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MUCH EARLY SHOPPING

MANY GIFTS BOUGHT

Christmas Present Buyers Next Week Will Find Just What They Want Here

Most of the business houses in Independence report a good Christmas trade. Each year Christmas shopping is being done earlier and because of this fact, business houses are able to replenish their stock if certain lines or articles are sold out, which is very advantageous to the buyer because it gives him or her a better chance to get what is desired. Any business man would rather please a customer fully than to sell them something that was purchased only because it was the best thing left. A dissatisfied customer is no asset to a business house, whatever may be the circumstances, and all business men would rather sell twenty dollars' worth where the purchaser was satisfied than twenty-five dollars' worth where the purchaser was not.

The few days remaining before Christmas find hundreds of suitable Christmas gifts in the Independence stores. A comparison with prices at Salem and Portland show them to be very reasonable. Most of the stores will be open evenings commencing tomorrow night, which will give everybody ample time to look around and determine upon what they want before purchasing. Many suggestions are found in the Monitor ads and no doubt a number who don't know just what to get for "So and So" will find that some merchant in his advertisement has suggested just what "So and So" would like.

DISSOLVE PARTNERSHIP

Brown & Sibley, the well-known law firm, has dissolved their copartnership to take effect the first of the year. J. R. Sibley will continue the law and abstract business at the old stand, and L. D. Brown will occupy an office adjoining, with Mr. Pritchard.—Dallas Observer.

BUT DEAD LONG AGO

The initial number of the Willamette Valley Tribune, the new paper of Independence, is at hand. E. O. Chambers is the business manager.—Portland Oregonian of December 15, 1889.

AID FOR NORMAL NOT LIKELY

Appropriation of \$50,000 Will Have Much Opposition in Legislature

The State Normal at Monmouth ought to have another school building and its board of regents will ask the legislature for \$50,000 with which to build it. The chances are not very good that the legislature will make the appropriation. Although defeated at the last election, south and east Oregon have not given up hopes of securing normals for their sections and it is not likely that representatives from those sections will consent to further building up of the institution at Monmouth. This and the fact that the next legislature is evidently going to be strong for "economy" does not favor the State Normal's chances for an appropriation.

MARION AFRAID

Marion county officers and citizens of Salem after much parleying finally got the Polk county court to agree to stand one-third of the cost of a new bridge over the Willamette at Salem. Now Marion has backed down—afraid that some Polk county taxpayer might object to the extra tax and go into the courts and prevent Polk county from paying the share of the cost its court had agreed to pay.

PLACE FOR DUNSMORE

According to reports from Dallas, Dr. H. C. Dunsmore is a candidate for Polk county's representative at the San Francisco Exposition. The duties of this representative would be to look after this county's exhibits and have charge of the same. He would be paid enough to make it profitable. Dr. Dunsmore as secretary of the Willamette Valley Exposition association, has become familiar with the duties of such a position and should have the place, but Dallas has a candidate and will contest with Dr. Dunsmore before the county court for the position.

PRESENT FOR MOTHER

Don't forget your mother, boys. Send her a gift. There is no other in the world who will appreciate it more.

PUPILS BEAUTIFY SCHOOL

The students of the Buena Vista high school have materially improved the appearance of the school grounds at that place by planting trees and shrubs and cleaning the buildings. The work has come about on account of the home credit system which again is in operation there. In addition to making the school grounds better, the pupils have improved their own personal appearance by taking the proper care of the body.—Dallas Observer.

OUR BOYHOOD AMBITIONS.



BEING PRINCIPAL OF THE HIGH SCHOOL FOR ABOUT 15 MINUTES

WHAT WAS YOURS?

—Webster in New York Globe.

GIRLS & BOYS RECEIVE GIFTS

MONITOR SANTA BUSY

The Names of the Winners And a Brief Mention of All With Xmas Suggestions

Monitor Christmas present winners:

- Charles Calbreath
- Gardner Knapp
- Beulah Bodenheimer
- Raymond Charles Gardner
- Arnold Hill
- Alice Nelson
- Laura Baker
- Alice Baker
- Lena South

Charles Calbreath, the first winner, 12 years old, whose teacher is Miss Galbreath, didn't sleep much Friday night so he could be up in plenty of time Saturday morning to capture a present. He beat his closest competitor fully ten minutes and received a good specimen of Sloper Bros. & Cogle's cutlery, of which they have a splendid assortment.

Gardner Knapp, 9 years old, whose teacher is Miss Bohannon, believes that in nine years more he will be able to handle his dad which caused Raymond Charles to say what is recorded in the chapter concerning Raymond Charles. Gardner won a suitable present from L. G. Reeves and if Gardner had talked freely there is no doubt but he would have advised every man in town to buy some of the pretty dishes found at Reeves' store for a Christmas present.

One of the nicest little girls in town is Beulah Bodenheimer, 11 years old, and an industrious pupil of Miss Facklin's. She was the first girl to win and her reward was found at Conkey & Walker's where many nice things for girls are kept. Beulah could truthfully say that suitable presents for the whole family from baby to grandma could be purchased at Conkey & Walker's without leaving the store.

Raymond Charles Gardner, 7 years old, who is learning fast under Miss Brown's "tutorage," took his present at Missal & Knapp's. Raymond Charles told the Monitor that this firm was having a "big sale at little prices," and he is the chap that gave as his opinion that while Gardner Knapp might not be able to handle his dad in nine more years, he'd have more money if Mr. Knapp did not quit selling his goods so cheap.

Arnold Hill, 8 years old, who proudly said his teacher was "Miss Bessie Graham," was not first at Sloper Bros. & Cogle's store but he was second and that was just as good—he got a present just the same and took his little sister along to see the little stove that this firm is going to give away to some little girl. While Arnold wouldn't talk much he promised to study hard so that when he got to be a man he could go to the legislature like his uncle, Verd, and pass a law making Christmas come every week.

Alice Nelson, 12 years old, one of Miss Facklin's flock, ran to Rowe's Jewelry Store and received a present that will make her awful pretty if she uses it right. Alice says that big boys that have girls they want to marry can get the girls sooner if they

CITY COUNCIL TO HOLD FINAL

Pick Evening of Dec. 30 As the Time To "Clean Up the State"

There was "nothing doing" at the council meeting Wednesday night, it being determined to have one more meeting on Dec. 30 and "clean up the state."

Two applications for saloon licenses have been received, those from the places now running, but the third one is expected to get in before the new year gets here. The new officials will be sworn in on Wednesday night, Jan. 6. Councilman W. H. Walker will take the mayor's chair while J. E. Hubbard will take his place in the council. Councilmen Drexler and Irvine will surrender their places to G. N. Sloper and C. E. Henkle. Recorder Swope succeeds himself and Marshal Tupper will probably be reappointed.

DOING WELL

Hop growers, who are taking a prominent part in organizing the Hop Growers' Association and who are attending meetings in many towns in the Willamette valley in the interest of the organization, report that they are meeting with much more success than expected and that nearly all the growers, when the plans and purposes of the organization are explained to them, quickly see its advantages and join.

The price of hops is hovering around 13 cents and indications for a steady advance are favorable. C. A. McLaughlin has sold 650 bales, the remainder of his 1914 crop.

"GO TO SCHOOL" DAY

"Go to school day" was one of the greatest successes that has ever been worked out in the county with 1705 parents in the schools on that day, and 355 other visitors. Much interest was shown over the entire county in this work. Many parents visited school on this day who had never visited school before.

The Parent-Teacher Associations over the county have been holding some very successful meetings this past month and many good results are being shown over the county as a result of these meetings. All in all, the interest in the county this past month has been excellent.

H. C. Seymour, Co. Supt.

MUSIC HATH CHARMS

During the holiday season, Independence will have two musical events of merit. Sunday evening a beautiful cantata will be rendered at the Christian church, and the following Sunday evening a splendid program will be given at the Methodist church. On these occasions regular services will be dispensed with and the entire evenings given to the music. Artists, choristers, singers and other musicians taking part deserve much credit for making these two events possible.

HEAD TEMPER.

If you have a bad temper curb it. One of the worst results of frequent bad temper is the sense of resentment it arouses in others. In time it is likely to alienate from us love that perhaps in later years we would give worlds to recall.

JOB FOR TOOZE

It is reported that Walter Tooze, Jr., of Dallas, will be appointed as first assistant attorney-general of Oregon when George M. Brown becomes attorney-general. Mr. Tooze merits the position.

WON'T BOAST OF IT

Some Ohio citizens, hunting a skunk, shot one of their neighbors. We always like to talk about the things that happen to us, but we are willing to bet that the Ohioan will be an exception to the rule.—Portland Telegram.

TWO BUSINESS CHANGES MADE

DEALS MADE THIS WEEK

A. C. Moore and Dean H. Walker Buy Bice, Calbreth Ray Walker Succeeds A. C.

Two business changes took place in Independence this week when Bice and Calbreth sold their furniture store to A. C. Moore and Dean H. Walker, and Mr. Moore sold his interest in the book and stationery store to R. M. Walker.

Three Walker brothers will now be in business in Independence in three different firms—Conkey & Walker, Moore & Walker and Craven & Walker. As they are all live wires, progressive and energetic, there is room for more such as they.

Messrs. Bice and Calbreth will retire from business. Mr. Bice will devote his time to his poultry yards and Mr. Calbreth will stay with his successors for a time at least. The new proprietors will increase the stock and make it one of the best furniture stores in the state.

Young blood and "old heads" associated as they will be ought to prove successful and the changes be for the better.

WAR

A little girl writes the Monitor and asks, "why don't you say something about the war?" Girls, they are still starving, burning and killing, and all for what? The Monitor does not know. Poor little innocent Belgium is one big battlefield and its people driven from their homes. The United States and other neutral nations are feeding them. Austria, whose arrogance toward Servia started the war, is nearly done and would gladly stop if she could. The other nations involved show no signs of quitting, although over a million men have already been killed.

HONORED

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Slaughter returned from Portland last Friday, where Mr. Slaughter had been attending the Butter and Cheese Makers' Association. While there, they were guests at a large banquet given by the Union Stock Yards for the Live Stock Association and the Butter and Cheese makers, at the Imperial Hotel. During the association Mr. Slaughter was elected one of the executive board.

The Slaughters have recently moved here from Philadelphia and this election is considered quite a distinction.

RIVER LOW

The Willamette river is very low and the larger boats are having some difficulty in making their trips. The snow fall in the mountains thus far has been very light which has deprived the river of much water.

REST A DAY

In order that the Monitor and all its force may celebrate Christmas Day next week in a religious and lazy way, the paper will be published early regardless of consequences.

BAD BOYS AT LARGE

The Woman's Civic Club asks the attention of the parents of the boys who have been committing the depredations about town and begs the parents to take measures to stop them before some citizen takes the matter into his own hands. We fear serious injuries may result. Ask yourself if your boy is one. Find out.—Monmouth Herald.



WEEK TO CHRISTMAS

DON'T WAIT to Stop Until the Christmas Eve Rush!

PASTOR AND WIFE WELCOMED

Reception Given Rev. Birchett and Wife At Home of Mrs. J. H. Burton

Mrs. J. H. Burton threw open her pretty home on Monmouth street last Thursday evening to the members of the Presbyterian church, where they presided over an informal reception for Rev. and Mrs. Birchett, he recently having assumed the pastorate of Calvary church.

Receiving with Mr. and Mrs. Birchett were Mesdames O. D. Butler, M. Merwin, J. H. Burton, Paul Bickley and Miss Florence Burton.

Mrs. C. D. Calbreath, assisted by Mrs. Geo. Graves and Miss Aletha McKinney, presided at the samovars. Misses Helen Butler and Hazel Calbreath assisted about the rooms, which were beautifully decked with Christmas "greens."

Mrs. George Conkey and Mrs. Sarah Young had charge of the informal program, enjoyable numbers being contributed by well known local talent.

Many expressions of interest were heard over the tea-cup for the future welfare of the new pastor and his companion, who seem so heartily adapted to the field that lies before them.

All the clergymen in the city who were not unavoidably kept away, were present to express a pledge of co-operation.

The entire evening was very pleasant to the large attendance who called in response to the invitations.

V. S.

DICK IS MISSED

Dick Arselanian, after a spectacular career of several years in this vicinity, is reported as among the missing.

ALL THE GOOD FIGHTERS SEEM TO BE COUSINS OF OURS.



—Carter in New York Evening Sun.