

# Independence Enterprise

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The Polk-Benton senatorial contest has taken another slant. "Jim" Stewart has withdrawn and A. J. Johnson is on the republican ticket in opposition to E. H. Belknap. Mr. Johnson is well-known throughout the district as a keen, progressive business man. His home is in Corvallis, and it required a lot of persuasion to get him to enter the contest. At one time Mr. Johnson was state senator from Linn and Polk counties and also state senator from Linn county. Speaking of Mr. Johnson, C. E. Ingalls, editor of the Corvallis-Gazette Times, says: "Mr. Johnson is the best equipped man in the county for the position. He was formerly state banking commissioner and probably knows more men of the state of Oregon than any other man of the Willamette valley. He is efficient, energetic, conscientious; a man of high moral integrity, and a 'go-getter'."

There is a shortage of hogs in Oregon. There was a time—and it was not so very long ago—when it was not possible for a farmer to raise a hog at a profit. As he was not in the business entirely for his health, the stock of porkers was either disposed of or reduced to a minimum. Naturally, a shortage is the result. In the opinion of the Portland Union Stock Yards company this is an alarming situation. The company has gone to the extremity of sorting out the desirable brood sows which are sent to the yards and is offering them to the farmers at practically the meat price. So long as the buyer fixes the price for pork or any other commodity, there is bound to be many discrepancies and these will not be in favor of the producer.

"Playing safe" will avoid jolts—good and otherwise—but it does not usually win a great many plaudits. Had George A. White tendered his resignation as adjutant general when he became a candidate for governor he would have stood a little higher in the estimation of lots of folks. At the head of the state's military organization and with a creditable record of service for his country, we have always mentally pictured him as a real he man. And so he has been up until the political bee stung him. He is playing safe, now. He does not propose to cast the adjutant generalship to the winds until he is assured of being elected governor.

Senator Patterson will receive a very satisfactory vote in Portland is the statement of a man who is keenly alive to the political situation in the Rose city. His platform calling for a real business administration and a consequent reduction in taxes has the endorsement of a large number of people. In the farming communities Senator Patterson appears to be particularly strong. A dirt farmer himself, he understands the problems which are confronting the farmer, and he is in sympathy with their demand that taxes be lowered.

Honesty has its reward oftener than some folks seem to imagine. What is termed the "moral risk" is becoming a still greater factor in the business world. It is now recognized in practically all transactions. In other words, if you are honest, live morally, and have a little "pep" these things are taken into consideration in business transactions. The state bonus board is refusing to loan the maximum amount to former service men who are not deemed good moral risks. This is in line with present day banking methods, too.

After all, Will H. Hays was using but good business judgment in his policy to keep "Fatty" Arbuckle pictures from the screens. Notwithstanding that Arbuckle was acquitted of the murder charge, the trials have left his moral character smirched. As to whether "Fatty" can come back is problematical. The glamour is gone, but there was genuine merit in his work, and possibly it will again be accepted. "Fatty's" escapades have proved a little bit expensive to himself as well as his producers.

An agricultural course in the Independence high school ought to prove of much benefit. Independence is an agricultural community, and if the fundamentals of this great industry can be impressed upon the boys and girls, something worth while will be accomplished.

Thanks to S. J. McKee and other Jersey breeders, Independence is receiving much very desirable advertising. It is something of distinction to be the home of the world's greatest Jersey cow.

## DALLAS MARRIAGE OF INTEREST IN INDEPENDENCE

Dallas—Thomas C. Hill, a resident of Dallas and who is employed at the mill of the Willamette Valley Lumber company, and Mrs. Casella Tice, who has lived here for about two years and has been acting as landlady of the Imperial apartments, were married at the Christian church parsonage by Rev. C. F. Trimble on the afternoon of Thursday, April 6, only a few immediate relatives of the contracting parties being present. The couple will make their future home at 300 Shelton street and will be at home to their friends after Saturday. Among the presents received by Mr. and Mrs. Hill was a set of silverware from the tenants of the Imperial apartments.—Observer.

## Grain Uses Phosphorus

Soils which have been cropped, especially to grain, in western Oregon respond well to phosphate fertilizers. Three fourths of the phosphorus used by a crop goes into the seed which is usually sold from the farm. Years of this practice has caused many of the soils to become depleted in this important element.—O. A. C. Experiment station.

The best kale plants to save for seed are the large ones with many branches and thick medium sized leaves. Tall plants winter kill, plants with heavy branches break down, while large leaves break off. Kale is easy to select and build up for better yields.—O. A. C. Experiment station.

## GOING NATURE "ONE BETTER"

Man Has Been Engaged in Work of Altering Domestic Animals for Many Centuries.

What a curious thing it is to realize that a St. Bernard, a Pekinese, and a Skye terrier all three come from a common wild stock!

Man has been altering domestic animals of every kind for centuries past. He has taken the common pigeon and invented something like 60 distinct varieties, while hundreds of different sorts of fowls have come from the original jungle bird of Ceylon.

Curious experiments have been made in coloring birds by feeding them on certain foods. One man obtained pigeons of a beautiful red by putting in their food a chemical with the terrible name of "methyltrabromo fluorescine," and he got others of a rich blue by similar means.

Man is changing not only animals and birds, but also fish and insects. Take bees, for instance. Of course, various species of bees are constantly crossed in order to get kinds that will produce a bee which shall be more useful for fertilizing flowers than any of the present sorts.

With object, certain breeders are trying to produce a bee with a longer tongue than any possess at present. For flowers like clover such a bee would be invaluable, since the result would be a great increase of fertile flowers, and, consequently, seed.

The latest branch of creation which man is tackling with a view to modifying is fish. The experiments were begun at the University of Chicago, about five years ago.

## NEVER LINCOLN'S REAL LOVE

His Marriage With Mary Todd Seems to Have Been Largely Matter of Convenience.

Mary Todd, wife of Abraham Lincoln, was the sort of woman who is described as "capable and upright." Lincoln, it is testified by biographers, was not deeply in love with Mary, either before or after their marriage. As a matter of fact, his heart was buried in the grave of his first love, and he had proposed marriage to a second and unwilling young woman. By the time he married Mary Todd, who was neither beautiful nor graceful, he had come to regard marriage as a necessity rather than as the ultimate result of love and romance.

Their courtship was long and suffered many bumps and separations before it culminated in marriage. When Lincoln first met Miss Todd she was only sixteen years old and was being courted by Stephen Douglas, the great man's rival in many things.

Lincoln had suggested in a rather offhand way that he would marry her. Apparently regret set in rather soon, for he made several attempts to gracefully withdraw from the compact, but Mary, with prophetic vision, had an idea that he would one day reach the White House and she was determined to be his mistress.

## "Kidnap" Camera.

When you inquire about the big camera the station photographer uses in taking the 13-inch square photographs for the 50-trip family ticket he says, "Oh, it is a special one we invented years ago for kidnaping."

"How do you number them?" "It is a six-exposure plate, and each of these spaces on the sheet of paper corresponds to one on the plate. Each plate is numbered. We used to use this camera for kidnaping."

Then you swallow your pride and ask boldly:

"What do you mean—kidnaping?" He laughs kindly at your ignorance. "Why, you know," he says, "we take our camera and go out on the street and see a little boy and take his picture. We get his name and address. By and by, after we develop the picture, we go around to his home and show it to his mother. If she likes the picture, she buys one. That's kidnaping."—Pittsburgh Dispatch.

## Furs.

Trapping is being carried on more extensively this season than for the last ten years, and the catch is abnormal, reports the manager of the Winnipeg Fur Auction Sales company.

Economic laws work as rigidly in the far north as elsewhere. A shortage of any commodity runs prices up. Then high prices lure larger production. With the supply increased, price slumps. Then production falls off.

It's the eternal merry-go-round, with speculators playing the turn in the market.

## He Found Himself.

The marine had tumbled off a motorcycle, and he was dead to the world when they carried him to the hospital. The next morning he woke up just as the doctor came around to see how the patient was getting along.

"Well, well, my man," said the doctor cheerily, "how did you find yourself this morning?"

"I opened my eyes," said the Gyrene, "took a good look at the bed—saw some guy lying in it—and there I was."—The Leatherneck.

## The Youngest Soldier Killed.

Representative Isaac Slegal, of New York, recently made claim in the house of representatives that Albert Cohen, whose parents now live in Memphis, Tenn., was the youngest soldier to be killed in action in France. He was killed in action on October 5, 1918, while serving with the 26th Infantry. At the time of his enlistment he was thirteen years and six months old.

## DALLAS-MONMOUTH PUPILS WIN WITH TEETH ESSAYS

About the first of January the State Dental association of Oregon agreed to offer prizes to the pupils of the schools in the various counties of the state on subjects that would have an incentive toward the better care of teeth.

The prizes were as follows: Ten dollars to the pupil in either the fifth or sixth grades in districts of the second or third classes, who would write the best essays on the subject, "The Teeth and Their Relation to Good Health." A like prize was also offered to the pupils of the seventh and eighth grades in districts of like class, for the best essay on "Health and Happiness Through Good Care of the Teeth." Ten dollar prizes were also offered to corresponding grades in districts of the first class.

About 40 schools in this county took part in the contest. The pupils started work on the contest about the first of March and it was closed April 1. The essays were judged by Josiah Wills, county superintendent of schools, assisted by G. O. Holman and Floyd D. Moore. In the county outside of Dallas Ruth Parker, of Monmouth, won first place in the seventh and eighth grade division, while Roberta Peterson of Oak Point, won first place in the fifth and sixth grade division.

In Dallas, which is a district of the first class, Lloyd Forrette won first place in the seventh and eighth grade division, and Jack Forrette won first place in the fifth and sixth grade division. There were many other contestants who wrote very interesting and creditable essays and are entitled to special mention. These are: Ervin H. Simmons of the Pop corn school; Houghton Gross of the Monmouth school; Ruth Boyer of the Bethel school; Pauline Blodgett of the Elkins school, and Letha Kerber of the Pedee school.

The winning essays will be sent to J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of public instruction at Salem, and from among them will be the prize winning one in the state, one from each of the divisions and the writers of these will each receive a \$25 cash prize.—Dallas Observer.

## Bertillon Plan Used for Cattle.

Minneapolis, Minn.—Minnesota has officially adopted a Bertillon system for identification of fine dairy cattle. The system, which will save pure bred cattlemen millions, is a positive preventive of fraud and misrepresentation. Identification is made by taking "nose prints."

## The Independence National Bank

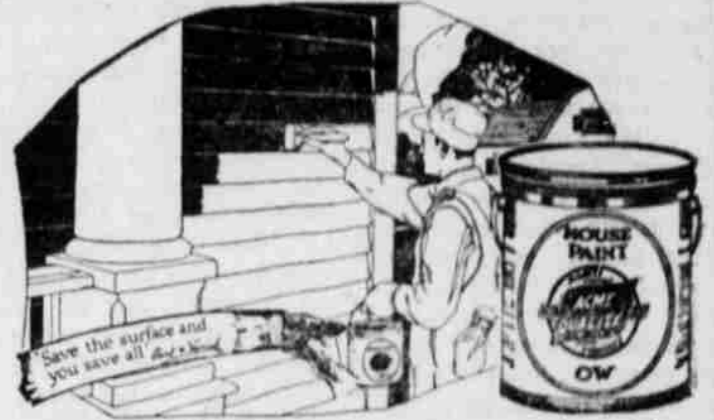
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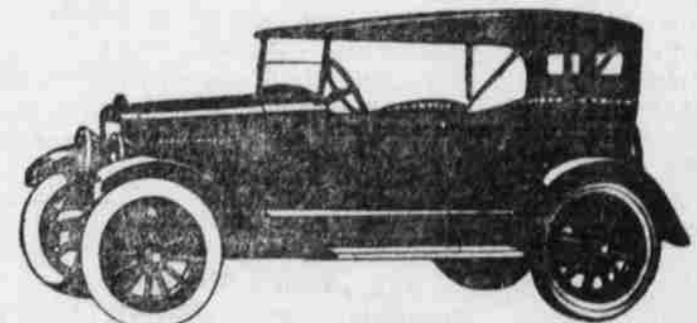
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