

TOLD IN SIDEBEATS.

RECURS.—Sometime ago Mr. Stock, of Monmouth, lost two horses here by drowning. This week the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars was raised and offered him, but he refused to accept of it, saying his horses were worth more than the sum offered.

FARMERS' INSTITUTE.—In another column will be found the program of the Farmers' Institute to be held at Independence, March 13th and 14th. The selection of topics and the names of the persons who are to present them is a guarantee of an interesting session.

MOTOR LINE.—The Polk County Land company has purchased the Goff property on corner of Railroad and D streets, also half a block of land across the street. It is well known that the motor line railway will need depot facilities, and what more natural than that this should be what the land is to be used for.

STANLEY'S BOOK.—Mr. T. H. Scudder of this city has received the agency for the new book just published. The explorations and adventures of Henry M. Stanley in Africa. This is a book of over eight hundred pages and two hundred engravings, is bound in cloth and gold, and sells for \$2.50 a copy. With it is a life size engraving of H. M. Stanley, 15x20 inches in size on heavy paper suitable for framing. Mr. Scudder will call on the residents of this vicinity soliciting orders, and can also be found at his home in North Independence.

RETURNED HOME.—On Wednesday last Mr. James Sharp, a former typo in the West Side office, who has been sick for the past six weeks at the residence of the publisher of this paper was sufficiently recovered so that his father could take him to his home in Vancouver. Mr. Sharp wishes to thank the many people who have been so kind to James during his illness, and assures them that they shall be held in grateful remembrance.

PURCHASES.—Last week A. B. Atkins bought 108 acres of farming land north of town two miles, paying \$40 an acre. It is known as the Page place. The Polk County Land company bought two lots on the corner, near the depot, for \$600. Other sales have been made but the deeds are not yet passed. In every instance sales have been made at an advance in price over last year. In one instance two young ladies purchased each a town lot paying \$100 apiece and sold them this week for \$200 or \$210 each, an advance since last December over 100 per cent. This is a good showing.

PLEASANT PARTY.—The party given in honor of Miss Emma Ball, of Ohio, at the residence of Miss Alice Williams on Tuesday night, was the success of the season. During the evening games and amusements were in order, in which the guests partook with delight and pleasure. At the hour of 10:30 the parties adjourned to the dining room where a repast was served in which all took a prominent part. The following were noted among the guests: Miss Annie Stockton, Martha Hill, Otis Robertson, Nellie Hill, Alita Robertson, May Green, Ella Shupp, Minnie Shupp, Ada Joudy, May Shupp, Emma Ball, Fred Dutton and wife, Mowers, Hawley, Cresney, Demorest, Whitteker, Kennedy, Tuck, Craven, Patterson, Hibbard and Gelwick.

SCHOOL MEETING.—On last Monday the voters of the two districts, No. 29 and 38, met and elected their respective directors and clerks. L. W. Robertson being elected director in this part of town and N. O. Clodfelter in North Independence while M. L. White was elected clerk here and A. Nelson in North Independence.

On Friday evening at the opera house the Dindsay Dramatic company will give a farewell performance and Mr. Lindsay will appear as Enoch Arden in that interesting play.

Burns, Dalton & Co. have traded their old hack and horse off and will come out next week with a brand new and delivery wagon and will deliver goods in this town and Monmouth free of charge.

Burns, Dalton & Co., the grocers, have just received the shipping receipt for 500 of those gilt framed oil paintings, 22 x 36, which they give to each customer buying \$25.00 worth of goods. These pictures retail at \$10.00 each.

How PEOPLE TALK!—The confidence shown by the people of Independence over the future is one of the best indications of what the future will really be. Public confidence is now at a high ebb. The improvements contemplated here are such that within a few weeks the result will be very apparent. You ask a resident why he feels so, and he will answer that the location of Independence has always been in its favor. That the traffic on the Willamette river is increasing each year, that the traffic over the Southern Pacific has increased, that a better feeling exists among the leading business men between building up the town. That the purchase of a large body of land between this town and Monmouth means the completion of a motor line and the unity of the towns. That a first-class system of water works and electric lights is to be built and this will be on a scale large enough to supply all the towns between the two railroads. That the increase in the population of the towns will demand many new buildings, and these will require labor and hence the population will rapidly increase the coming summer. A population of three thousand will make a solid town from Monmouth to the river. The plans being laid for future developments will give employment to a large number of men, and employment of labor is what makes prosperity. The school census shows this town to have increased over one-fifth since last year and a like increase for the next two years in Monmouth and Independence will bring the population to over 8000.

LOCALS.

Saw mill! Big saw mill! Several new families came into town last week.

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

"Enoch Arden" at the opera house this Friday evening.

Subscribe for the West Side and be happy for \$2 a year.

H. Hirschberg returned Monday from a business trip to Portland.

Rev. Lays, of Monmouth, took Tuesday's train for Amity.

"Hazel Kirke" at Monmouth by John S. Lindsay, Saturday evening.

Miss Alice Macaulay leaves for San Francisco to buy goods, Monday.

Geo. D. Kelly and Wm. Nesmith and F. Goodall were in town Thursday.

Rev. Wm. Clyde will preach at Zena next Sabbath the 9th inst. at 11 a. m.

W. V. Price and wife, of McMinnville visiting Mr. Peter Cook in this city.

Henkle, Waller and J. R. Cooper, each point with pride to their new signs.

Men's, boys and children's clothing in all the latest styles, at J. L. Stockton's.

F. Goodall, the Naaby of Rickerall, was in town Thursday, also Mrs. J. W. Nesmith.

Mrs. E. C. Pentland is visiting in Linn county at Halsey where her mother lives.

Miss Emma Ball from Ohio is a guest of the Misses Shupp, having arrived on last Monday.

Mr. L. Lenson wants to move to Independence from his farm, but cannot find a dwelling house.

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

Messrs. Prescott & Veness have the office for their saw mill in the up stairs of the Coopers brick.

Five car loads of wagons and buggies are due our merchants in a few days. Let everybody ride.

Mrs. C. Messinger, of Monmouth, left on Tuesday to spend a few months with relatives in Tacoma.

The old Salem warehouse near the depot has been sold to the Richardson brothers, and has been torn down.

Our efficient job printer, Mr. Wilson, has turned out some jobs in color work that excite very favorable comment.

A. N. Halleck, of Monmouth, who has been sick since last September was seen on our streets for the first time this week.

Mr. Billy Cooper had a span of blacks last week, but sold one of them on Tuesday to Mr. Clemmens, of Portland, for the sum of \$400.

Messrs. McDaniel and White are contemplating placing a dynamo in the Rickerall flouring mills and furnish electric light for the town.

Messrs. Burns, Dalton & Co. have purchased the Langtree and also the Dornish property paying the sum of twelve hundred dollars.

A certain young lady in Independence was presented on Tuesday with \$1000 in bank stock by her father. It was her birthday. O! it has a father like that!

Mrs. E. J. Estes has opened a dress-making shop opposite the opera house. Miss Lola Fluke will assist her. She invites her old friends to call and see her.

If a law is made, it should be enforced. It is hinted that liquor is being furnished to one person in Independence. When it is a penitentiary offence for doing so.

Miss Guss McDaniel, of Oakville, Linn county, is visiting friends at Monmouth and Saturday will go to McCoy to visit her sister Bertha, who is teaching near there.

Mrs. Maggie N. Rowell died at Dallas on last Saturday. Deceased was the wife of T. B. Rowell and sister of Mr. C. G. F. G. and Miss Betts Cond, of Dallas, and Mrs. J. B. Stump, of Monmouth.

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Half dollars dated 1808, 1812, 1814, 1817, 1819, 1820, 1824, 1827, 1828, 1829, 1836 and 1839 have premiums offered for them. The prices range from one dollar to one dollar and fifty cents. The one dated 1836 is worth five dollars.

Cooper, Patterson & Co., the real estate agents, are having a very fine map made of Independence, Monmouth and all the addition lying between. It will be about four feet wide and seven or eight feet long. It will be the only official map in town.

It is said that the fact that Geo. Francis Train, a noted "crank" is going to make a tour of the world starting and ending at Tacoma. The Tacoma Ledger pays the bill and will publish the travels.

Mr. U. S. Laughary is doing a good work in selling his Excelsior gate since he not only provides the farmers with a convenient opening and closing gate, but also it is an ornament to the farm. The first class farmer wants a first class gate.

Residents of Spring valley are anxious for a bridge to Salem. Dallas wants a court house. In either case the people pay the bill. If the county court should consider the matter from an economical standpoint it would build the bridge and let the court house go.

E. W. Starr a young gentleman from Decatur, Illinois, was a guest at the home of M. Beamer this week. Mr. Starr's father is a very wealthy wholesale harness dealer and has established a branch store in Spokane Falls, and is looking at other points in the West.

TOLD BY CORRESPONDENTS

BUENA VISTA ITEMS.

The whooping cough is in this place. Mr. Logan and family have moved to town.

Mrs. Baldwin who has been sick is better.

Miss Mary Shriver is very sick with typhoid fever.

Miss Joey McDevitt, of Dallas, is visiting friends here.

The school here gave a very pleasing entertainment last Friday evening.

Mrs. Miranda Franklin, of Lewisville, was visiting friends at this place last Sunday.

The scholars of this school presented their teacher with a beautiful watch chain last week.

HAZEL DELL.

Miss Ida Nichols, of Pioneer, was in Hazel Dell on Monday last.

Miss Eliza Severe, of Cooper Hollow, is stopping at Mr. Gardens.

Mr. Martin, of near Dallas, attended the school meeting in Hazel Dell today.

John Teal and Mr. Jones, of Oakdale, are busily engaged making shakes this week.

Our surveyor Frank Butler of Oakhurst, made the survey of the new town south of Falls City this week.

Gentley spring is approaching, the political pot is beginning to boil. Some of our worthy politicians will no doubt up salt river go.

A school meeting passed off very quietly. R. Glaze and Ellis Martin are directors. Mr. Green was elected clerk of district No. 55.

The talk of railroad from Independence to Falls City. In case we get the road your city of Independence will be greatly benefited by it, so let it come. A few more votes Independence will be gained, just what the writer of these items desire.

AIRLIE ITEMS.

W. E. Dalton and family were visiting in our suburbs Sunday.

Jasper Bagby was elected director and J. O. Staats district clerk at the annual school meeting Monday.

A new school district has been organized just west of us in Benton county. Mrs. R. L. Williams has been engaged as teacher.

T. B. Williams is circulating a petition with the object of opening a public road from this place through to Kings valley.

Mr. W. C. Swann is doing excellent work in our school. Out of an enrollment of twenty scholars ten were neither absent nor tardy during the last month.

John C. Lewis has sold his farm to an emigrant and will soon move his family to Yaquna bay. We are sorry to lose John as he is one of our old standbys. May health, health and happiness attend him.

Another entertainment is on the tapis to be given by the Cleethan society on Saturday March 15th. From the number of actors who will take part we are led to say that it will far exceed all former occasions of the kind that have ever taken place here. Let everybody turn out and see what they like. Admission 25 cents, children 10 cents.

COCHRANE ITEMS.

One of our young boxers has a variegated eye on account of too much slugging.

Cliff says its a mistake about his best girl going back on him, as he never had any.

The new stove for the school house has been purchased and will soon be placed in position.

The athletes entertainment at Independence was well attended by the young folks of this place.

Miss Cora Lacy, of Albany, who has been visiting friends here for the last week left for her home Monday.

At the school meeting Monday Jay Powell and C. E. Huff were elected directors, and M. F. Percival re-elected clerk.

C. A. Ball attended the teachers institute at Dixie, and Misses Whitteker and Bridwell visited the Normal last week.

Hugh Mulkey's children are taking music lessons of Prof. S. P. Powell, the Tonic Sol-Fa system teacher of Monmouth.

Rev. Shupp preached a very interesting sermon here Sunday. His next sermon will be the annual missionary sermon.

Miss Nannie Shupp, of Independence, has been engaged to teach the school this spring and will commence next Monday.

W. E. Bridwell, as the farm of Ball, Brudwell & Co., Ballston Or., and Miss Drudwell Bowman were visiting friends and relative here Saturday and Sunday.

The Sunday school will be held at ten o'clock hereafter, instead of two except when services are held in the afternoon, then school will be held at two as usual.

PARKER ITEMS.

Wm. Fuqua has lost his "lagrippe" for the second time.

School opens at this place the first Monday in April.

Billy Veaux went to Salem Monday to pay taxes on property.

Helmeck Bro. have all spare labor engaged in helping them ship grain this week.

J. D. Wood, our enterprising schoolmaster, has departed for his home near Philomath.

The Scotch company has sold the New Davidson farm to Geo. Scott who has taken possession.

The farmers of this section are shipping their eggs to Portland as the merchants do not pay satisfactory prices.

Farmers report that their crops were not extensively injured by the late frost, but G. C. Bolter will have about 25 acres to re-sow.

We are expecting Eastern capital to soon build an electric motor line from

this place to Buena Vista, as staging is too common ground.

Miss Allie Grand, of this place, and Miss Annie Hall, of Buena Vista, were companions on a visit to the future county seat. (Name Independent).

We cannot stretch the sub-marine telegraph cable across the Luckiamute, owing to the water being so high, so we will have to leave the news from Syger out for another writing.

School meeting opened Monday promptly at 8 o'clock with Wm. Fuqua in the chair. D. M. Calbreath was also elected clerk and Wm. Fuqua was also elected director for his second term.

A great deal of interest is taken in the West Side at this place and many farmers have to come a great way to get their weekly mail, and when the West Side does not happen to get here on Friday they say that they feel like they had missed their dinner, and it is unnecessary to say more: as the editor will see the point.

BETHEL ITEMS.

Mr. L. B. Frazer is improving in health.

Mr. Geo. Kelly visited at McMinnville Sunday.

Charles and Pink Frazer started to Gilliam county on Monday.

Mr. Samuel Holcomb has lately moved to a farm in Holmes gap.

A singing circle which meets each Sunday evening has been organized. Young and old have been invited to attend.

A reading circle has been lately organized here for the purpose of literary culture. Such moves are commendable.

A juvenile debate was held here Friday evening in which it was decided that Independence is the proper place for the county public buildings.

Mr. Chas. Burgess has lately returned from an extended visit to the Sound country and reports much business activity among the people of that section.

ZENA ITEMS.

Miss Nancy Chapman, of Salem, has been engaged to teach the Rydeville school.

The Misses Minnie Brydman and Nellie Boice, of Salem, Sundayed with friends here.

Rev. Wm. Clyde will preach here next Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m. All are invited to attend.

We are informed that considerable wheat has been frozen out here. J. D. Walling has lost all of his.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Claggett, of Salem, were visiting friends and relatives here the latter part of last week.

The office seekers gripe is the most dangerous of any other contagious disease of to-day. Its like big head, there's no cure for it.

Geo. G. Bingham, one of Salem's brightest knights of Blackstone, was here on legal business before Justice Clark's court last Wednesday.

The candidates gripe is in vogue once more, and ones hand fairly ache after one of their shakes, but many of them will get the salt river age ere long.

D. G. Henry was elected school director and Jap Skaffe was elected clerk last Monday. Our school board now is composed of W. A. Pike, G. T. Waite, D. G. Henry and J. N. Skaffe, clerk.

Quite a gathering of young folks went to a neighbors house to have a surprise party, but were surprised themselves by not being invited in the house last Thursday evening, hence no dance.

John G. Toner, of Lincoln, was in our city last Monday circulating a petition requesting our honorable county court to confer with the county court of Marion county in regard to replacing the old bridge, or the building of a new one. Everybody signed the petition. It will be presented to our honorable county court this week.

Mr. Geo. C. Cooper had the misfortune to lose a fine Jersey cow last Saturday by drowning. She had gone down the steep bank of a creek. It is supposed that she slipped and fell into the stream it being icy and slippery she could not regain her feet hence she drowned. Mr. C. being a poor man can't afford to lose such a valuable animal.

LETTER LIST.

List of letters remaining in this office March 8, 1890. If not called for in 30 days they will be sent to the dead letter office. Persons calling for these letters will please say advertised:

Allen, Davis Bertran, Henry
Elliott, Sam Edson, A. J.
Gilbert, Frank Hardy, W. H.
Kirk, Harry McAllister, Geo.
McChristian, Murray, F.
Thomas, J. & Co Tatum, Geo.
McBainly, Miss Craven, Subrina
Swann, Mollie Zurcheck, Susie

M. A. C. ROBERTSON, P. M.
INDEPENDENCE, Or., March 8, 1890.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

John Wakenstein to M. M. Ellis, 87 acres near Dallas, quit claim; \$300.

A. P. Honey to A. B. Atkins, 107 acres in tp 8 s, r 4 w; \$474.

J. D. Lee to P. B. Carpenter, lots in Dallas; \$450.

The Dundee Mortgage and Trust Investment Co. to Geo. Scott, 113 acres in tp 9 s, r 4 w; \$6500.

H. D. Staats to J. M. Staats, quit claim to west half of d 1 c of Issue Staats, in tp 10 s, r 4 w; \$500.

Oreg. Land Co. to R. R. Willis, 17 acres, tp 8 s, r 3 w; \$1400.

U. S. A. to Lewis Ritter, in tp 9 s, r 6 w, 77 acres.

Buena Vista 1 0 0 F to P. W. Prather, lot B cemetery; \$5; also to Miranda Franklin, lot in cemetery; \$5; also to M. N. Prather, lot in cemetery; \$10.

H. H. Gwynn to Sarah L. Bean, 351 acres in tp 8 s, r 5 w; \$1.

A. P. Honey to William P. Brown, tract of land near Buena Vista; \$5700.

A. M. Miller to Theo. Elliott, lot in Dallas; \$125.

M. L. Robbins to E. T. Miller, lot in Dallas; \$600.

ATHLETES.—On last Saturday evening a large audience greeted the boys of the Oregon State Normal school. The program was exceedingly well rendered and the audience was generous in showing its appreciation of the very clever performances. The receipts were quite substantial and will be used by the association for a good purpose.

Miss Mollie Merriman has resigned her position in the Independence public school.

NEW SAW MILL.

Larger and Latest Improved—100 Horse Power Engine—Work will be Pushed—To be Running in Six Weeks.

Mr. J. A. Veness is so busy that scarcely can one get to see him much less have a talk about the new saw mill. However it does not need heresy to convince anyone that we are to have a saw mill, which will be of great advantage to the town for the engine and boiler is already here. It came on Wednesday's freight and can be seen. Two large boilers are to be placed side by side, a smoke stack fifty-four feet high will tower above them. Sawdust will be principally used as fuel and this will be fed automatically. The fly wheel of the engine is twelve feet in diameter, twenty-five inches across the face and weighs four tons. The crank shaft is eight inches in diameter. The power of the engine will be one hundred horse power, which is about three times that of the old mill. A load of staves was hauled to the site of the new mill, which will be a few feet below the old one, and in a few days active operation will be under way. It is proposed to run matters and from forty to fifty men will be put at work. The frame will be heavy and securely fastened and be high enough so that another high water may not interfere with it. Within sixty days at most, the mill will be in operation.

The machinery for the Prescott & Veness saw mill will continue to arrive on each freight train until all the order has been filled. On Friday the heavy timbers for framing the mill will be here and S. A. Parker, the contractor, will take charge of the building and rush the work through to completion.

The saw mill will be built substantially and be 32 feet wide and 150 feet long. The roof will be of corrugated iron. The mill will have a capacity of 60,000 feet a day, and when running at its full capacity the logging camp on the Luckiamute and mill here together will employ about sixty men. The machinery will consist of two sixty inch saws, a gang edger, two cut-off saws, one larger planer for flooring and another for surfacing and sizing one saw for cutting dimension lumber, besides automatic carriers, etc., to economize the work.

This mill will combine all the late improvements and not only be the pride of its owners, but a great factor in the future prosperity of the town.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

A number of the leading ministers and Sunday school workers of the county have joined in a call for a Union Sunday school convention to be held in Monmouth on Tuesday and Wednesday of the last week in March.

Among those who have interested themselves in the matter are Rev. W. W. Wells, of the Presbyterian church, Independence; Rev. N. Shupp, of the Evangelical church, Independence; Rev. H. A. Lays, of the Christian church, Monmouth; Rev. John Osborne, of the Baptist church, Dallas; Rev. T. F. Royal, of the Methodist church, Dallas; besides a number of Sunday school superintendents and workers. Rev. Joseph Hoberg, McMinnville, also takes a deep interest in the success of the convention, and has promised to be present and assist in the work.

As it has not been possible to see personally all the ministers and superintendents of the county, this method is taken of extending to each of them a hearty invitation to co-operate in the work of organizing the convention and to assist in carrying its program into effect, and suggestions will be welcomed and carefully suggested.

As far as names can be learned, personal invitations together with program will be sent. With a hearty general co-operation, this convention, the first of its kind in the county, can be made a brilliant success and production of much good. By a vote of the Monmouth Sunday school, each Sunday school in the county is invited to send at least two delegates to the convention. All who come may depend upon being hospitably entertained by the people of Monmouth. Do not forget the date, Tuesday and Wednesday, March 24th and 25th. Make your arrangements to come.

P. L. CAMPBELL, Supt. Mon. S. S. Com. mittee.

H. A. LAYS,
R. M. SMITH,
MISS MILLIE DOUGLASS,
MISS ANNA POWELL,
MISS ELLA EMMETT.

OUR FREE LIBRARY.

EDITOR WEST SIDE.—I was pleased to notice in a recent issue of your paper, mention of the interest felt in a reading room at your city. By all means let it be encouraged and may it not languish for lack of funds. A good wholesome collection of books in a public library is a credit to any town. It is a powerful educator. To make it a success, steady, persistent effort is necessary, but effort cannot be spent then in creating a bright cheerful place where young and old may drop in and pass a quiet ten minutes or half hour in pure, elevating associations. It will be an attraction to the stranger within your gates. Many who take magazines or any other standard periodicals will be willing to place them, after a first reading, on the table of the reading room. I have now in mind one library which to-day numbers hundreds upon hundreds of volumes of well selected literature, whose lower shelves are filled with books of reference, and whose long tables are covered with all the latest and best periodicals; and moreover, the building devoted to the library is a handsome stone structure recently built for the purpose. The work necessary for the success of such an enterprise has been largely done in the past six or eight years by our noble woman! She has been tireless in her efforts to awaken the interest and secure the co-operation of every citizen of the place so that they might feel that it was "our library." She has herself worked early and late and has had the hearty assistance at last of many who were at first indifferent. Earnest, continued effort must ever be followed if the success it deserves, and to-day she is librarian of one of the finest public libraries in her state. Let the faithful fervor be encouraged, and Independence shall one day have a library of which she may well be proud.

NEWS FROM INDEPENDENCE.

Electric Lights and Water Works for That City.

Albany Herald.

INDEPENDENCE, Feb. 1.—The organization of a company with a capital stock of \$40,000 for the purpose of furnishing this part of Polk county with water and light, means a great deal in advancing the material prosperity of the town. The incorporators names give the company a standing, aside from the urgent need of such enterprise. H. Hirschberg is president of the Independence National bank; A. Nelson is a wealthy land owner; A. J. Goodman is a large dealer in hardware; H. H. Jaspersen owns the wash and door factory here, and J. Dornish is a successful stock grower. Just as soon as the weather will permit H. Thielson, the well known civil engineer, has been engaged to survey the route of the motor line railway to Monmouth, distant two miles.

When he finishes that work he will survey a water ditch from Buena Vista to Independence, and if it is found, as stated, 14 feet fall can be obtained some of abundant means stand ready to assist the company recently organized and build the ditch. Previous surveys have given 14 feet fall at Independence. Mr. Thielson's known experience will prevent any expensive mistakes. If Mr. Thielson thinks the water ditch is practicable it will be built at once and a first-class electric light plant is ordered, not only to light Independence and Monmouth, but also furnish power for the railway and light machinery