

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 See City and Collected Daily—Items of Interest From Everywhere.

The World's fair closed this week. The Portland Exposition is still in operation.

F. Hardebrook is very much better this week. J. F. O'Donnell went to Portland last Monday on business.

Miss Ora Osborne was a passenger on Monday's north-bound train.

Rev. Geo. Hill will preach in the Baptist church this evening, (Friday.)

Hon. E. T. Hatch, of McCoy, was in town Saturday. He says Polk county suits him.

Ladies, for home comfort, get a pair of felt shoes or slippers, for sale by Miller & Patterson.

Chas. Friendly, a long time merchant of Corvallis was in town Wednesday. He left for Roseburg.

Mrs. J. J. Bureh, of Rickreall and Miss Laura Collins, of Saver, who have been on the sick list, are improving.

J. M. Vanduyt continues his closing out sale and his prices bring the shrewd buyer from far and near. Prices will tell.

S. W. Smith, of Walla Walla, well known here, formerly having been in business with I. Vanduyt, is visiting Ira Smith at Monmouth.

Why do you buy shoes for your children that rip so badly, when Miller & Patterson, will sell you a pair of their seamless school shoes just as cheap.

Last Friday evening a very pleasant meeting was had by the Riverside Dancing Club at the opera house. About thirty persons were present.

P. C. Patterson is still on deck with his billiard parlor, cigars confectionery, fruits, etc. Drop in and spend an evening at his headquarters.

The annual report of President Eckert, of the Western Union Telegraph Company, for the year ending June 30, 1898, shows profits amounting to \$7,496,087.

The only paper that does not complain when other journals clip from its columns and fail to give credit is the Congressional Record. It simply says wood and says nothing.

One reason so many people never get rich is that when they can an extra dollar, they regard it as that much more to spend, instead of that much more to save.—Aitchison Globe.

H. D. Staats, of Lewisville, was in town Wednesday. Reports farmers pleased with this pleasant weather, and are busy putting in grain. He, himself has sown sixty acres this fall.

James E. Porterfield was doing business in town Wednesday. Mr. Porterfield was born in 1815, came to Oregon in 1840. He and his son Miles, raised 120 bales of hops this year. Have not at this date made a sale of the same.

Rev. J. L. Hershner, of Portland, came on Tuesday's train. He will visit his father-in-law, L. Loughary, while in the vicinity. Rev. Hershner is well known here, having been our local preacher for some time previous to his removal to Portland.

The pastor, Rev. Potter, will hold services in the M. E. church south on next Sabbath at 11 o'clock a. m. and at 7 p. m. He will lecture to the young people on "The Life and Character of Daniel." Also services at Grace chapel at 3 o'clock p. m. on the same day. All are cordially invited.

Last Saturday the news of the shooting of Mayor Harrison was received here by wire and telephone, and as we have no Sunday trains, some of our business men became very anxious for full particulars and so had a messenger boy bring ten Sunday Oregonians from Salem. The cost was nearly \$2.00.

An interesting statement with regard to railroad construction this year is made by the Railway Age of Chicago. The total net mileage laid during the first nine months of the year, as obtained from official sources, was 2,040.85 miles. Ordinarily, at least fifty per cent more track would be laid during the remaining three months, but from the present outlook it is regarded as doubtful if the total for the year exceeds 2,500 miles.

Rev. Harry Watkins, who preached Sunday morning and evening last in the Christian church, is a very interesting speaker. His evening address on "Woman" was grand. His argument was to show that the Christian religion has elevated woman, and he very plainly proved it. There was a large congregation out to hear him. He intends giving us a lecture in the near future and is said to be equal to Bill Nye for fun.

"Why don't you run a paper like that?" said a merchant touting down a blanket sheet daily. "Why don't you run a store like that?" said the publisher of the country sheet, as he turned to a full page advertisement that brought the city publisher \$350 an issue. Just then the country publisher presented a monthly bill for \$5, and the merchant began to talk of economizing by cutting down his advertisement and stopping his paper. He did both and now the sheriff is doing his advertising for him.

Attorney Geo. A. Smith has rented the Bell residence.

You can save money by buying Rubber boots at Miller & Patterson's.

The times are close and you will find prices the same at Clodfelter's.

Miss Carrie Haley, of Monmouth, who has been quite sick, is now much better.

Dr. C. A. Lee of Corvallis, passed through on Wednesday's train returning from the World's fair.

We hear complaint that some of the horsemen here last week jumped their hotel and stable bills.

Tropical fruits, confectionery, cigars and tobacco, at the Bijou, in endless variety. Also school supplies.

Literary exercises will be held this Friday afternoon, in Prof. Thornton's room at the public school.

J. W. Masterson and wife were doing trading in town Tuesday. Mr. Masterson is one of the successful farmers of Polk.

Stephen Staats, we regret to state, will soon return to Douglas Co. Steve is like a brother to the West Side, and we shall miss him again.

Any thing you want in the way of Ladies', Men's or children's light or heavy shoes. Call on Miller & Patterson the exclusive dealers in boots and shoes.

Buy a lot in Damon's addition and will it to your wife, or give it as a dower to your daughter to be married soon. You cannot make a better investment.

Billy Hunter, of McCoy, was in town Tuesday. He reports his county a wheat county, hard times and no hops. He has put in 140 acres of wheat this fall and expects to put in 350 more.

Messrs Spurling Bros. are enlarging their meat market, the room where M. A. Baker, had his business, being joined to their meat market. Mr. Baker is now with Miller & Patterson, the boot and shoe dealers.

A BRIGHT BOY.—Kind Old Gentleman—And that is your brother? He appears to be a very bright little fellow. Boy (proudly)—You bet he is! He can swear like a car driver. Curse for th' gent, Mickey—Puck.

We attended the Congregational church last Sunday and listened with interest to the discourse of Rev. D. V. Poling on the subject of "Prejudice and its Antidote." It was most eloquent and practical address.

We understand that Saturday, a week ago, the Masonic lodge here was attended by quite a number of brothers from Salem, Dallas, Rickreall and other points, and they had one of the grandest meetings ever held in the hall here.

A shocking accident occurred on the Madison street bridge in Portland Wednesday morning at 7 o'clock. A street car containing 20 persons running off the tuck while the draw was open, and 7 were drowned in the Willamette.

For the cure of headache, constipation, stomach and liver troubles, and all derangements of the digestive and assimilative organs, Ayer's Pills are invaluable. Being sugar-coated, they are pleasant to take, always reliable, and retain their virtues in any climate.

Physicians say the bad effects of the late financial panic will be felt for a long time on the nerves of the business men. Young man: you nerved yourself up to propose to that dear girl of yours, don't worry any longer but come to Patterson Bros. and see what a nice line of goods they have in gold and silver to make her happy. How about that wedding ring?

Among the modern economies of the iron industry is the utilization of blast-furnace slag for paving blocks. The manufacture of these blocks has become a staple industry, and the product is said to be cheaper than granite or other natural stone. The blocks are made and annealed by a simple process and are coming into favor for street-paving purposes. About 100,000 blocks per week are being made by an English firm. These have a value of about \$3.25 per ton. Their durability as well as their low cost is in their favor.—Age of Steel.

Mrs. Thomas Tuthers took dinner with Mrs. Charlie Staats, Wednesday. It was the anniversary of her mother's birth, who has reached her 74th year of age this 1st, of November 1893. She with her husband Robert McLaughlin, crossed the plains to Oregon in 1833, and settled a few miles above Independence. Mr. McLaughlin died January 18th, 1890, leaving ten children to mourn his loss, and he was the first death occurring in the family. Our Stephen Staats married Miss Martha McLaughlin to Thomas Teihoro Nov. 18, 1858, and they continue to enjoy their happy conjugal relations. May they have a continual life of happiness.

Rev. J. R. N. Bell, who with his family has resided in Independence for the past two years left on Thursday for Baker City, where he assumes the pastorate of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Bell has made many friends here who are loth to see him leave us, and his family will also be missed in the Sunday school, church and social circle. Mr. Bell is a logical and interesting speaker and his lectures here during the past winter crowded the Presbyterian church to its most lolling capacity. J. R. N. Bell, has always taken a great interest in the cause of education and Supt. of Public Instruction, E. B. McElroy recognizes in Brother Bell a valuable help in the cause of education. The people of Baker City will find him an enterprising citizen, and one who will be an honor to their town, and very useful as a public speaker in the pulpit and as a lecturer. May success attend Bro. Bell in his work in Baker City.

R. F. Andrews and family are visiting Mrs. Andrews' father, Mr. Vitus, at Eugene.

Mrs. McEachera, wife of our grocer, arrived from Portland Wednesday, and will visit Mrs. Sandercock, for a few weeks.

I. P. May, who has been sick will go to Putnam Texas, next week, to get into a warmer climate and to visit relatives.

Miss Alice Macaulay leaves next week for San Francisco and will spend the winter in San Jose. We hope to see her return next spring.

Dr. Rinehart, of The Dalles, died there on Tuesday. His wife was the niece of J. S. Cooper, of this city.

Christmas goods are arriving at Clodfelter Bros. and it is now time to begin thinking and looking. Come and see them.

We this week devote some space to the Initiative and Referendum. If you are desirous of being posted, read it carefully.

F. M. Smith, of Lewisville, was in town Tuesday, and reports a yield of seventy bushels of fine Burbank seedling potatoes from one-sixth of an acre of ground, being 420 bushels to the acre.

The Sunday school of North Independence will give a basket social soon to pay for their new organ. The object is a worthy one and they should be well patronized.

J. C. Moreland, most worshipful Grand Master of the A. F. & A. M. of Oregon, and Grand Secretary, Ex. Gov. F. S. Chadwick, were here Thursday evening visiting the lodge.

The supreme court has decided the case of the injunction suit in favor of the Soldier's Home at Roseburg, and it will shortly commence on the building there; also on the branch insane asylum, in Eastern Oregon.

A very enjoyable occasion was the reunion of the Halloween crowd of 1892 of the home of Miss Anna Stockton. Seventeen were present, Miss Mary Collins acted as the witch and five new members were initiated.

The wisest course in politics is to vote for the best man, and you cannot be mistaken. So, in the use of blood-purifiers, you can't be mistaken if you take Ayer's Sarsaparilla, because all parties agree that it's the best.—The Superior Medicine. Try it this month.

The dressmaking and millinery firm of Cattlin & Buchanan, wishes to announce this week that they have a well selected stock of stylish goods and are prepared to cut and fit dresses on short notice, having increased their working force.

If you want to see some elegant work in book binding go and see the books which the Independence National Bank, J. F. O'Donnell and Shelley Alexander & Co. will receive next week from Weston, Dygett & Co. of Portland. They were on exhibition at the exposition at Portland, and are elegant samples of work.

On the front page of this paper we start a directory of Independence. We hope to have it contain the name of every business firm in Independence. It will be sent each month, free, to the wholesale houses of Portland, and we trust will be the means of advertising Independence. On account of lack of time we could not complete it this week.

Rev. Fred M. Parker, formerly of this city, but now pastor of the Congregational church at Woodburn, will be in this city over next Sunday and has consented to preach in the Congregational church both morning and evening. The many friends of Mr. Parker should avail themselves of the opportunity of hearing him. The choir will render two anthems and Prof. Sebring's orchestra will render a selection during the evening service. The pastor will preach at Dixie in the morning.

Parties wishing to purchase cedar hop poles or fence posts can have the same delivered aboard the Oregon Pacific cars at Berry, Marion Co., Or., in quantities and prices to suit. For further particulars call on or write to J. L. BERRY, Berry, Oregon.

Keene, N. H., July 24, 1891. Norman Lichty Esq. Des Moines Iowa. DEAR SIR:—I enclose \$50 cts. in stamps for two boxes of Krause's Headache Capsules, same as last. Work like magic. Send at once if possible, as I am out.

Respectfully, A. A. BRONSON. For sale by Shelly, Alexander & Co.

For Sale. One hundred acres of land, all plowed but ten acres; 15 acres above high water, the rest bottom land. Soil good for any kind of production. Price \$35 per acre. Terms cash. Situated two miles north of Buena Vista on the river. Address, for further information, W. N. McLAUGHLIN, BUENA VISTA.

Krause's Headache Capsules—Wanted. For Sale by Shelly, Alexander & Co.

The silver law was finally repealed in the house of representatives, the vote being as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Party and Votes. For: Democrats 154, Republicans 68, Populists 1. Against: Democrats 70, Republicans 15, Populists 9.

The purchase of silver bullion now ceases.

A LETTER FROM SEATTLE.

Our Late Townsman, E. Shelly, Gives His Impressions.

SEATTLE, WASH., Oct. 20, 1898.

EDITOR WEST SIDE:—After a very enjoyable ride from Portland last Thursday I found myself at 7 p. m. in what the Seattleites call the "Queen City of the West." I say in them "Portland, Denver and San Francisco excepted," to which they reply, "except nothing." They claim a population of 60,000, composed largely of Eastern people, many of whom during "boom" days must have made money very rapidly judging from the class of buildings which are to be found upon Front and Second streets, which are the two principal business streets. Many of the buildings are magnificent, pointing upward five to seven stories, while the streets and sidewalks are wide and well kept. On account of the lay of the land along the Sound the streets are quite irregular and the stranger is surprised at every turn to find streets zigzagging in almost every direction and lined on either side with stone brick and mortar so artistically arranged that they would do credit to any city in the Union. Nature and art are so blended that the picture seems complete. The people here greet a tender foot very cordially and give him a hearty welcome. I brought some letters with me from Oregon which are proving of service to me. I find quite a number of our people here. Benj. E. Hayden, of Polk Co., is here visiting his son-in-law Mr. Maxwell, formerly from our county, who has purchased the state of Wash. on the "Reely Cure." His friends say he has a fortune in sight. Dr. Horace Smith, formerly of Dallas, is here. W. H. Parry, at one time on the West Side, is city editor on the Seattle Post Intelligencer. I met D. H. Hartson, (of Mt. Vernon, a town of about 2,000 inhabitants, a few miles from here) here yesterday. He tells me he is now a lawyer. The readers of your paper will remember him as having taught school some years since, in Independence. Mr. Thomas Guinness, the proprietor of the Grand Hotel, where I am stopping, is an old Oregonian, having been the proprietor of the Esmond, in Portland. Gilliam, of Gilliam & Hill, (a prominent law firm here) is also a Polk Co. boy and says it always gives him pleasure to meet those who hail from Polk. Rev. R. H. Moss, formerly of Monmouth, whom I met yesterday, is pastor of the Christian church at Queen Ann Addition. Lake Union and Lake Washington are interesting resorts to strangers, both of which I saw four years ago, but since my arrival here this time I have been very busy arranging details for my business and in consequence have not been four blocks from the business center. I intend to visit Lake Washington this (Sunday) afternoon. I have secured a place of business on the corner of Second and Madison streets, which is a fine location and where I shall take pleasure in greeting Oregon friends. After a residence of nearly forty years in one county and leaving as I have home, friends, property, interests and all I have that is dear to me, sometimes a feeling of uncertainty; as to the future takes hold of me. But I dismiss it with the feeling that the present opportunity is the opportunity of my life.

With good wishes for the future prosperity of Independence and Polk Co., I remain,— Very Truly Yours, ROSWELL SHELLEY.

My address, for one month at least will be "The Grand Hotel," this city.

Go to J. F. O'Donnell for Mexican Silver Stove Polish. 46

Hard Times and Its Cause. INDEPENDENCE, OR. NOV., '98. EDITOR WEST SIDE:—If the farmers of Polk county, would do their business on business principles, hard times would be a thing of the past. If they would sell their grain, wool, hops, fruit and other produce for what it is worth, at least enough of it for what they honestly owe and what they promised to pay after harvest, there would be plenty of money in circulation. The way it is now, they sell 50 or 100 bushels of wheat now, the same amount is dribbled away, in a week or so, and all at once the money and wheat is gone with out benefitting any one, the farmer himself included. It is true wheat is low and the farmer can hardly raise it at the price and make anything, or hardly says himself, but what of that.

This is an exceptionally hard year, where everybody loses, and the farmer cannot expect to be exempt. Although the burden and loss falls lighter on him than any other business. Let us explain. There is not a bank in the State of Oregon that has not lost money this year. Bank stock worth last year from \$150 to \$200 per share; you get to day for \$100 and some for less. I don't believe there is a merchant either wholesale or retail who is worth the money he was last year, made from the 100 that busted. Now what does the farmer lose? Take the average throughout Polk Co. and the farmer loses say 1200 bushels for each farm. (I think this is a fair average) now on this wheat he loses at the present market (40 cents) just about 4 cents per bushel or say \$50, or in short every farmer in Oregon loses \$50 on his whole year's work. Now is it fair for the farmers for the sake of saving 50 cents to force the retail merchant into bankruptcy, the wholesale merchant to assign and the bank to suspend, just to gamble that he will make up his 50 cents on the raise of the price of grain, instead of acting the honest or at least like a business man, stand his share of loss and sell enough of his grain to pay his honest debts and not force to the wall a whole community. After the farmer has redeemed his promise to pay "after

harvest", and if he then, has anything left he has perfect right to speculate on it. Farmers pay your obligations, and help the community and yourself. REFUSERS.

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The Town of McCoy, McCoy, Or., Oct. 31, '98. EDITOR WEST SIDE:—I hope some of your readers in this part of Polk Co. will see to it that our town has weekly notes in your paper for we are more closely identified with Independence than any other part of Polk Co. When it comes to dividing Polk county we expect to have the county seat right here—so you see we have bright prospects ahead.

The town of McCoy contains about 150 inhabitants. The business houses are as follows: Gen'l Mdee, J. C. Fletcher; grocery store, V. Macken; postoffice, same; hotel, Merritt & Son; blacksmith, — Kruse; livery stable, — Shelton; wheat warehouse, total capacity, 120,000 bushels, operated by J. K. Sears and Hill & Hendricks; railroad station agent, Geo. H. Howe, also telegraph operator; lumber yard, J. K. Sears. I. O. O. F. lodge, meets every 1st, 3d, and 5th Saturdays of each month. No Grange.

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A. H. Fryer was born in Kentucky in 1813, came to Oregon in 1845, and at one time was county commissioner of Polk county.

Now, at Los Angeles, in his 80th year, he is in the enjoyment of all his mental and physical faculties and bids fair to attain to a century. He is the father of our townsman, Jeff Fryer, who is well and favorably known in this community. We tender our respects to the old gentleman and wish him many years of health and prosperity. S. S.

Early to bed, Early to rise; Pay your bills And advertise.

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PORTERFIELD—Monday, Oct. 30, to the wife of Miles Porterfield, near Buena Vista, an 8½-pound son. All doing well.

Baltimore, Md., Oct. 1891. Mr. Norman Lichty, Des Moines, Iowa. DEAR SIR:—Will you please be kind enough to let me know who is your agent in Baltimore Md., for the sale of Krause's Headache Capsules? I have tried to get them at a number of drug stores but have always failed. I had several boxes of the capsules sent me from Washington, and found them to be the very best remedy I have ever had for severe headaches.

Very truly yours, 1509 Patterson Ave, Mrs. A. L. Davis. For sale by Shelly, Alexander & Co.

Last Saturday afternoon there were races on the Talmage race track. The great event was the trotting race between Cooper's Black Diamond, Shillings' Demonstrator and Montana. Three heats were trotted and the following is the summary:

Table with 2 columns: Race Name and Time. Black Diamond..... 2 1 1 Demonstrator..... 1 3 3 Montana..... 3 2 2 Time, 2:41 2:45 2:39

We did not get particulars of the running races.

FOR SALE. House of nine rooms, all furnished, also two new lots, in Talmage, at a bargain. Enquire of Mrs. D. M. Klumens, Talmage, or at West Side office, for terms.

Letter List. List of unclaimed letters remaining, in Independence post office Oct. 31, 1898.

Biddle, Ed Barrett, Lee Brown, Joshua Bedwell, E. B. 2 Boothby, George Bryant, Geo Clement, C. H. 2 Davis, Frank Edwards, Fred Ginn, E. Herrington, E. S. Harrison, Joe Hitecock, J. F. Hollinshead, W. H. Harris, Joe Hamilton, F. Kirkpatrick, Wm Kennedy, Chas. 2 Kennorhy, David Loe, Joseph Orr, Chas. Ous, Willie Plumkett, James Percival, Millard Reece, Elmer Morrison, J. M. McAtee, Dave Mohr, Charlie Middleham, J. Shin, Ceffa Smith, W. P. Strivear, B. Vale, A. Watson Mr. Younge, Pluk Younge, Mrs. R. V. Smith, Mrs. N. B. Smith, Mrs. J. Jordan, Miss Laura Anderson, Mrs. E. G. ROBERTSON, P. M.

Far and Wide. Not on this broad continent alone, but in malarial breeding tropical regions, in Guatemala, Mexico, South America, the Isthmus of Panama, and elsewhere, Hostetter's Stomach Bitters affords to inhabitants and sojourners protection against malaria. The miner the freshly arrived immigrant, the tiller of the virgin soil newly robbed of its forests by the axe of the pioneer, find in the superb antifebrile specific preserver against the poisonous miasma which in vast districts rich in natural resources, is yet fertile in disease. It