foot the bill the county court emphatically declares that there will be nothing doing on the more costly route.

Then there is still another consideration. In the 1917 session of the legislature a bill was passed and duly

attested by the governor and in it was embodied this: "The Pacific Highway from the Multnomah County line through Washington county and Yamhill county, by way of Hillsboro, Forest Grove, McMinnville to Dallas, Monmouth and Independence in Polk county; to Corvallis and Monroe in Benton county and through Eugene to the north line of Douglas county."

It is fairly plain that the legislators intended the highway to pass through Independence. Yet the highway commissioners appear to feel that this matter is one entirely in their hands, and when righteous protest is made against such high-handed tactics, they resort to the nefarious procedure of suspending operations upon the Rickreall-Dallas highway until such time as the Polk county court may see the light. Drastic action and it might be aptly expressed by the use of uglier words. And please bear in mind that this is the action of men who have been selected to spend millions of dollars of state money in highway construction.

Independence is asking for only what it is entitled—no more or no less—and in this stand it has the very able support of Judge Robinson of the county court. It wants this highway to be built as decreed by the legislature so far as the Independence part of it is concerned. It believes that it is holding a pat hand and apparently the commissioners are attempting to pull a grandstand bluff on Judge Robinson. They have another guess coming if they think that they can swerve the Polk county man from deviating from what he deems to be his duty.

The routing of this highway has been a bone of contention for some time. From the very start the highway commission has been determined that it shall pass through Polk county, touching only Monmouth and Rickreall. The commission has attempted to appease Dallas by the assurance

of a surfaced highway from Rickreall to Dallas and likewise Monmouth and Independence were connected. Notwithstanding this Independence has never waived her rights from the building of this highway as directed by the legislature and if the temper of the people at the present time is any criterion, there will be no concession in the future. Independence, as well as the balance of the county, is anxious to have this highway completed, but it does not propose to be made a "goat" by the highway commission.

Next week has been officially designated as American Legion week. It will be a campaign for membership and not a drive for funds. More than a million and a half of former service men are now members of this organization, and the purpose is to enroll all who are eligible, which would make close to three million. While little more than a year old, the Legion has made itself felt in the affairs of the nation. "For God and Country" is the Legion's platform and it has a wonderful opportunity for accomplishing good. Independence Post will endeavor to muster in all the available boys in its immediate vicinity. It passeth understanding why a person entitled to the distinction of being a member of this organization does not avail himself of the privilege.

The Enterprise has no desire to tell its readers how they should vote upon the tax questions. These are matters which the individual voter must decide for himself or herself. However, these questions are of vital importance and should receive very careful consideration. If you believe in things worth while—better training for the boys and girls, that succeeding generations may show improvement over the present ones—then you must not shirk your part. This can only be accomplished by effort. Better schools are naturally going to cost more. But will not the investment be a good one?

And the last week in May Independence is going to be entertained to her heart's delight with the annual chautauqua. An effort has been made to provide a program which will be worth while and at the same time afford pleasure and profit. In these days of skyrocketing prices the postage stamp and the Chautauqua tickets are in a distinctive class—no increase in price.

It has been said that an accurate barometer of a community is its banking institutions. Independence has two successful ones and they are telling their bi-monthly story of accomplishment in today's Enterprise.

Spuds, sugar, gasoline. What'll be next?

BAPTIST CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

If you were at church last Sunday, you saw the increased attendance in both the morning and evening service. The Sunday School has mark in spite of the nice weather, and the slump that generally comes in the spring. The Sunday School has recently fixed up a splendid primary department for the little folks, the attendance having grown in that class. The Sunday School meets at 10 a. m., Mrs. Grace Swope, Superintendent. In the morning at the 11 o'clock service, the Rev. Stewart of McMinnville, convention pastor for the Baptist denomination, will preach on "My Brothers

At the

Agricultural College
State University and
Ore. Normal School

classes are so overcrowded, rooms so overloaded, and teachers so few, that the three institutions will have to close the door on at least 1000 Oregon boys and girls, and perhaps upon twice that number next fall, unless the new millage support bill passes on May 21.

These three institutions have, when compared with the year when the present millage support bill was passed

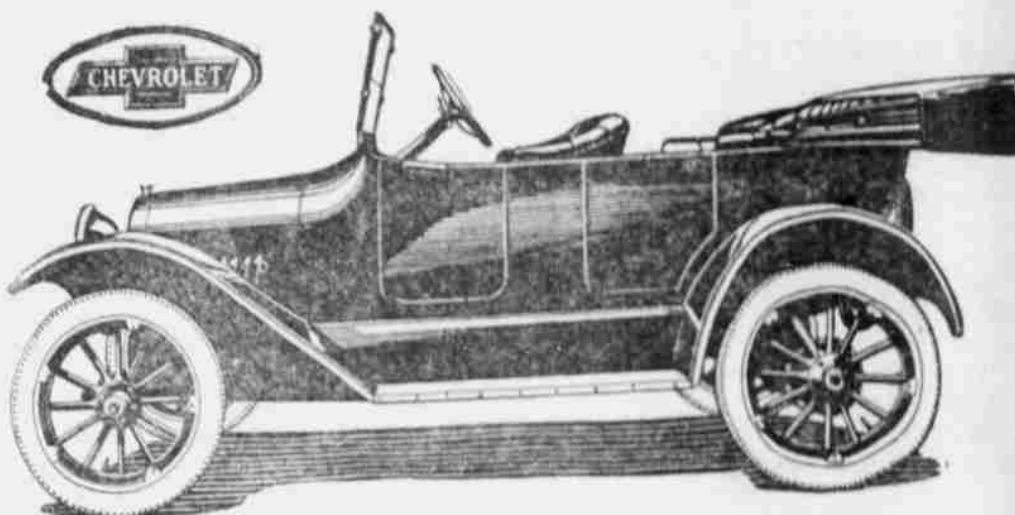
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The fact that higher education in Oregon is in a crisis cannot be said too strongly. You are urged to work for the Higher Educational relief measure, and to help it with your vote on May 21.

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