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Independence, Oregon, Friday, January 1, 1915

For president—The Oregonian; for vice president—Theodore Roosevelt; platform—war.

Allen Eaton should be elected speaker and it is unfortunate that Polk county's vote will not be cast for him. Our representative, Mr. Grier, had hardly been declared elected when he pledged himself to the Portland candidate and pleased none of his constituents except one or two political bosses at Dallas.

It has been proposed in some states to declare newspapers public utilities and let some commission regulate their prices. What is needed more is to have the editors "regulated." While many editors are worse printers, more printers are worse editors. An editor should be as necessary an asset in a newspaper office as a printer.

The Monday Crawlfish is an unusually well developed newspaper and with the possible exception of Congressman Lafferty is doing more for what ails us than any other single factor in the state. However, the Crawlfish is neglecting a plain duty and with election only twenty two months away, the carelessness is palpitating. Bill Hanley's hat should be brought back into the ring and nailed down. Bill is too good a spender to lose entirely.

Vice Admiral Sir Frederick Sturdee, British Navy.



Vice Admiral Sir Frederick Charles Doveton Sturdee, commander in chief of the British squadron which sank the German fleet near the Falkland Islands, is considered one of the ablest officers in the royal British navy. Until a few years ago he was assistant director of the important naval intelligence department of the admiralty at Whitehall, London.

Vice Admiral Sturdee was born on June 9, 1850. He entered the navy in 1867, and his first important war service was in the famous Egyptian campaign of 1882, as a result of which he wears the Egyptian medal with the Alexandria clasp, for his services in the British bombardment of Alexandria, and for the same service he wears the khedive's big star. After his return to England from that campaign in 1882 he was married to Miss Marion Adela Andrews.

In 1883 Admiral Sturdee was detailed as assistant to the director of naval ordnance, and in 1889 he was promoted to be a captain. In the same year he commanded the British force which landed in Samoa, and his service in the Samoan campaign won him another decoration. His rise in command of the second cruiser squadron, to which post he was appointed in 1902, was rapid and was marked by service which brought forth favorable comment on the part of his superiors on several occasions and twice won him the gold medal of the Royal United Service Institution. He was appointed rear admiral in command of the first battle squadron in 1910 and in 1912 was promoted vice admiral and appointed to the post he now holds.

He is a member of the United Service club of London, and his home is at Dulwich, Croydon, Surrey, England.

FROM THE MONMOUTH HERALD

There was a large representation of Monmouth citizens that visited Independence last Friday night to enjoy skating on the ice, there being a pond there that attracts ice skaters. The evening brought many joys and some bumps, and passed away very pleasantly. However all was

not joy on the return, as an auto robe had been stolen from the car that H. W. Morlan drove over and J. C. Clark had his overcoat stolen from the same car. Some party was looking for comfort and was not over particular as to how it was achieved.

S. P. Green left a few days ago to visit his mother in Tennessee whom he has not seen for a long time.

Grandpa Tally, father of Mrs. W. J. Miller, is in very poor health. He fell a few days ago and broke one of his limbs near the thigh, and this, together with old age and other ills, has left him in a serious condition.

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THE PILL BOX

Old Santa Claus arrived all right. He surely is a brick; I often wonder what we'd do. If some year, he'd get sick.

All of us are hogs part of the time, some of us are hogs all the time, but all of us are hogs at Christmas time when dinner is served.

Custom says accept the cigars and smoke them. The smell can be driven out of the house by burning a rag.

Here comes the water wagon, boys, jump aboard and try 'er, practice makes perfect it is said and next year will be dryer.

An Independence miss declined an invitation to sit down one day last week because she said she had been skating all day and was tired of sitting down.

Before the closing hymn we pick

This announcement we would

"spick;"

The bull dog whose name is Dick

Is still on earth but awful sick.

"Spick" is a new word and means speak. Now, all together, No. 23.

We desire to thank our many customers for their liberal patronage of the past year and hope that the same pleasant relations will continue during 1915.

May the New Year prove very prosperous for all of us.

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Prosperity In 1915 Depends Upon Faith in Our Country

Our Nation is being paralyzed by a crisis of European methods and ideals. We cannot escape entirely the bitter fruits of a war founded in governmental system where Monarchy, Paternalism, Public Ownership and Autocracy go hand in hand.

Now as never before we have opportunity to compare American ideals and methods with those practiced in Europe, and to measure what American systems and institutions have gained for humanity.

Probably we will learn more and more each day of the coming year to the coming year to appreciate "all we have and are," to regard our citizenship in a more precious light, to see our problems more clearly, more tolerantly.

The war has made material progress difficult throughout the United States. It has added to the obstacles of financing constructive effort. It has enforced economies upon the large and small; has laid on the shelf plans for many desirable things.

Prosperity in this country during the coming year demands above everything else faith in our Republic and faith between man and man. It cannot be had in suspicion and distrust.

If this military calamity teaches us a deeper and more useful patriotism; if it serves the advance understanding among us of one another's rights and wrongs; if it removes prejudices and strikes down distrust—then this war will not be without benefit to the citizens of the United States.

We hope for prosperity the coming year. To have it will require hard work, courage and faith in ourselves.

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