

Local and Personal

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Chas. C. Curtis, Christian minister at Dallas, was a Monmouth visitor Thursday. Mr. Curtis and Mr. Jones are preparing the program for a district convention of the Christian church to be held at Stayton next May.

Airlie Notes

Mrs. Homer Link and sister, Nell, returned home Sunday after a visit with relatives in Portland. Ask Jannie and the Doc or how they like to hunt for bunnies.

John Weinert has been working at Earl Brown's for the past week.

Mr. John McBee of this place was a Dallas visitor Friday.

Clyde Turner has sold his house and lot in town to Mr. Shewey and it is understood they intend moving to Portland soon.

Lillian Lewis visited her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Tetherow Saturday and Sunday.

Raymon Williams, who has been home from work for a few days, returned Monday morning.

Mr. Johnson returned Friday from a business trip to Portland. Edna Cunn was an Independence visitor Friday.

Waymond Williams, of Independence, is visiting friends and relatives here.

The Artisans held an open meeting Saturday night. Dr. Esmen gave a splendid talk. An excellent program was rendered and a very fine supper was served.

It is reported that work will begin the first of March on the new R. R. at Simpson.

Gay Ray started a wild-west show of his own Saturday when he tried to ride an old work horse, but he found that he could still buck a little.

Ask Louis Weinert where his purse is.

Wally Williams has been drawing hop stakes for his yard this past week.

Carl Bash was a visitor in Hoskins last Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Loop and baby girl visited his mother at Amy last week.

The Valley & Siletz surveying crew has returned to finish up its work.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Gayer have been visiting her sister at Dallas for a few days the past week.

Carl Story, who has been attending O. A. C., spent the week-end at Mr. Crowley's.

BOOSTS COUNTRY TOWNS

Indoor Game Association Says Villages Must Patronize Themselves

Mr. Merchant: In my first letter some weeks ago I told you the country newspapers, properly used, were the best selling agents in America. Have you used them? If not, why not? I also sent out a sample form of advertising, taken from one of the Chicago dailies, showing how the big stores in the city get orders from the country trade. Perhaps you didn't see it. Perhaps your local editor was too modest to publish it lest it seem a mere bid for advertising. Or possibly, you may have been sensitive about receiving advice from a stranger.

But, gentlemen, these are all false fears. One thing is certain: either the country town must

patronize itself or vanish, and I see no way for you to meet city competition, except by the city man's methods. What do I care, do you ask? Just this: the Indoor Game Association has no pecuniary interest in the matter, it is true. But we are interested in humanity, and the passing of the country town would be a calamity to civilization.

For years we have watched with growing concern the tide of country youth migrating to the city. We have seen the rural communities standing stationary and in many cases going back. Our efforts in the city to weed out gambling and to secure better supervision for dance halls, billiard rooms, moving picture theatres, etc., for the young people, reveals the fact that the worst danger arises from the "unintegrated" country boys and girls. Three-fourths of the "sad cases" coming under our observation are of this class.

How to keep country boys and girls at home during impressionable years, therefore, has become a vital issue in the work of our association. This means boosting the country town, and to this end the rural community must be induced to patronize itself in the two great spheres of human interest—Business and Pleasure. First, to secure the former, merchants must display their wares attractively in their windows and fill the space of their local papers with catchy suggestions. The very things that are now drawing country trade to the city. Nothing gives a town a more thriving appearance than attractive windows of business places. If you haven't a good window, tear out the end of your store and put in one. It will pay you big in interest.

Second, provide the young people with wholesome amusements. Promote clean, legitimate recreations of every kind. Remember there are children's games, young ladies' games, young men's games and old people's games. (Alas, for the person who has grown too old to play.) Do not try to make an old lady, however, out of a young man. That only disgusts him and drives him to the city.

Young couples want some place to go in the evening. If you have no theatre, why not build one? At least, you could maintain a moving picture show. Young men love to play billiards. See that they have a good clean room for that purpose. Open up a large, well ventilated hall. See that it is properly supervised. Do not become hostile and prohibitive. But, appoint a sane censor committee to inspect all public places of recreation, something like the recently established commission in Detroit, Michigan.

These two things, gentlemen, advertise your business and entertain your people! Therein lies the hope of the country town.

F. J. MILNES,
President National Indoor Game Association, Evanston, Ill.

China's "Southern Capital"

The city of Nanking has several claims to fame. It is the chief center of the literature of the empire, and the city, as is well known, has often suffered siege and been the scene of fighting and bloodshed. The population has lately been estimated at about a quarter of a million. Known as "the southern capital," as distinguished from "the northern capital," Peking, Nanking is a great military depot and also gives its name to the variety of cotton—nankeen. The famous porcelain tower, one of the wonders of China, formerly stood at Nanking, but it was unfortunately destroyed during the Taiping rebellion.—Westminster Gazette.

Report of Public Schools

Report of the schools of Polk County for the school month ending January 23, 1914.

Number of schools reporting correctly and on time	46
Number of schools not reporting on time	4
Number of pupils remaining at last report	2669
Number of pupils registered new during month	22
Number of pupils registered secondary during month	39
Number of pupils readmitted during month	237
Total number pupils on register during month	3176
Number of pupils dropped during month	297
Total number on register at this report	2899
Number of days taught during month	16 1/2
Whole number of days attendance	4555.5
Whole number of days absent	1009
Whole number of times late	146
Number of pupils neither absent or late	1600
Average number of pupils attending	2018.8
Average daily attendance	206.9
Percentage of attendance	66.3
Number of visits by parents	146
Number of visits by members of school board	109

The following schools have been placed on the roll of honor for having made 95 per cent in attendance or over: Zena, Red Prairie, Dallas, Lewisville, Salt Creek, Valley View, Monmouth High School, Monmouth Grade School, Orchards, Bethel, Polk Station, Ward, Perrydale, Cockran, Butler, Rickreall, Independence, Antioch, Brush College, West Salem, Beuna Vista, Buell, Spring Valley, Popcorn, Harmony, North Dallas, Enterprise, Suver, Crowley, Greenwood, Liberty, Fir Grove, Elkins, Concord, Falls City, Pioneer, Oakhurst, Mountainview, Rock Creek, Hopville, Mistletoe, Valley Junction, Broadmead, No. 72 Airlie.

The following schools have been placed on the roll of honor for having made no tardies during the month: Orchards, Polk Station, Goosecreek, Cockran, Antioch, Brush College, Beuna Vista, Spring Valley, Harmony, Crowley, Mt. Timmons Valley, Fir Grove, Greenwood, Oakdale, Liberty, Oakhurst, Mountainview, Rogue River, Mistletoe.

The following schools have become Standard: Beuna Vista, North Dallas, Zena, No. 72 Oakhurst, Lincoln, Antioch, Fir Grove, McCoy, Guthrie, Airlie, Orchards, Mountainview, Red Prairie, Enterprise, Fern, Lewisville, Ward, Broadmead, Suver, West Salem, Popcorn, Spring Valley, Oakdale, Salt Creek, Perrydale, Rickreall, Highland, Buell.

School rallies have been held at the following schools: Airlie, Salt Creek, Valley View, Popcorn, Crowley, Spring Valley, McCoy, Enterprise, Rickreall, Broadmead, Bethel, Bridgeport, Ward, Oakhurst, Falls City, Oakdale, Goosecreek, Eola, Perrydale, Buell.

A County Teachers Meeting was held at Independence, January 24, with over 100 teachers present.

Yours respectfully,
H. C. SEYMOUR.

Hard to Do Without Pockets.

"The most annoying thing in nature for a man is the absence of a pocket in the uniform trousers," said a yeoman at the navy recruiting station. "The average man doesn't realize how strong is the tendency of throwing his hands in his trousers' pockets until he dons a pair of short pockets. I've worn the same pair for four years now, and I find it hard to find myself trying to put my hands in my pockets."—Kansas City Times.

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Portland, Newberg and Corvallis train	7:15 A. M.
Salem, Portland Mail train	8:20 " "
Portland, Corvallis and Eugene train	11:45 " "
Portland and Dallas train	11:57 " "
Portland, Corvallis and Eugene train	2:30 P. M.
Portland, Newberg and Corvallis train	7:00 P. M.
Mail Dispatched as Follows:	
Portland, Newberg and Corvallis train	6:40 A. M.
Portland, Corvallis and Eugene train	8:30 " "
Portland and Dallas train	1:30 P. M.
Portland, Corvallis and Eugene train	1:40 " "
Portland, Newberg and Corvallis train	4:15 " "
All mail is closed twenty minutes before the train leaves.	

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