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## CORRESPONDENCE

### INDEPENDENCE.

Edwin Wallace was down from Corvallis over Sunday.  
Mrs. Lottie Dorris has returned from a visit in Portland.  
E. W. Cooper, of Portland, visited in Independence the last of the week.  
Mrs. H. Mattison and Mrs. Charles Jiff visited friends in Corvallis during the week.  
Miss Bertha Bohannon and Miss Ivy Cooper were Salem visitors the last of the week.  
Miss Helen Cooper has gone to Portland to attend the Behnke-Walker business college.  
Dean Walker, of Portland, visited

his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Walker, the last of the week.  
Miss Cecil Wilcox, who is attending the U. of O., is visiting at the home of her father, G. A. Wilcox.  
Mrs. M. W. Wallace and daughter, Grace, left Tuesday for a three months' visit in Dakota and New York.  
Miss Florence Gebro entertained twenty-five of her young friends at a Halloween party Saturday evening.  
Dr. Eaton, of Portland, visited in this city Sunday and was accompanied home by his son, Joe, who will attend school there this winter.  
The Rebekah lodge celebrated the 15th anniversary of its organization Tuesday evening. A literary and musical program was rendered and a lunch served during the evening. About 150 people were present.  
The Social Hour Reading club was entertained at the home of Mrs. G. A.

Wilcox, Friday afternoon by Mrs. L. Damon, Mrs. E. L. Ketchum, Mrs. J. E. Hubbard, Mrs. S. E. Owen and Mrs. Wilcox. There were guessing games for which Mrs. O. D. Butler won the first prize and Mrs. G. W. Kutch the booby. Dainty refreshments were served.

### PEDEE.

Frank Merrill has rented the Schey-the place.  
M. Bush has moved into one of A. Womer's houses.  
Jasper Willet has rented the Frank Wrightson place.  
Frank Bush has finished logging on the Lucklamute.  
W. M. Sherry has been hauling hops for Harry Lacey.  
A. R. Lewis recently purchased a number of beef cattle in this vicinity.  
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Scheythe will make their home in Monroe this winter.

## OPERA HOUSE

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The Cherry Grove school has commenced with Miss Maggie Kemp as teacher.  
Robert Phillips and George Conn have returned from a hunting trip to Pine Opening.  
W. S. James, who recently purchased and moved onto the R. M. Fowle place, has been hauling lumber for Albert Newbill.  
Frank Gilliam will go to eastern Oregon for the winter and his mother will spend a few months with her daughter in Salem.

### BALLSTON.

Mrs. Kimsey is improving.  
William Hill was a Portland visitor Monday.  
Charley Spagle was a Portland visitor Saturday.  
Miss Bertie Coulter, of Dallas, has been visiting friends here.  
J. R. Bowman, who was accidentally shot a short time ago, is able to be up.  
Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Sloan were Monmouth visitors the last of the week.  
A hallowe'en party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Sears, Saturday night.  
Alf Campbell and Van B. Sears attended the Democratic rally in Sheridan, Saturday night.  
A. M. Tillery has completed an addition to the house on the Whitman college farm, occupied by R. A. Campbell.  
Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Pointer are

here from Eastern Oregon visiting relatives and friends. They will make their home in Portland this winter.

While going into his barn Saturday night, Will Yocum stumbled over a dog and broke the small bone in his leg just below the knee. Medical aid was summoned at once and he is getting along as well as could be expected.

### POLK.

Frank Friesen lost a valuable horse recently.  
The recent rains have put the ground in first class condition for the fall farm work.  
A very enjoyable Halloween party was held at the home of Bernard Friesen, Saturday night.  
John Friesen and Miss Josie Shultz were married at the church of the Menonite Brethren, Sunday.  
A. L. Windover has returned from the rock quarry where he has been working as engineer for several months.  
Mr. and Mrs. Peter Friesen celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary at the Menonite Church last Sunday.  
A large quantity of the potatoes in this neighborhood have not yet been harvested but will be dug this week if the fine weather continues.

### MONMOUTH.

Ed Griffs, of St. John, is visiting his brother in Monmouth this week.  
Franklin Chambers, of Kings Valley, was a Monmouth visitor Saturday.  
Farmers in this vicinity are taking advantage of the favorable weather for planting fall grain.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Coral, of Forest Grove, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Huber last week.  
The masons have finished their work on the new building of Radlick & Smith, and the carpenters are now finishing the interior.  
The Rev. C. R. Chool, of Wisconsin, and R. Y. Blalock, of Tillamook, are conducting a series of meetings this week at the Baptist church.

Considerable damage to private property was done by those celebrating Halloween, Saturday night, but no steps have been taken as yet for the punishment of the offenders.

### FALLS CITY.

J. Flynn, of Portland, a former resident of this city, was a visitor here this week.

Will Dennis has charge of the electric plant during the absence of Mr. Brown, who is ill in Portland.

Mrs. A. H. Dodd was called to Corvallis last week by the illness of her daughter, who is attending school there.

Mrs. W. T. Grier and Mrs. R. L. Fuller entertained a number of their friends at a pleasant Halloween party Saturday night.

Bert R. Paull, of Couyville, has been appointed pastor of the Methodist Church of this city and preached his first sermon here last Sunday.

Mrs. Frank Laws died at her home near Bridgeport, Thursday, after a long and severe illness. The remains were taken to Amity for burial.

### Masquerade a Complete Success.

The first masquerade of the season held at the Colosseum rink Tuesday night, was one of the biggest and best affairs of its kind ever held in Dallas. Aside from the natural interest that would be manifested in the brilliant spectacle of the scores of skaters in elaborate costumes, the election returns, flashed from time to time upon a big screen in the west end of the hall, offered another element of attraction which drew a crowd of spectators that fairly overflowed the galleries. The prizes were awarded at 9:30 o'clock with W. J. Kearth, W. W. Ullrey and Ed Bricker acting as judges. The list of prizes given and those winning prizes were as follows: Ladies—Imo Johnson, Zouave Lady, best fancy costume, \$2.50; Mrs. C. Gough, W. O. W., best advertising costume, \$2.50; Essie Frakes, spoons, most original costume, 10 skate tickets; Miss Leta Grant, fisher girl, best skater, 10 skate tickets; Mrs. Henry Stump, Indian squaw, best sustained character, 10 skate tickets. Gentlemen—Lief Finseth, Mexican, best fancy costume, \$2.50; Hugh Ayres, Dallas Soda Works, best advertising character, \$2.50; Frank Syron, soldier, best skater, 10 skate tickets; George Morton, officer, best sustained character, 10 skate tickets.

### October Library Report.

During the month just passed, 611 books have been loaned out from the Dallas Free Library, 386 of which were fiction, 75 non-fiction and 150 children's books. 127 callers were in the library and 31 new borrowers' cards were issued. The following new books have been donated by George Bowles: Life of Christ—Stalker, Character Sketches—Lofton, and The Story of 100 Years—Shepp.

J. V. Massey, of McCoy, was a visitor in Dallas yesterday.

## SOME RAMBLING THOUGHTS

Notes By the Way From the Former Editor of the Polk County Observer.

WOLFVILLE, Arizona, Nov. 2—(Special Correspondence.) Where is Wolfville, do you ask? Well, reader, you will not find it on any map. You will search the railway folder in vain for it, and there is not the slightest use in looking for it in your Tourist's Guide. Where is Wolfville? Why its where Doc Peets used to live—and Dave Tutt, and Old Man Enright, and Dan Boggs. But it isn't known as Wolfville now. Only the initiated can give you its exact location—and the initiated are those fortunate readers who have enjoyed the inimitable tales of the Old Cattleman, as re-told by that prince of frontier humorists—Alfred Henry Lewis. Thousands of American readers know where it is, so I am violating no confidence when I tell you that Wolfville is in Arizona—not a thousand miles from Tucson. And its neighbor town is Red Dog!

No, the Wolfville of today is not the Wolfville of a quarter of a century ago, and were the Old Cattleman to revisit his ancient stamping-ground, I fear that he would find few familiar landmarks, and still fewer familiar faces; for the Wolfville of twenty-five years ago was in every way typical of a class of mining and cattle camps that slowly, but surely, disappeared before the steadily increasing tide of immigration from the Eastern and Middle States.

Were the Old Cattleman to drop into Tucson today on his way to Wolfville, he would seek in vain for Old Monte and his ancient Concord stage-coach. In their stead, he would find it necessary to trust himself to the tender mercies of a spooky looking individual with goo-goo goggles, and a few minutes later he would find himself streaking it across the desert in one of those ungainly contrivances of modern ingenuity known as a touring car, with its 40-horse-power engines fairly eating up the long miles, and its "smelling-to-heaven" odors sending the jackrabbits and prairie dogs scurrying to cover in all directions. Pleasant anticipations of a feast of beans, salt-hoss and "air-tights" at the "O. K. House" would be rudely ended when he arrived and found Mrs. Rucker's well-known hostelry transformed into a modern 100-room hotel, with its electric elevators, its lavishly furnished buffet and grill, and its own imported Hungarian orchestra, led and directed by Professor Dam of Amsterdam. Strolling out to get a "little something" to cut the prairie dust out of his throat, he would search in vain for the familiar sign of the old "Redlight Saloon" and would soon find his way, by unerring instinct, into one of the numerous places with potted palms in the windows and half the electric lights in town on the outside. Instead of the "New York Store" supplying the cowboys and miners with only such staple articles as hats, boots, clothing and tobacco, he would find a half-dozen department stores—those marvels of American commercial life, with stocks of goods anticipating every personal comfort and household need; with armies of uniformed salespeople, and their abominable "penny change" system. "Boot Hill Cemetery," he would find converted into a lawn tennis court, and the "Mexican Dance Hall" into a 10-cent, moving-picture show. Where once the "Strangers' den" out justice, swift and sure, to the hapless evil-doer, he would find the "more civilized" law court, with its creeping machinery, its tedious and expensive delays, and its pleas of "moral degeneracy," "emotional insanity," and "brainstorm." In short, he would find Wolfville no longer a frontier cattle camp, but a modern American city, with its trolley cars, electric lights, burdensome taxes, and grafting aldermen.

The Wild and Woolly West—never as wild, nor as woolly, as the Eastern story-writers would have had us believe—is a thing of the past. Its days have gone, never to return. The Wild West can nowhere be found in America today, save within the enclosure of Buffalo Bill's big show—and, as Arthur Greene aptly remarked in a recent number of the Oregonian, it is highly probable that a majority of Colonel Cody's cowboys and broncho-busters learned their stunts on some vacant lot in South Chicago!

The people of the so-called desert states, aided by the Federal Government, are literally obeying the Divine injunction imposed upon Moses, when the Lord commanded him to "take up the water of the river and pour it upon the dry land." And the resulting miracle, while of a widely different nature, is scarcely less wonderful than that which followed Moses' obedience of his Lord's command. For marvelous, indeed, is the change that is being wrought by the application of water to the desert lands of the Southwestern states. Wastes of sand and sagebrush and alkali have been transformed into green fields, waving

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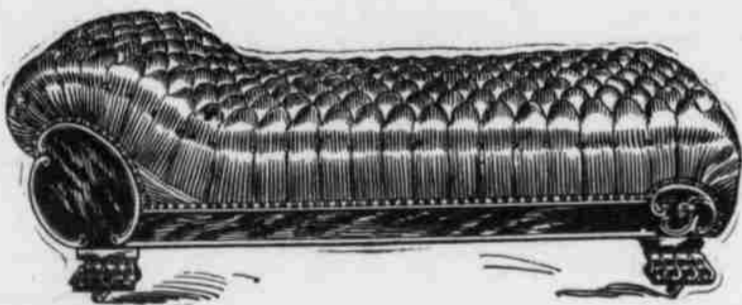
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