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Advertising is to business what steam power is to machinery—the grand motive power.—Macaulay.

There is but one way of obtaining business—publicity; but one way of obtaining publicity—advertising.—Blackwood

THE WEST SIDE is eleven years old today.

MONEY is accumulating in the East and by and by it will reach this western country.

ARE we going to have a Christmas tree this year? Where? Don't all speak at once.

THE time has come when the people must take hold of our county and our state affairs. Let public meetings be called and investigate, then let action be taken. Necessity is the mother of invention.

THERE is war in Brazil, war in Africa, war in Cuba, and Honduras wants to fight Nicaragua, and all Europe is up in arms, so to speak, and no one knows when the first gun may be fired. The United States is warring against the republic in Hawaii.

EVERY foot of land from the Willamette river for ten miles west of Independence is the very best of fruit land. Why could it not all be planted in choice varieties of prunes, apples, pears, etc? In three years it would bring thousands of dollars into this section.

OREGON has over \$25,000 with which to make an exhibit in San Francisco, and it is proposed that a corporation shall advance money to pay the expenses at the Mid-winter Fair and let the legislature reimburse them. By all means let us have an exhibit at San Francisco.

THE Hillsboro Independent, a radical republican paper, has this brief editorial in relation to the elections of Nov. 7: Republicans are in the same fix that Robert Ingersoll said the democrats used to be in, "They hold a straight flush when there is nothing in the jack-pot."

THE united states of Brazil came into existence as a nation on November 15, 1889. There are twenty states in the nation, covering an area of 3,209,078 square miles, and with a total population of 14,002,335. The constitution is modeled after that of our United States, and an effort was made to have the government follow the lines of the great nation to the north as much as possible.

It was our neighbor Mexico that once felt the power of the United States when Napoleon III of France was told that according to the Monroe doctrine no European government could uphold a monarchy in the Americas. Mexico in consequence is now a republic. In Brazil there is a revolution and it is said Europe hopes to have a monarchy there. We do not want one established. Now comes Walter Q. Gresham, a member of President Cleveland's cabinet, and in a letter to the president recommends that the United States shall reseat Queen Liliuokalani on the throne of Hawaii. No wonder public indignation mounts high. The United States, a republic, to use its power, its navy, its soldiers to enthrone a queen looks to us like a criminal act on the part of our chief executive. If the Sandwich Islands want a queen, let them call her to the throne and let the United States keep her hands off, but for us to seat the queen is another matter. We do not think congress will quietly submit to dictator Cleveland's actions in this matter, for he is in accord with secretary Gresham.

We publish this week a list of those persons who pay taxes on over \$500 worth of property in Independence. That the assessment roll is incomplete and the work of the board of equalization equally as faulty is evident to everyone at all familiar with those who are property owners here. What is true of this part of the county is true of all. We have elected men to give us a full and equal assessment. They have signally failed. Our only remedy is to elect other men to do this work. How much better it could be if the people had more direct control of county affairs and men were placed in office who were upheld by the public instead of by their party. We have been informed that the assessment roll, as now prepared, will be corrected when it gets into the hands of the sheriff, and thus the county saves paying state taxes. It will be noticed that the men least able to pay taxes are on the roll and the present roll has been purposely made incomplete. In our mind we need a system of county government where the poor as well as the rich have favors granted them, and the only way this can be done is to have the government of Polk county more directly from the people. The WEST SIDE favors equal rights for all. If it is right for the sheriff to assess one person, let him assess all and do away with the expense of an assessor and an assessment roll and a board of equalization. Polk county is not the only one where the people are being unjustly treated in this way. It would not be a bad idea to have a mass meeting of our citizens to appoint committees to inquire into the glaring inequalities of assessment in Polk county. Taxes are high, money is scarce and it behooves us to investigate our county affairs. Who pays the taxes, and where does the money go? Polk county paid \$2800 for one set of abstracts to insure a good assessment, and this year \$955 for maps, and no one knows what the bill will amount to for next year, and yet we sit idle and indifferent to the evident squandering of our money.

THE WEST SIDE believes the voice of the people should be heard in this matter of taxation and we hope to hear from our readers on the subject. Are our taxes equal? If not, why not? If there is neglect of duty, who is the guilty official?

THE Treasury official statement of the comparative receipts and expenditures of the United States, issued November 1, shows that for the first four months of the current fiscal year the expenditures have exceeded the receipts by \$24,000,000, or at the rate of \$72,000,000 a year. The receipts are \$27,000,000 less than for the corresponding four months of the previous fiscal year, and the expenditures are nearly \$1,000,000 greater than for the same period. There has been a net increase of \$16,604,764 in the circulation since the 1st of October, and the circulation per capita is now \$25.49.

Now that the menace of an unsound currency is effectually removed there is every encouragement to hope for an era of large trade and general prosperity.—New York World.

If we want a government of the people, by the people and for the people, let us start it in our county affairs. Let us have reform.

Why are Polk county warrants at a discount?

WOULD an investigation by the people of Polk county finances not be the proper thing just now?

THE democratic press, as well as republican and independent, is scoring Grover Cleveland for trying to establish a "bigger dynasty," as the Telegram says, in the Sandwich Islands.



Mr. E. K. Hyde

Do You Ever Have Bolls?

For several years prior to 1899, there was hardly a day that I was free from boils and other eruptions of the skin arising from impurities of the blood. I began to take Hood's Sarsaparilla, and before I had finished the third bottle I found myself entirely cured. E. K. Hyde, of Van Valer & Hyde, Real Estate, De Long Building, Fresno, California.

Hood's Pills get easily, yet promptly and effectively, at the liver and bowels also.

LOUIS KNAPPLY

—Dealer in—

FRESH and SALT MEATS,
POULTRY,
Sausages, etc. etc.

GAME IN SEASON.

C Street near Postoffice.

Independence, Or.

H. A. FULLER.

HORSESHOER
and
BLACKSMITH.

The Best Plain Shoer in the County

INDEPENDENCE, OREGON.

Fresh Fish

Salmom, Clams, Oysters, Cutfish, Smelt, etc., received by nearly every train.

Leave orders at Fish Stand on C street, Independence.

D. B. Boydston, Prop.

THE CHICAGO STORE

—HEADQUARTERS FOR—

Dress Goods
and CLOAKS.

OUR OPENING DAY WAS WEDNESDAY NOV. 8th

Opposite Little Palace Hotel. C St. Independence.

PATTERSON BROS.
The Druggists.
PATTERSON BROS.
The Jewelers.
PATTERSON BROS.
The Headquarters
FOR GOLD and SILVER WATCHES

STOP THAT WOMAN!

Don't let her waste her time traveling, when she can buy of us what she wants at prices equally as low. Our stock of

BOOTS & SHOES,
SLIPPERS and RUBBERS
Is so carefully selected as any you can find, and our

PRICES ARE LOWER
Than our competitors' prices, because we buy cheaper and can afford to sell lower.

BE REASONABLE
And help build up your town by trading with

MILLER & PATTERSON,
INDEPENDENCE, OR. 49

W. H. WHEELER
—DEALER IN—

SEWING MACHINES,
MUSICAL MERCHANDISE,
Sewing Machine Needles and Oil.
Sewing Machines Repaired.

EAST SIDE OF MAIN STREET, INDEPENDENCE, OR. 49

\$20,000 STOCK

Must be closed out in the next Sixty Days!

GOING OUT OF BUSINESS.

Bring your cash and get your goods for fall and winter, at prices that will make you happy.

Everything Goes. There is no Reserve.

J. M. VANDUYN,
Independence. 41

What is Life Without a Dinner?

An Aching Void.

What is Dinner without Food?

A Distressing Dream.

What Would Independence Be Without
McEacheran & SANDERCOCK'S
Grocery?

A Desert Waste.

McEacheran & Sanderoock are here!
Dinner Hour Comes!
Delicacies Appear!
Result:
Domestic Peace!

(Successors to Oregon Mercantile Co.) 45

Gentlemen's Gold Pens
20 PER CENT OFF FOR 30 DAYS
at **O. A. KRAMERS.**

The Leading IMPLEMENT Dealer
J. F. O'DONNELL
The Leading HARDWARE Dealer

—Carries the largest stock of—

Suggies, Carriages, Phaetons, Jump Seat Hacks and Carts,

Seeders, Drills, Chilled and Steel Plows, Riding and Walking Cultivators, Planet Jr. Garden Drills, Bulkey and Gang Plows, Aspen wall Potato Planters, Disc, Lever, and Spring-tooth harrows.

THE : RUSHFORD : WAGON

Guaranteed the best and lightest-running wagon made. Mr. O'Donnell is, by a recent arrangement the manufacturer's agent, and will carry the largest and most complete line of implements ever brought to Polk county.

Opposite Independence National Bank, Independence, Oregon.

SHELLEY, ALEXANDER & CO.,
The Druggists,

They Have the Goods. They Sell at Low Prices. The Quality is Superior. They are Accommodating

School Books and Stationery, They keep everything called for. They will fill orders by mail or by telephone. They keep pens, ink, writing paper, in fact, a full line in that department.

REMEMBER That Shelley, Alexander & Co. fill prescriptions at all hours of the day or night and have an experienced pharmacist.

SALEM STEAM DYEING AND CLEANING WORKS

WALDEMAR NELSON, Proprietor.
183 Commercial Street.

Established in 1884 with the most complete and expensive plant in the state. Steam capacity, twelve horse-power. Ladies' and gents' clothing and fine fabric of all kinds cleaned and dyed. Carpets, Blankets, Flannels, Silk Underwear, Ladies' Hats Straw Hats, and feathers cleaned, dyed and renovated. Silk Hats Ironed. Silk Hats, Stiff Hats, and Soft Hats cleaned, dyed, blocked and renovated.

Leave Orders with Independence, Monmouth, and Falls City Stage Drivers. Or Send by Mail or Express.

Independence ROLLER MILLS,
SKINNER & CO., Proprietors,

Wish to notify the public that they are now Ready to Receive Grain in Exchange for Flour.

We have also put in a New Improved Cleaner and will do a General Warehouse Business on the most favorable terms.

The highest market price paid for wheat at all times. Satisfaction Guaranteed.

Independence Stables.

Stylish Turnouts Always in Readiness. Having lately purchased the entire interest in the stables of J. N. Jones, we are now better prepared than ever to meet the demands of the public as we are now making and are preparing to make many substantial improvements. Teams boarded by the day or month. Traveling men a specialty.

SALEM STAGE—We operate a daily stage line between Salem and Falls City. Stage leaves Falls City for Independence at 4 a.m.; leaves Independence for Salem at 9 a.m. From Salem for Independence, stage at 1 p.m.; leaves Independence for Falls City at 4 p.m.

PETER COOK Prop.

WE GIVE FREE

A guitar worth \$30. This is NO LOTTERY but a test of your calculation. We sell you the goods at the same low prices, and with each 50 cents worth purchased for cash we give you a test free.

We are just receiving a large assortment of new music and musical instruments. An elegant line of all holiday goods are being opened and will be ready for inspection next week. We have bought these goods at bedrock prices and propose to sell accordingly. Call and look them over.

CLODFELTER BROS.
Headquarters for school supplies, stationery, periodicals, confectionery, etc.