

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL

### Items of Interest Gathered in and About Town

V. Williams was down from Airlie Friday.

Jess Ford is visiting in Eugene this week.

Cecil Collins is clerking in L. A. Cary's store.

C. W. Sloan of Newberg, visited with friends in town last week.

Ray Russell of Newberg was in town visiting with his friends a few days this week.

Fine sleighing in Eastern Oregon is the report from Vale, Ontario and Baker City.

T. E. Burse, the Grand Union Tea Co., salesman was in Independence Monday.

Mrs. O. A. Kreamer and daughter Gretchen, made a business trip to Salem last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Kutch are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Taylor this week.

Jasper Rhodes and wife are down from the Drewsey, Oregon country for a few weeks vacation.

Mrs. Josse of Salem and daughter Mrs. Dr. Hoack of Portland are visiting with Mrs. Goff this week.

Grandma McElmurray, who has been quite ill is reported much better and is now able to sit up during the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil O. Gerfin of Portland are visiting Mrs. Gerfin's mother, Mrs. J. W. Kirkland this week.

Helen Myer of Waitsburg, Wash., a former teacher of this city is visiting with P. M. Kirkland and wife this week.

Mrs. C. M. Myers and daughter were in the city from Sidney last week where Mr. Myers is running a general store.

W. H. Cross, a graduate of the Normal of 1897 is now mayor of Vancouver. He spent Christmas in Salem visiting.

Mr. and Mrs. Dole Pomeroy left Thursday for Grays River, Washington, after spending several weeks in Independence with their parents S. E. Owen and wife.

Miss Isabelle Gilbaugh, a former resident of this city, is now buyer in the art department for the firm of Lipman Wolfe & Co., of Portland. She is well known to the old time residents of this city.

Ed Ford, an old time engineer on the Yamhill division of the Southern Pacific, when the trains ran from Airlie and Dallas, was an Independence visitor Tuesday, taking in the town with an old acquaintance W. W. Percival. He stated he was

on the line here 27 years ago and while here was impressed with the growth and development of Independence and the country tributary. He is now running on the Columbia river run from Portland to Astoria.

Vivian Whiteaker was a passenger on Monday's boat for Albany, where she is spending a few days visiting her brothers Frank and Jess.

Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery Ward, of Portland visited over Christmas with Mrs. Ward's parents, S. E. Owen and wife.

Oregon produced 1,742,000 tons of hay in 1913, valued at \$15,588,000. It also produced potatoes valued at \$3,915,000, rye at \$262,000, barley \$2,310,000, oats \$5,787,000 wheat \$1,788,000 and corn \$419,000.

S. G. Collins of Shedd, came down Saturday and remained until Sunday afternoon for a short visit with his son J. R. Collins and family. Mr. Collins is 95 years of age and is hale and hearty. J. L. Collins accompanied his father home on the return trip.

Campbell's hill is thought to be the highest point in the state of Ohio. It is 1550 feet above the sea level and is in Logan county, near Bellefontaine.

Drs. Lowe & Turner the well known eye specialists of Portland will be in Independence again Friday, Jan. 16th at Hotel Beaver. Don't fail to consult them about your eyes and glasses.

There should be better light service from the boat landing to C street. The heaviest passenger travel in the city is from the river landing to the C street bridge and the people need a good light service along this road.

A production between 565,000,000 and 575,000,000 short tons of coal in the United States during 1913 is the official estimate of the United States Geological Survey, an increase over the record breaking production of 1913 of 30,000,000 to 40,000,000 tons.

Miss Eva Kirkpatrick, daughter of Mrs. E. B. Smith of this place, was united in marriage at mid night, November 29, to Ralph Bacon of Tillamook, at Tillamook. Mrs. Bacon is well known here and has many friends in the city.

Since the sensational oil strike at Beaumont in 1901 petroleum has had first place in the mineral production of Texas, the value of the oil output in 1912 constituting more than one third of the total mineral production of the state.

Mrs. Willis Dugger received a telegram Christmas day from her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Murphy at Grass Valley, that their son Herbert had died that day at Bendleton.

The remains were taken to Grass Valley where the funeral was held Saturday.

Herbert Murphy was 27 years of age, having lived here most of his life, was well known in this city. He had been in poor health for about a year and the death came as a surprise to the family and friends.

Michigan holds sixth place among the States in the value of its mineral production, with an output in 1912 valued at \$40,062,486, according to the prominence being due to its great wealth in copper and iron. Ranking second only to Minnesota in the production of iron ore, it is third in the production of copper, being exceed only by Arizona and Montana. It also stands first in the production of salt, bromine, calcium, chloride, graphite, and sand-lime brick.

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