

SOCIAL GATHERING.—A very enjoyable party was given by Mr. Al Whiteaker, on Saturday evening, Jan. 20th, at the home of his father, B. F. Whiteaker, near Monmouth. Vocal and instrumental music and games were the principal features of the evening.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.—The city council met last Tuesday evening the 23rd, with Mayor Hurley in the chair, and Councilmen Irvine, Strong, Finch and Cook and Recorder Reed present; absent Councilmen Percival and Kirkland. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. Committee on streets reported through Mr. Cook that committee granted Mr. Harris permission to dig the ditch, the city to furnish tile along the street. On motion the report was accepted. The special committee on By-laws and Rules favoring the passage of ordinance was adopted as read. Book committee reported as follows: Moved and seconded that the committee's report be accepted and the recorder be authorized to purchase the books. Holman communication laid on the table. On motion council adjourned.

A SOCIAL GATHERING.—On last Friday evening, John Osborne, living north of Independence, gave a social party at his residence. About fifty were in attendance. Dancing was indulged in to a late hour, and good music being in attendance and Mrs. Osborne being a royal entertainer, the hours sped swiftly by. The supper was one of the features of the evening. Uncle John Osborne is about 65 years of age and when it came to ladies' choice he was escorted out on the floor by one of the prettiest girls, and he went through the dance in fine shape with her, although he had not danced before for 30 years.

NEARLY A FIRE.—One day last week the fifty-candle power incandescent light in the county clerk's office burned out, and came near causing a fire that would have done much damage to the court house. The light was on the arc light circuit, and the current of electricity was too strong for the incandescent burner. We understand that Judge Burch has ordered the discontinuance of the electric lights in the court house. This, we think, is a mistake on the part of the Judge, as electric lights are the safest lights in use when, at least, the different lights are on their proper circuits.—Observer.

A LIGHT DRAUGHT STEAMER.—Mr. Geo. W. Skinner, of the flouring mill here, has invented a new kind of a boat with which to navigate the Willamette river during low water, and will have a model for exhibition in a few weeks. His boat is a new departure, having no boiler, as it will be run with gasoline, thus saving the weight of a large boiler. It will be flat-bottomed, needing only a light draught of water. We will be able to give a better description of the boat when we have seen a model. Mr. Skinner says it can be run cheaper than most any other kind of a boat, considering its capacity.

RAINY DAY DRESSSES.—The "note" writer of the Oregonian gets funny when he says: "Salem pedestrians were startled one day last week to see coming down the street a procession of ladies in short-skirts. It was the rainy-day club out for an airing. The new fad is becoming quite popular and is unreservedly endorsed by the local papers. The skirts come to within 8 to 12 inches of the ground. They are said to display less anatomy than the usual method of lifting the long skirts, and of course who should know if not the Salem editors?"

THE GOLDEN RULE.—The editor of the Dallas Herald is extremely liberal when he says: "The brethren of the press may feel perfectly free to glean from this paper whatever they choose with little indifference as to giving credit for its source. All the public want is the news in a condensed form without reference to where it originated. We do not propose to lumber our columns up by telling where we obtain each item of news in them."

SCHOOL BONDS.—Some time ago the school directors of Independence decided to bond this district for \$5,500, for 20 years. Treasurer Cooper, at Dallas, says he is receiving many inquiries and thinks he will place the bonds at 6 per cent. Interest per annum. We are now paying ten per cent.

A FARM GATE.—E. E. Krengle and W. H. Murphy have purchased the patent on a very convenient farm gate which can be opened from the road without dismounting. They will sell county rights.

TAX ROLLS FOR '94.—The new assessment and taxation laws are such that it is very difficult to keep pace with their requirements. The law requires that the sheriff shall begin the collection of taxes February 1st. The county clerk did not receive returns from the state board until the 10th of January, making it impossible for him to certify to the recorders of cities and clerks of districts the amount of taxable property in their respective sections as early as is convenient for him to make the levy and return to the clerk. However we are informed that the clerk is ready to give the cities and districts the total taxable property in each as equalized by the state board, on application to him.

HEIR TO \$10,000.—Last Tuesday, Walter Kay, a young man who has been working for Geo. Macaulay, below town, and who is in partnership with J. M. Hall in a hop yard, left on the afternoon train enroute for London, England, where he will receive \$10,000 left him by his father, who died recently. He intends to return about April, and make his permanent home in Polk county.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Sheriff Wells was in town last Monday.

Buy your groceries of J. P. Irvine and save money.

Rev. Bill Fisher, of Dallas is wanting several of the Denny pheasants.

Miss Maggie McDonald, of Dallas, will soon start on a trip to California.

The Dallas city band will give a "hard times" dance on St. Valentine's eve.

Mr. Jno. Johnson, of this place, went to Corvallis Monday, for a short sojourn.

Mr. David Lewis, of Lewisville, is still very ill, but is improving at last accounts.

Robert Holman, ex-chief of the Portland fire department, was in town last Tuesday.

J. M. Mitchell, our planing mill proprietor, will return from San Francisco this week.

D. P. Souffer, of Dallas, has invented a fruit dryer, which is said to be a superior article.

Clodfelter Bros. have some great bargains in fancy toilet soap, which they are closing out.

A line of fancy toilet soaps at Clodfelter Bros., will be sold at less than cost. It will go quick.

Mrs. Geo. Claggett of this city, is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Phillips at Spring Valley.

Dr. E. J. Young and wife left Tuesday for Newburg, where they will spend a week or so visiting.

Senators Delph and Mitchell have recently been sending out legal documents and vegetable seeds.

Davies Gibson, an old pioneer of this county, from Missouri, died at his home near Zena, January 12, 1894.

J. T. Lemasters and Miss L. W. Wilson, of Ballston, were married at Dallas by Justice Smith, recently.

Insanity is becoming quite frequent in this state; there are now over 1000 patients in the asylum near Salem.

C. A. Bowser, who committed a heinous crime in Portland, has been sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary.

The dramatic talent of Buena Vista, is going to give a drama in the near future. Why don't our young people do the same?

A three foot vein of coal has been discovered near Yaquina City, in Lincoln Co., and great excitement prevails over the find.

Come quick and get your choice of those 50 cent books for 25 cents at Clodfelter Bros. They are selling fast. Good selection of authors.

The snow last week fell on and clung to the telephone wires between here and Monmouth till the poles have been very nearly pulled out of the ground.

At Woodburn the recent rain flooded the basement of the public school building, and in consequence the school was adjourned for a short time.

The four-year-old daughter of R. R. Liggett, living opposite Buena Vista, died suddenly last Sunday evening and was buried at Buena Vista Wednesday afternoon.

The Gibson Bros. have completed a row boat, nineteen feet long, which will probably be the fastest on the river here. It is being painted in the shop of M. D. Scott.

The populists are making preparations to cut a wide swath in the coming election. The two old parties should be waking up or they will be liable to get left on some of the offices.

Orin Haley and John Alexander, who are in Portland in business college, will get through in about four weeks and return home. They have made very rapid progress in their studies.

Dayton, Wash., has a \$75,000 water works system and it has proven a paying investment, the receipts paying the interest on bonds, the superintendent's salary and leaves a balance to go to the sinking fund.

Miss Libbie Vaughn, who is teaching at Parkers, was tendered a pleasant party by her pupils at that place. Miss Vaughn's term of school there closed last Friday. She says there was a very good attendance during the term.

There will be services in the Congregational church of this city on next Sunday morning and evening, when the Rev. J. L. Hershner will preach. In the morning D. V. Polling will preach at Dixie. Much interest has been awakened during the special meetings now in progress at this point.

Last Saturday J. C. Teal, assistant janitor at the Normal school here had his jaw broken by being struck by one of the arms of a windlass for hauling wood to an upper story of the building. He was rendered unconscious for over an hour.

It is probably not the coldest weather you ever knew in your life; but that is how you feel just now, because past sufferings are soon forgotten, and because your blood needs the rousing, invigorating influence of Ayer's Sarsaparilla—the Superior medicine.

Rev. J. Fred Jenkins will preach, Sunday morning on "God's Covenant" and in the evening "Conversion and Baptism of the Eunuch."

Dr. B. F. Smith of Lewisville, was in town last Saturday.

Messrs. John Vaughn and Mark Burch of Rickreall, were "doing" our city last Saturday.

When down town call on McEchren & Sandereck and see what they have. They have a nice stock of groceries and crockery.

Mrs. W. H. Kelley, of this city, went for a few days' visit in Portland last Saturday.

Mr. Bud Cooper went to Portland last Thursday and on Friday returned with his wife to this city.

Rev. J. Fred Jenkins returned home from Amity Saturday where he has been assisting the Baptist brethren in a revival meeting.

L. B. Martin of Dallas was in town last Saturday.

McEchren & Sandereck sell eggs the lowest of any store in Independence.

The protracted meeting at Rickreall, by Rev. D. V. Polling, is well attended and considerable interest manifested.

It's very nice to eat at meal. With pie for its wind-up; 'Taint half so sweet 's the up 'ja' spoils. When he yells, "You git up!" Nice fresh bread every day at J. P. Irvine's.

The Altona made a trip Monday from Independence to Salem and lay there the rest of the week. She may resume trips to Portland, Monday if the river is low enough.

If you call on McEchren & Sandereck you can get your groceries and crockery cheaper than any store in Independence.

Messrs. G. L. Hawkins and P. C. Patterson attended the Masonic lodge at Rickreall, last Tuesday evening.

W. W. Collins, of near Lewisville, was doing business here Monday.

The steamer DeNorte will run from Yaquina bay to San Francisco.

Mr. Ed. Hirschburg made the West Side composing room a pleasant call last Monday. Ed. is "little but, Oh my!"

George W. Childs, of Philadelphia, is dangerously ill.

Evans and Morrell, the California bandits, who escaped from prison are said to be in Mexico.

There is \$250,000,000 of good money in the New York banks now, and it is increasing at the rate of \$10,000,000 a month.

During Harrison's administration the public debt of the United States was reduced nearly \$200,000,000, and now during our year of democratic rule it is increased nearly \$30,000,000. This a contrast for unbiased voters to ponder upon.

B. S. Pague, Uncle Sam's weather prophet, has resigned his position in San Francisco and will practice law in Portland.

An Independence correspondent to Oregonian suggests that the old soldiers might be paid their pensions in paper money and thus save issuing bonds, to which the Oregonian responds that it would still be a promise to pay.

If a dog barks and scares your horse and you are injured thereby, sue the owner of the dog and recover damages.

Both Independence flouring mills seem to be rushed with business.

Dave Sears and Joe Hirschberg were married several years ago and still live happily together.

Messrs. Shelley Alexander & Co., put up an excellent cough syrup of their own manufacture.

The Knights of Labor are going to enjoin Secretary Carlisle in the issuing of bonds.

American banks have plenty of money to buy the \$50,000,000 worth of bonds offered by the United States.

The pope of Rome is contemplating removing to Spain.

France has partially given suffrage to women.

Lillian Russell, the great actress, was married last Sunday, to Signor Perugini. This is her third marriage.

The city of Dallas is advertising \$14,000 worth of city bonds for sale.

Mrs. and Mrs. J. T. Hillbrand brought a load of apples to town Saturday and sold them.

We heard a farmer say a few days ago that Independence was the best market for produce in Polk county.

Miss Clara Hall is teaching out in P. W. Haley's neighborhood, south of Independence.

The financial statement which this paper publishes this week, gives a very full and easily understood report of our yearly expenses.

Dallas school district levied a two mill tax last Monday for carrying on the schools the coming year.

The social dance of the Club at the opera house last Saturday evening, was well attended and much enjoyed. A party of ladies and gentlemen from Dallas will be in attendance at the next one, as the fame of the club parties has gone abroad.

The Corvallis football team is jubilant over defeating the Multnomah Juniors, of Portland, last Saturday, in a score of 6 to 0. The Albany "man-about-town," who said the Multnomahs would beat, was not in it.

President Dole, of Hawaii, not only refused to allow the queen to be restored, but now refuses to give up the Willis correspondence on the subject. A constitution is being prepared and Hawaii will soon be a full fledged republic.

It is proposed that the United States, France, Great Britain and Germany shall form a monetary conference to enhance the price of silver. The silver mines are to form a trust and limit the output of their mines.

Last Saturday evening the dinner set was given away at McEachern & Sandereck's store. J. S. Talbot, on the prize, the number of beans being 3,181, he guessing 3,176.

The Mitchell-Corbett prize fight for the championship of the world was to come off Thursday, Jan. 28, at Jacksonville, Florida, but we go to press too soon to learn the result. C. Mitchell, weighs 162 pounds and Corbett, the American, 150, after training.

County school superintendent Hutchinson was down with the la grippe last week.

Mrs. Bled Wailing has taken charge of the Lincoln school.

A teacher's county institute is to be held at Dallas, Saturday.

J. C. McFarlam, of Falls City, has been appointed notary public.

W. S. Elkins, who has a neat home this side of Dallas was busy the first of the week shingling the brush off the land along the railroad track and proposes going into the vegetable and small fruit business and will deliver at Dallas, Monmouth and Independence next summer.

J. S. Cooper, J. A. Veness and Zed Rosendorf were passengers to Salem on the Altona, last Monday.

McEachern & Sandereck are selling their crockery below cost.

"You are next." "Next what?" "Why next to take your turn in the barber chair of Otis Landreth, who gives a Boston shave worth \$1, for 10 cents, and curls your mustache, too."

An inventory is being taken of the stock of drugs, of Shelley, Alexander & Co., and Riley Cooper and E. W. Cooper are to succeed Mr. Shelley in the business, the new firm, probably selling under the firm name of Alexander & Cooper Bros.

All who are troubled with Constipation will find a safe, sure, and speedy relief in Ayer's Pills. Unlike most other cathartics, these pills strengthen the stomach, liver, and bowels, and restore the organs to normal and regular action.

At last a sidewalk has been laid from the end of the walk on the corner of Main and B streets, to the long bridge. Last Wednesday Andy Tupper and I. Claggett did the work in short order.

W. W. Collins leaves with his family next week for California. He will not only visit the Midwinter fair but also travel through that state.

Geo. Wells Jr. of Buena Vista, left for a visit to Portland last Wednesday.

Look at the dates on your county warrants to see when interest ceases, as there is money on hand to pay some of them.

McEachern and Sandereck the grocers, have moved into their new store four doors south of the First National Bank.

Cheat hay for sale by Mrs. Sloper one mile south of town. 74t

Old Timer Recalled.

Editor West Side:—I noticed in the last issue of the Enterprise an article signed "Jacksonian."

Jacksonian says he wants everything like it was in Jackson's time; the days of old Hickory is what he wants. The days of old Hickory are not the question today. Longing for old times don't help us out of our present condition. Jack must call to memory that old things have passed away, and teach old things have become new, and he appeals to the democrats to stand by their colors. I think Jack will have faith as big as an apple and pray till the next campaign, without ceasing, in order to keep his party all together. I sympathize for you, Jack, for you want something you can't possibly get. The reason you are always in trouble, is because you are on the wrong side.

Free trade is the rottenest board in the democratic platform. When they all get on this plank the United States begins to tremble and there is but one way to stop it, and that is protection.

That remedy acts immediately, and the remedy can only be procured at republican head quarters, they having sole control for the United States. A free trial is offered to every good democrat wherein they will be greatly benefited. It is no remedy for a populist, they being too young to stand the above named remedy; it is too powerful in its action for them. The democratic prescription for the United States, namely; free trade is the cause of business being so sluggish today. When it is applied, everything comes to a stand still, manufacturers have to shut their mills down, merchants have to discharge their clerks, railroads discharge many of their employes, run triweekly trains, the humming of the spindles is heard no more, work shops are shut up and thousands thrown on the charity of the people. English

manufacturers rejoice at our down fall. When free trade is applied, Englishmen begin to fire her goods at us cheaper than we can make them, because their employes don't cost them more than one half as much as ours do. Would our employes be willing to work for wages they pay in England? No; would be the answer. Then why, under the name of heaven, do you vote for it? That is a problem I would like some democrat to solve, why he votes for something he don't want. Those people who want to buy English goods, let them pay for them. Our home manufacturer is good enough for us, and every ship load of English goods shipped here takes that much work from us. We give them the work to do and we pay for it. They get our money and we suffer for the need of it. I will give the floor to Jack for the present.

ZIMMERHACKLE.

Airle Items.

Mr. G. Bevens was down from the burnt woods for a few days last week.

Hasting Bros., our enterprising warehouse men, shipped several car loads of wheat last week.

Our school, under the able management of J. H. Cochran, is progressing finely.

Our last week item should have read: Mrs. J. Bagley's turkeys, instead of Mrs. O. J. Bagley's.

Rev. Shroves, of Lewisville, will preach at this place next Sunday. All are invited.

F. J. Chambers, of Kings Valley, shipped from this place last Tuesday, several coops of chickens and turkeys, taking back with him a load of merchandise for his store at that place.

Floyd Totten, better known as "Doc," a grandson of Uncle J. D. Watson, of Yamhill county, was visiting friends here last week.

Our post office has been greatly improved by the addition of new and better boxes. A much needed improvement.

The social dance given by C. E. Staats Friday evening was well attended notwithstanding the mud and rain.

We hear of numerous candidates for county offices in other parts of the county but we never hear Airle mentioned. However we will be heard of in due time.

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Harris and sister Nellie, of Suver, were visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bagley last Sunday.

A. J. B. and best girl attended the birthday party given by Mr. Ed. Willes last Saturday.

A few of our young sportsman with a few older ones have been waging war against the Denny pheasants frequently of late. Better look a little out, boys.

Conductor J. B. Clark has returned to Portland to take charge of his train.

Parker Items.

Alex Kerr's sociable was a rousing success. The oysters were fine and cheap at nothing.

Mrs. W. P. Bradley is slowly recovering.

James Helmick came home Tuesday, discharged from his duties as U. S. grand jurymen. Many cases were thrown out of court, and Jim thinks "everything that glitters is not gold," meaning there was an "unhonesty" somewhere.

Miss Vaughn has finished her school and now resides at Derry, with her brother.

Les Steeprow says: "Send up the cat that plays the piano as I am 'boss' on the violin, and it will make my home a heaven fit for Kings."

A rather curious experience is told of a Parkerte, while trying to get his forty winks of sleep in a bed room directly between the moderately large engines of the Altona. He said: "If chief engineer Campbell would let the engines alone and Captain Graham let that dumbbell alone, he could sleep just as good as in his cabin at Parkers'."

Wells Items.

Mr. E. F. Willes, of Butte farm, celebrated his 30th birthday with a fine spread, on the evening of the 28th inst.

W. L. Cauthorn, who lives near here, lost two fine two-year-old colts during the recent flood.

Peter Hebert, our village blacksmith, will give a lecture on religion at the church here on Sunday, at 2 o'clock P. M.

C. B. Cauthorn, returned home from Portland, on the 15th, where he has been very low with typhoid fever.

Geo. Green, the popular ladies' man and dree, is visiting his parents at Oak creek, Linn, Co.

The populist debate will be held on Thursday instead of Saturday night, for the purpose of sending delegates to Corvallis, where the County Central committee meets on Saturday, the 27th.

E. M. Dodele our genial farmer and speculator is now purchasing a car load of chickens and ducks for the Victoria, B. C. market.

Thomas Hodges, is visiting his parents here this week.

Mr. Asa Taylor, of Polk, Co., is expected to arrive here in a few days. He will be the guest of Mr. Henry Johnson. Come on Asa. MAX.

Real Estate Transfers.

Jan. 8, Nancy Gee and husband to Samuel Boise, land near Ballston; \$ 900

Jan. 9, Cora Hubbard et ux to J. S. Cooper, land in Monmouth; 150

Jan. 9, E. J. Staats et ux to Cora Hubbard, land in Monmouth; 500

Jan. 8, I. McElmurry and wife to Henry Hill, land in Independence; 840

Jan. 5, J. W. Crider, assignee, to W. H. McDaniel, land near Dallas; 72

Jan. 5, Thomas Elliott and wife to Wm. Elliott, land near Dallas; 800

Jan. 5, Esther A. Lewis et ux to J. M. Sears, lots in Dallas; 250

Jan. 4, Belle Chapman et ux to C. H. Chapman, land near Dallas; 1500

Jan. 4, Henry Hill and wife to J. L. Stockton, land in Independence; 100

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Jan. 3, E. Weimar et ux to M. C. Furringer, land near Dallas; 850

Jan. 2, J. B. Wann and wife to D. J. Wann, land near Zena; 1

Jan. 1, Sarah B. Dodson to Daniel Hoffman, land near Dallas; 1

Jan. 2, J. E. Kirkland and wife to J. Adkins, land near Independence; 2500

Jan. 18, Thos. Whatford to Abe Uglow, lot in Dallas; 470

Jan. 18, J. R. Corbett and wife to Wm. Biddell, land near Monmouth; 1

Jan. 17, W. W. Percival and wife to Ed. S. Byers, land near Independence; 1000

Jan. 17, J. W. Kirkland to Annie Huntley, 1/2 lot No. 6 fruit farm near Independence; 210

Jan. 17, W. W. Percival and wife to F. P. Byers and wife, land near Independence; 1000

Jan. 16, J. H. Moran to L. Sumpter, land in Monmouth; 225

Jan. 12, W. H. Fulkerson and wife to Edward Burns, land near Monmouth; 650

Jan. 10, Nancy E. Hargrove and wife to P. E. Wilcox, land in Monmouth; 400

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Jan. 10, Mary O. Kinney et ux to Jesse Brown, land near Falls City; 2000

Jan. 10, Josephine E. Boyle to W. H. McDaniel, land near McCoy; 5

Jan. 10, D. Chandler and wife to W. H. McDaniel, land near McCoy; 1

Jan. 10, J. W. Kirkland and wife to W. H. McDaniel, land near McCoy; 1

Jan. 8, S. Shedd to Nancy Dawson, land in Monmouth; 90

Jan. 8, H. R. Patterson and wife to F. A. Dooty, land in Independence; 750

Jan. 2, N. Tartar and wife to A. J. Sebring and wife, land near Lewisville; 400

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Jan. 3, Shurtleff, Bryant & Hubbard et al to Jas. Gibson et al, land and lots in Falls City; 1

Jan. 12, State of Oregon to J. W. Chamberlain and Felix Noel, land near Falls City; 50

Jan. 10, T. R. Hefley to Mary O. Kinsey, land near Falls City; 2000