

Independence Enterprise

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THE EDICT IS SIGNED

And now it is the Dallas Observer that has shouldered the task of teaching Independence a lesson in highway ethics. It is last issue it pawed the air with what has the earmarks of being an "inspired" editorial in which it is intimated that drastic action will be taken unless Independence gets down on its "tummy" to the highway commission. Of course, the Observer is a little vague in stating just the form of punishment to be administered, and it may appear just a wee mite inconsistent, but it should be remembered that the Observer is stronger at starting things than it is at finishing them. The editorial alluded to is in the issue of June 2d:

"The determination of Independence to continue the fight with the highway commission will only serve to increase the bitterness felt toward the county in other sections of the state. The county will be held responsible for whatever action is taken, and will in the end pay the penalty through action of the legislature or otherwise. The county's position politically will become hopeless, if the remainder of the state is defied, and the proposed suit of Independence is a defiance. Those who travel about on the railway trains hear Polk county referred to in most uncomplimentary terms. This hurts. It injures the county's chance of getting its share of the settlers who are coming this way, and it may result in some drastic action that will further injure the county. If Independence, as a part of the county, persists in a course that injures all other citizens it should be forcibly taught that it is but a small portion of the county. This can be done in many ways. If those folks over there have a friend with good judgement he should get busy and make it clear that if Independence expects fair play in the future it should stop this road agitation and allow Polk county to get a little of the state road money before the funds are exhausted."

Will the Observer please state just what it means by "fair play?" This couplet appears to have a range of meaning. As an illustration: Independence is quite firmly convinced that it is not receiving "fair play" from the Observer.

Notwithstanding that the Observer has been wobbling from one side to the other of the highway question for many moons, the Enterprise wishes to call its attention to a very simple fact: It is not Independence that is responsible for any delay in lawful highway construction in Polk county.

The Enterprise still clings to the idea that there is such a thing as right and wrong and that the highway commission has been arbitrarily unjust in its treatment of Independence.

And if the Observer would tune its ear to the people rather than to a few politicians, it might find that the highway commission is not as high and mighty as it professes to be. At Eugene, the other day, a resolution

was introduced by the state grange demanding that the highway commission be abolished and that a highway commissioner be elected who will be answerable to the people. It will be found that there are lots of folks who share this feeling of the grangers, and very possibly quite a number of them live in Polk county.

It must be confessed that the Observer has aroused a mild curiosity here by the sentence: "If Independence as a part of the county, persists in a course that injures all other citizens, it should be forcibly taught that it is but a small portion of the county." If we don't watch out, we are going to be spanked. Will the Observer change the course of the Willamette and wish Independence onto Marion county? Or, is it going to start another—

But why dwell upon it. The Observer may again change its course shortly. Here is an editorial paragraph from the Observer of May 26, just one week preceding the foregoing tirade:

"Pretty near all of the folks are hopeful that peace has been established between Polk county and the state highway commission. Polk county has lost much and gained nothing in its past fight with this body. It has lost the good will of the remainder of the state and will find it difficult to get into the good graces of our neighbors. They are wrong, but these neighbors insist that Polk county has held up the construction of the highway."

The Observer on May 26 confesses that Independence is right in the road controversy, and then on June 2nd it says that we are all wrong. The almighty dollar, political recognition and the good will of neighboring counties weighs more with the Observer than simple justice. Had Belgium taken a similar stand on a memorable occasion a few years ago we might have been paying tribute to the kaiser at this particular time.

The Enterprise is of the opinion that Independence folks believe that they are right and until such time as they find that they are wrong they are going to continue to fight even though the finger of scorn is directed in this direction by such eminent men as the highway commissioners and the Observer.

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INDEPENDENCE COUPLE MARRIED AT DALLAS

The first of the June brides to appear at the Dallas court house was Leona M. Downing of Independence, who has been employed at the telephone office at that place. Miss Downing is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Downing of Independence. She was married to Ernest E. Lincoln of Independence, who is employed as a logger. The young couple were married by Rev. D. A. MacKenzie of the Presbyterian church in the county clerk's office at high noon in the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Downing. They will reside in Independence immediately after their honeymoon on which they departed shortly after the ceremony.—Dallas Observer

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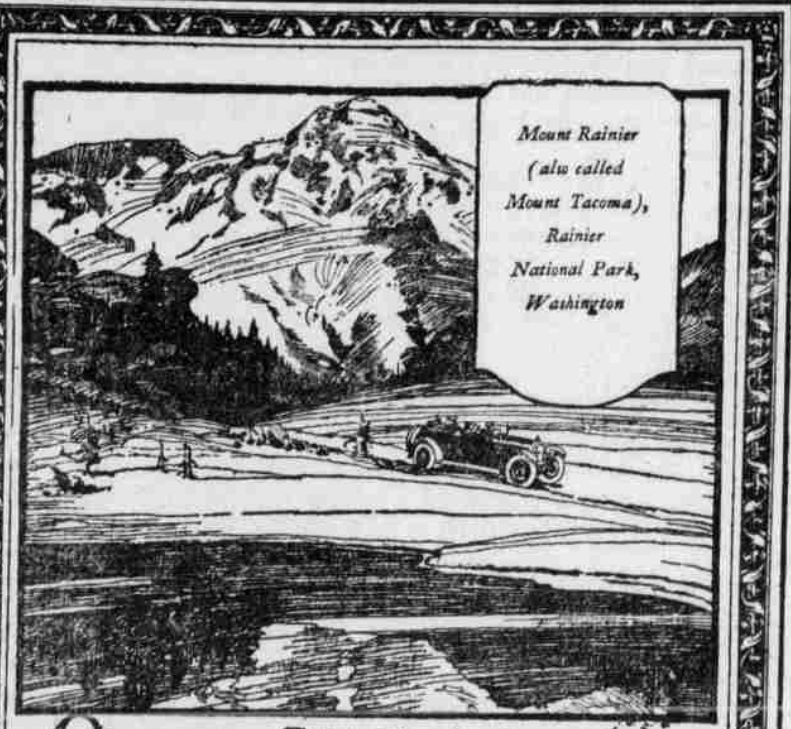
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