

LOCALS.

M. Kratz, of Portland, was in town Thursday.
F. A. Doty who has been quite sick is about again.
The framework is up of Mrs. Tuck's house on Cat street.

Mr. Elkins is getting along nicely with his dwelling.
Wheat 60 cents a bushel at Hendricks warehouse.
J. F. O'Donnell went to Portland on business this week.

The wheat is rolling into the warehouses at a rapid rate.
Mrs. J. S. Cooper returned Tuesday from a visit in Portland.
W. H. Hawley has been rusticated at the seaside this week.

S. Burch, of Rickreal, was doing business here Thursday.
Mr. Zed Rosendorf returned from San Francisco this week.
The band is going to Monmouth Saturday evening on the motor line.

Miss Ada Judson is spending a week at Woodburn with her brother F. W. Parker.
Mr. Byron Atkins will please accept thanks for a basket of plums left at this office.
Miss Ava Smith, of Lane county, was visiting Mrs. J. M. Vanduyen this week.

Incandescent and arc electric light are being discussed, a great deal nowadays.
E. E. Charman, of Oregon City, was visiting Mr. D. O. Quick at Suver this week.
H. V. Smith, mail agent on the West Side train, spent a few days in town this week.

Those hitching posts by Shelly & Vanduyen's store will prove a great convenience.
Miss Marie Velson returned from Monmouth to her home in Portland Wednesday.
Gilbert Kennedy left last week for Cove, in Union county, where he will make his home.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Beebe from Yachon, Nebraska, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Cooper this week.
A force of men are at work erecting poles and stringing wires for the electric lights in this city.
Mr. T. C. Wilken has received his patent for a valuable attachment to harvesters for cutting grain.

Squire I. M. Butler and family saw E. W. Cooper and wife returned from Finley springs on Wednesday.
Mrs. Crosby, at Newport, who keeps a boarding house, is "full" every summer on account of her good fare.
Mrs. J. E. Davidson although very feeble was reported better yesterday but requires constant attention now.

J. D. Irvine sells groceries when he has a chance.

The latest and most fashionable goods at Stockton's.
California pop, 5 cents a glass at Gelwick & Goff's.

Remember that J. D. Irvine will sell you all the goods you want either for cash or credit.
Preaching next Sunday morning at 11 a. m. at the M. E. church by Rev. N. M. Shupp; Sunday school at 11 a. m. All are invited.

Now is the time to buy sugar and be sure and call in at J. D. Irvine's and get prices before buying elsewhere.
Rev. Cantner, president of the Lafayette assembly, will preach at Oak Grove next Sunday, Aug. 31st, at 4 p. m. All are invited.

Along the side of the flat car was a large cloth sign reading "Independence-Monmouth" and between the names a pair of hands clasped, to signify that the two towns are now united in a closer union.
It was very generally remarked that his road was very smooth indeed and in passing over it scarcely any rocking is noticed. The finish of the engine and coach was favorably commented upon.

We must again insist on all those indebted to the firm of Burns, Dalton & Co. to call and make immediate settlement as we need the money. We can found at the store of Hyde & Dalton.

Wheat at 65 cents a bushel, oats at 35 cents a bushel, and hops at 30 cents a pound are very satisfactory to most farmers, but some are going to borrow money and hold for higher prices.
J. L. Stockton and wife returned from San Francisco last Tuesday. Mr. Stockton while there selected an elegant stock of goods which is now arriving. All the latest styles and greatest novelties.

Geo. H. Gowat, the accommodating railroad agent at McCoy, was made a happy father of a ten pound girl on Wednesday morning. Geo. is looking quite jolly, but will soon reappear.
J. L. Stockton calls your attention to his numerous patterns of dress goods, only one pattern of a kind for each dress. He has these dress patterns in both cotton and woolen. Call and inspect them.

We acknowledge receipt this week of complimentary tickets to the Yamhill county fair at McMinnville, Sept. 30 to Oct. 5; Oregon state fair at Salem from Sept. 15th to 22d, and Pacific Industrial Exposition at Portland from Sept. 5th to Oct. 25th.
Say! Spend your money with men who have accommodated you by selling goods to you on credit when you asked for them. And remember that J. D. Irvine will sell for cash cheaper than any house this side of Portland.

The harvest is past and the summer is ended, and J. D. I. will roll out piles of groceries just as cheap as the cheapest, and why not? Mikan huncunclo, his muckmuck.
Miss A. Macaulay informs us that on last Friday night at about 9 o'clock she saw a balloon pass over Independence, coming from toward Albany and floating off towards the east. It was quite high, but the light from the fire beneath it attracted her attention.

Miss Alice Macaulay leaves for Portland to-day, to attend the millinery openings there and will be gone about two weeks. She has ordered her fall stock from San Francisco which will arrive about the time of her return. Miss Ota Robertson will attend to the business during her absence.
Tuesday afternoon about eighty Monmouth residents accepted the invitation of the motor line railway company and came down to Independence and visited the different points of interest. The saw mill, the new bank, the new bridge and school house each were inspected.

INDEPENDENCE GOLD MINES.

Gold Pumped from a Well--An Assay says it is the Real Article--The Find is Developed.
Mr. W. E. Dalton, of this city, some eight months ago had a well driven on his lot to supply water to his residence in this city. The water was always hot from the first, and at one time his wife called his attention to the shining particles in the water and wondered if it was not gold. He thought it was only the mica in the sand. One day however a particle too large and heavy was pumped up. It was taken to Mr. White of this city who said it was gold. A small vial of sand was then gathered and sent to Butterfield Bros., of Portland, and here it was said to be gold.
PORTLAND, Aug. 20, 1900.

Dear Sir--In reply to your favor of the 14th instant and bottle containing sand, the deposit shows free gold, and if you wish to have any assay made you must send us a larger quantity, say as much as a two ounce bottle will hold. There is no doubt but that if you have plenty of this sand you can get a good price for it, provided it will all run as even and show as much gold as this does.
Yours truly,
BUTTERFIELD BROS.

Mr. Dalton has had the sand all pumped out and finds that he gets coarse gold, not so fine pieces. A company has been formed and a shaft foot well will be sunk and the matter of gold sand thoroughly tested. His well is forty-two feet deep and three inches in diameter. The new well will be within ten feet of the other. Mr. Henry Hill states that gold was mined right here in Independence forty years ago.

The proposed rate of five-cent fare strikes everyone as remarkably low. To ride two and a half miles for the sum of five cents seems so ridiculously cheap, that we know of a great many who will travel over the road on the pretext just to patronize it. When we come to consider the matter from a business standpoint the directors are wise to charge only five cents. Grant that one hundred pass over the road at half the price to amount to the same sum, and low fares will build up a permanent business, and when the mud and winter comes no one will even hitch up their own horse to save ten cents for a round trip. A five-cent fare will advance the sale of town lots all along the motor line, and the future prospects of the road are largely dependent upon the settlement of the land lying between the two towns.

In the evening the people of Monmouth with their accustomed open heartedness prepared an elegant repast to which the officers of the railway company and members of city council of Independence were invited. Hon. N. L. Butler delivered one of his eloquent addresses in which he pointed out the future of Polk county in glowing colors. He spoke in praise of the enterprising men who had risked so much and who have inaugurated an enterprise whose far-reaching influence we cannot at present estimate with any accuracy.

Mr. F. A. Patterson, president of the motor railway company, responded in a fitting manner thanking the people of Monmouth for the cordial and hearty welcome. About thirty then sat down to well filled tables. After the repast all boarded the motor train and returned to this city. Taking it all in all, the opening of the motor line is under the most favorable auspices and we congratulate the movers in this enterprise upon its successful completion.

Why? Because, if for no better reason, the home newspaper supports you. You wake up once in a while perhaps, and forsaking private business, in which you turn out have been immersed, you yearn out and spend a day or an hour for the public good at the polls fighting against the re-election of a booby, at a public meeting talking for waterworks or some new enterprise, and then you return to your pursuit, leaving the newspaper to clinch the victory or protect the retreat, as the case may be.

The newspaper man has been so long the watchman on the tower, or the man on guard, that his service in this line is taken as a matter of course, and the value of that service has fallen too far in public appreciation. But the newspaper man is not watching. He cares whether his service is appreciated or not--everybody who is anybody is sensitive to an appreciation or the denial of it; but he knows, he is going to continue his performance. Still, when reasons are wanted for supporting the home paper it is fair to say that the newspaper should be supported because it is a public benefit, conferring for the public good when the public itself is drowsy or slumbering deeply. But that, you may say, is a sentimental reason, and so it is, partly. So self-respecting men would respect it alone. The strict business reason for supporting the home paper is that it pays directly as well as indirectly. Let two men try to oppose policies.

Let one man advertise in the home paper not putting in an ad. written in a minute on a scrap of paper--but preparing an announcement with care and study, changing it frequently, always with the same care, and keeping the same series going steadily. Let the other man try any plan he pleases of publishing business--chronicles, prizes, brass bands, balloon real estate tricks, soliciting from house to house--anything he pleases--and see how it will come out.
For the same money the newspaper advertiser will beat the other man two to one.--Athens Press.

To Raise Fine Stock.
The Missouri Pacific Stock Company is the name of a corporation with head office in Independence. The object is to buy, raise and sell live stock of all kinds. The company has 1500 acres of land in Benton county; capital stock is twelve thousand dollars. W. S. Hyde, secretary; directors: Chas. T. Swain, W. E. Dalton and E. V. Dalton.

CITY COUNCIL.

The regular meeting of the Independence city council was held Tuesday night. All present excepting Recorder Lines and Councilman Kregel.
The secretary of Eagle engine company reported to the council the fact that a disagreement existed between the engine and the hook and ladder company regarding the use of the furniture in the city hall, and asking the council to settle the matter. After some discussion a motion was made by Councilman Merwin that the recorder shall communicate to each of the fire companies the recommendation of the council that the matter be left to arbitration each company appointing one person and those two a third, and that the companies shall file bonds to abide by the decision of such arbitrators.

J. W. Buser gave notice that he would introduce an ordinance at the next regular meeting granting to L. C. Gilmore, of this city, a charter for erecting, maintaining and operating electric lights and waterworks in the city of Independence.
The question of electric lights then came up. Mr. H. H. Jasperman stated that owing to unexpected liberality of patronage the company was willing to contract for any number of lights, even down to one light. The motion was then made that four lights be taken for one year. Messrs. Merwin and Wheeler opposed it on the ground that they want the lights all night or not at all. Vote being taken resulted in the acceptance of four lights. Mr. Merwin then arose and moved that they order two more lights stating that while he was opposed to any 12 o'clock lights, yet since four had been ordered he was now in favor of six. The motion was amended to be five lights instead of six. Amendment lost. Original motion carried and so six are lights have been ordered.

The following bills were ordered paid: Geo. Macaulay, marshal, \$47; J. D. Irvine, merchandise, \$35; Prescott & Venable, lumber, \$68.90; J. Wilcox, \$1.

Harvesting in the Willamette Valley.
The Willamette valley is indeed the garden spot of Oregon. It is a most beautiful and productive country with a salubrious climate, lying between the coast and Cascade range of mountains. At this season of the year it presents a most charming and busy aspect, as viewed from one of its high eminences. A person standing on one of those high points can look from range to range across the valley, and up and down it from twenty-five to fifty miles. On a clear day objects may be seen at a great distance. Before you lie thousands of acres, several hundred thousand acres of grain, of all shades from that of deep green to gold color.

What is the principal production of this country, oats ranking next. Both are raised on a large scale, and both winter and summer wheat and oats do well. The smallest farmer has fifty to seventy-five acres, and from that up to hundreds of acres. The amount of wheat raised to a farmer is from five hundred bushels to twenty thousand bushels. About one-half that amount of oats is raised. Wheat does not ripen at once in Ohio. It is not crowded by the season. It seldom if ever sees rain after heading out, and consequently is never affected with rust. The cool nights, mornings and evenings cause it to mature gradually. It takes about four weeks from the time it begins to take its golden color until it matures sufficiently for the reaper. And what a beautiful bright yellow color it has. It never gets dead ripe in a few days, and when fully fit for the reaper it may stand from five to ten days and not shell out. Just now, and for the last two weeks, farmers are cutting winter wheat and oats, and it may require probably the most of August to harvest the spring crops. The time of maturing both winter and spring wheat is somewhat affected by the time of sowing.

In cutting grain four horses are usually hitched to a self-binder or to a header. There being little or no dew, and the sun not very hot, the farmer is enabled to be at it early and late, and can work steadily, cutting from fifteen to twenty acres per day. No noise is taken to put up an exact number of sheaves to the shock. The shocks generally are long and two sheaves thick, and are never capped with a break sheaf, since it is not needed on account of rain. Just as soon as wheat is in shock thrashing begins--having already begun.

Thrashing is quite a novelty here. The machines used usually have a capacity of about thirty-five hundred bushels per day, and boards the hands, the farmer only furnishing wood and horse feed. He provides himself with eight to ten teams, pitcher and loader; has his kitchen or boarding house on wheels, something like a large photograph gallery on wheels, and several ovens, where the cooking and boarding of hands is done. When he gets ready he drives into the farmer's field and thrashes his grain, whether the farmer is present or not. The wheat is put up in sacks of two bushels each, and stacked up in the field, where it remains for several weeks, when it is hauled to the shipping warehouse. Granaries are a rare thing here, and farmers never store grain. They prefer to haul at once to the shipping warehouse and pay the storage. The straw is hauled out with an apparatus for that purpose and burned. Sometimes it is baled for feed. The average cost is about seventy-five dollars to run a thrasher per day, and the average earnings about one hundred and twenty-five dollars per day. What growing in this country is very profitable. It is never a failure. Bottom farms yield from 30 to 45 farms bushels to the acre, and hill farms from 15 to 25 and 30. Oats yield in the same proportion, and are harvested the same time as wheat.--Rev. N. Shupp in Fremont Journal August 8th.

The man who cannot buy a watch must indeed be "hard run." If we are to judge by the article at which H. R. Patterson sells them. A boy who smokes cigarettes can save enough in five weeks to own a watch that will keep a good time; and if he is a good trader can soon own a fine silver watch.

TEMPERANCE COLUMN.

Mrs. L. L. Whiteaker, Editor.
OUR WORK.
I gave a few items in the West Star August 15th on the state work, which I now will continue. I gave you that paper the number of Unions and members, also the number of delegates and the number of gospel temperance meetings held during the year.

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BOHN.

PRICE--To the wife of W. V. Price, near McMinnville, on Aug. 21, 1899, a fine 12 pound boy.
Mrs. Price is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Cook of this city.

DIED.
GAUNT--At Monmouth, Wednesday, Aug. 27, 1899, the ten months old child of Wm. C. Gaunt.
The body was brought down over the motor line and interred at McMinnville Thursday.

SUVER--At the home farm at Suver, Joseph W. Suver, aged 72 years, after an illness of about ten days.
Joseph W. Suver was born in Berkeley county, Virginia, in 1814, and came to Oregon in 1844. He settled on the present farm, and in 1851 married Miss Della Pyburn of this county. He leaves two sons Green B. Suver and Marshall Suver and two daughters Mrs. Wm. Fuqua, of Parker station, and Mrs. James now living in Southern Oregon. Mr. Suver leaves a large and valuable estate. He was buried on Wednesday at the Jingle's graveyard in Benton county, and his remains were followed by a large assembly of friends to their last resting place. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Shupp.

SUMMONS.
In the Justice Court of the Precinct of Independence, Polk County, Oregon.
A. J. Whiteaker, Plaintiff, vs. W. L. Culbertson, Defendant.
To W. L. Culbertson, the above named defendant:
IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON, you are hereby required to appear before the undersigned Justice of the Peace for the precinct aforesaid on the 11th day of October, 1899, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day at the office of said Justice, to answer said plaintiff's civil action.

EXECUTORS' NOTICE.
NOTICE is hereby given that by virtue of an order of the County Court of Polk County, State of Oregon, made and entered of record for Polk County, Oregon, on the 11th day of September, 1899, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, on the 11th day of September, 1899.
In front of the court house door, in Dallas, Polk County, State of Oregon, the following described real property belonging to the estate of J. C. Cooper, deceased.
Beginning at the Southwest corner of E. W. Mill street, thence North 89 degrees West 42 feet to the East line of the land of the estate of J. C. Cooper, deceased, thence South 87 degrees 30' West 125 feet to the South line of the land of the estate of J. C. Cooper, deceased, thence North 10 degrees 15' East 110 feet to the place of beginning.

Notice of Final Settlement.
NOTICE is hereby given that by order of the Honorable County Court of the State of Oregon for Polk County, made and entered of record for said county, in the matter of the estate of E. Merwin, deceased, the 6th day of October, A. D. 1899, I was first and last appointed executor for final settlement and final exhibit of the administration thereon. All persons are hereby notified to appear at said time and place, and show cause if any there by why the power of said court should not be granted.
By order of,
J. SCHUPPER, M. E. MERWIN, County Judge, M. E. Administrator, 88.

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PLEASE CALL!
All persons knowing themselves to be indebted to me are requested to call and settle at their earliest convenience as I have disposed of my interest in the business to Messrs. Banister & Craven. Yours truly,
ALEX. H. BOYD.
Holmes Business College.
OF Portland, Oregon will open Sept. 1st. J. A. Wood, the leading business man of the coast, has been a partner in the business for many years. The leading Business College. Send for Catalogue.

A Famous Woman's Experience.
CHICAGO, Nov. 18.
Mr. Wisdom: Dear Sir--I beg to thank you for the delightful and refreshing "Robert's" you so kindly sent me. I have used the toilet and preparations of the most celebrated chemists, but none of them have done for me what "Robert's" has done. My system is so pure and my health so good, that I can now do my work as well as ever. I have done all in my power to give them back pure and good, meet for the Master's use?

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK.

Sunday school work was reported by the superintendent Nora J. Williams, of Monro, who states this line of work is progressing. She had secured a presentation of the important branch at the State Sunday School Convention of 1899, and at that convention strong temperance resolutions were adopted, also at the convention in April 1899 this work was presented, and delegates elected to the International Sunday School Convention, who we trust will help secure to us one Sunday during the quarter for temperance teaching instead of giving the money to Sunday school work.

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