

# Independence Enterprise

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## HELP TO MAKE IT BETTER

In the estimation of the Salem Statesman, the Oregon primary system is a failure. It says: "The old boss system was bad. But the direct primary system is worse, on the average." The Enterprise is willing to concede that the Oregon system is not perfect, but compared with the old boss ruled days, it is a noteworthy step in the right direction. The privilege of determining government is invested with the people, where it belongs. There are times when the voters are lax in their citizenship, but it is usually found on the whole that their judgment is sound. The great fault with the Oregon system, in our estimation, is that too much authority is invested in some of the elective officers.

Through legislative enactment, an untold number of commissions has been created, investing the governor with too much patronage power. As an illustration: We have a highway commission, which has expended nearly \$50,000,000 during the past few years and answerable to nobody except the governor. Approximately \$40,000,000 of it is a bonded debt upon which interest will be paid for years to come. The governor is privileged to place on this commission anyone he may desire irrespective of qualifications. This is but one instance. There are dozens of others which are functioning by the grace of the chief executive.

And then go back to the old convention system. In the days gone by, it was the privilege of the Enterprise man to witness some degrading circumstances, particularly when viewed with present ideas. Many big concerns considered it quite the proper thing to station their lieutenants at the ballot boxes to provide the right ballots for them to deposit.

Fortunately, these conditions are of the past. It is one outstanding sign of the advancement being made in our form of government. It is true that the politician be- moans the loss of the fleshpots of the old system. Any attempt to restore it, however, can bring nothing but grief to the instigator.

Gubernatorial candidates appear to be marking time. So far, there is but one avowed candidate—J. D. Lee of Portland and a former Polk county man. Other aspirants are simply waiting developments. It is quite generally conceded, however, that Governor Olcott is going to enter the race. During his incumbency he has been industriously building a machine, but machines are sort of going out of fashion with the rank and file of the voters, and Olcott has no cinch. Senator Patterson is sizing up the situation. He has many friends who would like to see him enter the contest. A Polk county farmer, versed in state affairs, his platform would probably largely be builded on a policy of business administration. Then there is Mayor Baker of Portland. He has quite a following and if he enters the race the presumption is that he will have Portland in his vest pocket. Of course, Olcott hopes to horn in on Portland vote to a considerable extent on account of his activity in the exposition project. Portland is likewise the home of Mr. Lee. He was given a big majority in his election to the house two years ago in Multnomah county and he is going to make an active campaign. There are a number of others who have the gubernatorial bee in their bonnets and if conditions look right some of these will probably try their luck.

Irrespective of party affiliations, there ought to be satis faction over the appointment of Goor Wharton Pepper as United States senator from Pennsylvania to fill the un- expired term of Senator Penrose. A lawyer with pro- gressive political views, and very pronounced ideas of what constitutes fair play, both in public and private affairs, his appointment is a striking example of an ad- vancement in government affairs. From Quay to Pepper a big step in the right direction has been taken. With a republican majority larger than any other state in the union, some pretty raw deals have been put over in Penn- sylvania in some of the years gone by. Mr. Pepper's successor will be selected in next fall's general election, but it is more than probable that he will be continued.

It is just a little bit amusing to read the hot air which is being peddled in Portland by Mayor Gates of Med- ford in regard to the Portland exposition. He avers that Jackson county folks are a rearin' to dig—and in their own pockets—to finance Portland's proposed show. In fact, so imbued are the Southern Oregon people with the fair idea that they would consider it a grave insult not to be privileged to help defray the expense. The propoganda is so rich and so good that the mayor is being interviewed before breakfast by one paper, in the forenoon by another, with an evening roundup by the third moulder of public opinion. As a burlesque, it cer- tainly has merit.

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## Independence National Bank

Independence, Oregon

### FOLDER MAP OF OREGON IS ISSUED BY ESPEE

A folder map of Oregon has just been issued by the general passenger department, Southern Pacific lines, Portland.

It shows the rivers, mountains, highways, and principal railroads, including many logging roads.

It is of convenient size being folded to fit the pocket.

On the reverse side of the map is a general description of Oregon, its topography, climate and soil.

All the principal products and re- sources including particulars as to irrigated state lands, homesteads, water-power, and highways are men- tioned. A considerable amount of statistical data is given, figures being compiled principally from the

last census of the United States. The purpose of this publication is to tell in a plain and straightfor- ward way of the resources and oppor- tunities in Oregon. Careful attention been given to this, the figures data being compiled from the most reliable sources of information.

Copies are to be had free on re- quest to agents, and representatives of Southern Pacific lines.

Dennis Construction company at Rickreall has resumed operat- ing. Mr. Hardy, foreman, has moved family from McMinnville to Rickreall.

Oscar H. Holmes and Mrs. L. Evans, both of Dallas were mar- ried January 5th at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Kate Muscott, at Dallas. Rev. Frank James officiated.

Charter No. 3979

Reserve District No. 1

### REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

## Independence National Bank

AT INDEPENDENCE, IN THE STATE OF OREGON, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ONE DEC. 31st, 1921.

### RESOURCES

Loans and discounts, including rediscounts.....	\$148,507.40	
Total loans .....		\$148,507.40
Overdrafts, secured, none; unsecured.....	\$1,270.69	1,270.69
U. S. Government securities owned:		
Deposited to secure circulation (U. S. bonds par value) .....	12,500.00	
All other United States Government Securities....	23,500.00	
Total .....		36,000.00
Other bonds, stocks, securities, etc. ....		97,028.217
Banking House, \$16,200; Furniture and fixtures .....	\$4,000	20,200.00
Real estate owned other than banking house.....		12,454.00
Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank.....		19,229.00
Cash in vault and amount due from National Banks		39,856.00
Amount due from state banks, bankers, and trust companies in the United States (other than in- cluded in items 8 or 10) .....		3,208.00
Checks on other banks in the same city or town as reporting bank (other than item 12) .....		190.00
Total of items 10, 11 and 13 .....	43,264.16	
Checks on banks located outside of city or town of reporting bank and other cash items.....		17,930.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer .....		625.00
Total .....		\$396,509.00

### LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in.....		50,000.00
Surplus fund .....		15,000.00
Undivided profits .....	6,380.59	
Less current expenses, interest and taxes paid.....		6,380.59
Cashier's checks on own bank outstanding.....		1,397.10
Total of item 25 .....	1,397.10	
Demand deposits (other than bank deposits) sub- ject to Reserve (deposits payable within 30 days)		208,141.00
Individual deposits subject to check .....		7,204.00
Certificates of deposit due in less than 30 days (other than money borrowed) .....		6,000.00
State, county, or other municipal deposits secured by pledge of assets of this bank .....		3,000.00
Dividends unpaid .....		224,346.55
Total of demand deposits (other than bank deposits) subject to Reserve, items 26, 28, 30		
Time deposits subject to Reserve (payable after 30 days, or subject to 30 days or more notice, and postal savings):		
Certificates of deposit (other than for money borrowed) .....		86,708.00
Postal savings deposits .....		176.00
Total of time deposits subject to Reserve, Items 32 and 35 .....	86,884.47	
Total .....		\$896,509.00

STATE OF OREGON, County of Polk, ss  
I, I. D. Mix, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of January, 1922.  
B. F. SWOPE,  
Notary Public  
My commission expires Oct. 2, 1923

I. D. MIX, Cashier.  
Correct—Attest:  
H. HIRSCHBERG  
C. A. McLAUGHLIN  
W. H. WALKER,  
Director

**Dodge Bros. will announce on**  
**February 1st, 1922, a substan-**  
**tial reduction in the prices of**  
**their cars, effective from**  
**January 1, 1922.**

## Huggins Motor Co.

C Street, Independence, Oregon