

THE WEEK'S BUDGET.

What Our Reporter Finds of Interest to Our Readers.

THE LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

Summary of the Events of the Week... Collected Daily... From Everywhere.

FRIDAY.

Israel Hedge, now in the eighties is living contentedly in his declining years... A. E. Davis recently foreman of the West Star office is now in Topeka...

Henry Hill furnished the capital to those who first did merchandising in Independence, forty years ago...

William Cooke of Linn county has purchased 300 acres of the Locke donation chain... He recently erected a nice cottage in Monmouth...

In 1864 Eli Hedge, son of Israel Hedge was drowned while attempting to ford the Williams river...

G. A. Wells Jr. and J. R. Bedford, two of the leading young men of Buena Vista recently told a representative of the West Star...

Dr. E. G. Young, veterinary surgeon and dentist, late of Newberg, has located permanently in Independence...

Gifts that tempt even the rent-collector are to be had of Buster & Shelby.

The New Year calls on you to have your watch cleaned and regulated by O. A. Kramer.

Dr. T. J. Lee's office is at the end of the hall, up stairs in the Independence National Bank building.

For the next two weeks Shelley & Vanduy offer one hundred and fifty pair of pants at exactly first cost.

The tariff has already been reduced—on jewelry and silverware which Buster & Shelby will take pleasure in showing you.

SATURDAY.

Miss Anna Adams, of McMinnville, was visiting her friend Miss Essie Tatum over Sunday.

Hon. J. O. Staats was in town today. He has been visiting different portions of the county with a view to the wants of the people.

Sloper & Stapleton passed through town today with their wellborn machinery which was gorgeous in a fine coat of red paint.

Miss Lena Campbell, of Dallas, who has been visiting Mrs. W. W. Percival, departed for her home today.

T. F. Durham, who was in the butcher business here a few years ago, is now located at Pendleton, He, wearing a great wolf skin coat, has been shaking hands with friends here.

Geo. White, of Rickreall, who recently sustained such a heavy loss in the burning of the flouring mill there, was in town today looking very complacent.

C. E. Staats, one of the shining lights of Airl, C. J. Smith, of Rickreall, and M. Martin, farming on his place north of H. D. Brunk's, on the Salem road, were in town today.

Will H. Hooser, who is acting county auditor in the great city of Spokane, Washington, came in yesterday and surprised his friends.

A school teacher at Monmouth was interrogating her class of boys in mental arithmetic on which occupation in life they intended following.

Remember to call at the Normal Book Store, Monmouth, if you need anything in the line of school books, school supplies, athletic goods, etc.

You can afford to buy your mother-in-law a gold watch now, they are so cheap at Buster & Shelby's.

The early buyer gets the bargain in P. C. Patterson's holiday stock.

Lieut. Perry failed to discover Santa Claus at the North Pole. The fact is the jolly old patron has his headquarters at P. C. Patterson's.

MONDAY.

Will Hooser left for Spokane today. Rev. A. J. Hunsaker left for McMinnville today.

am not surprised to learn that your four bears a good reputation.

G. L. Kelly, of McCoy, was visiting here Saturday. He has recently bought the Abrams farm in Spring Valley.

Miss Beulah Swann, Miss Anna Laster and Miss Loreta Smith are proficient teachers, and seem animated with a determined spirit to advance the educational interests of those under their charge at Monmouth.

K. C. Vanderpool, of Wells station, Benton county, in company with Henry McCluney paid the West Star office a social visit today.

The various departments of the public school in Monmouth are all in condition worthy the commendation of its patrons.

There are 170 students enrolled at Monmouth all brights, rosy, happy youths. Kindly regard and respect is maintained between teacher and pupil.

A small amount of money can be made to go a long way when you buy holiday goods of P. C. Patterson.

Fly paper is no longer worn, but Buster & Shelby have a neat line of chest protectors.

A regular double team driver in jewelry and silverware at Buster & Shelby's.

TUESDAY.

The indications of the weather are that it will snow tomorrow.

Copies of 1892 assessment roll including mortgages, in pamphlet form, for sale by V. P. Fiske, Dallas, price \$3.

There will be no Christmas tree at the Presbyterian church, but trees will be at both Evangelical and Christian churches.

Contributions to the January Household Supplement are coming in and we anticipate making it a very interesting number.

If you want a dwelling house, and a lot in Buena Vista for \$300, see the Polk County Land Co. and they will sell it to you.

Quite a number of our expert sportsmen will go down to McCoy and make it warm, if the weather is not too cold for the crack shots of Polk.

The Uncle Josh Comedy Company departed this afternoon, for Dallas, in high spirits, to present the play there, having been invited to do so.

Oregon is as large as New England and Indiana united, and twice as large as England; and it settled as densely as 10,000,000 inhabitants.

F. M. Gates, of the Steam Laundry has now his own steam boiler, (having formerly rented power of the water works) and is in much better condition than ever to give the public satisfaction.

Will the person who borrowed the book from this office describing California, Oregon and Washington as seen by a member of the National Editorial Association last May, please return it?

The Polk County Land Company has just secured the sale of eighteen acres of fine land adjoining toward a very low figure. See F. A. Patterson about it.

Twenty of Monmouth held an exciting election last Monday, and the result was the election of the following officers: Mayor, W. H. Pulkinson; recorder, J. J. Higgins; treasurer, I. C. Powell; marshal, S. D. Coate; councilmen, M. Powell, H. J. Butler, L. Bentley and O. O. Graves.

During the four years of John Wannamaker's management of the post office department, \$60,000,000 has been handled and not one cent has been lost. It seems as though the system must be perfect. The postmaster General admits several very radical changes make the service more efficient. We shall give extracts from his report next week.

The flour millers, of the United States, all just now of California, are alarmed at the rapid increase of the Mediterranean moth. It infests flour and breakfast products. It gathers in the mill and clogs up the machinery and even causes mills to shut down for days to get them selves of the pest. This pest is called ephestia kuhniella (Zeller) and came from Europe several years ago.

There were rumors on the street today of the purchase of real estate here for the establishment of a manufacturing industry which will employ twenty to thirty men and cost from \$25,000 to \$30,000. The parties are none of them residents of Independence, and we were unable to find out anything definite about the matter. It seems that negotiations are not yet in shape to allow details to appear in print. We only lay the report may be founded on facts. We need more manufactures.

Hon. J. R. N. of Independence is in the city. He was a former clerk of the Oregon railroad commission, for ten days owned an interest in the Hotel Willamette property, has conducted many newspapers, some of them to more than local fame and some to an early grave, is a Presbyterian preacher second in ability only to Father Driver, and is everybody's mistake for Grover Cleveland, though he is by far a better looking man than Salmon J. May.

The most delicious breakfast dish is the germane made by Hansen & Christian at the White Star roller mills. Ask your grocer for it and get on having no other.

The gramam manufactured by the White Star roller mills is extra quality. Try it.

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J. S. Cooper left for Portland on business today.

We are having a tone of W. F. Cressy's New Hampshire waler.

Mrs. E. E. Hewitt of Poland, and baby, will spend Christmas with her mother Mrs. Davis, at Monmouth.

It was a beautiful sight today to see

the train come in, throwing a cloud of snow out from each side of the engine.

Miss Rose Banton, who has been living at B. Shelby's, of this city, left for her home in Alesia today, to spend the holidays.

Mrs. Dr. Eaton, of Portland, accompanied by her brother John Cooper, arrived today and will spend Christmas with their father J. R. Cooper.

Sylvester Goodnight, county auditor of Clarke county, Wash., accompanied by his wife and baby, arrived today and will spend Christmas with Rufus Smith of Monmouth.

The Uncle Josh Comedy did not have good attendance at Dallas as they were led to expect and as a consequence the expense was \$13 more than the receipts. The license alone was \$5. It is said that Mitch Ellis gave the word and all the people had to stay at home.

Last night we were treated to a win, storm and snow storm combined. The first blow down nearly all the cloth awnings in town and the latter covered the surface of the earth with snow to a depth of about six inches, and weighed the telephone and electric light and telegraph wires so heavily that they are broken in all directions. Independence will be without lights tonight on that account, and our people will realize how inconvenient it is to use city coal oil.

Emblem pins, charms and buttons, nice presents for girls. At Patterson Bros.

Are you looking for something nice for a gift for Xmas? See our silver smoking sets. Ask the price Patterson Bros.

A handsome pink box goes with every ladies' gold watch today and tomorrow. Patterson Bros.

THURSDAY.

Five feet of snow at Olympia. Fourteen inches of snow in Portland. The diamond fields of Idaho, lately discovered, are very rich.

Alf. Calkins, of McMinnville, is a visitor to our city today.

A panic is feared in the United States as a result of the recent elections. Our people wanted less protection and they are to soon have it.

As we go to press the snow measures seven inches in depth and still snowing. The morning train did not arrive here until 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

Andy Butler, a pioneer of 1843, a resident of Yamhill county, paid this city a flying visit Tuesday. He came to the east with Col. Nesmith and party. He says Polk and Yamhill counties are the cream of the valley.

The Christmas services, which were to be given by the Sunday school of the Christian church, will, on account of the inclement weather be postponed with. An entertainment will be given the school in the near future which will partially atone for the Christmas disappointment.

Market Report. Wheat, \$1.15 per cental. Oats, 40c; 45c per bushel. Barley, \$1.50 @ 18.50 per ton. Hops, 15 @ 18 cts. per pound. Potatoes, 65 @ 75 cts. Eggs, Oregon 35c; Eastern 27 cts. per dozen.

Fall City. Several of our boys who have been hunting in the mountains last week returned last Sunday and report having seen three feet of snow in the woods. Deer and bear are getting very scarce.

Our literary club had its first meeting last Friday. The world does not need to be surprised if Polk county will produce a second Don Quixote. The material is here, all it lacks is the proportioning and development.

Although Falls City has witnessed for the past few weeks a financial crisis, people do not lose confidence but impatiently wait for better times, which undoubtedly will set on foot.

Rev. L. S. Fisher is holding a revival meeting. He has several converts. Saver will have a Christmas tree. Everything is being done to make it a success.

Mrs. W. Miner and Mrs. J. F. Aldrich left Saturday for California, to visit relatives.

An operation was performed on Freddie Quick, Tuesday. He has now an abscess just under his heart and there is but little hope for his recovery.

W. C. T. U. met at Mrs. Stone's Saturday.

There is talk of organizing a Masonic lodge in town.

Lewis Halcumb is still quite sick with the lung fever.

The band concert has been postponed until after the holidays.

Jennie McDaniel, of Suver, is visiting her cousin, Mrs. White.

Sunday school next Sunday at eleven; Xmas services at night.

Andrew McDaniel was up from Portland the last of the week, on business.

Mrs. N. M. McDaniel, of Dallas, has been visiting relatives in this vicinity.

McDaniel & White think the grain saved from the fire will bring about 20cts per bushel, on the original amount.

DISSOLUTION NOTICE.

The partnership heretofore existing between J. F. O'Donnell and J. D. Irvine under the firm name of O'Donnell & Irvine has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. J. D. Irvine retiring from the firm. All notes and accounts due the firm will be collected by J. D. Irvine at the Independence National Bank and all bills against said firm will be paid by O'Donnell & Irvine.

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