

LOCALS.

A New York athlete by the name of Louis Cyr is probably the strongest man in the world. At a recent exhibition he lifted a dumb bell weighing 232 pounds and held it out at arm's length; he then lifted 480 pounds with one finger, and finally accomplished the extraordinary feat of lifting a platform bound by iron, on which were eighteen men and a 322 pound dumb bell, with his back and hands. How about the Samson and Hercules stories now? This fellow is evidently the "best man" among the whole lot.

Arthur Wilson of the West Side office has been trying his hand at trapping mice. He lately removed into a house which had been vacant for several days, and observing that the festive mouse was getting "too precious" around the premises he at once proceeded to purchase a small live triggered trap. The first night catch resulted in a trap full of mice. Arthur concluded that kind of work to slow, so he went down to O'Donnell & Butler's hardware store and ordered a larger trap—results to be heard from.

The Oregonian announces that Calvin Carrington, of Hillsboro, has received a verdict for \$400 damages sustained by falling through a defective sidewalk. "We commend the above statement to the serious attention of our city council. Independence sidewalks are in a shabby condition, and the city is liable to have a similar damage suit on its hands almost any time.

Six years ago last Tuesday the great snow storm of '84 commenced raging which lasted more than six weeks. The weather now is more like spring time than winter, but this is an unusual season even for Oregon. Perhaps not more than three or four seasons similar to the present have occurred since the country has been settled by white people.

Attention is called to the new ad of Goodman & Dooty in which they enumerate a number of new goods they have just received. The goods carried by them are all first-class and guaranteed to be just as represented or money refunded.

Buster & Locke's stock of silver and plated ware is complete, and consists of the most beautiful and unique patterns and odd designs ever seen in the city. Their show window is a thing of beauty and should be seen to be appreciated. They take pleasure in showing goods.

Monmouth's recently elected city officers are as follows: Councilmen; J. H. Moran, Pres., B. L. Murphy, J. G. Boothby, J. C. Craven, J. J. Russell; recorder, Luther Ground; treasurer, I. C. Powell; marshal, A. T. Staaks.

Buster & Locke have just opened the largest and most complete stock of plumb goods in the city, and will offer these goods at the lowest rates ever offered in Polk county. If you wish anything in this line it will pay you to call on them before buying.

Preparations for the holiday trade is apparent among our business men, and we notice in the show case of H. R. Patterson a gold and silver tea set which is one of the most elegant ever brought to town.

Mr. Thad Lucas of Rickreal was in town Tuesday. He reports business lively in his section and says that the new town of Rickreal is growing right along.

For Christmas presents call at Patterson's and examine the fine line of silverware—knives, forks, spoons, pickledishes, berry dishes, cake stands, napkin rings, card receivers, butter dishes, mugs, salts, peppers, etc.

G. T. Waller of Monmouth has just received a fine assortment of plumb albums, elegant writing desks, a fine line of cutlery, first class jewelry, a splendid assortment of writing paper and a full line of Christmas goods.

Henkle & Walker, having enlarged their store room, are now carrying one of the largest and best stocks of family groceries and glassware in Polk county, and are selling the same as cheap as the cheapest. To be convinced call in and see them.

Public attention is called to the pigeon shooting match at this place on the 24th inst. A lively and interesting time is anticipated.

One of the coming features of Independence is "Uncle Dick's" lunch, located with our fellow citizen, F. J. Morris.

Get your raisins, spices, etc., for mince meat, at Henkle & Walker's; also prepared mince meat at H. & W. 21

Mrs. Hardy Holman, and Mrs. Walter Holman, of Dallas, are visiting at Mrs. P. Holman's in this city.

Santa Claus don't deal in hardware or stoves. You can be supplied by Goodman & Dooty.

Prof. Wann, of Monmouth, who has been on the sick list, is able to be about again.

A constant and continuous dropping will wear the hardest rock, a constant and continuous effort in one direction will accomplish much, perseverance in any branch of business or profession for several years will insure a high degree of success, practice makes perfect. Dr. Pruden has made chronic diseases a special study for fifteen years. The doctor will not take a case unless he believes that he can give satisfaction. Several patients are under his professional care and treatment at present, and nearly all of them are improving rapidly, which is highly satisfactory to both doctor and patient. Drs. Ketchum & Pruden make a fair and honorable business proposition to the public. Read their card in this paper.

A Southern Pacific south-bound freight train was wrecked near Albany on the 16th. The train went through a small bridge which had been only partly repaired by the carpenters. Signal flags and danger torpedoes were placed near the track to warn the approaching train, but the signals were too close to be of any practical use in checking the onward speed of the train. Three flat cars loaded with iron were completely demolished, and the entire train was derailed. Very fortunately no one was hurt.

We learn from our exchanges that no less than 130 young women have taken up timber claims in Western Washington during the past six months, and in the Eastern part of the state probably 100 others have located lands. On the coast of Oregon about one hundred ladies are holding land. We are glad to note that the spirit of enterprise is so active among the fair sex. Berkeley was wise above his time when he wrote the famous lines: "Westward the course of empire takes its way."

Iowa has passed a stringent tramp law. The law declares that any male person sixteen years of age or over, who is wandering about begging or idle, and who cannot show responsible efforts to secure employment, shall be deemed a tramp, sent to jail and put to hard work. If this law works well, why not try something of the kind in Oregon.

Monmouth is calling aloud, so says the Democrat, for a first-class \$25,000 dry good store, and is also ambitious for a fruit cannery, a sash and blind factory, and more than all, a brick kiln. Goodness gracious! Does our prosperous neighbor want the earth?

A fearful snow storm has been raging in the East for the last two or three days. Railroads blocked, telegraph wires down, business suspended in many places, and snow two and three feet deep throughout the Northeastern states.

The revival meetings at Pelee, held by Rev. N. Shipp, closed last Sunday evening. During the meeting eighteen presented themselves for prayers and thirteen united with the church with five or six more to follow.

"Uncle Dick" has come to stay. His coffee, soups and roasts are cords which draw us to "himward" in a manner that delights the stomach beyond our expression.

Finest assortment of Aurora engraved glassware, at J. D. I's. Ever imported to Independence. Bring your wife and sweetheart around and purchase them a present that will make them feel happy.

Special mention should be made of the fine line of Acorn Stoves and Ranges displayed by Goodman & Dooty. Call and see them.

The preliminary examination of the Dice-Simpson case before Justice Lines will cost the tax payers of this county the sum little sum of \$55. And this is only the beginning of the end.

It is estimated that the average yield of Oregon products per acre is as follows: Wheat, 26 bushels; oats, 42 bushels; barley, 35 bushels; rye, 25 bushels; timothy hay, two tons; alfalfa, four tons, etc.

Say! Where did you get that watch? Why of course I bought it of H. R. Patterson and on the installment plan too—No trouble to own a watch that way.

If you want a watch for your sister or sweetheart, brother or beau, father or mother, call on us and get our prices. Buster & Locke.

Squire Lines decided a case in "his coat" the other day, as he quaintly expressed it. For particulars inquire of the Judge.

Santa Claus has turned over his stock of little cook stoves to Goodman & Dooty. Place your orders early their supply is limited.

If you want a good gold pen of the best make for a small sum, call on Buster & Locke. They have the largest assortment in the city.

You can purchase a magnificent hanging-lamp at J. D. Irvine's all the way from \$3 to \$14. Call and examine.

New dress goods, beautiful prints, warm flannels and ladies' underwear, just opened at Stockton's.

A fine line of table and hanging lamps at H. & W's.—Sold at bed rock prices.

Go to Hyde & Co. and get one of those elegant hanging lamps for a Xmas present.

Mr. F. M. Weaver, wife and three children, of St. Louis, Mo., arrived in this city Thursday, and are guests at the City Hotel. Mr. Weaver and family are relatives of our esteemed friend Hon. Stephen Staats, and are here visiting old time friends and relatives, but are much pleased with Western Oregon, and we hope they may conclude to make their home in this beautiful land of the West.

Mrs. R. F. Wells, of Tacoma, arrived on yesterday's train. She is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irvine Claggett, of this city, and will remain with them until after Christmas.

On account of the union meeting at the Baptist church, there will be no preaching at the Evangelical church next Sunday evening.

Mass Manning, of Shasta county, Cal., is now an employe in the West Side office, and is quite a pleasant and intelligent lady.

Will Lines is able to again crack the whip and draw the reins over his truck team.

Dave Gelwick always has on hand fresh candles, Key West cigars and tropical fruits in season.

"Uncle Dick" is a "Satisfyer." If you don't believe it, come and taste and see.

Try Pacific Granules for all liver trouble every bottle guaranteed.

Ladies' and children's furs at Mrs. Hurley's, also a fine line of Christmas goods.

Gelwick & Goff have a fine supply of Riverside oranges, the finest in the market.

Mrs. J. H. N. Bell arrived in this city from Roseburg on the 16th instant.

Prof. J. M. Garrison has a daily writing class at Suver.

Best quality of boots and shoes and men's underwear at Stockton's.

Go to Stockton's and get a pair of those blankets for those cold nights.

Men's boys' and children's clothing in endless variety at Stockton's.

Full line of rubber goods, boots, shoes, etc., at H. D. Waller's.

J. D. I. takes pleasure in showing goods to his customers.

Plumb, toilet and dressing cases at Patterson's.

J. D. Irvine wants money. "Cantux" try that new smoking tobacco at J. D. Irvine's.

Remington, Pipes and other first-class guns at Fuqua's gun store.

Lamps by the wholesale at J. D. I's.

THE ELECTRIC LIGHT.

The people of this city are happy now for there will be no more stumbling about the sidewalks after dark. The shadows of night have fled away from the streets of Independence forever—a long time to be sure, but this town never takes a step backward. On last Tuesday night the electric lights blazed forth in a halo of resplendent glory all along the main streets of the city.

The festive, frolicsome young folks were hilarious with joy, and the old people carried a comfortable grin around their countenances. The town is lighted by six large arc lights of 2,000 candle power each. There are two lights on Main street at the intersection of Cand Monmouth, one at the crossing of A and Third, one at Monmouth and Fourth, and two on C street at the intersection of Third and Fifth streets.

A SERIOUS CUTTING AFFRAY.

A Saloon Frenz—Dave Simpson Badly Cut—Young Dice Under Arrest—Particulars of the Affray, Etc.

A serious affray occurred in the Gem saloon this city about 5 o'clock Monday evening. It is very difficult to get accurate particulars of the affair owing to the disposition of the witnesses to keep "mum." The preliminary trial, however, will bring out the facts in the case, and a reporter will be present to represent this paper. The two principals in the row are well known characters in this community. David Simpson is a young man who lives on the Lockmanite, and has numerous relatives living in that section of country. He is a man who is somewhat addicted to frequenting saloons, although not particularly dissipated in his habits any further than such associations. We are told that he was duly sobriety at the time the cutting affray occurred. Simpson received three knife wounds from the hand of his opponent. Two of the gashes were in the right shoulder, and the third cut penetrated the right side to a depth of one and three-quarter inches and severing the intercostal artery.

The wound is serious, but not necessarily a fatal character. The wounded man was placed under the skillful treatment of Drs. Lee, Butler and Locke, and he is now getting on quite nicely.

The other party, Ben Dice, is a citizen of Independence, and is a son of the late E. C. Dice. Young Dice has always been inclined to hoodlumish conduct, and seems ambitious to establish a reputation as being something of a "knocker." While not manifesting a particularly vicious temper, yet he has always been addicted to idleness, and could be found almost anywhere lounging around the saloon corners. His most intimate associates in life have been among the saloon-sum-elevators, although his opportunities for living a useful life have been above the average. His father was a man of reputable character and his mother has always tried to make him a useful member of society. The most lamentable feature of the affair is that young Dice has a wife and child depending upon him for support, and quite naturally they have the sympathy of the community. We will give the particulars of the affray later on.

TESTIMONY.

The preliminary trial came up before Justice Lines, Tuesday at 10 o'clock a. m. Hon. N. L. Butler appearing in behalf of the state, and Hon. W. H. Holmes and Judge A. M. Hurley for the defense.

Mr. Louis VanNortwick was the first witness to testify. He said in substance: "I was playing a game of billiards in the Gem saloon on the evening of Monday, Dec. 10th, and my attention was first attracted by loud talking along the sidewalks after dark. The shadows of night have fled away from the streets of Independence forever—a long time to be sure, but this town never takes a step backward. On last Tuesday night the electric lights blazed forth in a halo of resplendent glory all along the main streets of the city. The festive, frolicsome young folks were hilarious with joy, and the old people carried a comfortable grin around their countenances. The town is lighted by six large arc lights of 2,000 candle power each. There are two lights on Main street at the intersection of Cand Monmouth, one at the crossing of A and Third, one at Monmouth and Fourth, and two on C street at the intersection of Third and Fifth streets."

Joseph Tuck testified: "I was standing on the sidewalk at the corner of the Gem saloon. Saw Hugh Williams, B. Tarter and Dave Simpson standing along the sidewalk. Williams was intoxicated, and his two companions were trying to get him out of town. Williams kicked a dog, and Dice coming from across the street, remarked that his dog was in the way, and he kicked me as my dog," and threatened if Williams kicked the dog again that he would kick Williams. The witness noticing that a lady was coming along, he stated to Williams: "Come with me into the saloon and have a drink." Tuck Williams by the arm and they stepped inside the saloon; witness remained in the saloon only a moment and then stepped out on the sidewalk again, but as he passed out at the front door the defendant stepped into the saloon. This was all he knew about the affair."

Jas. Scraftford testified: "I was playing a game of billiards at the time the trouble occurred; heard some loud talking but paid no attention to it as a noise of frequent occurrence in such places. The first I knew of the fight I felt two persons falling against me with such violence as to knock me out of my chair; was so busy picking myself up that I had no time to observe what was going on around me. Saw no knife used, did not see the men in their scramble on the floor, a crowd was between them and me."

T. W. Estes testified: "Was playing a game of cards with Scraftford and two other men. First saw the noise of a scuffle and then saw the men, Dice and Simpson, fall to the floor. Simpson appeared to be uperrmost; saw no knife used. I stepped back and was at a loss to know whether to interfere and separate the combatants, in the meantime others had interfered and the men were separated."

Guy Deming testified: "I was playing a game of billiards at the time of the difficulty. Saw the defendant kick Simpson's dog, and Dice fell to the floor; saw no knife used; an excited crowd gathered around the combatants." The witness drew a diagram of the room and showed the location of the men on the floor.

George Heaton testified: "I was standing by the stove in the billiard room; my attention was attracted by loud talking in the bar room; immediately Dice and Simpson came into the room where I was, the former retreating and the latter advancing. Simpson seemed to be the aggressive party; pretty soon they clinched and both went down to the floor; saw no knife used; saw the defendant cut and saw the combatants from view."

H. Tarter testified: "Was standing on sidewalk outside of the saloon; Hugh Williams was with me and he was considerably intoxicated. Ben Dice came along and accused him of kicking his dog. Williams denied doing so. Finally Williams and I went inside the saloon, and the defendant immediately came in. Dice was drinking a glass of beer, and soon he and Dice commenced wrangling about the dog again. Dice said he had as soon for a man to kick him as to kick his dog. Williams said, 'well kick him then.' Dice kicked him, and then Simpson pulled his coat and advanced towards Dice. Heard Simpson say something, but didn't quite understand just what he said; didn't say only two or three words, and then moved off into the billiard room, and then clinched each other; they sufficed for a moment and fell to the floor; just at that time someone caught the witness and hurried him backward a distance of ten feet or more; there was great uproar and confusion. I saw no knife used, etc."

Dr. T. J. Lee testified: "I was called upon to dress the wounds of the wounded man, Dave Simpson. I found him bleeding profusely from a knife wound in the right side. The blade had penetrated between the sixth and seventh ribs, had cut the sixth rib about half into, and also severed the intercostal artery. The wound was about two inches in length, had penetrated the side diagonally, etc.; also found two flesh wounds on the right shoulder, and a slight cut on the right arm."

W. W. Williams testified: "I made the arrest, am not married or deputy marshal, but made the arrest because I was called upon by the deputy marshal to do so. I got into a horse cart, drove rapidly and soon overtook the defendant on Third street near Mr. Stockton's. When within about thirty paces of him I found him with a knife in his hand. He turned his head and looked around, but kept going on. I called out again and told him to stop or I would shoot. He then stopped, and upon searching I found a pocket and drew a knife, held it up to his coat. He had no knife in his possession."

Jeff Matney testified: "I heard a fracas in the bar-room; saw Simpson and Dice come into the billiard room. They clinched and rolled on to the floor; saw no knife used."

Frank Young testified: "I heard loud talking in the bar-room; heard Williams say 'Kick me.' Saw defendant and Simpson wrangling with one another. Heard Dice say: 'Keep off, or you get the worst of it.' Dice, Williams and Tarter following him. Saw Simpson pull his coat, but did not see Dice pull his. Saw them clinch and fall, and heard Dice say while on the floor: 'Let me up, or you'll get the worst of it,' or words to that effect. I made a rush to separate the combatants when same one, Mr. Estes, I think, caught me and pulled me back. I saw no knife used at any time."

Loyd Russell testified: "I was in the saloon at the time the fight between Dice and Simpson occurred. Heard loud talking in the bar-room; saw Simpson, Williams and Tarter, but could not see Dice for a partition wall hid him from view, but I recognized his voice. I paid no particular attention to the racket, because my attention was pretty closely engaged elsewhere—I was playing a losing game at cards. Directly Dice, Simpson, Williams and Tarter came tumbling into the billiard room where I was playing cards. Dice appeared to be retreating and Simpson was following him up pretty closely. It at once occurred to me there were three against one so I at once grappled with Williams and hurried him headlong back into the bar room, in the meantime someone had settled Tarter, and Dice and Simpson were rolling up on the floor. I saw no knife at any time; I had no special interest in the fight, except that I believe in fair play and didn't like to see three against one in a fight."

J. R. Johnson testified: "I was in the billiard room at the time of the row between the defendant and Simpson; heard some confusion in the bar room but paid no attention to it; pretty soon I saw two men come out of the bar room, they were clinched and appeared to be scuffling. I supposed it was a good natured tussle and took no note of it, until the confusion all around me indicated that it was a fight. I saw two men, both of them pulled their coats, sparred a few moments and then clinched, both going down in the struggle, falling against James Scraftford who was sitting in a chair at a card table, and then tumbled to the floor; both men fell on their sides, but Simpson seemed to have his shoulders and upper part of his body elevated over his opponent, and was gripping Dice around the neck with his arm. Dice seemed to be struggling to avoid punishment in the face. Saw a struggle in defendant's hand while struggling with Simpson on the floor, and saw Dice with the knife, but saw knife in Dice's hand after the combatants were separated. Saw the defendant leave the saloon by passing out at the back door, and saw no blood on the person of the man Simpson."

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