

# Independence Enterprise

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The Polk county board of equalization will meet at the court house at Dallas on September 11th for the purpose of going over the rolls as compiled by the county assessor, and 15 days from that date are allowed for filing protests against assessments which have been made. If you believe that you are carrying more than your share of the tax burden this is your opportunity to present your dissatisfaction in writing to the board. It is a pretty safe plan for every tax payer to find out at this time the amount of his assessment. It might avoid an unpleasant surprise at "tax time" and it is the one opportunity of the taxpayers to get a hearing. After the rolls are finally certified to about all a taxpayer can do is to pay the amount which has been levied against him—and perhaps do a little grumbling.

The announcement that B. F. Swope is about to leave Independence comes as a distinct loss to Independence. Some way or other we had taken it for granted that Judge Swope was a fixture here. He has been so closely related to the various forms of activity in the community for so long that he has become a necessary cog—one that will be missed. In city affairs, in legal matters, in fraternal circles, in church and social activities, Judge Swope has occupied a conspicuous place. Monmouth and Dallas are fortunate, indeed, to gain such desirable folks as Judge Swope and his estimable wife.

## MAIL ORDER HOUSES

Sales totals of the great mail order houses show an increase, particularly in strictly farming sections.

This is not pleasant news for retail stores in our average small town but it is what may be expected.

There is only one way in which the insidious mail order campaigns can be combatted, and that is by local merchants frankly explaining their merchandising possibilities to the people through advertising.

It is a well known fact that the mail order concerns maintain departments of considerable magnitude to check up the towns where the local merchants appear to lack enterprise.

There they concentrate their batteries of advertising and catalogue distribution.

The mail order house never prospers in a town where the local merchants advertise consistently, because the mail order men know they cannot compete with the local merchant if the local merchant understands his business.

The cheapness with which the big mail order man can buy is more than offset by the low overhead the local merchant can get along with.

To hold his own, however, the local merchant must not hide his light under a bushel.

The public needs educating to a knowledge that they can buy at home as cheaply, that they can actually see what they are buying before they pay for it, and that they do not have to wait sometimes for weeks for the delivery of the article they want.

The National Cloak and Suit company reports a heavy increase in its business, all in the country, though it is doubtful if this great concern carries anything like the line of up-to-date goods carried by local stores throughout the country.

When the merchants get ready to talk plainly to the people they will have nothing to fear from the mail order man, but if they remain silent then the outsider will surely burrow his way into their profits.

Self-satisfaction has spelled many a bankruptcy.  
—Silverton Appeal

## Oregon Country in Brief Form

Strike conditions are hampering the marketing of the Wasco county peach crop.

Deer hunters in the mountains of southern Oregon have met with decided success this fall.

Mrs. W. A. Flower was burned to death while making soap on her husband's ranch near Halfway.

The Southern Pacific company is placing new 80-pound rails on the line from Whiteson to Willamina.

After going for many years without a county fair Union county people this year will rejuvenate the fair and hold it at Elgin.

A state convention of the newly-created progressive party of Oregon has been called to meet in Portland September 5.

Plans are practically completed for the second annual northwest hay and grain show to be held at Pendleton, beginning September 18.

H. L. Walther of Medford was appointed by Governor Olcott a member of the Oregon state fair board to succeed C. E. (Pop) Gates.

The grain crop in Marion county is about 25 per cent below normal and will not exceed 75,000 bushels, according to reports compiled.

Marion county has constructed more than 20 miles of paved highway this season, according to a report prepared by the county court.

Only 28 forest fires, the largest a blaze of two and one-fourth acres, were reported for the present season by the officials of the Cascade national forest.

but better matured than usual at this season of the year. Ranchers cut a great deal of grain for hay, owing to the dryness of the season.

Due to the scarcity of hop pickers in the Rogue river valley, the opening of the Grants Pass schools has been postponed one week so that the school children may assist in the harvest.

A systematic survey of the pine timber of Deschutes county, with a view to combating the pine beetle pest, to be carried on by the forest service and private owners, will begin soon, according to A. J. Jaenicke, insect control specialist.

The financial outlook for the Sheridan section of the Willamette valley is considered very good for this fall. The prune crop is ripening and if

rains do not prevent the crop will be one of the largest and best in the history of the county.

A telegram was received at Salem from Washington authorizing the consideration of bids for the erection of the proposed new dormitory at the Chemawa Indian school, located five miles north of Salem. The dormitory will cost approximately \$50,000 and will provide accommodations for more than 100 students.

Although strikes have caused many men to be apparently out of work in eastern Oregon, farmers are complaining bitterly about lack of men for harvest work. Both in Union and Wallowa counties threshing crews are hard to fill and every morning ranchers invade the different towns endeavoring to pick up men.

The Salem labor council, at a meeting held recently, refused to approve a resolution adopted by the unionists of Omaha asking the American Federation of Labor to call a general strike of all labor unions. The strike, if called, was to be a protest against the treatment accorded labor throughout the country by the national administration.

Mrs. Beatrice E. Townsend, of Portland, and her mother, Mrs. L. L. Smith, were killed and Lloyd G. Jordan, also of Portland, was taken to the Eugene hospital as the result of injuries suffered when the car in which they were touring to California, plunged from the road when attempting to pass a northbound machine ten miles north of Eugene.

Work has started on the construction of the new road on Shea hill, a section of the Lebanon-Foster-Cascadia highway, which is being improved jointly by Linn county and the United States forest service. The section now under construction is 3.8 miles long and eliminates what has heretofore been termed the worst piece of roadway in Linn county.

Discussion of appropriate legislation dealing with the regulation of motor vehicle traffic on the highways will feature a suggested conference of officials of seven western states and British Columbia, which probably will be held in Portland late in September. Letters suggesting the conference were sent out by Sam A. Koser, secretary of state, following an exchange of ideas with L. D. McArdle, director of the bureau of efficiency, and Fred J. Dibble, director of the bureau of licenses of the state of Washington.

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## SHEIFF ORR TRADES FARM FOR APARTMENT HOUSE

(Dallas Observer)

Dallas—John W. Orr, sheriff of Polk county, on Wednesday of this week consummated a good-sized real estate deal whereby he traded his 162 acre farm, located on the West Side Pacific highway about 3½ miles east of Dallas, for the Elbridge apartments, on 21st and Overton streets, Portland.

The farm just traded has been in the Orr family since 1874 and is part of the old James Kinsey donation landclaim, 80 acres of which Mr. Orr has owned for years. He has added considerably to his holdings since acquiring possession of the land. About four years ago he purchased 31½ acres from Cass Gibson and later purchased 50 acres across the

road from the house from the property is exceptionally improved, having good building well fenced and in addition tile drained. Mr. Orr has operated the place himself, never employed to do the work.

The Elbridge apartments are a story brick structure, containing apartments, each having a bath. It has an automatic and every convenience, the location of the building is in a part of Portland, which has to a great extent to exclusive ment houses.

Mr. Orr still has a considerable amount of realty holdings in the county, included in which are timber tracts.

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