

## Was an Independence Barber

Independence gets a certain sort of advertising out of the fact that an M. H. McCall, held for murder in Portland, was recently a resident of that town. McCall had been employed in a barber shop in Portland but had been discharged. He returned to the shop and while the chairs were busy shot three times and killed Wm. A. Shaner, a barber employed there. Shaner was a son of a captor of John Wilkes Booth. McCall also tried to kill a negro porter in the shop. He gave himself up to the police and alleged self defense as an excuse for his act. McCall appears to have an unbalanced mind and to have had such for some time. In a recent Independence Monitor he offers "\$25 reward for location of party who started a chicken scandal about him." No scandal was remembered.

Frank C. Eddy, who was born in Elgin, Ill., in 1870 and was a member of a leading firm of merchants in Independence, died at his home in that town Dec. 16th. He had been a resident of Independence only a year, moving there from Willamina. He was a member of the firm of Eddy & Carbray.

According to the school census Independence has decreased in number of school children during the year 78; Falls City has decreased 48; West Salem 19. Dallas has gained 52 and Monmouth gained 36, having the largest gain in proportion to population

in the county. Black Rock has 6 more pupils than last year.

The funeral party of W. W. Percival a well known citizen of Independence passed through Monmouth Tuesday on its way to the K. P. Cemetery. Mr. Percival's parents lived for years and died in Monmouth. He was a race horse man and hop grower. He had been sick for a long time with cancer of the stomach and died last Saturday evening. He was a member of the Elks' lodge of Salem and of the Ancient Order of United Workmen of Independence, both of which organizations were represented in his funeral services. He is survived by a son Carl and a daughter Pearl, all of Independence.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Schaeffer of Amity were visitors with Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hager last Saturday evening on the way to spend their honeymoon in Roseburg. The twain were married Saturday at noon at the home of the groom's father, and the bride before marriage was Miss Nettie Davis, a milliner and dressmaker of Amity. She is a niece of Mrs. Hager, the last of twelve children to be married. They will spend two weeks visiting in Roseburg, which is Mrs. Schaeffer's old home, and then they will go to housekeeping on a farm belonging to the groom two miles out of Amity.

Harold Haley is in Portland attending the educational meet and visiting with relatives.

D. L. Keyt attended the joint installation of Masons and Eastern Star at Dallas Wednesday evening.

## Local Brevities

L. P. Gilmore and family spent Christmas with relatives in Salem.

D. M. Hampton is under the weather this week.

Lyle Paxton of Amity spent Christmas at Paul Riley's.

Mrs. I. G. Singleton of Falls City spent Christmas with her mother, Mrs. C. E. DeWitt.

Miss Rosa Smith of the Vernon high school, Portland, is in Monmouth for the holidays.

We deliver all goods free to your homes. Moore & Walker, home Furnishers, Independence.

Emmett Rice of Crabtree was the Christmas guest of his father, E. A. Rice.

Miss Myrtle Crabtree of Drain spent Christmas with her mother, Mrs. C. C. Lee.

Mrs. C. C. Lee and son, Wm. Crabtree, went to Albany Tuesday for a visit.

Mrs. Nettie Pompton of Drain spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. G. McNeil.

For Dining Room Furniture see Moore & Walker, Complete Home Furnishers, Independence.

Mrs. Wm. Elkins of Albany visited her mother, Mrs. Sophia Hastings Wednesday.

Ernest Waterburg of Northeastern Washington has been visiting with Dr. and Mrs. F. R. Bowersox. The latter is his sister.

A fine line of heaters on display at Moore and Walkers, complete home furnishers, Independence. Free delivery to Monmouth

W. B. Eggleston and family entertained relatives from Walla Walla, Wash., for Christmas.

Mrs. F. R. Bowersox and daughter Mary visited this week with relatives in Albany and Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Guthrie spent Christmas with their son Hugh Guthrie and family in Corvallis.

Miss Mildred Force who is teaching in Arlington is spending the holidays with her parents in Monmouth.

Rugs, Congoleum, Window Shades. We deliver free to Monmouth. Moore & Walker, Complete home furnishers, Indep.

Evans Evans of Dallas was here one day this week to see his brother, E. T. Evans, who has been seriously sick with pneumonia.

On Christmas day S. O. Work celebrated his 66th anniversary. Those present were Mrs. M. J. Coleman, Glenn Work and Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Halleck.

D. S. North of Corvallis spent Christmas with Monmouth friends. He is attending the state meeting of educators at Portland but will return for a further visit here.

Miss Gwendolyn Dicken of Mapleton is the guest this week of Mrs. Alva Craven and Mrs. Albert Tetherow. Mrs. Craven and Miss Dicken spent today in Salem.

H. P. Bogert and family from Falls City spent Christmas in Monmouth at P. H. Johnson's and C. H. Newman's. At the latter place the family dinner was eaten.

The city council meeting Tuesday night was adjourned to 9 o'clock Wednesday morning for lack of a quorum. For the same reason the morning meeting was adjourned to Tuesday night of next week when the closing business of the year will be transacted.

A movement is on foot to make the Christmas program at the Christian church, which was so successful, an annual affair with the same theme, but elaborated on from time to time. The program was given under the direction of Mrs. McKinney who has helped to put it on in Portland churches in previous years. Many spectators of experience who saw the program say it is the best of the kind they ever saw.

E. S. Evenden, Miss R. B. Parrott, Miss Katherine Arbuthnot and Miss Jessica Todd of the Normal faculty are in Portland attending the State Teachers' association. In addition to the regular sessions there will be a grand banquet at Hotel Portland, the headquarters for the Association, followed by a reception at The Chamber of Commerce, given by the Oregon Congress of Mothers.

### PERIL IN HOUSE CLOTHS.

Those Used For Wiping and Cleaning Are a Menace to Health.

The dish wiping cloth, even the barred variety, which is sometimes dignified by the name of "tea towel," is in bad repute. Ever since man began to look through the microscope and think in terms of the microscope its fate has been sealed.

Only when freshly washed and boiled and used in clean hands to wipe the rims of already scalded and drained dishes should a wiping cloth be admitted into the modern kitchen. Used in dirty hands till grimy, carried on the arm of a waiter and used to polish a plate or wipe up a table, it belongs to the dark ages,

hygienically speaking.

In all dishwashing the household should more and more approach the practice of the laboratory where glassware and porcelain are washed, rinsed in boiling water and placed to drain. No cloth, no matter how well known its antecedents, should be allowed to touch them, for they are now absolutely clean and must remain clean.

In cleaning toilet articles the bathtub and the wash basin it should be remembered that ordinary cleaning cloths belong, like the scrubbing brush, to the early coarser process. The final cleaning must be by hot water only. Whatever comes in contact with any body aperture must be free from all possibility of bacterial contagion.

The common bathtub has doubtless frequently been a carrier of disease germs from one person to another. Before use, however clean it may look, it should be scalded out and not dried with any of the cloths ordinarily given over to the purpose.

Treated as it too often is with any old scrubbing cloth or brush that may happen to be handy the bathtub in a great many homes is never really clean and its germ laden condition makes it as serious a menace to the health of the household as the dish wiping cloth.—New York American.

**Sailing Pretty soon.**  
Lake Titicaca, between Peru and Bolivia, is slightly over 13,000 feet above the level of the sea and is navigated by steamers of about a thousand tons, plying twice weekly between Puno in Peru and Guaqui in Bolivia.—Woman's Home Companion.

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**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY**  
In Odd Fellows Hall  
Services, - - - 11.00 a. m.  
Subject of lesson sermon  
**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.**  
Sunday School, - - 10.00 a. m.  
Wednesday evening meeting, 8.00 p. m.

**CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
W. A. ELKINS, PASTOR.  
Sunday School, - - 10.00 a. m.  
Preaching Service, - 11.00 a. m.  
Y. P. S. C. E. Meeting, 6.30 p. m.  
Preaching Service, - 7.30 p. m.  
Prayer Meeting Wednesday, 7.30 p. m.

**BAPTIST CHURCH**  
G. A. POLLARD, PASTOR  
Sunday School, - - 10.00 a. m.  
Preaching Service, - 11.00 a. m.  
C. U. E. Meeting, - 6.30 p. m.  
Preaching Service, - 7.30 p. m.  
Prayer Meeting Wednesday, 8.00 p. m.

# Down Down Down

Somebody said the high cost of living must come down. We are here to say to our many customers that it is already down. And we believe the people of Monmouth will agree with us that for the past five years we have at all times maintained the lowest prices not only in our grocery department but also on our Dry Goods as well.

Considering quality with price we are here for the purpose of extending at all times every courtesy possible to the public and our aim is to make every one feel at home while in our store. We own our large stock of Dry Goods and Groceries. Also our homes. We are taxpayers both to the State, County and Schools. And stand for the upbuilding of Monmouth in every way that would benefit the people.

To prove our statement we are going to offer the public, commencing Dec. 19 and continuing to Jan. 1. the following prices as listed below:

Portland hard wheat flour	\$1.90 sack	Aunt Jemima Pan Cake flour	10c
Clearwater " " "	\$1.75 "	Arm and Hammer Soda	5c
Berry Sugar	13 lbs for \$1.00	Six bars Crystal White Soap	for 25c
" " "	By the sack \$7.65	" " Royal " " "	" 25c
Cream Rolled Oats	5c lb	Seven bars Toilet Soap	for 25c
Italian Prunes	10c lb	2 lbs good Coffee	35c
Dried Peaches	10c lb	2 cans Clams	25c
Good Bacon	20c lb	2 packages Grape Nuts	25c
Fancy Head Rice	8c lb	Fancy Sun Dried Apples	10c lb
Pink Beans	7c lb	3 lb Macaroni	25c
White Beans	9c lb	Peanut Butter	10c lb
3 packages Quaker Corn Flakes	for 25c	5 gallons of Coal Oil	65c

We do not claim or try to make believe these are wholesale prices: but are made SPECIAL for those who have been loyal to our store.

## Monmouth Mercantile Co.

Everyone entering the store Friday, Dec. 23 will receive a treat.

We believe the customer paying cash for his goods should have consideration for same. For this reason we shall continue to give free discount checks.