

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Johnny Humphreys has returned from Sumner, W. T. Now that Hillsboro has three good church buildings, two of which were built at considerable expense by the people last year, the matter of erecting a good school building should be taken up at once and agitated until we are in possession of such building as the public requirements demand. Do not let your efforts in this direction be marked by "innocuous desuetude."

The purchasers of the City Drug Store have been busy this week going over the stock. They were well aware that a business having been run for a number of years must necessarily have accumulated a quantity of unmarketable goods. This they have dealt with in a summary manner, by condemning everything not in first-class condition. This morning a number of boxes filled with the contents of drawers, bottles, boxes, and numerous unopened bottles, were removed from the door and taken outside the town and destroyed. Fresh goods are being rapidly received to supply the places of those sacrificed, and the patrons of the store (which, by the way, will in future be called the Hillsboro Pharmacy), may depend on everything being of a first-class order. Prices will be as low as possible, commensurate with cost of the medicine and skill of management; and in return it is expected that, as far as possible, a cash business will be transacted. See the forthcoming "ad." in our next issue.

The sheriff has collected up to date about \$12,000, leaving a balance of nearly \$2000 before enough money is in his hands to pay the county's state tax. When it is considered that Washington county pays nearly \$14,000 in state taxes, the question of "where do the taxes go," will in a measure be answered.

Among the business probabilities for Hillsboro is the early opening of the Grange Co-operative company's warehouses, and the establishment of a bank in Hillsboro. Spring is coming, and with it there will be great business activity in the county. Washington county wants immigrants, and can provide comfortable homes for ten thousand people. We should capture our quota of the incoming home-seekers.

Messrs. Thomas Tucker, of Beaver-ton, and W. J. Robinson, of Garden Home, were in Hillsboro this week. Ditto, road supervisors from every part of the county. County court is in session. Full report of proceedings will be given next week. All the road supervisors are making their reports.

J. Downs has moved his blacksmith shop from next to Jobe's stable to his property on Second street. His old shop on Second street has been torn down, to make room for the building just removed to the site, and also for a small structure to be used as a store, which will be occupied by L. L. Williams so soon as it is completed.

The Youngs river pulp mill is again closed down, this time on account of the recent freshet which has discolored the water so that the pulp is not fit for making white paper. They expect to get to work again next week. Two distinct shocks of earthquake, accompanied by a loud, rumbling sound, were felt at Snohomish City last week. A number of persons residing in the northern end of Seattle also claim to have felt the shock.

The San Francisco coal famine continues, and oak wood is worth \$10 to \$12 a cord. The Port Blakely mill, reported burned on Saturday last, employed 1300 men in different departments, and had a capacity for cutting 300,000 feet of lumber in ten hours. The new Grange hall will be dedicated a week from next Tuesday.

It is now believed that winter sown Golden Chaff is severely injured in this county. Fortunately, it was not generally sown here. A corporation with \$100,000 capital has been formed in Chicago to remove the old Libby prison entire to that city, and make a show of it, filling in the surrounding country with panoramic paintings.

Take a piece of paper, and on it put in figures your age in years, dropping months, weeks and days. Multiply it by two; then add to the result obtained the figures 3783; add eight and divide by two. Subtract from the result obtained the number of your years on earth, and see if you do not obtain figures that you will not be likely to forget soon.

It is to the interest of the coal companies to cry famine, and they cry it; but there is no more reason why they should do so than there is for starting the cry of a flour famine. The increase in the price of coal is merely taking advantage of the people's needs. The mines are furnishing more coal than last year, but the greedy monopolists want more money, and that is all there is of the high prices for coal.—Ex.

The large sawmills at Port Blakely, W. T., were totally destroyed by fire last Friday morning. These mills had a capacity of 200,000 feet of lumber daily. Loss is estimated at \$300,000. No insurance. The mills will be rebuilt. Two hundred and thirty men are thrown out of employment. Bob Burdette says God wasted mud when he made the man who, after taking the paper six months, ordered it stopped without paying up arrears. Grand Medal awarded to "Davies the Photographer," for the best display of photographs, Mechanics Fair, 1887, Gallery, Cor. First and Taylor Sts., Portland, Oga.

The Oregonian assumes an air of superior wisdom in speaking of the error made by the press in stating letters would be put off by agents on trains and boats at the next postoffice. If we mistake not, that paper was among the first to grasp the item with avidity. That journal says the silly item has been going the rounds in patent insides, etc. That may be so, but THE INDEPENDENT, like that proud journal, publishes itself "at home," and copied the item from one of the Port Townsend papers, warning the people that mail matter would be left at the next postoffice—Port Ludlow, we believe. This was doubtless published at the instigation of one of the mail clerks, who did not want to be troubled with mail handed him en route. So much for journalistic courtesy and assumption of wisdom.

The \$40,000 trotting stallion, Happy Medium, owned by Gen. W. T. Withers, died in Lexington, Ky., a few days ago. The publishers of the Blaine (W.T.) Journal still continue their offer of a town lot to any man who will build and operate a well equipped blacksmith shop. Here is a chance for an enterprising blacksmith looking for a location.

Sheriff H. C. Murry, of Malheur county, states that the stock in his county is in a terrible condition. The recent cold weather was the most severe ever known within the memory of the oldest white inhabitant. One day the thermometer went down to 36° below zero. Stock has suffered terribly, and the sheriff says that men who a month ago counted their cattle by the hundreds, and even thousands, will have scarcely a dollar in the world. One California stock company during the cold weather fed 5000 cattle, but to no purpose, as they froze to death.

My little son, three years of age, was terribly afflicted with scrofula. His head was entirely covered with scrofulous sores, and his body showed many marks of the disease. A few bottles of Ayer's Sarsaparilla cured him.—W. J. Beckett, Hymara, Ind.

The ice gorge which formed in the Tualatin broke Geo. Broughton's boom at the mouth and carried away the few logs therein. The rise caused by the rain broke a boom higher up, and his loggers not knowing that his lower boom was broken, pushed 80,000 feet of logs into the river to float down. His total loss is not less than 200,000 feet, or from \$1200 to \$1500. However, he has plenty of logs to keep busy.—Oregon City Enterprise.

A wise man's motto: Leave no farm gate ajar—look to the little things about the place. Rev. B. S. McLafferty, of the Baptist church in Eugene City, Oregon, but now of Tacoma, W. T., has brought suit against that city for \$2500 damages. Mr. McLafferty fell down an embankment last fall that was not properly lighted, and sustained injuries that will incapacitate him for life. It is said the city will contest the claim.

The Tacoma News says the women of the territory have recovered their manhood, and it now behooves the male citizens to behave in a ladylike manner as possible. At Walla Walla the racing programme this year aggregates \$5000, while the other premiums swell the amount, making a grand total of over \$10,000.

The committee on pensions have reported favorably upon Congressman Hermann's bill to increase the \$8 pension of James Moody, of Grant's Pass, Oregon, to \$20 per month. This old pensioner is now nearly 96 years of age. He fought in the war of 1812, and was one of those who defended Washington against the British army. He also took an active part in the Blackhawk war and in the Indian wars of Oregon, and is now so poor as to be dependent on the charitable, so the committee shows.

Governor Semple, of Washington territory, has appointed John M. Murphy to be territorial auditor. It is a good appointment of a meritorious citizen. Mr. Murphy is owner and editor of the Olympia Standard. He is honest and square, and he has backbone and ability. These are the best of qualifications.

Work on the new furnace of the Oregon Iron and Steel company, at Oswego, is progressing rapidly. There are now 120 men at work, and it is thought the fires will be lighted in the furnace by the middle of June. Don't forget the ball to be given on St. Valentine's eve by Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Meek.

The furniture factory of George H. Albers, situated near the river bank, at Sellwood, caught fire at 7:30 o'clock last Monday evening, and burned to the ground. The origin of the fire could not be learned. The factory was running as usual the day previous. Loss between \$4000 and \$5000; insurance, so far as known, \$1000.

Mr. Ira F. Powers, who had two slight paralytic strokes Saturday, was on dock at his place of business and said he was all right and in as good health as ever. By order of his physician, Mr. Powers will give up all mental work and worry, and go out on his wagon and work like a hired man. He can stand as much of this kind of work as any man of his age, and feels certain that it will benefit him.—Oregonian, 7.

No other medicine is so reliable as Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, for the cure of coughs, colds, and all derangements of the respiratory organs. It relieves the asthmatic and consumptive, even in advanced stages of disease. A telegram has just been received from Hon. W. D. Hare, who is at the bedside of his son Tom, that he may recover. It was thought that the young man could not possibly recover. He has had a very severe attack of pneumonia. A youthful Hillsboro couple will be married next Tuesday, so report says. Charley Handley and Miss Estella Stewart are nominated for the matrimonial honors.

A San Francisco dispatch of last week says there is such a run on the nurseries of that state for prune trees, that stocks have been nearly exhausted. W. H. Mills, of the Central Pacific, who has an orchard in Napa county, wrote a nurseryman there recently to deliver 300 prune trees at his ranch. Answer was returned that the nursery had just supplied trees for a 500-acre prune orchard in Southern California of 18,000 trees, and was wholly out of supplies. Mills then telegraphed to other places in the state for a supply of trees, but in each case received a reply that he could not be accommodated, owing to the fact that there were no trees to be obtained. In reply to a telegram sent to a Sacramento nurseryman, he received a letter from which the following extract is taken: "We have no prune trees left of our own growing, but have 6000 on the way from France. We can spare part of this shipment if they arrive in good order."

J. Quinn Thornton, the venerable and well-known lawyer pioneer, died at his residence in Salem on Sunday night. Mr. Thornton was born on March 24, 1810. He came to Oregon in 1846. Prior to 1846 he was supreme judge under the provisional government. He was a man of large ability and liberal education, and was active in shaping the early history of Oregon.

There is over \$50,000,000 cash on hand in the San Francisco sub-treasury. Linn county has turned over \$12,000 of her state taxes to Treasurer Webb, and Yamhill has showed up with \$4,000. The treasurer has issued a new call for outstanding warrants.—Statesman.

Mrs. Parker of Dundee, founder of the British Woman's Temperance association, is going to take 1,000 Scotch-women to California, to be domestic servants. The same number of women could find steady employment in Oregon. At Eastman, Georgia, last Sunday, a ten-year old negro boy, while under the influence of liquor, heated a kettle of water and scalded three small children so severely that they died.

There is no truth in the report that letters handed to mail agents on trains, boats, etc., will be dropped at the next postoffice instead of being hurried forward to their destination. This "ruling" was first published in Puget Sound papers, and then copied by papers throughout Oregon. You need not fear that your mail will be handed over at the next postoffice. The mail clerks are the government's general postoffices, and must handle matter expeditiously.

Richard K. Fox, the proprietor of the Police Gazette, was arrested in New York last Tuesday and taken to the Tombs police court, charged with violating the penal code by arranging for prize fighting. Fox was granted a release until next Tuesday on his own recognizance.

The coyotes are reported by men from all parts of the county to be assiduously slaughtering sheep. It seems impossible to rid the country of these pests, and if something is not done to exterminate them one of the principal industries of the country will be badly crippled.—Umpqua Herald.

A telegram of the 7th says the insurance companies lost \$1,500,000 by the fires in Montreal last year, which is two or three times as much as received for premiums. One company is already closing up its business in that province, and it is not unlikely that one or two more will follow the example.

Mr. H. E. Happersett, who has for the past ten years filled the position of roadmaster of the O. & C. R. R. west side division, has been transferred to the southern division, cast side, as superintendent of bridges.

A Tacoma grave digger has been nicknamed "Charity," because he covers a multitude of sins. Washing in cold water, when over heated, is a frequent cause of disfiguring pimples. The coal miners in the districts near Victoria have all gone to work, owners of mines having discharged all Chinese.

From reports received, considerable damage has been done to bridges in the county by high water, and the costs of repairs will amount to several hundred dollars. The political ball will soon commence to roll. The day when candidates will be lying in ambush is rapidly approaching. "I would for the public good," will soon be whispered in the ear of the confiding citizen. Happy is the man who has no political aspirations.

Do You Want A Live Newspaper? In order that there may be no misunderstanding, we again announce that our special rates of \$1.50 per annum apply only to those who pay strictly in advance. But as we have several hundred subscribers who are in arrears from thirty days to three months, we have concluded to extend these special rates to them, provided they make payments prior to March 1st. The regular rates will be charged to all who remain in arrears after that date. Our expenses of publication are very heavy, and necessitate a large outlay of cash. One dollar and fifty cents per annum is a lower rate than justified by our present patronage, and was only made in the hope of largely increasing the circulation of THE INDEPENDENT. Unless there is a more general response on the part of the public in both payments and new subscriptions, we shall be compelled to return to the old rate of \$2 per annum.

Grange and Knights of Labor. The East Butte Grange and Knights of Labor, of that district, will celebrate Washington's birthday at Union hall, near Garden Home, this county. There will be speeches by State Lecturer Hayes of the Grange, and others. A basket dinner will also be a feature of the festivities. A day of social pleasure is anticipated, which will probably wind up with a ball in the evening. The Knights of Labor have a strong organization at that place, and its members are composed of the best of citizens.

Hillsboro Mail Service. Does Hillsboro want her mail service expedited? From her listless action in the matter, it would seem she is contented with any kind of service that may be thrust upon her. Several weeks ago we stated that the McMinville express was supplying that town with mail, which doubled the service, and for which little or no expense would be added, should Hillsboro desire the same service. Further, that letters mailed in this office after 5 o'clock in the evening, destined for points eastward, would lie here until 5 o'clock in the evening of the following day. Were mail delivered to the McMinville express train, these letters would leave this office at 7:30 o'clock of mornings, and could be far on the journey, east. Where the destination returned on the same day, instead of a week, when it takes two days to get an order by mail filled at Portland, only twenty-three miles away. We published an assurance that this increase of mail could be had for a trifling cost. The railroad company makes no charge for carriage; the only expense to our citizens would be about five dollars per month for having the mail sacks conveyed to and from the trains. If we desire the greatest business and social benefits, we must seize upon all legitimate methods tending to such result. Our inaction in this matter is inexcusable. Now is the time to act; do not defer this important matter to longer. Who will be the energetic man to cover himself all over with glory, the thanks of a large community, and send his name thundering down the rapids of history by securing the wherewithal to bring about this expedited mail service? Let us secure the service at once.

CONCERNED ITEMS. FEBRUARY 7.—Col. T. R. Cornelius will be running again, after lying still for about four weeks. Dr. Clark Smith has been painting his residence over, and it now presents a much better appearance. His pet birds can be heard all over town, chattering and chirping. Thos. Green has been improving his property lately by putting a neat paling around his lot.

All the excitement about town this week seems to be in the direction of Nehalem. Three young men from Kansas and one from Dakota went over last Tuesday to locate homesteads. Friday, Messrs. Lewis and Spangston went over on the same business. Today, Mc Nutt's stage started over with three passengers, whose intention is to settle there permanently. J. C. Bauman, from here, H. C. Raymond, and Mr. Tupper, of Gaston start for the Nehalem coal mines to-day.

Lessie McNutt, Ralph Turner, and "Bent" Lewis, all of Nehalem, made Cornelius a flying visit this week. Valentine's day is only a week off, and from the eager manner in which the youngsters gaze at those in the show-window at McNutt's, we look for lots of fun, and may be some "made's."

J. F. Hendrix has had considerable trouble to get his wood hauled out to the railroad track, and has now bought a team and will put a man at work with it. The late high water washed away a great deal of fencing for parties having low land; will make them rustle to get them replaced by the time spring plowing begins. Some having rolling land are already making preparations to roll the turf over.

Now that the O. & C. R. R. has changed hands, and some of the higher officials have been removed, the employes here expect that possibly there may be a change in store for them. The sick in our vicinity are improving since real West-foot weather set in. SCHREIBER.

Real Estate Transactions. W. H. McEldowney and wife to Catoon W. Lushy, 3 acres in T. 1 N. R. 3 E. S. 75. Maria Sparks to J. W. Morgan, power of attorney to loan money, etc. John D. Howell and wife to Thos. D. Humphreys, 40 acres in sec. 8, T. 2 S. R. 2 W. S. 250.

Henry C. Raymond to Ernest Kraus, 100 acres in sec. 15, T. 1 S. R. 2 W. S. 1. John Sweek and wife to Stephen C. Cummins, block of land 200x250 feet, Middleton, in sec. 23, T. 2 S. R. 1 W. S. 200. George Hornbuckle and wife to George Baker, 7.27 acres in sec. 16, T. 1 S. R. 1 W. S. 200.

O. & C. R. R. to James G. Lee, 120 acres in sec. 23, T. 1 S. R. 5 W. S. 225. Marlin Everest and wife to Willie E. Watson, 40 acres in sec. 1, 2, 11 and 12, T. 2 S. R. 1 W. S. 1000. John Sweek and wife have filed plat of town of Tualatin.

Walter R. Wilson to Harriet A. Brown, 1/4 of block 1, Simmons' ad to Hillsboro; \$700. Polly C. Butler and Isaac Butler, her husband, to Eliza McEldowney, 150.75 acres in sec. 7, T. 1 S. R. 3 W. S. 41. A G. Wilks to Mahala Wilks, 2 parcels of land in sec. 6, T. 1 S. R. 3 W. S. 2000. Frank G. Miller to William G. Twigg, 101 acres in sec. 20, T. 2 S. R. 2 W. S. 800. Henry B. McEwen, guardian, to J. M. G. Shuck, 30 acres in T. 1 S. R. 2 W. S. 220. Catherine J. Adams and husband to trustees First Baptist church, Hillsboro, lots 7, 8 and 9, block 12, Simmons' ad to Hills. 1000; \$200.

Estate of Mary M. Stevenson to Ira O. Shattuck, 80 acres in sec. 21, T. 1 S. R. 3 W. S. 700. John R. Wilson and wife to Martin Manning, 8.25 acres in sec. 9, T. 2 S. R. 2 W. S. 200. Ira O. Shattuck to Vashit Adeline Kimberlin, 80 acres in sec. 21, T. 2 S. R. 2 W. S. 720. Trustees First Baptist church, Hillsboro, to Edward Constable, 1/4 of lots 7, 8 and 9, block 12 Simmons' ad to Hillsboro; \$165.

Baptist Church Dedication. The First Baptist church building, of Hillsboro, was dedicated last Sunday, Rev. G. J. Burchett delivering the address. The building cost \$1845, and the lots \$165, making a total cost of \$2000. Subscriptions received prior to dedication, \$1200; last Sunday's contribution to the fund amounted to \$246. Donations up to the present time have decreased the indebtedness until now, when about \$100 will free the church from debt. This amount will probably soon be raised. The bell was put in position yesterday.

FOREST GROVE NOTES. (From our Regular Correspondent) Miss Luella C. Carson, formerly preceptress in Tualatin academy, was in the Grove this week on a visit. Alex Sweek was in the Grove over Sunday, on a visit. J. M. Howes, of Beaverton, was in the Grove this week. J. F. Ferrin, M. D., of Dakota, arrived in the Grove last Monday; he is visiting with his brother, Prof. W. N. Ferrin, of Pacific University.

The entertainment given by the ladies of the Baptist church last Friday evening, was managed by B. H. Moore and was a decided success. The programme was something odd and was well rendered. The hall was filled and the entertainment was a financial success. Following is a list of letters remaining uncalled for in the Forest Grove post-office February 1st:

Ayers, C. L. Miller, Geo. N. Davis, Geo. Merier, H. J. Davis, John Johnson, M. B. Woodward, F. M. Johnson, Miss L. Maxwell, Mrs. M. Maurice, M. School, Mrs. Ollie.

The trial of Willie Macrum last Saturday afternoon by the Gamma Sigma society for "disorderly conduct while in committee of the whole," elicited the usual amount of interest that such occasions do. In the end Macrum was found "Not guilty," and the sergeant was ordered to "loose him and let him go." This might be appropriately called the third annual trial of this society. Last year about this time, A. B. Snider was tried for inflicting corporal punishment on a member while himself in the chair (by appointment). The year before, G. H. Marsh was tried for "disturbing the fair occupants of the Ladies Hall while in the arms of Morpheus." Only one of these cases has resulted in a verdict of "guilty." Mr. Snider having been convicted, fined and ordered to refrain from the society of the opposite sex for a period of six weeks.

The effect of these cases upon the society is not good, for it puts the debate aside and unless the charges are sustained, which happens only in extreme cases, the defendant is neither punished nor improved. Mr. Venn has a second hand 13-keyed clarinet with music holder attached, which he offers for five dollars; it is a "b" flat instrument worth many times the price asked. Public rhetoricians this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. Friends of the scholars are invited. Captain Tyler has placed a beautiful specimen of the Mongolian pheasant on exhibition at Ransom's drug store. The bird was stuffed by Mr. Tyler, who is one of the best taxidermists in the state. Clyde Cook has been rehearsing steadily for his entertainment for some time past, and will invite the public in next Friday night. Particulars later.

Fred Zieber was in the Grove last week. State Temperance Alliance Call. The regular annual session of the Oregon State Temperance Alliance will be held in The Dalles, Oregon, February 15th and 16th, 1888, commencing at 10 o'clock a. m., on the 15th. Every church, Sunday school, and temperance society is entitled to one delegate, and every organized county alliance to twice as many delegates as there are members in the legislative assembly from said county. The people of The Dalles expect to furnish entertainment for delegates, and the usual reduction of fare will be secured on the O. & C. and O. R. & N. lines of railroad. As The Dalles is conveniently located for both the eastern and western parts of the state, it is hoped that both sections as well as Southern Oregon will be well represented. We must preserve and make effective the immense prohibition sentiment developed by our late campaign. A large and enthusiastic meeting of the alliance is necessary to accomplish this purpose. Let us have it. G. M. MILLER, President. J. E. KNOX, Secretary.

Standard Trotters. It will be observed that some important changes have been made in the rules for the admission of horses to the trotting register. Colts can now be registered only under the first, third, fourth and sixth rules. Mares that were heretofore classed as standard producers of females but not of males. Rules first and fourth have been changed by striking out 2:40 and substituting 2:35 in its stead, and in the seventh and eighth rules the word female has been added, the effect of which will be the exclusion of colts from standard registry, which under the old rules were admitted.

A Creaking Hinge. Is dry and turns hard, until oil is applied, after which it moves easily. When the joints, or hinges, of the body are stiffened and inflamed by Rheumatism, they cannot be moved without causing the most excruciating pains. Ayer's Sarsaparilla, by its action on the blood, relieves this condition, and restores the joints to good working order.

Ayer's Sarsaparilla has effected, in our city, many most remarkable cures, in cases which baffled the efforts of the most experienced physicians. Were it necessary, I could give the names of many individuals who have been cured by taking this medicine. In my case it has worked wonders, relieving me of

Rheumatism. After being troubled with it for years. In this, and all other diseases arising from impure blood, there is no remedy so sure as Ayer's Sarsaparilla. It is a blood-purifier, and restores the system to its normal condition. I was, during many months, a sufferer from chronic Rheumatism. The disease afflicted me grievously, in spite of all the remedies I could find, until I commenced using Ayer's Sarsaparilla. I took several bottles of this preparation, and was speedily restored to health.—J. J. French, Independence, Va.

Ayer's Sarsaparilla. Prepared by Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass. Sold by all Druggists. Price 25¢ per bottle, 60¢ per dozen.

A State Agricultural Association. In previous numbers of this journal it was announced ere long that there would be a call made for the purpose of organizing a state agricultural association. During the week John Osborn, Esq., of Marion County, vice-president of the Farmer's National Agricultural congress, visited our office, and after canvassing the situation, he authorized us to say that he had named Tuesday, March 13 next, as the day and Salem as the place to meet for the purpose of organizing an association similar to many of the organizations of other states. Mr. Osborn attended the Farmer's National congress which was held in Chicago in November last, and was by that congress appointed vice president for Oregon. In a word, the object of the organization is to advance the general interest of agriculture. Nearly every state and territory of the union now have associations of this kind. That they are doing much good and will do much more there can be no doubt. This journal realizes the fact that there must be a union of purpose among the producing classes, and it seems timely that the farmers of Oregon should organize themselves into a society which will have an influence at all times and under all circumstances. We hope, therefore, that March 13 will be a day and Salem a place where every county in the state will be represented, and that on that day an organization will be perfected, and that the watchword will be "Get knowledge; in union there is strength."—Rural Spirit.

New Postoffice Building. The postoffice department has recently made a new ruling in regard to what may or may not be written or printed on packages or third-class matter, which is of interest to all persons using the mails. The new ruling decides that upon the wrapper enclosing a package of third-class matter the sender may write his own name and address, with the word "from" above and preceding the same, and in the case of books, pamphlets, etc., may make simple marks to designate a word or passage of the text, to which it is desired to call attention; and he may place on the cover or blank leaves of a book or any printed matter a manuscript, dedication or inscription that does not partake of the nature of a personal correspondence. The word "personal," or "to be called for," or a return request and other directions as to delivery or return, are deemed part of the address and permissible. The business or occupation of the sender, the names of the contents of the packages, and any printing not in the nature of an actual and personal correspondence, may now be placed on the outer face or surface of packages of the third-class without subjecting them to additional postal charges.

The County Fair. The date of holding the Fair in this county has finally been decided upon. The gates will be thrown open on Tuesday, September 11th, and the Fair will continue four days. This is a much better plan than postponing it until after the state fair as was done last year. The state fair will not begin until Monday, September 17th, which will enable persons to enter meritorious articles, products and stock at both fairs. The fair in this county should be made a great success, and now is the time for all to begin preparations looking to such result. Let us have an exhibition that will reflect credit upon us as an agricultural and stock-breeding county.

The Portland hotel committee has secured \$115,000 in subscriptions towards the bonus of \$150,000 required to secure the building of a fine hotel in that city.

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