

## LOCAL

E. C. Cole shipped two crates of eggs to Portland this week.

Albert Keyes, of Hubbard, visited friends in Monmouth for a few days this week.

George Rhodes, of Goldendale, Klickitat county, Washington, arrived here Monday evening on a visit to S. H. Hinkle and family.

Samuel Strickler departed on Wednesday for Eden, Idaho, to make his future home. He intends to go into the business of raising alfalfa. Mrs. Strickler will join him some time in the future.

Agate Rebekah Lodge No. 177, met in regular session on Thursday evening of last week, and initiated the following candidates. Mrs. Lena A. Boone, Miss Elva Boone, Miss Pearle V. Davidson, Miss Clara Ireland, Miss Olea Shore and Mr. Calvin Holm. Miss Cora Green was taken into the lodge by card having transferred her membership from the Rebekah lodge at Drain. The business session being concluded, light refreshments were served and a sociable time followed which was enjoyed by all.

### Dynamited the Well.

The city council undertook, during the latter part of last week, to dynamite the well which Sloper Brothers had drilled to see if, peradventure, some passing stream might be deflected into the well. The first effort proved a total failure as the charge failed to explode.

On Tuesday, this week, a second effort was made. This time the charge was enclosed in an air-tight can and weighted, but the weight proved too light and failed to sink the charge more than about 100 feet. The explosion threw a jet of water from the well which rose to a height of 60 to 75 feet where it spread out and fell back making a very pretty sight, but with no apparent benefit.

We believe another effort is to be made from a depth a little lower than the old well.

### Resignation Handed In.

Councilman J. L. Murdock has handed in his resignation to the city council as his business is such that he finds that a residence in Portland will be more beneficial and economical to the creamery company with which he is connected.

Mr. Murdock has proved a faithful member of the council and has been untiring in his efforts to serve the city's interests, and we are sorry to lose him, not only from the council, but as a citizen of the town, although his interests will still be connected with Monmouth.

### City Council Doings.

The city council met on Tuesday of last week and transacted business as follows. Claim of James Goodman against the city for \$39.90 and the claim of J. H. Leask for \$2.12 were taken up and allowed.

The council then mane an order to discontinue the drilling upon the well and to sink and explode a charge of dynamite in the well to see if it would open up seams in the rock and perhaps lead some passing stream into the well. The meeting then adjourned.

### Prune Trees For Sale.

I have 1375 Italian prune trees for sale at ten cents each. Trees can be seen at H. S. Hinkle's place.

W. B. RAMSEY.

## High School Notes

On Friday, of this week, the program committee has planned for a short program on the news of the week.

H. K. Sickafoose removed the snow from the walks the first of the week.

Ruby Lorence, a senior of the high school, spent the week's end visiting with her sister in Eugene. She returned to school Monday.

A number of the students have been unable to be in school the past week, owing to illness.

The high school basketball team defeated the Oregon Normal School five in a practice game on Thursday afternoon, by the score of 24 to 13.

The principal of the high school, J. W. Livingston, attended the meeting of the county principals at Dallas last Friday, at Mr. Seymour's office. One object of this meeting was to arrange for the county debates. The schools entered in the League this year are: Falls City, Monmouth, Independence and Dallas. Each school has the privilege of sending in a number of subjects from which Mr. Seymour will choose a final subject. Those suggested by the student body here were single tax, capital punishment, restriction of foreign labor, insurance for employes, and municipal ownership of railways, light and power plants. The high school will put forth a strong effort to win the cup this year, as it would then become the permanent property of the school.

Principal Livingston is in receipt of a check of \$25 from W. J. West, superintendent of the Oliver Mining Company, Hibbing, Minnesota, to be used on the piano fund or for any other worthy purpose. Mr. West has never seen Monmouth but in accordance with plans of similar contributions for other enterprises, he has sent the amount to help advance a deserving purpose in the school here. He is a close friend of Mr. Livingston, having been one of his former students in Wisconsin.

Tomorrow evening in the assembly room of the Monmouth High School building, the Freshman class of the school will present a unique program, the principal number of which will be an illustrated lecture on "The Development of Agriculture" by four students of the class. Over 50 fine slides have been procured from Chicago and they will show the story of agriculture from the crude implements of the earliest times down to the finest engines and machinery used on the great farms today. The curiosity department will contain sections of the great telephone, telegraph and ocean cables, and large framed pictures of the great ocean liners, including the Olympic of the White Star line, the largest ocean vessel afloat. The table of curiosities and interesting relics will afterwards be used to start a school cabinet. There will be displayed a set of photographs showing the development of the twine binder and the great combine reaping machines.

Candy and light refreshments will be on hand. The program will include bright dialogues and some music, to be followed by the opening of the booths and a pleasant social time. The proceeds will be used for the benefit of the students of the Freshman class. The members of the class have spent days preparing for Saturday night's entertainment and the enterprise deserves the support and liberal patronage of every citizen of Monmouth and vicinity. Will you be there?

## John Remington Writes From California.

Los Angeles, Calif., Jan. 13, 1913.

Friend Stitt:—We are having a very nice time here, bright, sunny days and warm in the sun in the middle of the day, but cold nights. We have been here twenty-one days and it has frozen 16 nights, have noticed our thermometer as low as 22 degrees, other nights 24 and 27, and I know it has been considerable colder than that. The extreme cold has done much damage to crops and flowers, in fact, it has, to a great degree, spoiled the beauty of parks and country in general. People with orange and lemon orchards have been badly damaged, besides the great expense of smudging, although they buy the oil cheap, about three cents per gallon. They used hundreds of car loads and the smoke from it obstructs the view of the mountains; but this city is growing in a phenomenal way. There was, allowing, 50 foot front, enough dwelling houses built, mostly bungalows, to reach over 65 miles and all the other towns about here and along the coast are growing the same way. It won't be very long before they will be connected to the coast; they have lots of nice land here, but it takes lots of water to raise good crops, and where there is no water it is pretty barren looking—not as green as Monmouth. Met Huse Mulkey and wife at Long Beach, where he is staying for a while. He had not got his paper from Monmouth. There is a lot of trolley trips to take from here to other towns; they are personally conducted and use up the day. Make a hundred miles, some days more, some less. The people here think this is the only place; the front of the United States; they have never seen Monmouth, with its natural green fields surrounding it.

Yours,  
John H. Remington.

## Independence To Have A New Theater.

The contract of building the new brick theater building for Nelson & Henkle has been awarded to Miller & Kanne, local architects and builders. Work of clearing away the old building has commenced and the new theater will be under course of construction within ten days.

The contractors expect to have it completed by the middle of March.

Messrs. Miller & Kanne have employed John Bramberg to do the brick work, giving employment in every department to local workmen.

It may be said without fear of contradiction that no city in Oregon the size of Independence has as good a play house as the one above mentioned, and it is evident that the builders have great faith in the future progress of Independence since they have decided to invest twelve or thirteen thousand dollars in a building for public amusement.

The building is to be modern in every respect with a stage 18 by 39 dressing room below and all modern improvements, it will be a credit to the city and to the proprietors.

The Masonic lodge has decided to build on the lot adjoining south of the Nelson & Henkle building, and while the contract has not been let at this time, it is definitely announced that work will be commenced in a very short time. The dimension of this building will be 116 by 40

feet, and two stories high, and will be occupied by J. D. Hibbs & Co., local hardware merchants. —Enterprise.

## A PLOT THAT FAILED.

The Scheme to Blow Up Napoleon III. With Gunpowder.

An interesting story is that of a frustrated plot against Napoleon III, which has never got into the history book.

In 1900, when the frontage of the Theatre Francais was rebuilt after the disastrous fire in which one of the most charming actresses of the Maison de Moliere lost her life, several shops disappeared, among them being that of the famous restaurant Chevet. It was not properly speaking a restaurant. Chevet used to sell liqueurs, groceries, smoked meats, etc., and in a couple of low ceiled rooms on the first floor he would serve a meal or two to connoisseurs. One day in 1865 or 1866 two young men of fashion, Russians both of them, came in and called for dinner in one of the little rooms which were above the shop. They asked for caviar, but when they got it they protested loudly that the caviar was of inferior quality and called for the owner of the shop. He came, apologized and was met with the remark, tendered laughingly by one of the diners, that next time they came they would bring their own caviar. They came again and brought it in a little white wooden barrel, and when they left they had it put on one side for them. From time to time the two young Russians came and dined chez Chevet, dined invariably in the same room and always began their dinner with their own caviar. One day they finished the barrel, and a few days later, in the afternoon, one of them brought another one. "Put it in the little cupboard in the room we always dine in," he said to the waiter, "and do not let anybody touch it until we come to dine." The waiter took it, but on his way upstairs something peculiar struck him.

"Look at this barrel," he said to the restaurant keeper. "There is something queer about it."

"That is no business of ours," said the master of the establishment, "and I am not going to look at it anyhow. What will our customers say if they find we have opened it?"

"Oh," said the waiter, "we can open it and close it again, and they will never know. It is certainly different from the last barrel. It is heavier, to begin with."

His insistence prevailed, and the barrel was opened. The restaurant keeper and the waiter started back in fright. There was no caviar, but gunpowder in that little barrel, which was an infernal machine. The little dining room was exactly underneath the imperial box, and there is little doubt that the emperor's next visit to the Comedie Francaise would have been his last had the carefully laid plot not been discovered. The plotters never were caught, although the secret of the plot was carefully guarded and traps were laid for them in Chevet's restaurant for several days. —St. James' Gazette.

### Gladstone as a "Supe."

A reference to "The Corsican Brothers" recalls an amusing story of Mr. Gladstone's visit to the Lyceum when Irving was playing in this drama. Mr. Gladstone at the time was not burdened by the cares of office, and one evening he dropped in at the Lyceum, where he was occasionally accommodated with a chair at the "wings." On this night, however, when the stage was set for the opera ball in "The Corsican Brothers" his curiosity led him into one of the boxes for spectators in the scene. Up went the curtain; Mr. Gladstone was at once described by the pit and greeted with shouts of joy which caused him hastily to withdraw. "This," says Mr. Austin, "was his first and only appearance in the drama outside of the dear old 'legitimate' at Westminster." —Westminster Gazette.



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WILLARD MILO MEEKER.

Executor of the estate of Roena E. Meeker, deceased.

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