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NARROW ESCAPE.—Mr. J. R. Cooper of this city purchased some land across the river some months ago and is now having it cleared for fruit trees. He has several men at work with a patent stump-puller, and last week the cable was made fast to a fir tree, and so arranged that it would fall at right angles to the machine. When the horse began to tighten the wire, some limbs became entangled and before the workmen were aware the fall came down over the stump-puller and two maple trees also. The horse was badly injured. Mr. Hall narrowly escaped being directly beneath the tree, and was only slightly bruised. Messrs. Houck, Billy and others were out of range. The stump-puller was badly damaged.

FINE DISPLAY.—Last Tuesday morning we were informed that our whole school citizen W. W. Percival had purchased the Pioneer meat market, and so called at the place of business. Mr. Percival said: "Yes, I have gone into the meat business, and I want you to tell the people that I am going to keep a stock of meat just like this all the time and merit their patronage. I do not want them to buy slop fed beef, when I have nice juicy stall fed beef, at a low price." We looked at the display and found as fine looking quarters of meat as we have ever seen for a long time. Mr. Percival thoroughly understands buying stock, and we wish him abundant success in his venture.

WORDS OF PRAISE.—Mr. Chas. H. Fee, who is a traveling man representing Banner Bros. of Detroit Mich. made us a social call on Wednesday, and in the course of his interesting conversation about what he had seen in his extensive travels, remarked: "In all my travels I have seen no country to excel that through which I travelled from Portland to Independence. It is a garden all the way, not of flowers, but agricultural products, and capable of a vast development." His opinion coincides with our own, and while our legislature makes Oregon a slow state it is a sure one.

A FOSSIL BEEN DISCOVERED. Messrs. H. M. Cooper and E. A. Thorp, experienced miners and prospectors, have been prospecting the hills across the river east of this place, and found a collection of marine deposits on the farm of Mr. J. B. Parker. The sandstone deposits and other evidences indicate the possible presence of coal in the immediate vicinity. These gentlemen are going to continue their investigation, and something of interest and value may yet be developed. There is very little question but that the Willamette is full of coal deposits.

A BIG TRANSFER.—We last week briefly alluded to the sale of the opera house. As the sale involved a large sum of money we refer to it again this week. The opera house is a brick building 64x100 feet, on Main street. It cost about ten thousand dollars two years ago, but increase in property values made it a good investment at \$15,000. Mr. Jerome Dornisse is the purchaser. Mr. Robertson took in part payment Mr. Dornisse's farm, and sold twenty-eight acres to Mr. Geo. Rogers for \$1300 and balance for \$9000 to A. B. Atkins.

OLD SHANTIES.—It spoils the appearance of a town to have one story unpainted buildings on the Main street, and high board fences, where circus companies can paste bills, are as bad. The practice of allowing the streets leading to the river, which are at present unused, be occupied, should be deprecated. No one dare put up a decent looking building, and it would look better to have none than shanties and sheds. We should consider the appearance of our town to strangers.

FRUIT TREE PLANTING.—During the past week some three thousand fruit trees have been ordered for planting on the rich lands near Independence. Among the principal buyers are J. B. Johnson 1500 trees, J. R. Cooper 1300, and Sel Cox 600. The future of Independence depends upon the planting of our lands into fruit and then we may look for canneries, but we want railroads to afford quick transit.

BICYCLISTS.—Independence may have been called a fast town in the past, but what do you think of the town now when we inform you that it now has seven full grown bicycles and riders, and will soon have fifteen, as eight more machines have been ordered. Will not our men gain the reputation of being fast. We wish all our fast residents were as innocent in their "fastness."

EXCURSION.—Last Saturday the steambot Manzanillo, Capt. Smith, passed up the river loaded with an excursion party from the Willamette University of Salem. The young folks were evidently having a good time, and after going as far as Albany returned late in the afternoon.

SETTLE UP.—A. B. Griggs wishes all those indebted to him to call at the Pioneer market and pay the amount due him to Mr. J. B. Irvine, who will receipt for the same. If not paid within a reasonable time all accounts will be placed in the hands of an attorney.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.—The sixth annual convention of the Oregon State Sunday School Association will be held in the Cumberland Presbyterian church, Eugene City, commencing Tuesday evening, May 19th and closing Thursday evening, May 21, 1891.

APRIL FOOLS.—Next Wednesday is the first of April. Last year a number of our leading young men played havoc with gates, signs, etc., but this year will "point the town red" and have a high old time. Go slow boys!

NORMAL GIFT.—The people of Monmouth are grumpy. They are at work now raising six thousand dollars to pay off that little debt so that the state may be enabled to take charge of the school. We admire pluck. Don't you?

J. R. N. Bell, who is in Roseburg, is expected home this week.

IS GOOD ENOUGH.—Last fall Charles Brethwaite left Independence and spent several months in towns throughout Oregon, and some of the towns in Washington. He found times dull every place, and in no town of the same size as Independence did he find as much life and apparent enterprise as here. The towns along the Columbia river have a busy season and two-thirds of the year it is extremely dull, while here a little business goes on the year around. He has returned to this city and says it is "good enough" for him.

COUNTY FAIR AND RACES.—Messrs. Dannon & Williams are thinking of fitting up the Talmage race track and having a county fair there this fall. The move should be encouraged. Let a stock company be organized, and a building say 40x150—it need be only cheap material—be erected for exhibits and machinery. Engage all the brass bands in Polk county, have a competition drill between Sheridan and Monmouth militia companies, and let the fair last at least a week.

CAROLINE GAGE.—Thursday evening the Caroline Gage Co. played to a packed house which was assured by the sale of seats in advance. It is an excellent company and a great favorite with our people. They will be welcomed at anytime.

Now is your chance, for the next twenty days we will make cabinet photographs for (\$1) one dollar per dozen; first class work is our motto, come one come all, and examine our work.

MONTEBROS. Gallery south of Post Office, Salem, Ore.

J. F. O'Donnell calls special attention to his new stock of sporting goods, consisting of guns, revolvers, fishing tackle, split bamboo rods, etc.

The crew of men which has been at work here rearranging the electric light wires finished its work and left for Portland on Wednesday.

J. F. O'Donnell has secured J. S. Ryne, a practical plumber and tinner of Portland, who is recommended to be one of the best.

Remember Henkle & Walker when buying your groceries, provisions etc. as they carry a full line and sell cheap as the cheapest.

Miss Georgia Kisor, of Philomath, a niece of Mrs. Walker, of this city, is here and intends opening a dressmaking parlor soon.

Shelley & Vanduyne have just received direct from an eastern factory an elegant line of Union League Negligee shirts.

J. L. Stockton has just received an immense line of trunks and valises which he will sell at the very lowest prices.

Miss Nora Cooper, of McMinnville, is visiting Grandma Cooper, on the farm below town. Miss Patie Cooper is quite sick.

Mr. W. L. Cox, of Marshfield, Oregon, has been in town several days and thinks all the pretty girls are belles.

J. L. Stockton carries the finest line of trimmings in Polk county, call and see them when at Independence.

Fresh Milk cows, Hay and Wood, for sale by L. M. Sloper, one mile south of town. Wood delivered.

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

J. D. I. is still selling groceries, and for cash he will sell cheaper than any house in Polk county.

Miss Nannie Shupp will commence teaching at the Elkins school house the 1st Monday in April.

The front of the gallery of the opera house has been cut down so that the view is much better.

Say, do you owe J. D. Irvine for grub for the year 1890? If so walk in and get a receipt.

All the produce in Polk county wanted at J. D. Irvine and don't you forget it.

Mr. J. B. Bloodworth, of East Portland, is visiting at the home of H. M. Lines.

Independence is fortunate in having the best kept streets in Polk county.

Smoke the best on earth, the Banner cigar, for sale by Patterson Bros.

Mr. L. S. Whitcomb, of Minnesota, is visiting his son at Monmouth.

We hear it rumored that we are to have another saloon in town.

Falls City.
Oh, Falls City Union! And where am ye drifting?
A dismantled hulk without rudder or guide.
Sure, where's now the hand ye chose to be lifting
Your bark from the breakers concealed by the tide.

At the time appointed for the regular meeting of the Falls City Union last Saturday night, Judge Collins appeared before the few present representing, or misrepresenting, that organization and declined to act as president. He was a native lawyer enough to see that some selfish motive must have induced those who so recently were foremost in denouncing him to thus suddenly, sweetly and serenely smile upon him. After giving his few would-be constituents some wholesome and not un-called-for advice, listening to the land, and complimenting them upon the progress they had made in so brief a time, his honorably departed, and while wending his way thoughtfully homeward the "Hermit" thinks, were his real sentiments expressed in words they'd read about thusly:

"Now fare thee well—I'd rather make my bowyer upon some key lake
When thawing suns begin to shine,
Than trust to love so false as thine."

Rev. Scott, of Portland, is holding a series of serious meetings here. He is of the Free Methodist denomination, and greatly deprecates the wearing of hats, feathers, jewelry, etc., in fact goes so far as to ask his hearers to give their jewelry to him to be disposed of, and the proceeds to be devoted to the missionary cause. Griggs & Gilliam have advanced the price on their jewelry, predicting an increased demand will spring up after his departure.

Pe Dee Items.
Nicholas Tarter, one of Polk county's popular school teachers, commenced his school at Pe Dee last Monday with increased salary.

Mrs. L. Rittner, who was taken ill with lung fever, is recovering rapidly, and will soon be out.

Mr. John Rittner while on his way home from Dallas was taken sick, and is now lying at Mr. Walter's in McMinnville.

Some eight or ten families are down with influenza; in some cases whole families are down.

Rice Hastings has been tearing things around in general at his home this spring; he built an attractive picket fence around the house and garden. A coat of paint would still improve things.

Rev. N. Shupp preached a sermon on the subject of "The Ministry of the Gospel," last Sunday, after which the congregation voted a recommendation to the ministry to Vin O'Kelley.

The Pe Dee still flows into the Luckiamute.

Sweet Settings.
Mrs. Judge Loughery, of McMinnville is visiting her cousin, Mrs. O. A. Wolverton.

Mr. A. Cuthorn, of Corvallis, has been visiting his son, W. F. Cuthorn, of this place.

Mrs. R. McLane is visiting her mother at Lewisville.

Mr. E. Garr and family, of Kansas, are visiting relatives here.

Mr. Hayes, state master of the grange, addressed us Wednesday evening.

Mr. Amy Steel has the grip, also Mrs. J. Hubbard.

Mr. Geo. Ridders has bought over 100 acres of land the other side of Soap creek of J. B. Stump.

M. M. Suver is convalescent after a spell of sickness.

Normal Athletes Coming.
The Normal Athletes are now making preparations for a grand joust to be given in Independence at an early date.

This society is indeed a valuable addition to the Normal school as it affords a splendid chance, not only for gentlemen, but for ladies to take part in the physical exercises. Miss Tutill, with her class of young ladies, drilling in the dumb-bell exercises is indeed a rare treat, and shows a marked degree of consciousness and training.

The boys claim to be second to none in the state in producing tumblers, performers on the rings, bars, etc., and no doubt will make a pleasing show at the coming entertainment. As the weather is becoming out-door sport, the boys are looking forward to a series of tournaments expected to be held by the society, at which will be games of baseball, foot-ball, jumping, foot racing, etc. Everybody should attend the coming entertainment as this will probably be the last indoor performance given by the association this spring.

The program will consist of songs, speeches, tumbling, swinging performances on the bar and rings, Indian-club swinging and last but not least the performance by the dumb-bell club of eight ladies.

To Taxpayers of District No. 29.
At a meeting of the board of directors on March 12, it was ordered to extend the time for the payment of school taxes until April 1, 1891. After that time all delinquent taxes will be turned over to sheriff for collection. M. L. WHITE, Clerk.

The New Census.
The census has at last been completed. Chicago is now the second city in the Union. In 1880 she had but 503,000 and Philadelphia 846,000. Only ten years shows Chicago with 1,068,000, a gain of over half a million, while Philadelphia has 1,046,000 a gain of but 200,000. It looks now as though New York would soon be playing second fiddle to Chicago as well. In 1880 New York had 1,205,000 and now she has 1,513,000, or a gain of a little over 300,000. The South is also shown to be waking up. Atlanta, with 34,000 in 1880 now has 65,500 nearly doubling her former population. Birmingham, Ala., with less than 10,000 in 1880, now has 28,000. San Francisco's increase has been a little disappointing, but she has passed Cincinnati in the race in a handsome manner and is now 8th, pretty far behind Baltimore with her 433,000.

Mrs. L. Wiseman, of Walla Walla, is visiting her sister Mrs. Wayne Williams.

OLD LETTERS.

Such a little thing—a letter,
Yet so much it may contain;
Written thoughts and mute expressions,
Full of pleasure, fraught with pain.

When our hearts are sad at parting,
Comes a gleam of comfort bright
In the mutual promise given,
"We will not forget to write."

Plans and dolours of the absent,
Scrap of news we like to hear,
All remind us even though distant,
Kind remembrance keeps us near.

Yet sometimes a single letter,
Turns the sunshine into shade,
Chills our efforts, clouds our prospects,
Blights our hopes and makes them fade.

Messengers of joy or sorrow,
Life or death, success, despair;
Bearers of affection's wishes,
Greetings kind or loving prayer.

Who has not some treasured letters,
Fragments choice of other lives;
Relics, some, of friends departed,
Friends whose memory still survives.

Touched by neither time nor distance,
Will their words unspoken last,
Voiceless whisperers of the present,
Silent echoes of the past.

FOR THE YOUNG FOLKS.

Easy Lessons.
The young readers of the WEST SIDE should find some thing to interest them and to encourage such an investigation we intend to propound some useful questions this week, and the first person sending us correct answers to them will be entered on our list of subscribers for six months, free. We do not intend to make these questions hard ones to answer.

1st. How many claws has a cat?
2nd. How many counties are there in Oregon?

3d. Give area and population of Polk county?
4th. When and where is to be held the World's Fair?

5th. What salary is paid the governor of Oregon?
6th. Who once said, "Go West young man?"

7th. What man said "I demand it in the name of the Great Jehovah and the continental congress?"
8th. Where do you find the words "All men are created equal?"

9th. Name the seven ancient wonders of the world.
10th. Name seven modern wonders.

Let your answers be written, on one side of the paper, and refer to questions by number. In order to give our country readers an equal chance with those in town, none of the answers will be examined until each Saturday evening. If all the questions are not answered the person answering the most will receive the credit. The questions may appear very simple but we are sure our young friends will find trouble to answer them all.

A Statement.
I stated a few weeks since that I could refer parties wishing treatment to patients under my professional care that were being rapidly restored to health. Some of those patients since then have been effectually cured, and every one that has carefully followed instructions have realized all that was promised and in a few instances even more. It is a much better time now to treat chronic cases than during the winter months, when the weather is so changeable. I will not hesitate to guarantee satisfaction to patients who will faithfully observe and carry into effect all essential directions. Give us a call.

W. F. PRUDEN, M. D.
Office on Monmouth St., opposite City Hall, Independence, Oregon.

Obituary.
Sunday was a sad day in Monmouth. The large crowd of our fellow citizens, as well as many of the good people of Independence, which gathered at the residence of Prof. P. L. Campbell at the hour of 11 a. m. attended the respect which existed for the dead as well as for the living. Mrs. Eugenia Campbell, the beloved wife of the honored president of the Oregon State Normal School, departed this life on Friday, March 20, at four o'clock p. m. She was born in Portland, May 23, 1863, and was the second daughter of A. Zieher, now deceased, and Mrs. Charlotte Zieher, now a resident of Monmouth. On the 7th day of September, 1887, in the quiet and beautiful town of Forest Grove she became the wife of our dear friend Prof. Campbell; and, truly, it can be said, that no husband ever had a more confiding and dutiful companion. She was a member of the Protestant Episcopal church, and very ardently attached to the faith of her childhood. Here, at Monmouth, she was a constant attendant upon the services of the Christian church, of which her husband is a faithful member. She was seldom absent from the prayer meeting, and was a regular teacher in our Sunday school. After short services at the house her remains were taken to the cemetery, south of the village, and then laid to rest by the side of her little boy, Herbert, who preceded his mother to the grave eighteen months ago. In the calm conviction of one who knew her well I can truly say that a more humble, devoted Christian woman, of her age, I have seldom seen. Free from all guile, she served her Lord faithfully and constantly according to her honest convictions of right and duty. One dear little girl, only two months old, is left behind.

Thank God for the hope of the Gospel.
R. M. M.

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Independence dancing club has its second party Saturday evening.

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