

# INDEPENDENCE ENTERPRISE

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## "SCHOOL DAYS" "SCHOOL DAYS"

PUBLIC SCHOOLS OPENED LAST  
MONDAY MORNING

With an Enrollment the First Day  
That Fully Equals Any in the History  
of the City Schools—Indications  
That More Room is Needed.

"I love my teacher, but oh, you vacation days" thought many a "school boy with a shining face" and snail-like pace" Monday morning. For he it known that it was the opening day of the Independence schools.

With clothes brushed and shoes shined, and face and hands clean to the point of painfulness, hundreds of boys and girls wended their way to the various seats of learning last Monday morning. As the different grades let out for the pupils to secure their books, the pupils could be seen singly, in pairs and in groups, in every direction. Though the holidays are over a sort of holiday spirit pervaded the air for there is always a certain amount of attraction to the opening day were it not for the dimming influence of thoughts of the day to come, there would be nothing but rejoicing.

Though the enrollment will not be completed until next week, it is apparent that the opening registration is going to be greater than ever before in the history of the city. This was expected, however, as it was discovered sometime ago that every desirable dwelling house in the city had been rented as well as many that are because there was nothing left.

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The greatest gains will probably be noted in the high school in which the enrollment the first day is said to have been the largest in the history of the public schools, while the capacity of the second grade is already crowded to its fullest extent and it is possible that additional accommodation will have to be provided.

As a result of the conference last Saturday between Principal McIntosh and his staff of teachers, everything in connection with the opening of the term went off without a hitch. The schools were taken up at the usual hour Monday morning, the pupils enrolled and classified, and at 10:30 the children were dismissed in order that they might procure the necessary books. The school opened Tuesday morning with a largely increased attendance.

The enrollment the first day was two hundred and seventy-two, divided as follows: First grade, twenty boys and fourteen girls; second grade twenty-four boys and sixteen girls; third grade, twelve boys and sixteen girls; fourth grade, eighteen boys and seventeen girls; fifth grade, fifteen boys and thirteen girls; sixth grade, seventeen boys and eleven girls; seventh grade, thirteen boys and ten girls; eighth grade, twelve boys and sixteen girls; high school, thirteen boys and twenty-one girls.

For the benefit of parents it is stated that pupils in the first grade must enter within one month from the date of the opening of the school and must be six years of age on or before the first day of February, 1910.

Pupils from outside districts, of which there are already quite a number, are required to pay a tuition of \$15 for the term or \$5 the quarter.

In order that everyone may fully understand the laws governing children of school age following is published a synopsis of the compulsory school laws:

As soon as the school opens, the district clerk must give to the teacher a revised copy of his last census report, showing the name and age of every child, and the name and address of each child's father or guardian. It is necessary to the teacher to have this information in order to comply with the compulsory education law. Every child in the district, who has reached the age of nine years, must attend school regularly during the whole time the school is in session. After a child reaches the age of 14 years, he is not required to attend, provided he is regularly and lawfully engaged in some useful employment. If not so employed, he

must attend until he becomes sixteen years of age.

In rule XLIV, page 167 of the school laws of 1907, teachers are authorized to require excuses from parents either in person or by written notice, in all cases of absence or tardiness, or dismissal before he close of school. Section 194 of the same law provides that the teacher must count all unexcused absences, and that no excuse shall be accepted except sickness of pupil or some member of the pupil's family, which makes attendance impossible.

The compulsory law does not extend to eighth grade graduates, or to children who are attending some other school regularly. It does not apply to children between nine and ten years of age if they live more than one and one-half miles from school nor to older children that live more than three miles from school by the nearest traveled road. At the beginning of the term, and every four weeks thereafter, the teacher must compare the names of the children on the register with those on the clerk's report, and if the census shows that there are children who are not attending school in the district, whose age is nine years or over, and under sixteen years, the teacher should carefully inquire into the cause of such non-attendance. If at this time or any other time, during the term, the truancy of any child amounts in the aggregate to more than seven half days during any four, or less number of consecutive weeks, the teacher must immediately report the truancy of such child.

When truancy is reported the district boundary board will send an order to the truant officer to investigate the case. A copy of this order will be sent to the teacher. If, after investigation, the truant officer finds that the law has been violated, he will notify the father or guardian, ordering him to start the child to school on the following Monday morning. He will also notify the teacher, and if the child does not start to school on the day named, the teacher must immediately report the fact to the truant officer, so that he may bring action against the parent or guardian.

In the administration of this law it is the duty of district clerks and directors to give such information and assistance as they may be able to give, and any teacher, director, clerk or other officer who neglects to perform his duty may, upon complaint of any parent or taxpayer in the district, be arrested and fined from five or twenty dollars. See page 91 school laws of 1907.

## THE RESULTS OF ADVERTISING

The result of advertising is 9  
Elsewhere in this issue will be found the advertisement of the Bee Hive store at Dallas, the proprietor of which fully realizes the value of advertising. This week the extraordinary offer is made of paying fare from any point in the county to all who buy a suit of clothes from them during the month of October.

They have just received over 500 suits of men's and boys' clothing to select from. These are of the latest makes and styles. The Bee Hive is one of the heaviest advertisers of the Enterprise. In this connection, it knows they are getting good results from the use of the columns of the Enterprise. In this connection, it might not be out of place to state that the sales of J. L. Stockton of Salem, which is another house that believes in the free use of printers' ink, during his fire sale the past two weeks, averaged over \$1800 daily.

Library Popular.  
The Independence public library continues in popularity with a large number of people.

A librarian in charge each afternoon from two to five o'clock loans on an average of twenty books and receives about the same number. The magazine table is well patronized.

Quite a number of country people are among the borrowers, and as winter approaches, no doubt the number will be largely increased.

A heating stove has been placed in the reading rooms this week which will insure comfort to all who call.

## FARMER KILLED AT CHARIVARI

DECEASED WAS THE FATHER OF  
TEN CHILDREN

The Alleged Murderer Says That It  
Was an Accident.—The Victim Was  
Well Known in Independence Having  
Lived Here at One Time.

James Laurence, farmer, father of ten children and member of a charivari party that visited the home of Jesse Townsend, Sunday night, was shot through the chest and instantly killed by the bridegroom. The killing took place seven miles northwest of McMinnville, in Happy Valley. Townsend is also a middle-aged man and is said to have grandchildren.

Townsend was married some time ago, but the surprise party was put off by his neighbors until Sunday evening when they were least busy. Women and children accompanied the men and the apparent intention was to spend a pleasant evening at the Townsends. When they arrived, however, Townsend had retired. He slept upstairs.

The party got into the house and with typical charivari spirit proceeded upstairs, too. Townsend arose in belligerent mood and drove them down again. They left the house, but soon came back. As they reached the door again, Townsend fired the single shot that struck Laurence. A rifle was used.

Townsend surrendered to men of the party, who, nervous lest other neighbors do some violence, took the prisoner to McMinnville by a round-about way, arriving at 1:30 Monday morning. Apprehensive that news of the killing had preceded them, and that a mob might have formed, they held Townsend at the edge of town and sent in for a deputy. Deputy Sheriff Blair went out secured Townsend and put him in jail there.

Laurence was a rancher of good reputation; Townsend has been a peaceable man. The two had no previous trouble, so far as known. Laurence, in addition to the ten children is survived by a widow. The family is in poor circumstances.

Laurence is well known to many of the residents of Independence, he having lived here with his parents ten or twelve years ago. He is a brother of Mrs. Clyde Clodfelter, who lives with her husband in North Independence, also a nephew of James Graves, who resides in Independence.

Jesse Townsend, who did the shooting, in an interview with a representative of the Portland Journal, stated that the shooting was accidental. He claims that he carried the gun out under his left arm and as he went to greet the charivariers, Laurence jumped and grabbed the muzzle of the gun, and the trigger caught on his clothes and the gun was discharged. He said he did not understand why they were charivaring him as he was married July 12. He stated that Laurence was one of his best friends. Tears stood in his eyes when Laurence's family was mentioned, and he appears very sorry. Townsend was very nervous when interviewed, pacing the floor of the jail corridor and pulling his mustache. He seemed to have great difficulty to keep from crying.

### CALLED HOME

An Aged Polk County Pioneer Passes  
Away.

Willard P. Bevens, aged sixty-three years, an old pioneer of this county, died at his home in the vicinity of Buena Vista, Friday night, September 25, after an illness extending over a period of many months. The funeral took place from the M. E. church at Buena Vista, Sunday, September 26 and was largely attended by his friends and neighbors of whom there were many. The Rev. McCain officiated assisted by Rev. Launer. Interment was made in Oddfellows cemetery. The funeral is said to have been the most largely attended of any ever held in the county.

Willard P. Bevens was born in Decatur county, Missouri, in 1846 and came across the plains with his parents in 1864, to Yamhill county, where

they resided a short time. From there his parents moved to Polk county settling in the Luckiamute country near Soap creek.

October 23, 1869 he was married to Mary F. Wells of Buena Vista at which place he resided until the time of his death. He was the father of three children, two boys and a girl, the latter dying at the age of fifteen months and the two sons, Esten and William, surviving their father.

Mr. Bevens was a man of honest convictions and was honored and esteemed by all those who knew him for his uprightness and integrity. The deepest sympathy of friends is felt for the bereaved widow and children.

### Need More Population.

One of the greatest obstacles in the way of progress in Independence at the present time is the fact that the surrounding country is too sparsely settled. It is thinly populated because the existing state of agriculture on which it wholly depends for progress, calls for but few people. Though even with the present farming methods the country would support several times its present population it will not acquire a much greater population than at present until radical changes occur. One of the main reasons for this is because the majority of the agricultural and fruit lands are owned by a few persons who do not want to sell any of their lands but on the contrary want to buy more and in most cases are in position to do so.

But if a considerable portion of the tributary country can be cut up into small tracts and disposed of the problem will be solved. These farms may range in size from five to forty acres. It is claimed by those who have made it a study that one man should not try to farm over ten acres.

What a vast difference it would make in the population if, instead of one man trying to farm from 100 to 500 acres we would have a family on every twenty-five or fifty acres, say. Let those who are offering their farm land for sale cut it up in ten, twenty, forty and eighty acre tracts and it will soon be seen that real estate will commence to move. The trouble is at present, that most of the farm lands offered for sale are in too large tracts for the majority of the home-seekers to entertain the idea of buying because the aggregate amount is far beyond their capital. Cut down the size of the tracts and watch us grow.

Parties in town this week from Falls City report deer coming down out of the mountains in that vicinity.

## SAYS LONG GOT HIS BEEF CATTLE

E. F. Black, a butcher of Buena Vista, came to town last week and swore out a complaint against C. G. Long, proprietor of Long's Market of this city, charging him with the larceny of three two-year-old beef cattle from the pasture of Clyde Hill, near Buena Vista, on or about the 28th of August last.

Long was at once placed under arrest and taken before Justice Wilson, who released him on bonds for his appearance Monday, September 27, at which time his preliminary examination was held. B. F. Jones, of Independence, appeared for Long and Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Judge Sibley of Dallas, represented the state.

The plaintiff introduced witnesses who testified that Long was seen to take three head of cattle out of the pasture on or about that date, but did not know who they belonged to. The defendant introduced several witnesses who testified that Long had bought the cattle he took out and that he had put them in the pasture prior to the time of taking them. By consent of the attorneys Judge Wilson continued the case without date to give both sides an opportunity to procure one witness each, both of whom are at present out of the county.

### Card of Thanks.

We desire to extend our sincere thanks to the many friends who so kindly assisted during the sickness and burial of our beloved wife and daughter.

W. F. Campbell  
D. B. Boydston and family.

## Nine Out of Ten Credit Customers Pay Their Bills

It is to pay the losses of the tenth that every customer has to pay more for the privilege of getting credit.

## While You Have Cash to Spend Trade at a One-Price Cash Store

If you have a family to fit out for the winter now is the time to do your trading while the assortment in all departments is complete. We carry everything for the whole family and our prices are positively 15 to 20 per cent lower than at "credit stores."

## Have You Seen Our Fall Line of North Star Underwear

Every garment is cut in full liberal dimensions and properly finished. We're showing splendid values in Union Suits for Men, Women and Children. They're becoming more popular every year.

## Summer Shirts for Men

Are cut to fit. There are no skimpy sizes in the line. You'll find the strictly correct fabrics in Summit Coat Shirts, Golf Shirts and soft collar Negligees. Work Shirts of every description in wool, cotton and mixed goods.

Shoes you buy now must be built of solid leather or they won't stand the rainy season. Every pair of our shoes is built to give satisfactory service.

## Drygoods, Clothing, Blankets, Comforts

2 pound full weight wool batts for comforts only \$2.00. Cotton batts all prices from 7c to 65c per roll.

## Barnes' Cash Store

E. T. BARNES, PROPRIETOR, SALEM, OREGON

## FRAKE'S

Headquarters for Salem's  
Dressy Women

We have opened the Fall season with an excellent showing of ready-to-wear women's Fall suits, coats, waists, corsets and silk petticoats. In our millinery department we have ready-to-wear hats of the very latest eastern fashions. The excellence of our millinery is well known to every woman in Salem.

Miss M. D. Evans  
MANAGER

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