THE CITY LIMITS DEFINED.—At the council meeting held last Friday evening the incorporate limits of the town of Independence were enlarged and defined as follows:

Sec. 2nd provides "the corporate limits of the city of Independence shall be as follows, to-wit: Commencing at a point in the center of the main channel of the Willamette river due east of the center of C street; thence down said channel of the Willamette river to a point directly east of the south side of Picture street; thence in a northwesterly direction to the northeast corner of the Elvin A. Thorp donation land claim in Polk county, Oregon; thence westerly along the north line of said claim to the northeast corner of A. Nelson's land; thence in a southerly direction on the east line of said Nelson's land to the center of the Independence slough; thence up the center of said slough and the north branch thereof to the east line of the J. Cormack and wife's donation land claim; thence southerly along said line to the center of the county road leading from Independence to Monmouth; thence south one hundred and twenty rods; thence east to the southeast corner of Henry Hill's addition to the town of Independence; thence north along the east line of said addition to the center of F street; thence east to the center of the main channel of the Willamette river; thence down the center of the channel of said river to the place of beginning."

RIVER NEWS.—The steamer Wm. M. Hoag passed down about 2 p. m. Friday, and was followed by the Three Sisters Saturday. On inquiry as to the cause of the O. P. boats not starting sooner we were informed by Mr. Stewart of this company that the river above the Santiam has been very low, and at present there is but sixteen inches of water on the bars. Then, again, the O. P. R. R. company is in the hands of a receiver who had some hesitancy about letting the boats start up until there was some assurance of profit. A new tariff is to be made which will slightly increase rates, and the same service will be given to the people as last season. We understand that the boats of this line will continue running as long as the business is remunerating and when loss occurs in operating the line, boats are to be tied up.

THE REVISED CHARTER.—The members of the city council devoted Friday and Saturday evenings to the consideration and adoption of the revised charter. Several important amendments were made wherein the duties of the city treasurer, recorder and marshal were more clearly defined, the incorporate limits enlarged, and a number of verbal changes of minor importance were also made. The council a thorough work in the matter of revision, and while not necessarily free from errors of judgement, their labor was honest and conscientious nevertheless.

A USEFUL INVENTION.—In last weeks paper we stated Mr. Thos. C. Wilkip, of this city, had been granted a patent for "a petroleum burner." Our authority for the statement was Messrs. C. A. Snow & Co., of Washington, D. C., who sends us weekly statements of patents granted. In this instance our information was incorrect, so Mr. Wilkis informs us. Mr. Wilkin's invention consists of an "improved needle for binders," and is a truly valuable invention. It prevents clogging and does smoother and better work everyway than the old style needles.

ABUNDANCE OF TIMBER.—Mr. E. C. Pentland last week made an inspection tour of the timber line along the waters of the Little Luckiamute. He and several other parties went back into the mountains some four or five miles west, or rather above the Luckiamute falls, and they report a splendid body of timber extending far back into the mountains. There is every indication that this timber will soon be on the market, and it is consequently being rapidly located.

TWO POLK COUNTY BOYS.—Representatives W. H. Holmes, of Marion county, and W. J. Mulkey, of Gilliam county, are both Polk county boys by birth and education. We are glad to see the boys of this county coming to the front. These gentlemen have filled important official positions heretofore. Mr. Mulkey was at one time assessor of Polk county, and Mr. Holmes was prosecuting attorney for the third judicial district, and clerk of the supreme court.

ASYLUM STATISTICS.—Of the 648 patients now in the Oregon insane asylum, Baker county has 22, Benton 18, Clatsop 33, Clackamas 15, Coos 18, Crook 2, Curry 3, Columbia 3, Douglas 28, Grant 5, Gilliam 3, Jackson 28, Josephine 2, Klamath 1, Lake 4, Lane 21, Linn 27, Morrow 3, Polk 14, Union 12, Umatilla 31, Washington 20, Wasco 44, Yamhill 17, Wallowa 1, Tillamook 3, Marion 68, Malheur 3, Multnomah 200.

A WORD TO CORRESPONDENTS.—We are glad to hear from our correspondents at any time, but they would greatly favor us by sending in their communications as early in the week as possible. We are always crowded with "copy" on press day, and the rush frequently causes us many little vexations and inconveniences which otherwise might be avoided.

EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY.—Mr. N. O. Clodfelter has purchased the brick building owned by R. D. Cooper, and gave his farm lying about one mile northwest of town in exchange for the same. So Mr. Clodfelter becomes a large owner of city property, while Mr. Cooper is becoming largely interested in country real estate. Both parties are well pleased with their trade.

REMOVED TO NEWPORT.—Mr. J. E. Kirkland and wife left here last Friday for Newport, where Mr. Kirkland will engage in the hardware business with Mr. W. E. Cooper. Mr. and Mrs. Kirkland are very estimable people, and we bespeak for them the good will and patronage of the community among whom they have located.

IN THE THIRD HOUSE.—A number of Polk county politicians, wire pullers and "third house" manipulators are attending the legislature this week. Several gentlemen from this city went over to assist in the "log rolling."

NAVIGATION COMMENCED.—The steamer Wm. M. Hoag passed down the river last Friday. The boating season has fairly begun, and traffic will be quite lively from now on.

A SUCCESSFUL TEACHER.—Miss Agnes Deming, now of Corvallis, but formerly of this city, recently completed a very successful term of school over in the Alsea country. Miss Deming has developed into quite a successful teacher, and we are sure that her many friends in this county will be pleased to learn of her success.

150,000 FEET COMING.—Henry Wood has his logging crew at work on W. E. Dalton's place getting out logs for Prescott & Veness's saw mill of this city. He will launch the logs near Helmick's bridge, and will get out out altogether about 150,000 feet. He will have them ready in ten days or two weeks.

THE WOMEN AHEAD.—The senate committee have 14 female and 12 male clerks. For a number of years the strong minded women of America have been asking for an equal chance with the men for official and civic emoluments. Give them a fair chance and they will lead the men every time—in deed, they always lead the men.

LECTURE COURSE.

TO THE EDITORS:—Independence was favored with a rare treat in a course of popular lectures by Prof. N. N. Riddell, of Raymond, Neb. The professor is a young man of medium size, and of sandy complexion. He is graceful in appearance, at once attracting his audience, an easy fluent speaker, clothing his thoughts in choice language. The free lectures, small admittance fee, and the hard work he does is prima facie evidence that the professor is not simply after the people's money, but laboring for the good of humanity. His lecture on "Blunders of Home and Social Life" were crowded with good thoughts. The pictures of "Blunders" were vivid and convincing. His hints and suggestions for reform are beyond successful contradiction, and if heeded and practiced will bring about a better state of affairs in the home and social life of American circles. His lectures on phrenology and physiology were equally full of interest in that line, and very instructive. The lecture on "True Manhood How Lost and Regained," was a frank dealing with the vice of men, and in print, would be worth its weight in gold many times to all who heard it. The pure and elevating tone of these lectures cannot otherwise than bring a great amount of good to all who seek to profit by them. REV. N. SHUPE.

DANCING VS. SOCIALS.

TO THE EDITORS:—Dancing is a graceful movement to music. The dancers may not be graceful nor move in time to the music, yet be striving to accomplish something better. Therefore the effort argues a thought.

Marching is the simplest form of keeping time, and from its changes the quadrille results. The "calls" to this dance indicate exactly the movements and positions, such as; "three, four, or six hands round." Just as circling road in games, that are played at socials, the participants touch hands without a thought of error, so do they dance. If there be a difference it is in favor of the dance, for in it there is the above conclusion of an effort and consequently a thought that of self being in time and tune, as against the game, being without this thought, it lacks harmonious action. Is there not more changes of still more questionable positions? No. There are none called that are more so than are taken in games at every social. "Forward four," "Right and left Through," "Ladies change," "Grand right and left," "Balance" "Salute, Promenade, etc. are all performed by nothing more than a touch of the hands. Ah, but the swing! Yes it is performed by touching the hands, yet in the older fashion the position is rigidly maintained. That is the beginning of the much abused "round dancing." The waltz is danced with no more leniency than the promenade. It and all round dances can be and are danced by simply touching the hands. When they are not dancing in this later fashion they think nothing of the improprity of the old. For in that even the lady takes the gentleman's arm, as in marching, placing her right hand on the gentleman's left hand.

Dancing is more refined than such games as "Ruth and Jacob," "Grant" or "Grab." If the performances in these games were carried into a ball-room the dance would be stopped and the performers would lack company. However, these games are not the best that could be played, yet the subject must be treated as the facts exist. In such innocent games as "Past the Thimble," dancing suffers nothing by the comparison. There is beauty in the childish game of "Ring Around the Rosy" but mature years demand something more dignified.

The public or private dance corresponds to the public or private social. Whatever is said derogatory to one can be said of the other. Bad company are found in both, but in public or private sociables there are more strangers met and introduced than any where else in this community. No one at dances need make the acquaintance of anyone they do not wish to. The unpleasantness of meeting those disagreeable to you is met with alike at both. Yes, even we meet it in the homes of our best friends.

The evils of dancing are over exertion and late hours. It remains with ourselves to be temperate or intemperate at social or ball.

Those persons who have once danced and feel they have reformed by quitting it, and consider it a part of their crop of "wild oats," will stop and think that the evil remembered in its connection was no part of the dance. The evil was in them and only lacked opportunity of expression. B it at dance or social, some people do not need reforming, they can go to either. Others are not safe anywhere, yet, they can't be raised in hot houses. They must mix with the rest of us and take their chances of being good and pure. We can only trust them and set the example everywhere of exemplary conduct. The fact remains that some of the best, the noblest have danced and do dance and need no reforming, while some of the worst, the vilest never did and do no not, and still need reforming.

Either of these amusements is simply a diversion from labor, and not spoken of as a development of the intellectual faculties.

NOM DE PLUME

Notice to Stockholders.

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the stockholders of Independence Water and Electric Light company on January 30th, 1891, to be held in the Independence National bank, for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year, and the transacting of such other business as may come before the meeting.

H. H. JASPERSON, Sec.

Independence, Or., Dec. 24, 1890.

AN OLD TIMER TALKS.

Independence—Its Location and Prospects—A Fine Field for Investment—Pluck and Enterprise Already in It.

TO THE EDITORS.—We would say to the manufacturer, the mechanic and the artisan who is in search of a location, promising successful results for their labor and capital; make a visit to Independence, and make a careful survey of the outlook, and the probabilities are that you will find what you are in search of. We have seen the growth of Independence from its earliest infancy,—when but one business house was in the place—to its present populous and healthy activity. Who, forty and more years ago when Leonard & Burrband first started a trading post at that place, would ever have imagined she would today, stand the peer of any city on the west bank of the Willamette river. But such is the fact, and she has a promising future before her that can scarcely be realized by her present residents.

The idea of a "boom" has never flitted across the mental vision of an Independencelite, but with well directed energy, and from the natural advantages of location, she has progressed slowly but surely towards that prominence as a great commercial center, which will in the future place her in the front rank of cities of the Pacific coast. We place no visionary scheme, view or object before the searcher of a business location, but say to all, come and view the place, make a personal examination of the prolific soil, the beautiful scenery, and the probable vast productions that must eventually find its market at Independence, and the unprejudiced mind must come to the conclusion that we are surrounded by all the concomitants to make Independence the boast of Polk, the pride of the valley.

We can call to mind the time when there was not one dollar within five miles of where the city now stands, and today she has two National Banks doing a lucrative business, besides all occupations and pursuits that tend to build up a city, and open up a mart of commercial wealth. But there is more, and of greater significance, she lies in the heart of the valley, in the Eden of Oregon, where nature with lavish hand has ready for the tiller of the soil a territory almost exhaustless in fertility, and all of which must sooner or later be brought into cultivation; the products of which must find their first outlet at Independence, and from thence be transported to foreign climes.

Much has been said and written about our sister state of Washington outstripping Oregon in the race for population and wealth, but careful thought will show, that in the long run Oregon will distance her competitor and stand as the beacon light of prosperity of the whole Pacific coast. Washington has boomed along under a state of continual excitements and Herculean efforts to turn immigration thitherwards, and that, too, under representations that will not stand the test of scrutiny and time. 'Tis said that "Oregon by her laws is building up our sister state," but no laws framed by man, nor any other artificial aids can wrest the palm of victory from Oregon as the richest in natural wealth, in fertile soil, and in undeveloped resources. In all that constitutes prospective wealth, Oregon defies comparison with any state in our republic.

Slowly and steadily our march is onward, no fictitious boom for a time creates a fervor of excitement, and then subsides leaving us almost paralyzed; but Independence in full confidence of her destiny, views the situation from afar off, and rests secure in the assurance of the full fruition of her hopes.

Then, again, let us say to friend and stranger, come, spy out the land, ascertain for yourselves the truth or falsity of the statements herein written, and we are fully convinced that if a comfortable home, a point where there is a bright prospect of future business operations is what you are in search of, at Independence you can realize all your expectations. A short time ago a relative visited Independence, and some portions of Oregon, and declares it the "best country he had ever seen." Had not very unfavorable circumstances prevented, he probably would now be a citizen of the city.

As to educational advantages, christian privileges, and all that tends to the moral advancement of a people, Independence can compare favorably with any city in the state, and her business activity—it is remarked by all who visit the place—exceeds that of any town of like size in Oregon.

Citizens of Independence you have a bright future before you. Put your shoulders to the wheel, and let no want of harmony among you, clog it in its revolutions to that destiny awaiting you.

S. S.

COUNTY COURT.

COMMISSIONERS COURT.

Present—Judge Stouffer, Commissioners McLuch, Simpson, Clerk Coad and Sheriff Wells.

In the matter of the change in Dallas and Monmouth road; J. B. Butler, J. E. Miller and J. B. Stump appointed appraisers, to meet with the county surveyor January 17th.

It was ordered that the bell tower be removed from the county premises.

In the matter of caring for Perry Gilliam; referred to his relatives.

The following road supervisors were appointed:

Dist. No.	1	John Walling.
" "	2	Fred Loose.
" "	3	G W Chapman.
" "	4	Wm Putnam.
" "	5	Albert O'Brien.
" "	6	C A Miller.
" "	7	J H Mulkey.
" "	8	W P Bevens.
" "	9	T B Tetherow.
" "	10	A Flickinger.
" "	11	Jasper Bagley.
" "	12	L Ritner.
" "	13	M P Christianson.
" "	14	J P Nichols.
" "	15	John Webster.
" "	16	W B Groves.
" "	17	Seth Riggs
" "	18	Silas Riggs.
" "	19	J K Sears.
" "	20	Z Howe.
" "	21	Joseph Savery.
" "	22	Cyrus Blair.
" "	23	Jas Savage.
" "	24	Chas Matthews.
" "	25	Emerson Harris.
" "	26	Lyman Damon.
" "	27	W R Ellis.
" "	28	F M Smith.
" "	29	J K P Cavtit.
" "	30	Buford Stone.
" "	31	A B Chandler.
" "	32	Newton Woodward.
" "	33	J S Michell.
" "	34	A M Miller.
" "	35	Ezra Conner.

Dissolution Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore exisiting between T. J. Fryer and W. W. Percival, engaged in the live stock business, is this day dissolved by mutual consent

T. J. FRYER,
W. W. PERCIVAL.

Independence, Or., Dec. 30, 1890.

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Roseburg	6:20 A. M.	Portland	4:00 P. M.

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12:10 P. M.	Ar.	Corvallis	Lv.	12:55 p. m.

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McMinnville	5:45 A. M.	Portland	8:20 A. M.

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