

NEWS FROM COUNTY SEAT

Court House Notes.

REAL ESTATE.

John George Rand to Catherine Rand, 111 acres in tp 6 s, r 6 w, \$1.

Fred McHenry to Freeman G Chute, lots 5 and 6, block 7, in Hill's add to Independence, \$10.

Siene Anderson to James P Anderson et ux, lots 7 and 8, block 20, Thorp's add to town of Independence, \$10.

Otis D Butler et ux to Frank J Coad, lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, block 4, Talmage, \$10.

J M Grant, (sheriff) to W P Mars et ux, land in tps 7 and 8 s, r 5 w, \$3,050.65.

U S Real and Brokerage company to Jacob Lesser et al, 4.46 acres in sec 31, tp 8 s, r 4 w, \$10.

Joseph Day et ux to August Ford, 40 acres in sec 14, tp 6 s, r 8 w, \$1500.

Martha A Holman et al to Ed. T Plaster, 150 acres in tp 8 s, r 5 w, \$9,000.

Ed. T Plaster to Dell F Plaster, 75 acres in tp 8 s, r 5 w, \$4500.

Leonard Krebs to G A Rich, land in Hill's town of Independence, \$10.

Asa B Taylor to G A Rich, land in Henry Hill's town of Independence, \$10.

S Snyder et ux to G B Williamson, lots 7 and 8, block 15, in Thorp's add to Independence, \$100.

George Williamson et ux to Peter B Kurre et al, lots 7 and 8 in block 15, in Thorp's add to Independence, \$800.

J C Zinser et ux to William H Franklin, 10 acres in Oak Knoll Place, \$10.

William H Franklin to P C Sears, 10 acres in Oak Knoll Place, \$10.

PROBATE.

Estate of Mary E McCaleb, deceased; final account approved.

Estate of Rachel Watson, deceased; final order.

Guardianship of Wendell Hill Denlinger, a minor, annual report filed and approved subject to final settlement, petition to sell real estate filed and set for hearing January 30, at 10 a. m.

Guardianship of Petersen children, minors; annual report filed and approved subject to final settlement.

Guardianship of Bertha Sexton and Willis Sexton, minors; petition for sale of real estate filed and set for hearing January 30, at 1 o'clock p. m.

Estate of Jabez Thurston, deceased; final account allowed as filed and distribution ordered.

Estate of Bethiah Jones deceased; inventory and appraisal filed and approved.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Alvin L Raines to Eva M Chapin.

Glenn E Stewart to Lillie M Montgomery.

Charles L Elkins to Pearl O Baker.

FARM NAMES REGISTERED.

Wigrich Ranche, near Independence, by Richardson T Topham, London, England.

Ostriches at Panama Exposition.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—Local capitalists will open the Golden Gate Ostrich Farm in the block bounded by 46th and 47th, Balboa and Sutro Avenues in this city. This farm will be opened in January and will be the nucleus for an Ostrich exhibit at the Exposition in 1915. Robert Gurnett will be the manager of the farm, and he states that it will compare favorably with the ostrich farms in Sacramento, Oak-

land, Los Angeles and San Diego.

The buildings are now being erected for the housing of the ostriches within a few blocks of Sutro Heights. Twenty-five birds will be installed in the local farm in January, and this number will be increased until the year of the Exposition, when it is expected that this city will boast the largest Ostrich Farm in the United States.

Gurnett states that there will be twelve pens and that the ostriches will be in pairs in these pens. Incubators will be used for the hatching of the birds. There will be a first-class Aviary in connection with the Ostrich Farm. It will be one of the show places in San Francisco.

A Thanksgiving Package

By SHEELA ESTHER DUNN

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"We're too poor, John," said Mrs. Hardwick to her husband, "to have a Thanksgiving dinner this year. Besides, we've nothing to be thankful for. The loss of our little Molly has taken all the thankfulness out of me."

John said what he could to comfort his wife, but there is little comfort in such partings, and a happy family circle had been broken by the loss of little Molly, the baby. It had occurred as many misfortunes occur from poverty. This is the way it happened:

Mrs. Hardwick was taken ill when the baby was but six months old. John was away, and there was no one to attend to her or the household, and more especially the baby, who needed more attention than any of the family. A neighbor came in to take charge and concluded to send Molly away till the mother should have recovered. Mrs. Hardwick had an aunt living at the next station on the railroad, and since the aunt could not leave her home it was decided to send the baby to her in the care of an express messenger. A bassinet was fitted out, the baby put into it and a tag with the address on it of both the shipper and the consignee tied on it. Then the "package" was taken to the messenger, who had charge of an express car, and he agreed to take it to its destination.

Unfortunately an accident occurred on the railroad that spoiled all these calculations. A man passing the scene of the accident, hearing a cry from some bushes beside the track, sought the cause and found Molly. Near by lay her bassinet. She was alive and apparently unhurt. A child falls without resistance and is therefore much less liable to injury than an adult. Besides, in this case the fall was supposed to have been broken by the bushes. The finder took up the child and its bassinet and carried it home to his wife. The bassinet had fallen into a ditch, and the address on it had been so discolored by the water that it was unintelligible.

Now, Molly had fallen into the hands of a couple who had no children and had given up all hope of having children. Not knowing where to send Molly, they concluded to keep her, at least till they could find her parents, and if not found they would adopt her.

After the accident the Hardwicks learned nothing of their child. The express messenger had been killed, they could not learn where the baby was at the time of the accident, and she was never found. But this was not remarkable, for on one side of the railroad was a stream, and the body might have been thrown from the car into the water and carried away by the current.

At any rate, there was not the slightest probability that Molly was alive, and her parents mourned her as lost. Mrs. Hardwick recovered from her illness, and the family affairs were set to rights, all except the return of little Molly.

The day before Thanksgiving pitying friends sent the Hardwicks a dinner for the occasion. But the mourning mother declared that she had not the heart to cook it. Thanksgiving day being a holiday, John stayed at home, but there was no rejoicing. The children found it difficult to make a holiday when their parents were so dismal. At noon the little ones began to feel hungry, and, yielding to their importunities, their mother consented to roast a turkey that had been sent them. She had hardly got it in the oven when there was the sound of a heavy truck stopping before the house. A man ran up the steps and kicked at the door. When it was opened the cause of his kicking was apparent. Both of the man's hands were in use. In one he held a bassinet, in the other a book.

"Sign for this," he said.

There was a simultaneous exclamation of surprise and joy from the family as Molly was handed in. Looking up at her mother, she smiled and cooed. Mrs. Hardwick seized her and clasped her to her breast.

"Sign for this," repeated the man, holding out the book in which he took receipts for express matter.

Mr. Hardwick hurriedly scratched his name and the expressman, running down the steps, mounted his wagon and drove away.

And so it was that the Hardwicks' holiday was made both a day of rejoicing and of thankfulness. When they sat down to dinner the baby in its bassinet was placed on the table, and while its parents and brothers and sisters ate turkey Molly pulled lustily on her bottle.

An explanation came in time. One day the couple who had taken Molly in heard from a friend of the Hardwicks' of their loss, and it became apparent that they were in possession of the missing child. This occurred the day before Thanksgiving, and a pleasant surprise was arranged for the parents. The baby was taken to an express office, where it was given in charge of a delivery man, who was instructed to carry it to its home.

That day was remembered as the Thanksgiving of their lives. At any rate, they had more to be thankful for than ever before or afterward. Little Molly was often referred to as the express package, and the souvenir stuck to her. When she grew old enough she was told the story of her strange adventure and never ceased to wonder that one so young could have gone through so much.

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Dated December 13th, 1912.
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Monmouth Time Table

The following is the schedule time for the arrival and departure of trains at Monmouth.

No. 64.	Independence to Dallas and Portland,	6:35 A. M.
No. 61.	Independence to Airtie,	6:40 A. M.
No. 62.	Airtie to Independence and Salem,	8:00 A. M.
No. 65.	Dallas to Independence and Corvallis,	8:55 A. M.
No. 68.	Independence to Dallas,	11:20 A. M.
No. 69.	Dallas to Independence and Portland,	1:25 P. M.
No. 66.	Independence to Dallas,	2:15 P. M.
No. 125.	Independence to Monmouth and return to Independence and Salem,	3:55 P. M.
No. 73.	Dallas to Airtie,	3:55 P. M.
No. 72.	Airtie to Independence,	5:35 P. M.
No. 70.	Independence to Dallas,	6:40 P. M.
No. 126.	Independence to Monmouth and return to Independence,	7:25 P. M.
No. 71.	Dallas to Independence,	7:45 P. M.