

CHRISTMAS SEASON, TO BRING MUCH JOY

The gladsome Christmas holiday season is close at hand—the most joyful time of the year. It is indeed a pleasure to receive gifts from friends and loved ones, but it is a greater pleasure to give them. The Post has noticed recently the number of our people who have remarked that their Christmas buying this year would be done in independence. This is a very significant sentiment that shows the growth of the spirit increasing all the time—that will build up our town and community and place it where it rightly belongs among the progressive and prosperous towns of the state. As one lady remarks, "every dollar I spend for Christmas will be spent where it will do the most good—right here at home." Most certainly the dollar spent "right here at home" will do the most good for every man, woman and child will receive a share in that dollar. It will travel from home to home and eventually get back to the place from where it came.

Despite unsettled conditions independence merchants are well equipped for the holiday trade, but in some instances certain articles cannot be replaced and the early shopper is going to have the best pick.

The large furniture store of Moore & Walker is filled to the roof with stock, any of which is a very suitable gift. A furniture store has them all beat when it comes to gut buying. Each and every article in the store is practical, useful and a comfort to the person who receives it. Mr. Moore is very considerate to all who come to the store to look things over and deems it a pleasure to show them around and give information as to quality and price.

The Williams Drug Co. will have a large assortment of Christmas wares this year and the marked popularity of this store in the past will not be diminished. Christmas shopping makes the Williams store as busy as a bee hive.

Sloper Bros. & Cocks can rightfully claim a visit from the shopper in search of suitable gifts. Its list includes the most practical gifts—the ones that not only give joy at the time of giving but remain in value for months after beginning service in the home.

Max Goldman's store contains a large number of articles that will make a happy Christmas for some one.

Quartier's is a toyland where the boys and girls like to linger and where they hope Santa Claus will pack his pack before beginning his joyful journey. Many nice things for older folks there, too.

The Willard E. Craven Hardware is displaying its wares in a very nobby fashion—those precious gifts that fill hearts with pleasure because everybody thinks themselves lucky to receive them. They not only work on Christmas but every other day.

Do your Christmas buying in independence and keep the money at home.

GREAT FUTURE FOR OREGON SAYS SENATOR McNARY

Salem—That Oregon has an opportunity to become immensely rich in the next ten years, is the opinion of United States Senator Charles L. McNary, basing his comment not only on signs of prosperity he has observed since returning from Washington, but also from expressions he has heard in the East. He cites a recent conversation with Herbert Hoover, in which the food wizard declared that for many years to come the storehouses of the world will only be partially filled, affording opportunity to the food producing sections to contribute to their replenishment.

NORMAL SCHOOL REGISTRAR RECOVERING FROM ILLNESS

Monmouth Normal—Miss Allie F. Bramberg, registrar of the Oregon normal school, is slowly recovering at a hospital in Dallas, President Ackerman announced today. Miss Bramberg was removed to the hospital more than a week ago, when she became suddenly ill at her duties in Monmouth.

A CHRISTMAS EDITION

The Post this week presents the advertising of various Independence merchants, 175 newspaper inches of it which is just 175 newspaper inches more than published in any other newspaper. Next week there will be more of it.

This is the time for everybody to begin treating the home town as everybody wants the home town to treat them. Every citizen, (barring the knocker who is not entitled to notice, patronage or sympathy), should receive the support of his own community and reciprocate in kind.

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES IN POLK COUNTY BUDGET

- Elections, \$4200.00.
- Sheriff's office, \$5180.00.
- Clerk's office, \$4600.00.
- Treasurer's office, \$600.00.
- Assessor's office, \$4000.00.
- Surveyor's office, \$2000.00.
- School Supt.'s office, \$3030.00.
- County Educational Board, \$1,750.00.
- Court House, \$2500.00.
- Jail, \$500.00.
- District Attorney's office, \$200.00.
- Circuit Court, \$1500.00.
- County Court Commissioners and Juvenile Court, \$3650.00.
- Justice Court, \$500.00.
- Coroner's office, \$200.00.
- Health office, \$500.00.
- Agricultural Agent, \$2000.00.
- Insane examination, \$100.00.
- Fruit Inspector, \$300.00.
- Indigent Soldiers, \$600.00.
- Widows' Pensions, \$5000.00.
- Care of Poor, \$5000.00.
- Insurance, \$500.00.
- Advertising, \$600.00.
- Polk County Fair, \$1200.00.
- Independence Corrt Show, \$100.00.
- Grande Ronde Fair, \$150.00.
- Enforcing Fire Laws, \$250.00.
- Auditing Books, \$400.00.
- Stock Indemnity, \$400.00.
- Sealer of Weights and Measures, \$200.00.
- Ferry, \$2200.00.
- Bridge and Road Machinery, \$33,000.00.
- State Tax \$58,000.00.
- State Market Road appropriation, \$17867.00.
- Interest on Bonds, \$3000.00.
- State Highways, \$8000.00.
- Roads and Highways \$72000.00.
- Common school fund, \$48320.00.
- Library fund, \$480.00.
- High Schools, \$22245.45.
- Total, \$310,794.00.
- The County Court recommends a levy of 21.6 mills. The budget meeting will be held on Friday Dec. 26 at 10:30 a. m.

LUCKIAMUTERS AROUSED; WANT ROAD WORK DONE

(From the Monmouth Herald)

The Luckiamute country is warming up to the job of arousing sentiment in favor of starting road work on the grading and clearing necessary for the continuance of the state highway to the south. Experience has shown that this new work has to be done and given time to settle before a hard surface can be applied and they want the work done this winter. It is planned to visit the court this week to urge the selling of the bonds voted last spring and starting active work where it is necessary.

A POLK COUNTY BOOSTER NOW SELLS AUTOMOBILES

Lew A. Cates, former publisher of The Polk County Observer and a Polk county booster, has entered the automobile business with P. H. Buchholtz in Salem and they are selling the Lexington-Minute Man Six, the Auburn Six and Elcar Fiery Four. Mr. Cates has a large circle of friends scattered over old Polk that will always be pleased to have him call around and show the cars he sells—and no doubt he will sell a large number of them.

MABEL ELLIS JOHNS DEAD; WAS SISTER OF MRS. BUTLER

Mrs. Mabel Ellis Johns, wife of Justice Charles A. Johns of the Oregon supreme court and for many years a resident of Polk county, died at her home in Salem at the age of 61 years.

Mrs. N. L. Butler of Independence was a sister of Mrs. Johns and attended the funeral which was held yesterday.

AN ARRAY OF STARS AND GOOD PLAYS NEXT WEEK

MONDAY, DEC. 8—HARRY CAREY in "A Fight for Love." Some people think that Western pictures are always "shooting" ones, but you'll find this one different. A peach—whimsical, human, reckless, lovable, punchful Harry Carey in a perfectly delightful outdoor romance that will grip you with thrills and fill you with chuckles.

TUESDAY, DEC. 9—MAE MURRAY in "The Delicious Little Devil." The dancing marvel-mystery of the famous Peach Tree Inn whom all the men adored and all the women hated. A dangerous foreign adventuress? Nix! She was Irish! A light heeled imp of the tenements who wanted to get away from corned beef and cabbage and won out.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 10—BRYANT WASHBURN in "A Very Good Young Man." He was too good to be true. She couldn't believe that any young man could have habits so saintly. Result: she wouldn't take the solitaire. So what do you think he did? Went right to work like a regular fellow to make the family reputation a fit subject for the laundry. That's where the fun starts in. Don't miss it. **FATTY ARBUCKLE** in "Camping Out." Is there a hen-pecked husband in this town? If there is, "Fatty" has a sure cure for his ailment.

THURSDAY, DEC. 11—MARY MacLAREN in "The Amazing Wife." If ever you had an hour of tensest dramatic thrill, you'll have one many times tenses when you see the tremendous situations pile up and up and up in this up-to-the-minute romance of a beautiful, penniless, friendless woman and her white sin—the assumption of a dead man's name.

FRIDAY, DEC. 12—DOROTHY GISH in "Nugget Nell." Nellie was a lady and she didn't give a darn who knew it. And if clothes could help she was out to get 'em with a gun. But after a succession of startling hold-ups that will make your eyes pop; after nifty Nell has saved the old stage coach and the young hero and "licked" an army of bloody bandits, and everything; and after you have laughed yourself hoarse at this yip-yowling burlesque travesty—you will say that Dorothy Gish is the funniest she-hero that ever captured a man.

SATURDAY, DEC. 13—(Evening only, Saturday afternoon matinees discontinued.)—BEATRIZ MICHELENA in "Just Squaw." Red blooded men who love adventure and red blooded women who admire courage and honor will want to see this story of a woman's fight against love. A thrilling, rapidly moving drama of the far West with the beautiful and emotional Michelena in the role of a white half-breed. One of the most sensational fights ever staged for the camera.

SUNDAY, DEC. 14—(Afternoon and Evening)—WILLIAM S. HART in "Square Deal Sanderson." He's a wonderful mixture in "Square Deal Sanderson"; Wild, woolly and inflexible in his fight for the right; but tender and almost cowed by the presence of the woman he loves. No man ever shielded a woman the way Bill Hart shields this one. He goes the limit—and over—for her. But he always lives up to his name for the "square deal."

ISIS THEATRE INDEPENDENCE

A MARVEL OF THE SKIES NOW VISIBLE

There is a wonderful sight in the morning sky but you will have to get up before dawn to see it. Four planets and two first magnitude stars are strung along in a straight line. First comes the giant of them all, Jupiter, with its intense blue-white luster; next Regulus, a sparkling white star; then the ringed Saturn with yellow-orange color; next the brilliant red Mars growing brighter as it approaches the earth; then Venus, the brightest of all; the last is the star Spica.

The planets are maneuvering into a position of conjunction that they will have on December 17. Their positions are shown by the accompanying diagram. Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn and Neptune will be on one side of the sun and

Uranus on the other. The earth alone remains out of line and saves a catastrophe for if all were to come into line at the same time their mutual attractions would drag them from their orbits and all would go



crashing into the sun.

There is some uneasiness regarding the conjunction caused by an article, written by sensational individual in which he states that the

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THIS BUM WEATHER

The weather is always a good topic of conversation for everybody is more or less familiar with it. Good, bad or indifferent it is always talked about. The kind we have been getting for the past few days may be strictly in fashion in Minnesota or Wisconsin, but it don't fit in out here in Oregon.

RED CROSS SEAL SALE TO COMMENCE VERY SOON

The Red Cross Christmas seal sale will begin here some time next week. The campaign will be under the auspices of the Civic Club Christmas seals that decorate Yule tide packages and letters with bright cheery little likenesses of St. Nick will be sold at several convenient places. It is hoped that the desire to promote good health and to help stamp out the ravages of the dreaded disease will be so strong that the purchase of the seals will be unusually generous. The Famous Players-Lasky Corporation are attaching Red Cross Trailers to their pictures. "Love Burglar" will be shown at the Isis Theatre Dec. 17. Everyone will be interested in this picture because of its educational value.

"UNCLE BILLY" WRIGHT IS A SALEM VISITOR

Salem—William (Uncle Billy) Wright, known thruout the Willamette and Lower Columbia river valleys as "Horseshoe Billie," was a state capital visitor Friday, paying his respects to Governor Olcott and other state officials. "Uncle Billie" was for years a familiar figure in western Oregon, covering the territory between Roseburg and Astoria with his wares of horseshoes for which he built up a substantial reputation and a large demand. He is said to know personally more people than any other resident of Oregon.

"Uncle Billie" is now a resident of Polk County where he has a 100 acre farm near Independence devoted to fruit and truck gardening.

THIRTY FRENCH MAIDS FADE FROM MEMORY OF VETERANS

Portland—Overseas veterans are already forgetting their little French sweethearts, according to Postmaster Myers, and their letters are gradually becoming few and far between. "The French maids were good company for the doughboy when he was far away from home and friends, and very lonesome, but their love and preference soon asserted itself for the American girl upon their return home," he said.

As far as can be ascertained, all the Independence boys are sticking by the girls they left "over there."

City Council To Protest

The city council will officially protest against the proposed increase in telephone rates.

CASTING EYES AT THE LOGANBERRY

The profits in loganberry acreage is attracting attention of a number of our land owners and many are seriously considering going into that particular line of industry. Loganberry growers this last season realized profits of from \$400 to \$800 an acre and the demand for the popular logan is on the increase.

But the greatest increase in acreage next year as compared with this will be hops. Good prices seem to be assured for two years at least and at prevailing figures, the industry is very profitable.

MONMOUTH GRANGE TO HOLD TRACTOR EXPERIENCE MEET

The Grange at Monmouth is planning something quite out of the ordinary for its next meeting which comes the second Saturday in December. They are planning to have a "Tractor Experience Meeting" for the men of this part of the county. Numerous owners of tractors have been invited to be present and answer any questions which might be asked about their make of tractor. There promises to be some lively discussions of the merits of the various makes. If you have a tractor or are thinking of purchasing one, you can't afford to miss this part of the program. The ladies will have a "Woman's Work" program in another room while the children will be entertained by some students from the Normal school. The students will tell stories and play games with the children. Accordingly the Grange does not want anyone to stay away on account of the children. Come and bring them with you. The program begins at two in the afternoon and is open to all.

L. P. GILMORE, Lecturer.

THIS WEEK FIVE YEARS AGO IN SOUTH POLK COUNTY

(From the Independence Monitor December 4, 1914.)

Odd Fellows elect P. J. Dickinson as noble grand.

"Go-to-school" day in Independence a success. 241 visit grade school and 84 high school.

Three saloons were licensed to run in Independence for the year 1915.

D. S. Cook, merchant, at Parker killed in dynamite explosion.

Lester Gillilan and Miss Loretta Cuthbert married.

Mrs. W. L. Bice entertained a number of ladies at cards.

A. C. Moore resumed an active business career after having been run over by an automobile.

James Ferris announces that shaves will be ten cents and hair cuts a quarter until further notice.

Arthur B. Smith and Miss Dena Miller married by Rev. Tapscott.

"WHEN A FELLER HAS A FRIEND"

