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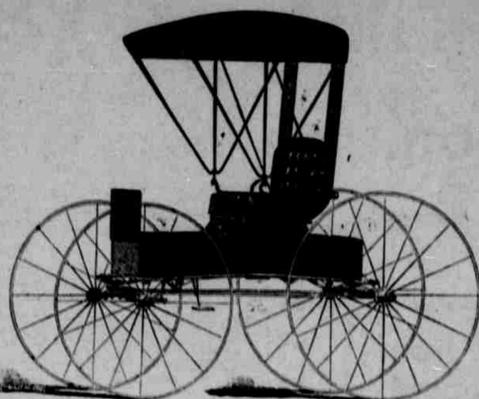
# J. F. O'DONNELL

## Hardware

Stoves, Vehicles, Glidden Steel Barb Wire, Farm Implements, Pumps, Guns, Sporting Goods,

Opposite

Independence National Bank.



## Tinware

Cutlery, etc. Sheet metal ware made to order. Roofing and Plumbing a specialty.

Main street,

INDEPENDENCE, OREGON.



# The Furniture Emporium

**A** Stands for Army, that comes in for miles,  
**B** for the Beds, in elegant styles.  
**C** is for COOK, where the crowd goes by scores,  
**D** for the Dado Shads, that look well out of doors.  
**E** is for Everything in the furniture line,  
**F** for the Finish, which all say is fine.  
**G** is the Goose who goes elsewhere to buy,  
**H** for the Honest Worth which at once meets the eye  
**I** is for Ingrain, in carpets and paper,

## Frames Wall Paper

**J** the Judgment displayed in cutting this caper.  
**K** is the Kicker that sometimes you hear,  
**L** the Love that he bears to all, far and near.  
**M** stands for Mirrors, in endless selection,  
**N** the Nanny who buys without due reflection.  
**O** is the Order, that keeps his store neat,  
**P** for his Prices, WHICH CANNOT BE BEAT.  
**Q** is the Query, Can we ever do better?  
**R** stands for Rugs, that comfort the feet.

## Furniture Carpets

**S** shows his Suits; they are new, cheap, and pretty,  
**T** is the Time spent composing this ditty.  
**U** is for Users, who sell for high prices,  
**V** for the Victims of such foolish devices.  
**W** is the Welcome you get at Cook's store,  
**X** is for Twenties, never well spent before.  
**Y** stands for Yokels, who are always in season,  
**Z** is the Zanny who won't listen to reason.

I buy Furniture as cheap as any one, and my freight rates are low. I am selling at bed rock. Call and see me whether you wish to buy or not. **W. O. COOK, Independence, Oregon.**

## C. C. LEWIS, JUST OPENED AT MONMOUTH. PHOTOGRAPHER

Remember that SVARVERUD & CAMPBELL will not be undersold. See them for hardware and implements after January 1st, 1892, at O'Donnell's old stand, Independence, Oregon.

## W. T. Shurtleff, DEALER IN Furniture, Carpets, Curtains, and Bedding; Fine Hanging Lamps, Mirrors and Mouldings. Also, a large stock of Lumber and Builders' Material. Opera House Block, Monmouth, Oregon.

### Farmers and Merchants Insurance Co.

Capital Stock, \$500,000.

**F. F. READ,** President.  
**L. COWAN,** Treasurer.

**G. F. SIMPSON,** Vice President.  
**M. SHERIDAN,** Asst. Secretary.

**J. O. WHITMAN,** Secy and Mgr.  
**E. A. HUBER,** Cashier.

**DIRECTORS:**  
Hon. R. W. Strahan, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court; Hon. John Burnett, ex-Associate Justice of the Supreme Court; Hon. J. K. Weatherford, Attorney State Senator; Hon. J. L. Cowan, President Linn County National Bank; W. F. Read, Merchant; G. F. Simpson, Capitalist; M. Sternberg, Merchant; J. O. Whitman, Capitalist; L. Foley, Physician.

Premium receipts since organization, \$212,268.60  
Losses paid since organization, 96,085.89  
Surplus as security to policy holders, 245,908.87

**KIRKLAND & GIBSON, Local Agents, Independence, Oregon.**

### WATCHES.

Elgin, Waltham, Seth Thomas, Swiss, or any movement desired, in gold or silver case, hunter or open face.

### CLOCKS.

Our line includes every kind of 30-hour and 8-day clocks.

### JEWELRY.

Our stock is complete, and it will pay you to select your jewelry from it.

### SILVERWARE.

Our stock of silverware is the finest in the county. We sell at a very small margin of profit.

### SPECTACLES.

Of Spectacles we have a large stock, and can fit all kinds of eyes.

### MUSICAL GOODS.

We carry a line of Banjos, Guitars, Violins, etc., of the finest quality.

We also carry a large stock of Lime, Plaster, Paints, Oils, and Glass.

### THE NEW Livery, Feed and Sale Stables.

**YOUNG HORSES.** **DOUBLE AND SINGLE TEAMS.** **NEW BUGGIES.** **GOOD RIDING HORSES.**

First-Class Turnouts for Commercial Travelers. Prices reasonable and Satisfaction guaranteed. Give us a Call.

**WORTH END MAIN STREET, J. M. JONES, Propr.**

### Walker Bros.,

Successors to Honkle & Walker,

Carry a complete line of

### TABLE LUXURIES, CANNED GOODS, FRUITS, VEGETABLES, STAPLE AND FANCY GROCERIES.

We solicit a share of your patronage.

### FINALLY, Our goods are the best and our prices the lowest. Call and examine our stock whether you buy or not.

## PATTERSON BROS., DRUGGISTS, INDEPENDENCE, OR.

### THE STATE NORMAL SCHOOL.

The Normal school at Monmouth, stands conspicuously prominent as the best educational institution in Oregon, wherein young men and women can be fitted for the battle of life. Being situated in a healthy location, and entirely free from the immoral influences that may be found in other localities, the student can pursue his studies unmolested by any vicious influences.

Since the Normal came under the control of the state, it has received a new impetus, and the prospects for the future of that institution are equal to the wish and desire of all friends of the Normal, and to everyone interested in the cause of education.

The present, tenth session of the Normal, is the most successful in its history. Students are attentive to their studies, and have the highest esteem for their preceptors. Patrons are ever earnest in its praise, and are determined to



There are now 180 students taking their meals, at one dollar and a half per week, and they are furnished everything in the way of supplies conducive to health. The dining hall is neatly arranged, and it does one good to see the students sitting at the tables, with smiling faces and voracious appetites, partaking of the tables set before them. Let us say to parents, patrons, and citizens. Visit the Normal school at chapel exercises, at their studies, and at their hour of taking meals, and you will see as happy a lot of young men and women as falls to the lot of man on this mundane sphere. Readers of the West Star, do not imagine that we are partial, or in anywise influenced by pecuniary considerations in our presentation of facts concerning the Normal, for the half has not been said of the present; and our predictions of the future may prove to be. There is one more point in connection with the Monmouth Normal school to which we wish to direct atten-

tion. We cannot conclude this article without a reference to the highly esteemed Professor Campbell. Endowed by nature with all the characteristics pertaining to a noble manhood, and highly esteemed by students, patrons, and the entire community, and his having determined to do in the future as he has in the past, devote his best energies to the cause of education, the Normal must prosper, and become the center of attraction from an increasing number of students. Long life to the Normal. May its prosperity at the beginning of this new year be eclipsed from year to year as time moves on!

Any further information regarding this institution, will be furnished by P. L. Campbell, A. B., president, or J. M. Powell, A. M., vice president, Monmouth, Oregon.

**Greeting.**

On this first day of the year, 1892, your reporter sends kindly greetings to all, and wishes to say that he has traveled many miles through rain and mud to gather items of interest to the readers of the West Star. He is well aware that on account of stormy weather he has not been able to accomplish all that he desired, when first undertaking the task of gathering and furnishing to the West Star, material that would meet with the commendation of its readers. What we do present, is almost entirely from personal observation, and we have endeavored to avoid all exaggeration of things pertaining to our county's history, and to present them in their true and natural colors. Many in writing Oregon history make extravagant observations, and give highly exaggerated accounts of her soil and productions. Oregon needs only to be represented in her true colors, and she then will stand the peer of any state in the Union. She has the climate and soil comparable with the most favored climates on earth, and in natural beauty and picturesque scenery, she outrivals all competitors.

If nature decked out this far-off region in robes of natural beauty unsurpassed by those of any other land, she was still more liberal in bestowing upon it a benign climate. It is unquestionably a heavenly clime, for the ardent rays of the summer sun are ever tempered by the zephyrs that blow over from the tepid waters of the western wave, and the icy fangs of winter are denuded by the warmth-bearing currents.

### Polk County Bank.

The Polk county bank was incorporated under the laws of the state of Oregon, and has a paid-up capital of \$25,000. It is situated in a commodious two-story brick building, which is a credit to the town and county, and commenced business a year and a half ago. The Polk

county bank is now recognized as one of the permanent and prosperous financial institutions of the county. The officers are I. A. Macrum, of the Merchants National bank, Portland, president; Prof. P. L. Campbell, of the State Normal school, Monmouth, vice-president; Ira C. Powell, cashier. A general banking business is transacted, and it proves quite convenient to those who live in that locality.

**Star Roller Mill.**

This mill is now under construction at Talmage, which is situated between Independence and Monmouth on the motor line, and will be ready for operation by next April. The building is now ready for the machinery, a part of which is on the ground, and the balance will be here in a week or two. It is a solid three-story structure 34x42 feet, and the foundation is as solid and strong as can be made. The wall is three feet wide at the base, and is cemented on the outside so as to keep all dampness out. The foundation is three feet high, and extends one foot above the ground, above this being a heavy frame five feet high, which forms the basement. The basement floor is concrete, and underneath this concrete are laid three rows of ties so as to drain the ground from all dampness, thus being the place where the elevator's boots, line shafts for driving the rolls, cleaning machinery, etc., are located.

The second floor or first story, is twelve feet six inches high from floor to floor, and here are located the rolls—five double sets 6x20 Stevenson's rolls for flour; one roller mill for graham, cornmeal, and chop; two Hanson secures and polishers for cleaning wheat; one flour packer; one bran packer; 160 bushel Howe hopper scale; 1,200 pound platform scale; 1,400 pound flour scale. All these scales have bearings, which are the best scales in the market.

The third floor is thirteen feet six inches high from floor to floor. Here we find eight round reel floor dressers of the latest improved pattern; which these are the only ones on the coast, have been tested

for the last fourteen months in the best mills in the country, and have proven a success in every instance. The line shaft runs lengthwise with the building for driving the machinery on this floor. There will be bins for 4000 bushels of wheat; also bins for flour, bran, and shorts.

The fourth floor is fifteen feet high, and here are the siew scarpers, a monitor receiving separator, with a capacity of 600 bushels of wheat per hour; three cyclone dust collectors for cleaning the machinery; and one line shaft forty feet long for driving the elevators, of which there are twenty-two.

On the west side of the main building is an addition 20x34 feet, where the engine-boiler room is. The engine is 24x24 feet, and was built by the Russell Co. The inside walls will be ceiled up with dressed lumber, and all of the elevator and spouting lumber is of the very best sugar pine and redwood, which will

be oiled and varnished before the mill is set in operation.

The capacity of this mill will be 100 barrels every twenty-four hours, and the cost of the same when completed, will be between \$12,000, and \$13,000.

A warehouse of 100,000 bushels will be built next summer, and will be ready for the next crop.

A switch is built from the motor line to the mill, on the south side, and the farmers will be accommodated on the north side.

The proprietor, D. M. Klemens, has also built a nice two-story dwelling on the premises for his family.

**MONMOUTH IMPROVEMENTS.**

Improvements made in Monmouth during 1891, and cost of the same. Total amount, \$45,670. Following is the list of improvements:

Mrs. Zeller, cottage house, \$600; M. Ragsdale, building, \$350; J. Craven, barn, sheet iron roof, \$550; Mr. Flinn, barn, \$120; Prof. Spillman, six-room cottage, \$180; W. H. Fulkerson, two-story seven-room house, barn, \$1350; Hattie Whitney, six-room cottage, \$800; Ira Smith, cottage building, barn, \$1800; Glen Graves, cottage, \$250; Mrs. Catron, building, \$2800; Mrs. Martin, two-story house, \$2000; Mrs. Harris, six-room cottage, \$800; John Howell, two-story house, \$1000; John Miller, one-and-a-half-story house, barn, \$1050; John Hubert, house, \$700; Mrs. Mumper's addition, \$200; Mr. Beckley, house, \$500; Mrs. Davis, house, \$500; Mr. Wilcox, small cottage, \$100; Mr. Long, house, \$380; Mr. Morehead, store, dwelling, and barn, \$900; L. Grounds's addition, \$400; Mr. Bunyard, house, \$400; Mr. Beck's addition, \$400; store occupied by Mulkey, the grocer, and Grounds, hardware, \$800; Mrs. Faulstich, \$400; Mr. Huber, \$800; Max Halsey, \$800; Hewitt, barn, \$100; N. S. dining room, \$500; Waterhouse, photo gallery, \$350; Gwin's notion store, \$500; improvements on Smith's wagon and blacksmith shop, \$300; T. J. Berry, cottage, \$400; Ted, house and barn \$2,500; Mr. Secker, house, \$250; Mr. Mason, house improvements, \$500; Worth, all to his residence, \$1500; Tom Boothby, house, \$800; Tom Bush, house, \$1000; one mile sidewalk, \$1800; hotel building, \$2,300; waterworks, \$5,000; motor line, \$8,000; making a total of \$45,670.

By the above it will be found that Monmouth has expended in improvements during the year 1891, \$37,670. During the coming year the citizens of

the town, and others who contemplate coming to Monmouth, expect to expend twice the amount for improvements made the last year.

Monmouth is moving right along. Her business is increasing from day to day, and ere long she will rank with if not excel any locality in the county. We extend our hand in congratulation to Monmouth. March onward to distinction.

"The man I wed must be handsome, brave, and noble; must have no bad habits, and must love me devotedly." "But my dear, that is impossible; you know; quite impossible." "Why?" "Because there is only one such man in all the world and he is going to marry me."

Bill: "Are you going to make any good resolutions this year?" Tom: "No, I always break them." Bill: "Then make a few bad ones this time."