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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*

THEY say there is reason for all things, and the WEST SIDE, having seen how incomplete was the tax roll of the county thought the blame lay with the incompetency of the county court, but it now appears, if we are rightly informed, that we were mistaken. The true reason is said to be this: When the question of taxation of mortgages and deductions for indebtedness were before the legislature, the bankers and wealthy men favored its repeal, thinking a full assessment would lower tax rates and they would thus save money, but they now see their mistake and know that the old law was the best for them, because it was much more easy to find excuses for paying a small tax than now, and, therefore, they are working to get the law deducting indebtedness reinacted, and since a slovenly, incomplete tax roll will disgust the farmers, and then a raise by the state board still more disgust them, there will be a great effort made to have the mortgage tax law placed in the statute books, and the fine hand of the monied men is behind it, and they work through our county courts.

Under the present law the only way our taxpayers can avoid being taxed is for their property not to appear on the tax roll, but under the other system it is very easy to have enough indebtedness to cover it all. A full and complete assessment in Polk county will do no one any harm and yet will be of great moment in regulating future legislation.

THE ticket placed before the people of Independence by the republicans is one that should merit support. The persons nominated are representative business men and who will intelligently conduct the affairs of our city. The candidate for mayor, Judge Hurley, is emminently qualified to represent the dignity of the city. Geo. W. Reed, the candidate for recorder, has one of the best written set of books ever shown in this city, and he has a pleasing manner that creates a favorable impression on persons doing business with him J. A. L. Myers, the candidate for marshal, is very popular and will poll a good vote. Taking the whole ticket as nominated, the republicans have given the citizens a chance to elect to office men who will be an honor to the party and the city.

IF the citizens of Polk county would demand an investigation of our county tax roll, and after passing on it, the state board should make any changes, such as raising or lowering it, there would be a howl. The state board is going to monkey with all the tax rolls, and now is the time to act to prevent it.

THE Oregonian has made a fatal admission in a recent editorial on municipal charters in which it says that city charters should be submitted to the people before becoming a law, since serious omissions or errors occur in the charter each time, which makes it necessary to be changed at the next legislature. The Oregonian opposes the initiative and referendum as being impracticable, but the case of the city charter of Portland is only one of a dozen where there would be fewer jobs perpetrated on the people through legislative enactments if the people had a final vote. The Oregonian has condemned the Referendum on general principles, but approves of its use in a special case. The WEST SIDE believes that it behooves the people to have more direct control of city, county, state and national affairs, and the present condition of affairs in the United States serves to teach us that the only competent ruler of the people is the people itself, and not any individual or portion of the people. The political party of the future that ignores this principle will lose many friends, who are more patriotic than political.

A VERY successful newspaper man says. "Never acknowledge yourself in the wrong." If you are in the wrong on any question, the people will soon find it out, and you need make no acknowledgement.

THE courts have decided that not only are all city, school district and county taxes to be on one roll assessed by the county assessor, but also collected by the sheriff. Thus it will be seen how very important that our people shall fully know just how perfect is our tax roll.

### Resisted an Officer.

Last Friday Sheriff Wells went down to attach some property on an execution against John Hehn near Rickreall. The ladies of the place informed the officer that he could not carry out the order of the writ, and when he attempted to carry it out the old man met him, first with an axe, but thinking, we presume, that this was too short a range weapon, went to the house and got his shotgun and told the sheriff to "git." Sheriff Wells returned to town and taking a couple of deputies with him went back and not only served the writ but brought the belligerent Hehn up also. Saturday morning Hehn was given a hearing before Justice C. W. Smith and bound over in the sum of $100 to appear before the next term of circuit court. Hehn is a German, and to ignorance of the law may be attributed the resistence. But ignorance excuses no man in the eyes of the law, and Mr. Hehn has laid himself liable to severe punishment.

And the trouble did not end here. Saturday afternoon Sheriff Wells sent Messrs. Burson and Dunn down to Hehn's after a load of oats. They had partially loaded when two boys appeared on the scene, closed the gate and told them to unload and go home. The two men did as they were bid. Sunday morning a warrant was issued charging the whole Hehn caboodle with riot, and the sheriff and posse of five men went down after them. They found the women folks but the boys were not there. The women were sent up and lodged in jail. Part of the sheriff's party laid in wait for the boys, who returned at night and they, too, were brought up. Monday they had an examination before Justice Smith and were dismissed on the gounds that as not more than two were together at a time, there was no riot.—Dallas Transcript.

J.M. Mitchell and wife left Thursday for San Francisco to spend the winter.

Mrs. Brush of Portland, was visiting Mrs. J. E. Kirkland the first of the week. Mrs. Brush was formerly Miss Paxton and ten years ago taught school in Independence.

Miss Alice Savage is very sick at Mrs. Davidson's, where she rooms.

L. L. Swann and sisters Mattie and Lela were summoned to Crawfordsville the first of the week, it being thought their sister was dying, but she is now much better.

The committee on ways and means has placed iron ore and wool on the free list.

Invariably the county assessment rolls as returned this year to the secretary of state show totals far below those of last year, notwithstanding there are no deductions for indebtedness. In this fact there is that which shows us that which shows us that the county boards of equalization are "stictly onto themselves" this year. We await with an impatience that is akin to breathless the action of the state board in equalizing assessments.—Statesman.

Mr. Larkin

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"My husband was confined to the house, almost unable to walk, on account of an ulcer on his left leg. He took Hood's Sarsaparilla and at once there were signs of improvement. He was soon able to go to work again. My oldest son was stricken down with rheumatic fever. After taking Hood's Sarsaparilla

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Hood's Pills are prompt and efficient, yet easy in action. Sold by all druggists. 25c.

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The Best Plain Shoer in the County

INDEPENDENCE, OREGON.

HAVE YOU GOT PILES

ITCHING PILES known by moisture like perspiration, cause intense itching when warm. This form and BLIND, BLEEDING or PROTRUDING PILES YIELD AT ONCE TO DR. BO-SAN-KO'S PILE REMEDY, which acts directly on parts affected, absorbs tumors, allays itching, effecting a permanent cure. Price 50c. Druggists or mail. Dr. Bosanko, Philadelphia, Pa.

For sale by J. H. PUGH.

FOR SALE.

**HOUSE & 2 LOTS**

Situated in Independence, Or.

J. A. WHEELER. 14

**Fresh Fish**

Salmom, Clams, Oysters, Catfish, Smelt, etc., received by nearly every ttain.

Leave orders at Fish Stand on C street, Independence.

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**THE CHICAGO STORE**

—HEADQUARTERS FOR—

**Dress Goods and CLOAKS.**

We give you better values in Cloaks and Dress Goods for Less Money than you can buy them at Closing Out Sales.

**Three doors west of P. O., C St. Independence.**

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**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,**

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Is as 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

**HARD TIME PRICES!**

The remainder of my

**20,000 STOCK!**

Must Go By January 1st.

**Compare our prices.**

**Dress Goods---**

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| Our former price $1.00 per yard, now | 85 cents. |
| Our former price 90 cents per yard, now | 66 cents. |
| Our former price 60 cents per yard, now | 46 cents. |
| Our former price 35 cents per yard, now | 25 cents. |
| Our former price $1.00 schintzs, now | 75 cents. |
| Our former price 35 cent cashmere, now | 20 cents. |

**Men's suits---**

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| Regular price $20.00, now | $13.50. |
| Regular price 20.00, now | 15.00. |
| Regular price 22.50, now | 16.00. |
| Regular price 25.00, now | 18.00. |
| Regular price 12.50, now | 8.00. |
| Regular price 15.00, now | 8.75. |

**Boy's suits---**

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| Our $ 8.00 boy's suits for | $5.25. |
| Our 10.00 boy's suits for | 7.00. |
| Our 12.00 boy's suits for | 8.50. |

Let us convince you that WE MEAN IT when we say we will Sell Goods at Cost.

**J. M. VANDUYN,**

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**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 & Sandercock are here! Dinner Hour Comes! Delicacies Appear! { Result: Domestic Peace!

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**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.

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Established in 1884 with the most complete and expensive plant in the state. Steam capacity, twelve horse-power. Ladies' and gents' clothing and fine fabrics 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. 38

**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 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.

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Headquarters for school supplies, stationery, periodicals, confectionery, etc