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The city council should make a trade with the steamboat companies. Let the city maintain, say, three incandescent lights on the way to the boat landing, provided the boats will maintain one at the landing, and keep the sidewalk clean and in repair to Main street. That would only be fair and we believe would be acceptable all round.

H. E. Schmidt, of Salem, was in town last Thursday taking orders for soap, he having become a partner in the Salem soap works. Mr. Schmidt became very much interested in Gantamala and intended going there last spring but the yellow fever scared him away. He says he gets favorable accounts from that country yet.

The popularity of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and the high esteem in which it is held leads us to believe it to be an article of great worth and merit. We have the pleasure of giving the experience of three prominent citizens of Redondo Beach, Cal., in the use of the remedy. Mr. A. V. Trudell says: "I have always received prompt relief when I used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy."

The U. S. Gov't Reports show Royal Baking Powder superior to all others.

Sauer Kraut. See Dooty & Locke. Home made mince meat at Dooty & Locke's.

—Hank Merwin was a passenger for Portland last Monday, by the Altona. —J. M. Vanduy was called away last Saturday to be at the bedside of his dying father at Coburg.

You will find fresh fruits, candies, cigars, and soda water at the Bon Bon, also fresh bread every day.

—Mr. J. E. Miller and family of Monmouth left for their new home in East Portland last Monday morning.

The West Side is the women's favorite paper, and they do the bulk of the buying. This is a pointer for the merchants.

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Last Friday P. M. Kirkland disposed of his Pioneer Drug Store to his father, J. W. Kirk and, of the Willamette valley. —Athens Press.

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Parson's Orchestra. New Year's night. Athletic Club's ball.

—Geo. Claggett went to Lincoln on last Tuesday. —Santa Claus appears on Saturday at Clodfelter Bros.

Lloyd Montgomery was convicted Wednesday of murder in the first degree.

Knox's new baker has arrived, and he can now sell 50 loaves of first class bread for \$1.

The Thomas Pharmacy Monmouth, Ore., will discount 10 per cent on all cash sales, until Jan. 1 '96.

The motor for the cantata at Monmouth leaves Independence at 7:15 p. m. this Thursday evening.

R. Sultor, at Monmouth, has 50,000 feet of first-class fencing lumber in the yard there, which he is offering in lots to suit.

—Miss Daisy Graves was called to Portland last Monday to be at the bedside of her sister Mrs. Kertson, who is quite sick.

Judge H. H. Hewitt's court, Dept. No. 2, will convene at Dallas Monday, Dec. 23d. There are over fifty cases on the docket.

Geo. W. Skinner's new boat arrived at Independence Sunday afternoon, and will at once go on the Salem-Independence route.

A pleasant party was given by the Athletic club to its friends, at the auditorium Wednesday evening, at which was dancing and card playing and a social time.

Call and see what Wheeler has for your Christmas presents.

—R. A. Hastings of Kings Valley was in town last week to get the tombstone which G. L. Hawkins has manufactured, for his two deceased wives in the cemetery at Kings Valley.

There will be preaching in the Presbyterian church next Sunday morning and evening by the pastor S. A. George. Morning subject, "Christ in the Midst," evening subject, "Queen Esther." Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:30.

Bargains at auction by Santa Claus at Clodfelter Bros. on Saturday.

On Sunday morning at 11 o'clock the pastor of the Christian church will take for his subject: "Is the Christian church mistaken on the communion question? What saith the Scriptures?" Some assertions will be challenged. At night Mr. Lister will give an address to Young Women. All invited.

For a nice Christmas present get a picture frame made by E. H. Berg the furniture man. Special prices until after the holidays. Also have received my first invoice of rocking chairs. Fine framed pictures especially for Christmas presents. Call.

—Miss Rose Bassett, of Monmouth, sang in the Baptist church last Sunday evening before a large audience and her sweet well trained voice was listened to with evidence of marked approval. Miss Lanumers accompanied her on the organ.

School Entertainment. As was announced some time ago the Independence public school will have a Christmas tree and a program on Christmas eve at the Auditorium.

FIRST GRADE—Mrs. Tuck, Teacher. Christmas song..... By the class Recitation, "Letter to Santa Claus,".....Glen Locke Dialogue.....Class

SECOND GRADE—Miss Mulkey, Teacher Recitation, "Grandma's Mistake." Chorus, By Toy Makers—Hammer and Saw..... By Six Little Boys Chorus, The Wee Little Seamstresses..... By Six Little Boys

FOURTH GRADE—Miss Hall, Teacher. Recitation, "Surprise for Santa Claus!"..... Ether Walker Recitation, "On Christmas Eve,"..... Blanche Cleland

FIFTH GRADE—Miss Goodrich, Teacher Dialogue, "Christmas Stockings." SIXTH GRADE—Miss Longenecker, Teacher Recitation..... Nellie Whiteaker Song..... Miss Longenecker

SEVENTH GRADE—Miss Hill, Teacher. Instrumental music. EIGHTH GRADE—Dialogue. Callisthenics Drill.

After the program the presents and treat for the children will be distributed. We expect to have something for every pupil in school. Presents for the children can be sent to the teachers of the respective grades, who attend to the distribution when the time comes.

We hope that a liberal supply of presents will be received at an early date so that all can be provided for. School children admitted free. All others will be charged an admission fee of fifteen cents to help defray expenses. Should there be any left it will be used in buying books for the school library.

County warrants taken at par at the First National bank, Independence. A line of legal blanks kept on sale at the West Side office.

THE LOAN EXHIBITION. It Was a Very Creditable Exhibit and Quite a Success.

As previously announced there was a loan exhibition in Miss Nell Hill's school room at the big school house last Friday and Saturday for an admission of five cents. In spite of the heavy rain storm several hundreds visited it and all were much pleased.

Everything that was rare and curious or made valuable by its age was there, loaned by our citizens. The articles were arranged on tables up and down the room and along the walls. Pupils were detailed to explain to the visitors the history of each article on the several tables. We could not begin to give in detail the names and history of the many hundreds of articles exhibited.

It was a very interesting and instructive exhibit. Among those who had charge of departments we noted: John VanOrsdel, Carl Herren, Bertha Stansbury, Birdie Moore, Dora Hodgins, Kate Jones, Roy Irvine, Rose Clodfelter, May Irvine, Bessie Taylor, Mildred Lister, Nora Reames, Raymond Heukle, Amanda Griffis, Fred Hooper and Roy Gilmore.

Among some of the more notable exhibits were: A melodeon which cost \$20 one hundred years ago, but could be purchased now for \$35; a Bible published in 1798; sets of silver spoons one hundred years old; violin of Oregon fir, over fifty years old; sea shells from Gulf of Mexico; copper polished vase, brought from England two hundred years ago; a china pitcher 200 years old; shawl 100 years old; Ulster County Gazette, published in 1800 and containing account of death of George Washington; sugar bowl over seventy years old; copy of first dictionary ever published in United States; old arithmetic, dated 1829; snuff box 200 years old; a coverlid woven by Grandma Irvine before the Civil war; a watch 165 years old; ladies' comb from Quebec, Canada, seventy years old; tomahawk carried by private Kelsey in Custer massacre; conch shell picked up at Cape Horn in 1848; sugar bowl from Scotland, 120 years old; volumes of Shakespeare brought across the plains in 1844 by Mark A. Ford; salt dish over 97 years old; an atlas of the United States, published in 1839; Masonic charter, dated March 20, 1782; sword carried through

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Is Your Blood Pure If it is, you will be strong, vigorous, full of life and ambition; you will have a good appetite and good digestion; strong nerves, sweet sleep.

But how few can say that their blood is pure! How many people are suffering daily from the consequences of impure blood, scrofula, salt rheum, rheumatism, catarrh, nervousness, sleeplessness, and

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Hood's Sarsaparilla Is the Only True Blood Purifier Prominently in the public eye today.

Hood's Pills The after-dinner pill and family cathartic. 25c.

Stockholder's Meeting. THESE WILL BE A MEETING OF THE stockholders of the First National Bank of Independence, Polk County, Oregon, on Tuesday, January 14, 1896, 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.

Treasurer's Notice. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ALL Polk County warrants endorsed prior to December 1st, 1895, are payable on presentation at the office of the Treasurer of Polk County, Oregon, interest ceasing from the date of this notice.

Stockholders' Notice. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE annual meeting of the stockholders of the Independence and Monmouth Railway Co., for the election of directors and officers, will be held at Independence, Oregon, on Tuesday, December 18, 1895.

Rooms for Rent. A SINGLE GENTLEMAN CAN OBTAIN front room and fire and electric lights for winter or moderate price. Inquire at West Side office.

Hay For Sale. BALED CHEAT, AND OAT HAY, HARLEY seed and Cheat seed. For sale by W. M. MOULSON, Rickreall, Or.

This Space Reserved for the Star Grocery

A. J. Whiteaker, (Successor to J. P. IRVINE.) GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS Independence, Ore. CHRISTMAS PRICES: 1 Gal. Good Syrup 50c 10 Bars Savon Soap 25c 5 Bars Borax Soap 25c Price Baking Powder 15 or 25c Raisins, Per Pound 5c Currants, Per Pound 8c 1 Gallon Fine Syrup 50c Before Buying your Christmas Candies and Nuts call and get my Prices. Groceries delivered in Monmouth as well as Independence

CALL ON F. E. Chambers, HARDWARE, AND SEE THE BARGAINS IN Xmas Goods, HE IS OFFERING; You will have to see the goods to appreciate the Bargains offered.

10,000 HOGS WANTED AT THE Blue Ribbon Market. Zerboni & Wilson, Proprietors. C Street, Next to Postoffice. INDEPENDENCE, OREGON.

J. F. O'DONNELL Co HARDWARE Axes, Saws, Nails, Rope, Carpenter Tools. Ranges and Cook Stoves Parlor and Box. Pieced and Stamped TINWARE Graniteware and Woodenware. Loaded Shells, Powder, Shot and Cartridges. Polk County Agents for Studebaker Carriages and Wagons. INDEPENDENCE, OREGON.

These Will Make Nice Christmas Presents: Cake Dish, Butter Dish, Bonbon Dish, Berry Dish, Napkin Ring, Gold Headed Canes, Gold Glasses, Ladies' or Gents' Watch. We always try to Give Best Values for the Least Money Yours Respectfully, O. A. Kramer,

INDEPENDENCE! SALEM! PORTLAND! STEAMERS ALTONA and RAMONA. DAILY INDEPENDENCE, 6:30 A. M. SALEM, 7:45 " PORTLAND, 6:45 " SUNDAY 9:00 A. M. 10:15 " 9:00 " This company makes a specialty of quick and prompt delivery of Merchandise at low rates of freight. All orders sent through the Company will be delivered promptly, and perishable freight will receive special attention. J. E. HUBBARD, AGENT, INDEPENDENCE, Or.

Can You Keep A Secret? It's not a secret though that we are selling our immense stock of Christmas Goods cheaper than you can buy elsewhere. A Stunner! We have sliced off the profit on Dolls and you can have them at almost your own price. Clodfelter Bros. NEXT TO OPERA HOUSE INDEPENDENCE, ORE.