

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 as they Told and Collected Daily—Items of Interest from Everywhere.

A happy New Year to all. Next Monday date it 1894. Miller & Patterson's motto is cash sales and small profits. Mrs. Tolson, of Rickreall, made a short visit in town last Tuesday. Remember that Miller & Patterson are selling goods at hard time prices.

All persons who attend the football game next Monday are invited by the M. A. A. C. to visit its elegantly appointed gymnasium. As the 'Monmouth band is to accompany the excursion, it is suggested that we go there in a body upon landing from the boat. Our people are invited to go prepared to "shoot" for the Oregon team.

The Independence dancing club gave a very pleasant party on Christmas night which was attended by over a hundred of our society people. Among those attending outside of Independence were W. J. Kirkland and wife, F. Gibson, Miss Sadie Simonson, Fred Koser, Miss Orr, C. O'Brien, R. Tatum, Mark Burch, of Rickreall, Miss Philport, of Eugene, Miss Lillian Preston, of Portland, Chas. Smith, of Portland, Miss F. Callin, of Salem. The supper at the City restaurant was very nice and enjoyed by all. The dancing club has given our people some very pleasant social meetings.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS.

Independence Has Three Trees and Hundreds of Presents.

OUR PEOPLE SHOW LIBERALITY.

Distribution of Provisions, Candies, Nuts, Etc. to the Poor of Our City—Many Homes Made Happy.

Perhaps never before has a Christmas been observed in this city where more attention has been given to the making happy of those who are not so fortunate as to be able to receive and give choice gifts on Christmas day. Each of the churches made a point of looking out for the children who would otherwise not be remembered, consequently there were many happy hearts. Christmas day Wilcox, Baldwin & Company sent out hundreds of cakes, loaves of bread not only to their customers as a Christmas gift but also to the poor of the town. P. U. Patterson sent out a small boy with a basket of boxes of choice candy and these were distributed to his customers and the poor. McEachern & Sandercrook, the grocers, also remembered their friends. In addition many individuals gave as they were prompted by the goodness of their hearts. Christmas has come and gone but it has many pleasant memories and so many were made happy.

Council Proceedings.

December 26, 1893. Council convened in regular session, Mayor Veness in the chair. Members present, Irvine, Finch, Young and Wilson; Dooty being absent. Minutes of the previous meeting read and approved. The street committee, to whom was referred the petition of J. A. Roberts, et al, reported that they had examined the cause of complaint and had ordered the marshal to see that it was removed. The marshal stated that he had notified Mr. Crow to remove the outbuilding, which has been done. Mr. Young then introduced an amendment to ordinance No. 86, entitled "An Ordinance to Amend an Ordinance, Entitled 'An Ordinance to Provide for the Licensing, Regulating, Taxing and Restraining the Sale of Spirituous, Malt and Vinous Liquors.'"

The executive committee of the Oregon Press Association has decided to postpone the newspaper men's excursion to the midwinter fair, from February to March. There are several reasons for this, chief among which is the fact that the fair will be in a more complete state. From all reports the fair will scarcely be in shape before the latter part of next month, although the projectors of the enterprise fondly expected to have it ready for opening January 1. However, there will probably be a formal opening, but it will be a month or two later before the grounds and buildings are in shape and the exhibits all in shape.

Stockholders' Meeting. There will be a meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Independence, Polk county, Oregon, on Tuesday, January 9, 1894, at the parlors of the bank between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m. of said day, for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year and transacting any other business that may come before them. Dated this 6th day of Dec., 1893. W. H. HAWLEY, Cashier.