

A Puzzler

Behold I show you a mystery. A few weeks ago the shortage of water in the city was acute. The city pumps were working night and day and still there was not enough water to go around. To get water for a part of the time to the higher sections of the city it was necessary to shut off the lower sections of the city at night. This relieved matters. Finally all places possible to shut off were closed at night and the water pumped in the reservoir. Now there is water for all and a considerable surplus in the reservoir. Why? Did the last rain finally settle down to the well sources or were there leaks in the system?

His Hat in the Ring

After due deliberation P. O. Powell is about to heed the call of friends in various parts of the county and announces himself as a candidate for the Republican nomination as member of the legislature for Polk county in the coming primaries. Mr. Powell has long been affiliated with organized work among the farmers of the county, is popular with them and elsewhere and would make a strong candidate. A. R. V. Snyder of Dallas also announces himself as willing to run for renomination as county treasurer.

There is considerable influenza in the city at present, possibly as

many as fifty cases. All are of the mild type and quarantine measures are restricted to the isolation of patients.

The observer in the city will notice a decided improvement in the appearance of our streets because of work that is being done by the street department under the direction of J. H. Mulkley.

The Independence high school holds commencement exercises this week, the end of the first half of the school year because all but two of the graduates this year finish with the first term. On Sunday evening Dr. Dunsmore preached the Baccalaureate and Dean John Straub of the State University was the commencement orator Thursday evening.

Dean Butler of Oregon City was in Monmouth Tuesday with a contractor from Oregon City who was interested in our pipe line to Teal Creek.

J. V. Webber who has the contract for the wrecking of the Maples is steadily at work on the project. He gets a third of the material exclusive of the plumbing and such was the size of the Maples, he will as his share have enough to build him a good house.

Wood by Car or Cord

Orders taken for car loads of wood at a very low price for the next 30 days. Wood also delivered by cord in town. See W. Manning.

Baptist Church Notes

All the services Sunday will be held in the old church building, where everything has been fixed up comfortable and shipshape for use pending salvaging the Maples.

N. B. Sunday night the church service will be held at 7:00 following the brief C. E. meeting beginning at 6:30. The two services together will last not to exceed an hour and a quarter.

Christian Church Notes

The Revival meetings at the Christian church have gotten a good start with good audiences despite the epidemic of la grippe. Services every night this week with special music under direction of Prof. J. H. Thomas. A special Fraternal Order address will be given on Sunday night with especial reference to the I. O. O. F. and Rebekah lodges. The subjects for Sunday are as follows 11 a. m., Heaven and how to get in; 7:30, Fraternal Orders and their benefits.

Evangelical Church Notes

On Sunday, Feb. 15, "The Gospel Harvest Field" is the subject for 11 a. m. In my introduction I expect to show what is the most wonderful achievement of the English speaking world. Then will be shown what kind of a race our ancestors were and the effect of the gospel on them. The greatness of the harvest field will be seen from the fact that China and her mighty millions, Japan, Korea and a few other nations are white unto the harvest. While the hearts of South America and Central America, Afghanistan and Arabia are not ripe for the harvest. Wm. J. Bryan's view of foreign missions will be given.

Sunday School at 10. The young people and others will meet at 6:45 and talk about what prayer will be acceptable.

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