

TOLD IN SIDEHEADS.

BIRTHDAY.—On Tuesday David L. Hedges arrived at his fifty-second birthday and his family celebrated the event by giving him a turkey dinner.

FLOURING MILL.—We are informed that the establishment of a large 150-bbl. flouring mill is in no way uncertain, and that it only depends upon this community showing proper encouragement. A flour mill we need. We cannot depend upon our neighbors for flour much longer.

SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT.—On this Friday evening the public school at Buena Vista, which is being successfully taught by Prof. E. S. Longenecker, will give an entertainment for the purpose of raising funds for the school. It will consist of dialogues, recitations and songs. Admission will be twenty-five cents.

FIRE TRUCK.—In front of the wagon shop of E. E. Kruegel stands a fine fire truck as can be turned out from any factory, and it was manufactured by Mr. Kruegel and painted by Shinn. All the work is first class and Mr. A. R. Lacy, of Albany, will have a substantial truck.

POTTERY AND TILE FACTORY.—Two gentlemen were in town the first of the week boring holes in different fields hunting for suitable soil to make tiling. We understand that the right soil was found and the land is out of market awaiting their purchase. Another gentleman was here this week, but kept his own counsel.

LAUGHARY'S EXERCISE GATE.—One day last week Mr. U. S. Laughary made us a pleasant call and from him we learned that he has met with very gratifying success in the sale of the Excelsior gate, in selling rights, having sold nearly \$2000 worth in the past month alone. This week he left for Eastern Oregon where he has sold several counties, and wherever the gate is introduced it meets with success, as it has merit to recommend it.

THREE LINKS.—The prophecy that Independence and Monmouth would some day be one cannot come true since the Polk County Land company has surveyed its new town. Independence can join on to the town, and the new town to Monmouth. This will form a continuous town of three links. If it represents Faith, Hope and Charity, wonder if Monmouth is not Faith, and the new town Hope and Independence Charity?

JOHN S. LINDSAY.—This excellent troupe gave "Lady of Lyons" on Monday night and "Damon and Pythias" on Tuesday at the opera house, and on both nights to good audiences, which showed its appreciation of the actors by frequent applause. On Wednesday night "Ingomar" was given at Monmouth. This is the second time Mr. Lindsay has favored us with his presence this year. Next week they are to open the Albany opera house which has been entirely remodeled.

NEW INDEPENDENCE.—The survey of forty blocks of the land between Independence and Monmouth was completed this week. The streets connect with those of this town, and blocks are the same size. The motor line will be surveyed and located before the plot is recorded, thus disposing with any trouble about vacation of the street. The part near Monmouth will be called an addition to Monmouth, while that towards Independence will be called by some new name not yet decided upon. The land lies high and dry and will make lovely sites for suburban homes.

MONMOUTH SPEAKS.

EDITOR WEST SIDE.—In reading the *Observer*, parties might be led to believe that Monmouth was heartily in favor of Dallas as the county seat. Monmouth as a town is neutral, but we as citizens will vote as we think best. There is no reason why the voters of Monmouth should not cast their strength for Independence, and the reasons for their standing firm in that direction are many.

We are so closely connected with the interest of Independence that whatever tends to build her builds us. Of course this is a selfish reason, but all the efforts put forth by any town for the county seat are purely for self-improvement and self benefit. The two towns will soon be connected by a railroad, which will give closer connection than is enjoyed by many residents of the larger cities and towns of the state with the business portion.

A court house at Independence means a large increase in population for the eastern side of the county. And as we of Monmouth have the best residence property in the county, it will naturally fall to us to supply a large portion of the building location. Then I say again that from purely selfish motives we are generally in favor of that which gives us the most for the least, and if the *Observer* could show where we would be benefited more by the court house at Dallas than at Independence, of course we would be in favor of her for the same reason that we now favor Independence.

MONMOUTH, Feb. 27, 1890.

PROGRAM.

Following is the program for the Athletic Association to be held in this city Saturday evening, March 31st: Music, orchestra. Horizontal bar, Dean Tatom and Claude Stanley. Song, "Boat," glee club. Dumb-bells, gents. Instrumental quartet. Dumb-bells, ladies. Tumbling, Messrs. Lake, Cochran, Parrish and the clown. Recitation, "The Hard Shell Baptist," Homer Parrish. Solo, "I fear no foe," S. Doughty. Flying rings, Claude Stanley. Song, "Midnight prayer," glee club. Indian clubs, Messrs. Merchant, Montgomery and Hong. Song, "The Bill of Fare," glee club.

Messrs. Shelley & Vanduy have been busy during the greater part of the last few days opening, making and shelving goods. They invite the public to call and examine their new stock, more particular mention of which will be made later.

LOCALS.

Cold weather.

Last day of February. How the wood pile diminisheth. Mr. Estes is roofing his new house. Those store fronts of Henkle's look fine.

Old papers half a cent each at this office.

A wedding in high life is on the tapis.

I. Vanduy, of Salem, was in town Sunday.

These are cold nights, and colder mornings.

An endless line of hats at J. L. Stockton's.

H. D. Waller is quite at home in his shoe store.

Mr. A. Swankey has an "ad" in this issue. Read it.

H. M. Linee was in Portland on business this week.

This cold weather will damage considerable wheat.

Mrs. T. J. Fryer was visiting at Yakima bay last week.

Banker Cooper was in Portland on business this week.

Remember the Athletics at the opera house Saturday night.

Farmers Institute at the opera house March 13th and 14th.

Turn out and give the Monmouth students a hearty welcome.

Mr. Kuna, the baker, from McMinnville, was in town on Tuesday.

We want an extension of the west side road through to Junction City.

B. S. Clark, of Suver, and wife, were guests of J. W. Buster on Wednesday.

Mrs. J. W. Buster on Wednesday. Men's, boys and children's clothing in all the latest styles, at J. L. Stockton's.

The largest line of shoes in the county at the very lowest prices, at J. L. Stockton's.

Salem is receiving from 100,000 to 200,000 feet of logs from the Luckiamute each day.

Independence paid more taxes than any other precinct in Polk county on tax day.

Rev. R. C. Hill and wife, of Albany, who are past eighty years of age, are in very feeble health.

Dr. J. B. Johnson, our dentist, left for southern California over the Southern Pacific, this week.

T. Fennel has commenced the erection of a neat residence south of the Presbyterian church.

W. H. Wheeler was called to Lebanon on Monday through the sudden illness of his mother.

Messrs. Cooper Bros. have received a fine line of guns. The public is invited to call and inspect.

From present prospects at least 1,000,000 brick will be used here this summer and 2,000,000 feet of lumber.

Wm. Tetherow and wife, who have been the guests of H. Christian, left for their home in Spokane Falls.

M. A. C. Robertson and family have moved into their new home opposite H. H. Jasper's residence.

The Monmouth Democrat appeared this week, under a new management, and presents a neat appearance.

D. W. Sears, of McCoy, was in town this week connected with the business of the Polk County Land company.

Mrs. E. Davis, who has been helping at the city hotel, leaves with her sister Miss Butler to visit friends at Salt creek.

J. S. Cooper left for San Francisco on Thursday, to be gone ten days on business connected with the First National Bank.

Mr. M. L. White is agent for the sale of fruit trees. He represents a reliable firm and the trees can be depended upon.

Mr. U. S. Laughary left on Wednesday for Eastern Oregon to attend to the sale of several counties of his patent on a farm gate.

Wm. P. Kerr, of Parker, who has been running an engine in Portland for the past six months returned to his home last Saturday.

J. R. Cooper, the brick yard proprietor, informs us that he will burn a full million and a half of brick this summer.

The Southern Pacific pay car came through Wednesday and made the boys on the road glad, with pay for December 1st and January.

Mr. Jasper Rhodes was the father of two daughters, born Feb. 13th, one of which lived only four days. The other is bright and sprightly.

The feeling among those best informed is that when the rails and ties are laid to Monmouth, that the road will be built right on to Falls City.

During the old snap the West Side goes to press on Thursday night. It is almost impossible to print in a cold room, which is the case every morning.

Mr. J. H. Remington has purchased the Allen property and has his family here waiting to move in. He is from Albany, and a friend of Mr. F. M. Gates.

Mr. J. Clegg has been offered \$125 by the mayor of Salem to pay for the injuries which he received from a falling awning in that city several months ago.

The court house at Vancouver, which was a \$55,000 brick building, burned to the ground on Tuesday and was a total loss. The insurance was \$25,000. A defective fuse was the cause.

The good of the country means "the greatest good to the greatest number," and building a court house at Dallas simply means to boom Dallas, and the greatest number pay for it.

The school library last week received an addition of several volumes, making over one hundred volumes now in the school. Prof. McAdams informs us that any persons making donations of books will be welcomed.

Some newspaper man, who evidently believes in telling things just as they are, says (we quote from the *Gazette*, of Kaukaia, Ill.): "Do not swear. There is no occasion to swear outside of a printing office. It is useful in proof-reading, and indispensable in getting forms to press, and has been shown to assist in looking over the paper when it is printed, but otherwise it is a very disgusting habit."

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CITY COUNCIL.

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A visit to the land between here and Monmouth shows that surveys have been at work. Red flags and white, with oak posts innumerable dot the landscape over. Before many days a road machine will grade all the streets and then the town lots are for sale.

Let quality, not quantity, be the test of a medicine. Ayer's Sarsaparilla is the concentrated extract of the best and purest ingredients. Medical men everywhere recommend it as the surest and most economical blood medicine in the market.

Messrs. Prescott and Vence have had men at work the past week gathering up their lumber. With the exception of a damage resulting from the mud, they find that all the lumber can be sold where it now lies at a small loss.

Various are the rumors regarding a saw mill at Independence. This much we are enabled to state: From a reliable source, it is known that a fine saw mill is to be built here. Mr. Vence is in Portland and by next week we hope to be able to lay before our readers the details of the enterprise.

The great majority of so-called cough cures do little more than impair the digestive functions and create bile. Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, on the contrary, while it cures the cough, does not interfere with the functions of either stomach or liver.

J. C. Crome, a jolly representative of Palmer & Rey, of Portland, was in town on Tuesday. Mr. Crome is soon engaged in publishing a newspaper at Sedro in Washington and he has already learned to tell "booming" stories of the future of Puget Sound.

Chicago is to have the World's fair and we are glad of it. We extend to Chicago the hand of congratulation. We said our little speech for Chicago, and Chicago "got there." It is a grand thing to be on the victorious side. Wonder if Chicago won't help us out a little now, as a sort of return. We have some "axes to grind."

Mr. Sam McFadden has the contract for painting and graining the new normal school chapel at monmouth. He is doing some excellent work and when the finishing coats of varnish is put on, the white coating and doors will shine.

Mr. McFadden intends making a business of painting, graining and paper hanging in Monmouth.

On Sunday evening last J. M. Vanduy and wife were out spending the evening and left the side door unlocked. When they returned someone had been in the house lit a candle dripping the grease over the carpets and opening Mrs. Vanduy's dressing case in the bedroom, abstracted about \$50 worth of jewelry. No clew has yet been obtained of the thief. Some bracelets and other jewelry of value was not taken.

There are forty-one marriageable young ladies and only twenty-five marriageable young men in Independence. They are always a Warren for a fellow and that is the reason some young men have so many girls. It is fortunate there are no marriages for the disparity would be greater and then indeed George and Jack would have their hands full attending to the remaining odds.

FALLS CITY. Feb. 28, 1890.

EDITOR WEST SIDE.—I admire the *West Side's* grit. Give it to the *Observer*. They need a little more grape, so give it to them. I can say that in our state relative to the completion of the west side railroad. On motion adjourned.

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TOLD BY CORRESPONDENTS.

PARKER ITEMS.

On the morning of Feb. 20th the thermometer registered 14 degrees above zero, and was the coldest for the year.

Wm. Fuqua, the boss fruit grower, has had his orchard pruned by an expert florist, and will no doubt have a fine crop of apples this year, and others should follow his example.

The six months term of school taught by Mr. J. D. Wood closes with the month. The school board have seen fit to employ him to teach the spring term to commence the 7th of April.

BUENA VISTA ITEMS. The sick are improving.

Mrs. Langere is improving slowly. Miss Emma Worsley, of Stayton, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Roe.

Messrs. Mary McCain and Dora Hall visited friends in Dallas, Saturday and Sunday.

The school here will give a very pleasing entertainment to-night, Friday, all come.

Mr. Spaulding, of Corvallis, was buried here, last week. He has been sick for about a year, but he endured all his suffering patiently as he knew there was a home in Heaven awaiting him.

MONMOUTH. Miss Cecelia Higley returned to school Tuesday.

The Messrs. McCollough and Osborne have entered school.

The thermometer dropped to 12 degrees Wednesday morning.

Miss Jessie Walden, of Portland, entered school last Monday.

Miss Lottie Grund has returned from her visit at McMinnville.

Mrs. J. B. V. Butler made a flying trip to McMinnville last week.

Messrs. Umphrette and Wing and Mrs. Wright visited chapel this morning.

Miss Maud Piffert returned Monday from a short visit to her home at Hillsboro.

Miss Winnie Finland, of St. Augustine, Florida, has arrived and will make this her future home.

Miss Sisemore, of Portland, has been called called here to the bedside of her Linsey, who is quite low with pneumonia.

Miss Laura Wilson who has been attending school here this winter left for her home at Hood river. She reached Portland and nothing has been heard of her since. Her uncle is in search for her but is not able to hear of her whereabouts.

ZENA ITEMS. School meeting next Monday at 1 o'clock p. m.

Rev. Mr. Black will preach here next Sunday at 11 o'clock p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lockery were visiting Salem friends this week.

Miss Ella Sykes has been engaged to teach the spring term of the school here.

Miss Jessie Pike had her face badly burned with hot bad last Friday while cooking doughnuts.

Rumor has it that as soon as a certain Salento gets his new cottage finished he will lead one of Spring valley's fairest daughters to the altar.

Rev. A. C. Fairbairn will preach at Lincoln at 11 o'clock a. m.; at the Pop Corn school house at 7 p. m., and at Highland church at 3 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Toner, of Yakima bay, came down and took their many friends by surprise last Sunday. Will start back to his post of duty Wednesday.

The citizens of this part of the county ought to hold a bridge meeting so as to get the various opinions as to what may be best to be done about it, ere those ten per cent. leeches of Salem get control of it.

Our stage driver had a narrow escape last Friday while crossing Spang's ferry at Lincoln. While driving on the boat one of his horses fell, the other getting frightened broke his breast strap and nearly jumped into the river. If he had it would have been good by stage driver and all as the water is about thirty feet deep.

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