

THEY WORK OLD CLOTHES.—Nothing better illustrates human nature than practical illustrations such as we are about to give our readers. A great many individuals take great pleasure in stating that with them "fine feathers do not make fine birds," but that the general public is misled in its judgment. Last week it was announced that a company of people with Misses Louise Howard, Swain and Thomas as leading ladies, would entertain an Independence audience on Friday evening in "Lost in London." When the company arrived it was found to have the required number of actors and their physical appearance was in their favor, but alas, they were shabby clothing and when the time came Friday evening for ringing up the curtain, the opera house, which on such an occasion usually contains from one to three hundred people, was empty. The actors were loud in their denunciations of the town, etc., but it was discovered that at McMinville they paid neither hall rent or board bill, having fared the same way there. On Saturday afternoon they were given the opera house free and raked in a few dollars, as also on Monday night when they give another entertainment. The performance they give was quite meritorious, and had the company come among us well dressed and looking prosperous no doubt the house would have been full. Such is human nature, and you will find it so the world around. We judge the people by the clothes they wear, but a closer acquaintance discovers the merit or defect.

NOTHING SUCCEEDS LIKE SUCCESS.—Some very good people really believe that all physicians who advertise in the newspapers are quacks. Nothing could be farther from the truth. The physician who boasts on the streets or who enlarges upon his skill and ability to cope with disease in private conversation, is as justly entitled to the appellation of quack as the charlatan who fills every newspaper in the land with his flagrant pretensions. It is the exaggerated and dishonest claims of the empiric that constitutes the quackery and not the means used in advertising. Dr. Pruden has highly perfected and carefully systematized methods of treatment that embrace electrical therapeutics combined with specific medication which is attended with satisfactory results whenever thoroughly tested. The doctor is permitted to refer parties wishing treatment to patients at present under his professional care. He does so with pardonable pride, feeling confident that a favorable impression will be made in every instance. Dr. Pruden can be seen at Dr. E. L. Ketchum's office, with whom he is associated. Dr. K. has practiced his profession in Polk county for the last seven years and has won the esteem and confidence of all who know him. He can and will vouch for Dr. Pruden's veracity and the almost phenomenal success of his peculiar management of chronic patients. For a full definition of "quack" consult Webster, and for the successful treatment of chronic cases consult Dr. Pruden.

THE SAW MILL.—On Tuesday was again heard the welcome sound of the Prescott & Veness saw mills in operation. This mill when built last summer gave employment to quite a large force of men, and its pay roll very materially assisted in making money freely circulate through the town, but since last October it has been shut down, and those then employed have sought other fields. When the agitation of a railroad to Falls City was first begun about one year ago someone approached one of the proprietors of the saw mill and wanted his opinion about it and answered: "I do not want a railroad to Falls City, as it will be a direct disadvantage to me." Argument had no effect on him. He thought that the competition of the water power at Falls City would cut lumber to such a low price that no profit would remain. Since, however, his mill has been idle so many months, and the demand for lumber has been so active, he has decided that he too favors a railroad to Falls City. If the loss of profits during the idle season amounts to \$2500, it would be a good investment to donate half that sum towards a railroad.

A SUMPTUOUS BANQUET.—After the adjournment of the informal council meeting last Monday evening the members thereof were very courteously invited by the retiring members, Messrs. Shelly, Buster and Lines to partake of a sumptuous supper prepared for them at the City restaurant. The courteous invitation was cheerfully accepted, and about the hour of 9 o'clock all the members were seated at the table which was loaded with the best the market affords. The guests present were: R. Shelly, W. P. Conway, A. J. Goodman, J. W. Buster, G. W. Shinn, E. C. Pentland, Jas. Gibson, H. M. Lines, Thos. Fennell, J. A. Wheeler, E. E. Kregel and J. T. Ford.

THE FUTURE IS BRIGHT.—The holiday season is now over, and business is settling down to its normal status. The young people have enjoyed themselves splendidly during the carnival season, and the people of riper years managed to get a glimpse of the brighter side of life. Webster's "dread winter of discontent" is right here upon us, but it won't last only two months at the farthest, and then glad spring will be here with all its genial sunshine and bright flowers. We will bear with the mud and slush, the beating rain and howling winds for a little while longer—patiently if we can, but bear with it we must.

THE OAK VIEW REVIVAL.—Rev. A. J. Hunsaker, pastor of the Baptist church of this city, is conducting quite a successful revival meeting in the Oak View neighborhood. On last Sunday Mrs. G. P. Lock, Mrs. R. Burnett and Miss Beas Connert made a profession of religion and united with the Baptist church. Several other persons are expected to unite with the church before the close of the meeting.

LOCALS.

Mr. James O. Davidson, of Parker, was a devoted and faithful attendant at the bedside of his brother, the late Dr. Davidson. The brothers were very much attached to each other, and Mr. James Davidson was unremitting in his efforts to relieve the suffering of his afflicted brother. They had been inseparable companions all through life, until at last death came to sever the bond of their earthly union.

The Forest Grove Democrat in speaking of Prof. N. Riddell's lectures says: "Of the many able scientific lecturers that have visited Forest Grove the lectures now being given by Professor Riddell, are among the best if not the best. His delineations of character are the finest ever given here. Everyone should attend the lectures."

Heikle & 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.

Mr. Abram Nelson, of this city, returned home last Wednesday from a ten days visit to Denver, Colorado. He reports the "Queen City of the Plains" as one of the finest and most prosperous cities of the great inland empire.

Rev. D. T. Stanley is an editor of the Northwest Christian, a new paper just issued at Portland, whose initial number is before us and presents in its make up and quality of contents, a pleasing and "taking" appearance.

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

Miss Tuthill is doing excellent work in the State Normal School both in teaching elocution and in the physical exercises in which she leads the ninety or a hundred young ladies.

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.

An educational meeting will be held at Oak Grove, Saturday, Jan. 10th, commencing at 10 o'clock. Public cordially invited to attend. Also public installation in the Grange.

The city council holds its regular meeting next Tuesday night. The members will please be promptly on hand as there will be important business to transact.

We publish this week an interesting communication from Cornell University, N. Y. It is written by Mr. Ralph Dammway, and is well worth perusal.

The recent heavy rains have been of inestimable value to the farmers of the Willamette valley, but have put the roads in a dreadful condition.

Rev. D. V. Palling will preach in the Presbyterian church on Sunday evening, Jan. 11, 1891. Services will commence at 7:35 p. m.

AN INTERESTING SPEECH.

The growth of Independence—A Small Village Only Ten Years Ago—Now a Prosperous City—A Steady Development—Upward and Upward.

Ex-Mayor Shelly in his speech at the City Council meeting on last Monday evening made many telling points in regard to the growth of our city which are worthy of reproduction. We herewith give a brief resume of his remarks. Mr. Shelly said in substance: Retiring from the office of mayor of this city and flourishing city, I think it not inappropriate to say a word in regard to its early history—its past, present and future. The early pioneers of this city are rapidly passing away. The other day we consigned to his final resting place one of our oldest pioneers, a man whose moral worth and useful life is acknowledged by everyone who is conversant with his history. It is needless to say that I refer to our late esteemed fellow citizen Dr. J. E. Davidson. In the dispensation of Providence the surviving pioneers and old time companions of the doctor will ere many days be called upon to answer the same great summons to which our lamented friend has so recently responded.

If I mistake not Mr. Henry Hill, Irvine Claggett and myself are among the now living who first located in business in this city. With your permission, gentlemen, I will now briefly review the history of this city from the time of my location here in 1857. I can readily recall the time when as a carpenter and contractor I did my first work in assisting to lay the foundation of this city of Independence, new Independence it was then called in contradistinction to the original town-site located by Mr. Elvin Thorp. About my first work was in assisting to build a general merchandise store for Messrs. Vanduyne & Co. The old building now stands on C street. Without churches, town halls or sidewalks, only a few dwellings scattered promiscuously here and there, and a very primitive one room school house which answered for public hall, church etc., the Independence of that day was in no way indicative of the flourishing city of today. It was then a severe tax upon the people to construct a two plank walk from Front street to the school house. The town at that time prided itself on having two merchandise and one drug store, a postoffice and a school house. A fair beginning to be sure, a nucleus from which Western enterprise and pluck has built up one of the most prosperous mid-valley towns of Western Oregon. During the decade just passed the growth of this city has been exceptionally prosperous. We now have a population of perhaps 1500 inhabitants, and our city has kept pace with most all of the best modern improvements etc. Four large merchandise stores, two National banks, two drug stores, three grocery stores, two confectionery and notion stores, two hardware stores, two machine shops etc, two livery stables, a large and commodious hotel, a thirty thousand foot capacity steam saw-mill, a one hundred barrel steam grist mill, an efficient city water power, an electric light plant etc, are some of the commercial and industrial enterprises of the city, while on the educational and religious side we can point with pride to our splendid public school building, probably as fine as any in the state, and to our five churches which represent as many religious denominations of the country.

The people of Independence should be proud of their city—proud of its energy, push and enterprise; and in conclusion I will say that I esteem it an honor to have been personally identified as a member of its municipal government. The work done by this council during the past year has been of an onerous and perplexing character, but I congratulate its members upon the very intelligent and efficient manner in which they have discharged their respective duties. I have every confidence in the character and ability of our successors, and I bespeak for them the courtesy and confidence which I well know they so abundantly deserve.

Remember you don't have to buy anything to get a number on the little stove at Goodman & Donly's, they will give it to you free.

Mrs. T. W. Estes, who has been quite ill for several days, is considerable better at the present writing, we are glad to say.

Messrs. D. W. Sears and Mark Holmes, of McCoy, and J. B. Burch, of Derry were in town on Tuesday of this week.

Mr. A. W. Howell and wife left here last Thursday for an extended visit to their old home near Hartford, Conn.

Mr. N. A. Emmett of Mouthout, who has been teaching in Linn county returned to his home last Monday.

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

You can purchase a magnificent hanging lamp at J. D. Irvine's all the way from \$1 to \$14. Call and examine.

Mr. J. A. Withr w, of Suver, was in town Thursday. He reports all prospering in his neighborhood.

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

INDEPENDENCE.

Independence is a live, prosperous town of about 1500 people, located in Polk county on the west bank of the Willamette river, about seventy miles south of Portland. As the river is navigable up and beyond this point, and as the town also has communication to Portland by rail, through the medium of the west side division of the Southern Pacific railroad, it is the chief shipping point of the county. Polk county may appropriately be termed one of the banner counties of the famous Willamette valley, and Independence, because of its importance as a chief shipping point for the abundant and varied products of this county, is one of the most promising places, commercially and otherwise, to be found in the entire valley.

A visitor to the town becomes immediately impressed with its appearance. There are a good many brick buildings occupied by stores of various kinds, and the extent and variety of the stocks of merchandise carried is such as to convince the observer that the volume of business transacted here is of much greater proportions than the size of the town would indicate.

A brief journey, however, through the country, and more especially that portion thereof contiguous to Independence, would afford an explanation for the great prosperity of the town. Polk county is teeming with a wealth of resources, practically inexhaustible, and of a valuable and varied character. Wheat is the staple agricultural product of the entire county, yet other grains, such as oats, barley, etc., are grown in abundance. A great many hops are grown in the county on the river bottom lands, while vegetables of every variety and of the finest quality are grown in profusion. That which promises, however, to become the great industry of the county is fruit culture. The soil hereabouts is particularly adapted to the growing of various kinds of fruits, such as pears, apples, cherries, etc., also small fruits of all kinds. The profits of a well-cultivated fruit farm are so much in excess of the profits of grain growing, that already a great many farms are being rapidly planted with fruit trees, and are long the orchards of Polk county through their extent and the quality and variety of their crops, will give it a name that will make it famous throughout the land. A cannery is to be erected at Independence this spring, and it will serve as a great stimulus to the fruit-growing industry. It will afford growers an outlet or market for their crops, and its success is well assured.

In addition to these resources of the county, there are vast quantities of spruce, hemlock, fir and cedar timber to be found on the mountains bordering the county on the west, while along the streams and flats is found the best maple, ash and alder. Taken all in all it must be acknowledged that Polk county has been most beautifully supplied by Dame Nature with a diversity of resources that enables her to occupy the enviable position she enjoys among the wealth-producing counties of Oregon.

Independence, in the capacity of the chief shipping and marketing point for a large share of the county's products, offers rare inducements to the homeseeker. As soon as these advantages become more generally known, the result will become at once apparent by a rapid increase in population and a corresponding increase in the city's prosperity.

In addition to the large mercantile interests before mentioned there are to be found a number of manufacturing enterprises of considerable importance. Chief among them is a large sawmill, a flouring mill, several shaw and door factories, carriage factories, etc.

Another advantage which Independence enjoys is its close proximity to Mouthout a town of about 500 people, situated about two miles distant, and at which place is located the State Normal School. This is an institution of great importance. It is under the control of this state, and in its faculty are included some of the best instructors to be found in the Northwest.

The two places are connected by a standard gauge motor line which, in addition to its passenger traffic, transports considerable produce to Independence, to be marketed there.

The school facilities of Independence are unsurpassed. A magnificent new school building has just been completed at a cost of about \$25,000, and will accommodate about 500 pupils. The town is lighted by electricity, has a first-class system of water-works, and is supplied with many other modern improvements of like character. There are two national banks in the town, each doing a fine business. This is a good evidence of the volume of business transacted here, and will give some idea of the commercial importance of the town.

The people of Independence are live and progressive. They feel a just pride in their town and its achievements, and stand ready to accord a cordial and hearty welcome to all who may desire to come and abide with them. It is their aim and intention to make the year of 1891 a notable one in the city's history in point of progress, and although their advancement during the past year is one that any town might feel proud of, yet at the close of the present year, it will be found that Independence has improved more, and increased her population to a greater extent than any other town in the Willamette valley.

If You had a Friend About to visit some section of country where malaria disease, either in the form of chills and fever or bilious remittent was particularly rife, what would be the best advice you could give him? We will tell you—carry Quinine. Quinine is the best medicine known throughout malarial-plagued regions, here and in other countries, as the surest means of abating the malarial attack, and counteracting the unfavorable effects of over-exertion, bodily and mental exertion in rough weather, or exposure to secondary influences. The functions of alimentary, bilious secretion and sleep have in it most powerful and reliable auxiliaries.

RESOLUTIONS ON THE DEATH OF DR. J. E. DAVIDSON.

Resolved, That in the death of Brother Davidson this lodge has lost a faithful member—one ever ready with open hand and generous heart to fulfill the duties of a man and Mason.

Resolved, That in the death of Brother Davidson being a charter member of this lodge, his familiar figure will be greatly missed at our stated communications. His timely advice and counsel will not be easily supplied.

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To his sorrowing wife, brothers and sisters we assure that our sincere sympathy in this their great trial in their separation from one who was so faithful as a husband and brother.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this lodge and also furnished the family of our deceased brother.

Fraternally submitted, G. W. SHINN, W. P. CONWAY, J. S. COOPER, Committee.

Hats at Cost. For the next thirty days only, A. Macaulay & Co., will sell hats at actual cost to make room for their large spring stock. Come early and get first choice.

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