

Polk County Observer.

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AN OLD PAPER.—Mr. Lanktree, late of Dakota, has shown us a very old original newspaper; it is the *Michigan Observer*, published in Detroit, territory of Michigan, by James M. Miller, Vol. 1, No. 1, Thursday Aug. 31st, 1809. It is a small four column folio. The subscription price as it publishes, would hardly take now-a-days, the terms are as follows: "It will be published every Thursday, and handed to city subscribers, at \$5 per ann. Payable half-yearly in advance. Other subscribers, residents in any part of the territory of Michigan, or upper Canada, \$4.50, delivered at the office to be paid in advance. Advertisements not exceeding a square, inserted three weeks for \$1.50. For every subsequent insertion 25cts. All advertisements must be accompanied with the cash. Mr. Lanktree prizes the relic very highly."

LIKE AARON'S ROD.—It is said that in the good old days of Moses and Aaron, when other rods persisted in trying to destroy that of Aaron the rod of Aaron deliberately proceeded to devour all the others. This translated, means that the ideas of Aaron absorbed or overshadowed all the others. The Independence City Bank is a reminder of that Mosaic event. What others would do, its energetic, irrepressible and unconquerable director, H. Hirschberg, has gone about and received subscriptions for stock, of forty good business and progressive men that think, of our county, and sent up to the government at Washington, and obtained a permit to call the city bank a national bank. On Tuesday the stockholders met at Independence and elected officers and directors for the association. Mr. Hirschberg, the chosen president, has well gained the reputation as a banker in our county; his way of doing business is thorough and satisfactory to all, and it is needless to say his part will be executed in the best manner. A. Nelson, vice president. All know Abe, and as senior counsel for the bank, he is a splendid chief of staff to the president of the association and all who are interested. W. P. Conaway, as cashier, is a thorough business gentleman and his services to the institution he is connected with will be invaluable. He is keen, able and pleasant to all; one who can be counted on when the road is rough and rugged, for he is full of self-centered, self-controlled power, that would rush into the very citadel of opposition. The company were wise in selection of directors. With such an efficient officered organization as the National City Bank of Independence, does credit to our prosperous neighbor town and secures a pleasant place to do business for its citizens.

SUDDEN DEATH.—On Monday morning the word came in town that Grandma Powell had died suddenly at the home of her son F. S. Powell two miles north of here. She had not been feeling well during Sunday, yet there was no appearance of anything dangerous, and she rested quietly till morning; when breakfast was called Mr. Powell went to wake his mother, but found she was breathing her last. Aid was summoned but she could not be revived. Mrs. Powell was one of the early pioneers of Oregon, 78 years of age and the mother of a large family of high respect. Her remains were taken to Linn county for burial Tuesday to lay beside her husband who predeceased her but a few years ago.

DEDICATION.—The Baptists of Independence will dedicate their new church edifice on Sunday, February 8th, 1889. Prominent brethren from abroad are expected to be present and take part in the services. Brethren from other churches and the community generally are cordially invited to attend. It is expected to protract the meeting.

LOTS OF FUN.—The Boston Comedy company will present "Hazel Kirk" at the opera house in Independence Friday night, and on Saturday night "East Lynn." The company is highly spoken of wherever they have presented their plays, and if you want to spend an evening with them, go Friday and Saturday. The admission fees are reasonable and all are cordially invited to attend.

List of letters remaining in the Post Office at Monmouth, Or. Jan. 1st, 1889. Mrs. Lucinda Caldwell, Miss Jessie Davis, Eugene Dubois 2, Miss A. G. Kenman, Levi Walton. —G. T. Waller, P. M.

Died.—Savilla Powell, consort of Ed. J. A. Powell, died very suddenly at the home of her son, Hon. F. S. Powell, near Monmouth, in the 78th year of her age; between the hours of 7 and 8 o'clock a. m. Jan. 7, '89. Albany papers please copy.

Highland, Or., I have suffered with disease of the kidneys for six years and the use of Oregon Kidney Tea has cured me.—J. Q. Newhall. For sale by N. H. Butler.

HERE AND THEREABOUTS.

Hazel Kirk, Beautiful Weather. E. S. Catron is at Eugene City. Tom Boothby is at Albany this week.

Three cases of small-pox at Forest Grove.

A case of smallpox is reported at Amity.

Henry Byerly of this county was at Corvallis this week.

Henry Keyt of Perrydale, called on us last Saturday.

L. D. Mulkey of Dallas, has moved his family to Amity.

Mrs. W. D. Fenton and family are visiting Mrs. A. W. Lucas.

Rev. D. C. McFarland of Linn county, is at Dallas this week.

At the Opera house in Independence Friday and Saturday nights.

Dwight L. Moody, the evangelist is in San Francisco, and is holding a series of meetings.

J. H. Byerly of near Dixie has moved to Dallas to school his children.

Grant Wolverton has been nursing a sore arm this week. Vaccination tells.

The county court did not convene till this week. All the officers are present.

A basket sociable will be given at the Dixie school house Jan. 18. All invited to attend with well filled baskets.

The Baptist revival meeting held at Dixie resulted in 13 additions to the church.

Miss Minnie Waller will leave Saturday for several weeks visit with her friends of Tacoma.

A Chinese washhouse will start up business here next week. Sam Dot is the proprietor.

Dan Stouffer, of Ballston, we are pleased to note, is improving from his late sickness.

Clerk Coad issued license on Wednesday to S. G. Candall and Mary Kelsay of Dallas, to wed.

W. W. Collins and O. A. Wolverton, two of the solid farmers of Suver, were on our streets Tuesday.

Miss Ada Waller, our postmistress, visited her uncle, E. C. Keyt's family at Perrydale this week.

J. H. Curley of San Francisco, is visiting his children, who are living with Mrs. Wm. Dawson.

The small-pox plague still prevails in the northern part of Marion county.

Mrs. J. A. Baxter of near Dallas, has been quite sick for some weeks past, but is now improving.

Houses to rent in town are a scarce article. There is not a vacant house in Monmouth. There will be a number of dwelling houses erected as soon as spring opens.

If you see a man taking up the interests of your town, don't run him or the town down, encourage him and pitch in yourself.

The Farmers Grocery and Produce Co. of Independence will call on Monday and Friday of each week to solicit orders. Other days goods will be delivered by A. N. Haddock.

Will H. Parry, who has been city editor of the Salem Statesman for the past two months has resigned, being unable to stand night work owing to the weakness of his eyes. He will be succeeded by Frank Davey.

The infant daughter of Hon. C. G. Fisher, died Dec. 31st, '88. It was buried in the Salt Creek cemetery. The family have the sympathy of the entire community.

Richard Bennewitz is engaged in painting some scenery for the new hall of F. S. D. Co. We will give further particulars as he progresses with the work.

Clerk Coad has finished the work on the assessment books, and Sheriff Smith is collecting taxes at a lively rate.

Mrs. Ed. Ford, of Yaquina City, is here attending the bedside of her very sick sister, Miss Emma Percival.

George Osgoodby is the author of the famous "Marchinson letter," of Pomona, California, to the British minister, West.

New ties on the narrow gauge road have been put in at a rapid rate during the past week between this place and Airie. They will all soon be new.

There is a question somebody is anxious to know: Who was it took Miss G— home Sunday evening from church? How is it W. R. H.?

A narrow gauge freight car was thrown off the track near Sheridan last Friday evening and came near killing a brakeman that was on the car.

On Tuesday things were quite lively at the jewelry store of Z. F. Vaughn's, Dallas. Vaughn gives away watches which well accounts for this popular resort.

We are informed that on Monday a stranger stopping at the Enterprise Hotel at Dallas, was taken sick and the report soon went out that he had smallpox; but investigation proved otherwise. He didn't have it.

The public sale of the Chinese goods of the Chinamen who left here so unceremoniously about two months ago, came off Tuesday. The receipts of the sale was \$35.

The narrow gauge decision which has been waited for the past four years, is still lingering. Justice Matthews, who was to deliver the decision, was taken sick about a week ago.

The Oregon State Agricultural College asks the help of all of those interested in the institution in obtaining a collection of the minerals of the state for purpose of instruction. A worthy request.

The answer to the question, is "marriage a failure" by the old maid fraternity, is that such has been their experience.

Mrs. F. W. Kau died Dec. 27th, '88, aged 29 years, of Peadar. She was highly respected and her loss casts a gloom over that community.

Our merchants all report a good patronage during the holidays. They were well deserving as they made a fine display of their large and well selected stock for the season.

James Alexander of near Independence is having a lot of clearing done on his place. Mr. Alexander is one of the most prosperous and bustling farmers of Polk county.

Lyman Damon, who is not satisfied unless he has plenty to do, has rented a part of the farm known as the Claggett place.

The East Portland Indicator says National banks are becoming almost as numerous in Oregon towns as saloons. The little burg of Independence, Polk county, boasts of two such institutions.

The Monmouth Sunday School, elected its officers for the ensuing quarter on last Sunday. The school has been largely attended during the past quarter and the interest in the work does not seem to flag. The school is generally a union Sunday-school.

Many cities rejoice in their booms, but never report their collapse. Monmouth don't have any collapses, but it keeps on improving all the time.

Byron said when a man dies, "Upon his tomb is seen, not what he was but what he should have been."

Widow Harris, of Topeka, does not deserve the sarcasm. Mr. Harris died of the "jim-jams" and Mrs. Harris had a mass of writhing snakes carved on his tombstone with the epitaph, "Died of delirium tremens."

The West Side issued a very creditable New Years edition of that paper. There is no better way to advertise a town than a first-class write up of its resources in the home paper. The Dallas write up was especially first-class and thorough. We admire the commendable enterprise of the West Side.

Married at the residence of Rev. P. Holman, on Thursday, Jan. 3, C. M. Tetherow to Miss Annie Ireland, Rev. Holman officiating. The contracting parties are both well known here and all extend to the happy couple their best wishes for a prosperous journey through life.

R. F. Wells has been shaking hands with friends during the past week in this county. He will locate at Seattle, where he has accepted a good position as general manager of the insurance company he represents.

Some farmers in our county have been greatly annoyed by parties hunting on their farms where notices are put up forbidding it. The hunters go through the fences and leave them down and stock gets through into neighbors fields and then there is fun. Put up the fences boys.

The Chicago anarchists are again on the rampage. Mrs. Parsons, the widow of one of the Haymarket murderers, is the central figure of the incendiaries. She seems to be possessed of more devils than Mary Magdalene, and ought to be strung up and sent to join her husband beyond the Plutonian shore.

Prof. J. D. Hawes, formerly principal of the Hillsboro school but now at the head of the Independence school, visited Hillsboro the first of the week, and while here, enlivened our office with a call and pleasant chat. The professor is as agreeable and handsome as ever, but still persists in leading the life of an old maid, so far as marriage is concerned. —Hillsboro Independent.

New Year's Day comes around oftener than many persons suppose. Every night closes an old year. Every morning opens a new year. Every night is a good time to finish up old ways of evil doing and speaking and thinking. Every morning is a good time to take a new start in the right direction. The best time in all the year for purposing well and doing well is just now.

Grant county has the largest number of horses and mules of any county in Oregon, 13,825 and also leads in cattle with 47,118. Crook county has the most sheep, with 221,763. Lane county has the largest number of hogs, 7,624. Multnomah county has the most property, of course, and the greatest indebtedness, also. Multnomah has the smallest indebtedness, \$107,323. Unvillita county has \$1,702,693 in money, notes, accounts and mortgages and ranks second to none but Multnomah. Linn county ranks first in value of land, her assessment in dirt being \$1,594,355. Multnomah county stands first in the value of town lots and Marion comes in next. The above figures are taken from the abstract of the assessment rolls of the several counties for the year 1888. —Statesman.

Notice of Final Settlement.

In the matter of the estate of M. D. Hubbard, deceased.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT.

NOTICE is hereby given to all whom it may concern that said administrator has filed his final account with said court in the County Court of Polk County, Oregon, and asked for a final settlement of the same, and said court has set the hearing of said account for Tuesday, March 5, 1889, at 10 o'clock, at which time any objections thereto should be made.

M. D. HUBBARD, Administrator.

WALTER THURTELL, Attorney.

Dated Jan. 9, 1889.

Commendable.

All claims not consistent with the high character of Syrup of Figs are purposely avoided by the Cal. Fig Syrup Company. It acts gently on the kidneys, liver and bowels, cleansing the system effectually, but it is not a cure-all and makes no pretensions that every bottle will not substantiate.

A fresh supply of groceries at J. D. Irvine's.

Toboggans at cost Mrs. LaRansier's Bazaar, Independence.

SUMMARY OF METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS FOR 1888, TAKEN BY T. PEARCE, EOLA, POLK COUNTY, OREGON.

Lat. 44° 57', Long. 123° 5' Alt. 500 feet.

1888.	Highest temperature.	Lowest temperature.	Monthly mean temperature.	No. days rain or snow fell.	Precipitation in inches.	No. clear days.	No. fair days.	No. cloudy days.	No. inches snow, or, days foggy, during year.
January	60	5	31.85	16	11.08	8	4	19	11.3-10 in. snow
February	56	31	43.65	10	2.08	4	9	16	
March	62	28	45.75	12	3.21	6	9	16	
April	77	40	58.68	6	8.0	15	7	12	
May	85	45	65.09	8	10.0	19	7	10	
June	75	53	64.18	18	5.06	2	10	18	
July	89	51	61.80	2	7.3	18	5	8	
August	88	55	66.70	3	5.4	11	6	2	Two days smoky
September	88	57	64.08	3	2.72	13	1	24	
October	74	36	54.36	13	4.20	1	4	19	Six foggy days
November	56	30	43.67	13	4.20	1	4	20	Two foggy days
December	57	27	42.64	10	2.39	6	3	20	
Total					108	34.80	100	83	164

Mean temperature for the year, 54.13 degrees.

At Gene Hayter's for dry goods, Dallas.

Record of Deeds.

The following deeds have been recorded the past week by County Clerk Coad:

J. W. Chamberlain to W. G. Hart, lot in Independence; \$15.

George Harvey to E. H. Pilkington, five acres in tp 6 S, r 4 W, \$400.

E. P. Cooper to G. W. Hill, 140 acres in tp 6 S, r 4 W, \$1000.

H. Hirschburg to J. M. Vanduyne, two lots in Independence; \$450.

Leo Williams to W. H. Shinn, part of two lots in Independence; \$5.

Gilbert Bros to Richard Bone, land near Salem; \$879.

Dallas Locals.

Henry Sterling of Coquille is here on business.

John Lynch of McMinnville was here on business last week.

Dr. Baker went to Portland Monday and may go to the sound country with a view to locating there.

Ralph Williams, Carey Howe and Carey Hayter "took in" Independence one day last week.

Our former townsman Hon. J. D. Lee, is here on business.

Rev. T. F. Royal, wife and daughter attended Mr. Moody's meeting at Salem last week.

Douglas Gilliam went to Portland and Salem last week. What's the attraction?

Rev. Margatroyd of Independence delivered two very able sermons here last Sunday morning and evening.

F. W. McAdams the enterprising Salt Creek pedagogue was in town this week. He is taking a vacation before teaching again in the spring.

Irving Stoddard who has been visiting at Port Townsend reports things lively there.

Elder Holman of the Baptist church will begin a series of meetings at this place next Friday evening.

Ex-sheriff Groves has been improving his newly purchased property by erecting a new barn.

Ties are being distributed along the line of the narrow gauge railroad thick enough to make all the new ties. This should be done along the whole line.

Almost every week some emigrants arrive in our town. On Monday last about twenty landed at the narrow gauge depot. We have plenty of rain in Polk county and as good soil and climate as anywhere on God's foot-stool.

The county court is in session, but at this writing (Tuesday) nothing of importance has been transacted.

On Monday the news was circulated through town that there was a case of small-pox at the Enterprise hotel. Upon investigation however, it was found to be a mistake. A gentleman from Yamhill county almost sick of a cold, and from thence the small-pox scare started.

Your correspondent had the pleasure of attending the dime sociable at the Enterprise hotel last Tuesday night. A programme had been arranged but the ladies, thinking that the people would not turn out on account of the small-pox scare, had given it up. To their surprise the commodious parlor of the hotel was crowded. A few choice pieces being rendered among them being "I Kissed her in the rain" by Squire Kirk which brought down the house. The next sociable will be at Mrs. Kirkpatrick's. All should attend and thereby aid a good cause.

Sheddan.

We had a grand ball New Years eve.

The holidays here were a good time.

Willard McKune is able to be on the streets again.

James Fendall is about well again, after a long spell of sickness.

The Free Methodists are holding a series of meetings here.

Wm. Thornton was elected director of the school at the meeting held last Saturday.

Bookings at bed rock prices at Mrs. LaRansier's Bazaar, Ind.

Woolen hose and gloves cheap at Mrs. LaRansier's Bazaar, Ind.

Vases, cups, saucers, ornaments, almost given away at Mrs. LaRansier's Bazaar, Independence.

Dress goods in remnants, very low, at Mrs. LaRansier's, Ind.

If you are low spirited, irritable and bilious, use Dr. Henle's Dandelion Tonic. It is for sale at N. H. Butler's.

How often we hear our friends say "Oh I am not feeling well, pain in the back, etc." We advise you not to delay, but use Oregon Kidney Tea. It is a safe and speedy cure. It is for sale by N. H. Butler, drugist.

Dandelion is probably one of the most difficult diseases of the saprophyte, but Dandelion Specific never fails. For sale by N. H. Butler.

A. J. Buchanan. The Pres. gave his decision in favor of the affirmative. After this the society was favored by a sermon by L. H. Vincent. "Pass on to shun evil." After a few remarks from the visitors, the society adjourned.

Bridgeport.

I meant'to begin the new year with sage and serious talk, but all that occurs to me, is—

"Gilt out old 1888, Bad luck upon your vanished pate. To pay your bills we don't incline, For this is 1889."

I will be serious. Life is a mixture of curses and blessings. Let us tabulate sin like Crusoe did:

BLISSFUL. Curses.

Lots of Spuds. Hops Low Price.

Our County Ticket. Barn Piles.

Victorious. Weeds in Garden.

Good Crops. Supervisors.

Lots of Nice Girls. Havin' to Work.

Kisses. Scarcity of Tobacco.

Harrison and Morton. Scarcity of Money.

New Bridge. Plenty of Debs.

No P. M. yet appointed in place of Frank Hubbard; it is not often you see lucrative positions of trust like that going begging.

I hear that the Creamery Co. has dissolved and a division of the effects made. Vassall Bros. retire on their well earned and large accumulations, and we invite ambitious young men to come forward, as it is a very fine opening for a little capital.

Uncle Billie Ruble's white cow returned soon after my mention of her loss. See what advertising in a live paper does.

A "Good Resolution Society" has been started in our precinct as the time of the year is seasonable. The members take the following oath (or affirmation):

January, 1889.

"We the undersigned solemnly promise that from date we will not

Cuss and swear, Lie in a horse-trade, Let our dogs bite, Tell how many we catch or how we did in the 'States' or In California or East of the mountains or On the Sound, Use intoxicants, Licker or tobacco, Lie about how we voted in June or November."

Here follow the names which are confidential and in some cases are fear-fetters, we dare not give the boys away had!

Jack Ford of Newport is making quite a stave with us.

Notice: All persons indebted to the undersigned must pay up to save trouble as in 4 or 5 years all unpaid accounts will be put in the hands of several attorneys for collection (see county papers). —H. H. Cultus.

We fear we'll lose our old Parrot; pretty polly! He is going to Hazel Dell to home-stead a place. Still our loss is their gain and we must not regret at our citizens endeavoring (vainly we fear) to bring a ray of gospel light into the dark places of the earth.

Two strangers whose names did not transpire were looking at land in our city last week.

We think Nathan Youm has made an excellent choice in buying David Warren's ranch. The purest water and good grass and mountain air from a combination that you cannot get in the valley on land at \$50 per acre.

Win. Chapins sister lies, we regret to learn, very sick at Willamina.

Our friend Jay Brown spent the night at Robert Ford's lately; He was hunting stray cattle.

Mr. Wilson Lee is again very seriously sick. —Oh, yes! by the way, Murrah for Harrison.

Business Mention.

M. Hayter dentist, Dallas.

Go to Henry Patterson for perfume.

Gene Hayter for cheap goods.

Read our new advertisements this week.

The F. M. A. store has new goods.

Spectacles properly focussed and accurately fitted at Henry Patterson's. Every pair warranted. No fit, no sale.

The F. M. A. store have as cheap line of general merchandise as can be found any where.

Paints, oils, varnishes, etc., at Waterhouses.

Henry Patterson has just received a new stock of all the latest novelties in the jewelry line. No old goods in his stock. Drop in and examine them.

Conway & Cooper hardware men, Independence.

No trouble to show you our goods—Shelly & Vanduyne.

The straight up-and-up store-keepers—Shelly and Vanduyne, Independence.

We name for you way down prices on all our general merchandise. Give us a call. Shelly & Vanduyne, Independence.

E. B. Collins, the photographer, is prepared to turn out photographs at Dallas in all its branches as good as in any part of the state.

For fine watch work go to U. M. Grant at H. B. Patterson's.

At J. D. Irvine's is the place to get your groceries, Independence.

Mrs. La Ransier, City Bazaar Independence, has made a fine selection of woolen goods, ribbons, buttons, articles for fancy work, remnants of cashmere, prints, handkerchiefs, purses, etc. Give an early call.

Attention of those who are taking painting is called to the full line of artistic material at H. B. Patterson's Independence.

People who are talked about, are those who go and examine the fine stock of artists material at Busters Independence. He has a full line of Tubes, Academy boards, plaques, frames, brushes, etc. Call and see them.

E. Hayter's is the place to buy all the latest styles of dress goods; fine stock just received.

Henry Patterson is not behind with a fine line of jewelry.

Go to Vaughns, Dallas the leading jeweler.