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Independence has been the birthplace of a newspaper known as the WEST SIDE and of another called the ENTERPRISE. Both flourished in their day and the WEST SIDE ENTERPRISE succeeds both with this issue. Newspaper nomenclature possibly might furnish a more euphonious but not a more appropriate name. It is strictly a west side enterprise.

In assuming charge, the proprietor has no apology to offer beyond the statement that his action is based on faith in Independence and Polk county. To this section the WEST SIDE ENTERPRISE is dedicated and it is a source of gratification that this issue appears with the assurance of a cordial and hearty support on the part of the people. The best interests of a community and a paper published in its midst are intertwined and inseparable and a progressive community cannot afford the maintenance of a paper that is indifferent to the resources and opportunities of its locality. Immigration is now pouring into the Northwest at a more rapid rate than ever before. The transportation companies report bringing about 44000 people into Oregon last year.

Polk, in natural resources is one of Oregon's leading counties. Here is the hop-raising center of the west, in fact of the United States. Here wheat, oats, barley and orchards annually yield profitable returns. In the foothills stands the finest timber of the West. Livestock is being bred up and is one of the paying industries of the county. This section is particularly adapted to dairying and yet the output of the creameries falls far short of the demand. Land can be had at reasonable figures and those seeking to better their conditions in the west are entitled to know of Polk county, Oregon.

Independence, advantageously situated on the banks of the Willamette river, with water and rail transportation facilities offers a promising field for lumbering mills, power and other manufacturing plants and capital seeking investment is entitled to a means of knowing of the opportunities here presented.

Oregon is undergoing a development she has not felt before. The coming Lewis and Clark centennial, the awakening Orient, the prospective Russian and Japanese war combine to bring about conditions favorable to the state and the plodding methods of former years would be out of tune with the times. To faithfully represent this locality under the conditions with which we are confronted is the purpose of this paper.

Correspondence from the surrounding country will be kept up and the WEST SIDE ENTERPRISE made as nearly as possible a symposium for the discussion of all subjects pertaining to the public weal exclusive of anonymous communications reflecting on individuals. It perhaps is as well to state in advance that grievances of a personal nature may as well be related to the police for they will find no place in these columns.

In politics the WEST SIDE ENTERPRISE is republican.

The characteristics of the Japanese and Russians will be studied more closely than ever before while they are before the world as belligerents. Seemingly the Japanese are handicapped at the outset in superior numbers and extent of territory. Russia has 60 times the area, three times the population and seven times as large an army as Japan. But the fact must not be lost sight of that the Japs have developed natural weakness to national from strength in a wonderfully short time. They proved their virility as nation when they fought China less than ten years ago. On the march to Peking they proved their mettle in comparison with the

soldiers of other nations. The Japs have greater sympathy from the world at large than the Russians. In this country England, France and Italy particularly public sympathy favors the Japs. Germany according to the papers is pro-Russia, but the press is not free to reflect public feeling in Germany. This sympathy is due to some extent to Japan's unequal chance in point of numbers and equipment for the war and to her willingness to measure swords with so great a world power at the challenge. Japan's open and frank diplomatic course with Russia in the events leading up to the rupture has commanded the admiration of the world. Japan has insisted from the start upon an unequivocal arrangement with Russia as to their respective spheres of influence in China, an arrangement that meant on its face what it purported to mean and one that would be scrupulously observed to the letter by both parties. If they have at any time had the opportunity to become the partners of Russia in the spoiling of Northern China, as seems probable, they have refused to accept it, and they have stood firm for their original policy.

The issue of war with Russia will decide whether the Japanese are to have their chance among nations or whether they are to be forced back to a future of poverty on their islands, where they must always remain on the defensive. Beyond this, war will do much to decide, even if the Western European powers do not become involved, as to which nation—Russia or Japan—is to have the hegemony over the yellow race of China.

The "Yellow Peril" is no unreal thing. China is waking up. Her 500,000,000 of people are able to furnish armies to the power that can master them, drill them and pay them, such as perhaps no other region on the earth can equal. What Russia would do with such armies, if she gained them, her whole history tells us. She would use them to sweep Asia. In Europe, Russia is European, more or less. In Asia she is Asiatic—Tartar, if you will.

Would the Jap, from the point of view of Europe and America, be a more desirable ruler of China than the Tartar? Would huge China tempt half Europeanized Japan back once more into the status of a Mongol power, made more dangerous by her new-found brains and skill? Would a Japanese Yellow Peril be better or worse for the world than a Russian Yellow Peril?

In a case appealed to the Superintendent of Public Instruction it has been held that a pupil of the public schools must write the vertical system in order to pass the grade examinations. The ruling may be technically correct. In fact the vertical system was adopted by the State Board of Text Book Commissioners but the pupil that is denied promotion on the ground that the perpendicularity of his lines does not conform to that particular system of writing need not be discouraged. Though the state be against him the one turned down may make the greatest mark of them all. The world at large does not care whether the lines of one's penmanship are at an angle of 75 degrees, 85 degrees, or perpendicular. A legible handwriting is required by the practical world and he that writes a neat, easily read hand will pass muster in practical life whether or not he meets the requirements of theory spinners or conforms to any one particular system of penmanship.

The vertical system may appear more beautiful to the eyes of some than the slant system and some may write a better vertical hand than any other but it is a fact that some of the best penmen write the slant system and there is no lack of advocates of the slant system in preference to the vertical. Either system is accepted in the business world and the public school system is at fault when it attempts to restrict a pupil to either system of penmanship and refuse him a graduation diploma on that ground alone.

It is given as an absolute fact by W. B. Northrop that Joseph Chamberlain's great fight for the establishment of a protective tariff in England is being made at the instigation of his wife, who incidentally is an American.

Mrs. Chamberlain has more than once played an important part in the politics of England, and now her hus-

band has thrown his whole career in her hands. Chamberlain laid down his office as Colonial Secretary and stepped at once from the position of the foremost man in England to the status of a plain citizen in order to further the cause he had at heart—a cause inspired by his wife, who firmly believes that American methods of government and American internal policies will greatly benefit the English folk if adopted. Mr. Chamberlain is now speaking to the people, requesting their indorsement of the protective policy. Against him is arrayed Mr. Henry Asquith, M. P., one of the most powerful orators in England, but Mrs. Chamberlain is confident of success of her husband's cause.

Never before in the history of England have so many American women had under their influence posts of power and politics as they have today, and this is being felt throughout the length and breadth of the land. Mrs. Chamberlain now intends to fix this fact more firmly in the minds of the Britishers, for she purposes soon to give an elaborate banquet to the Anglo-American women who have made themselves felt in British society.

The National Livestock Association; the National Woolgrowers Association; the Northwest Fruit Growers Association in session in Portland and the State Goat Show in session at Dallas this week, look like something is doing in Oregon. A state that does not raise sheep, goats or other livestock or yield fine fruit could not secure such conventions. It is a great advertisement for the state and significant of the fact that Oregon's resources are receiving attention they never did before.

Joint Representative B. F. Jones of Lincoln and Polk counties has temporarily dropped clam culture and turned his attention to the extraction of gold from the sands of the beach. He reports having received \$7.50 an ounce for some platinum gold sand sent East. Mr. Jones had serious intentions of removing to Polk county in the spring but alluring gold may hold him by the ocean's shore a while yet.

Secretary Hitchcock has doubts as to the moral qualifications of Asa B. Thomson for the position of receiver of the land office at LaGrande and Al Roberts will probably be appointed to succeed Thomson. Then the Secretary will be himself in disrepute indeed with Eastern Oregon people who are now demanding the re-instatement of Thomson.

All the Oregon girls escaped from the Chicago theater fire. They do not burn readily.—Salem Journal.

The above should be supplemented with an explanatory note giving the reason why.—Eugene Register.

Even an editor ought to know it's because they keep out of the fire.

The advertised list of delinquent tax sales of Lane county covers an entire page of a 7-column newspaper. Polk's list occupies less than two columns.

**American Field Fence**

Weights more per rod and is stronger than other wire fences. We buy in large quantities and are in a position to make the LOWEST PRICES.

See our Elwood Poultry Fence.

**R. M. WADE & CO.**  
INDEPENDENCE, OREGON.

Yamhill's delinquent list is more than double this county's.

You will have to go to Dallas this week to learn which is the butt end of a goat.

**Imperfect Digestion.**

Means less nutrition and in consequence less vitality. When the liver fails to secrete bile, the blood becomes loaded with bilious properties, the digestion becomes impaired and the bowels constipated. Herbine will rectify this: it gives tone to the stomach, liver and kidneys, strengthens the appetite, clears and improves the complexion, infuses new life and vigor to the whole system. 50 cents a bottle, sold by A. S. Locke.

Free motor to Monmouth after the dance Saturday evening.

A good second hand buggy for sale, cheap by Frazer & Rice.

First class yellow fir shakes for sale. H. C. Miller, Pedee, Oregon.

Mrs. Dr. Brown, of Tacoma, Wash., is visiting at the home of Mrs. A. M. Hurley.

My household goods are for sale and can be seen by inquiring at the Restaurant. Geo. Stoll.

Don't overlook our first clearance sale it means a saving to you. Friday, January 15th, at W. A. Messner's.

We have a quantity of material for constructing Anchor fence, on hand, which we are offering at a discount. Frazer & Rice.

I have closed my bakery, for a few months. The Restaurant will continue under the charge of Mr. and Mrs. Elzie Osborn. Geo. Stoll.

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Clearance sale at Messner's day January 15th. Great in all lines. Goods marked plain figures. Produce tall.

George Stoll left Wednesday January 15th. Great in all lines. Goods marked plain figures. Produce tall.

D. A. Hodge left Saturday Montreal, Canada. Mr. Hodge expects to be gone about a month combining business with pleasure.

Mrs. Monroe Mulkey and Clark Hembree, of Medford, went to McMinnville Tuesday to attend the wedding of Miss Hembree, at that place Wednesday.

Bargains! Bargains! Bargains in dry goods, bar clothing, bargains in shoes, gains in hats and caps, bar groceries, in fact we will give of the best bargains ever of Independence, at our clearance sale Friday, January 15th, miss it. W. A. Messner.

**The Arcade**  
Davidson & Hedges, Proprietors.

Cigars, Cigarettes, Tobacco and Confectionery.

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Monuments, stone carvings, work

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