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START THE NEW YEAR RIGHT

The large city daily papers and the country journals each have their separate and distinct duties to perform. Both are essential in business and in society. But if the country paper handled its news columns with as little regard for facts in the case as the average daily, its life would be one of regret and of short duration.

Erratic statements may be made day after day by the great metropolitan papers without an objective word ever reaching the ear of the editor. But if the same thing is said in the country paper the editor is reminded of the error before the ink becomes dry on the pages of his paper.

The country editor has more occasion to rise up in wrath against the perversions of truth, which are submitted to him as information to his readers than have all other persons in his territory. Notwithstanding, the reliable country newspaper—the paper which gives the news without fear of frown or favor—is absolutely indispensable to one who would keep well informed concerning the actual progress of the city in which he resides.

There would be a distinct gain in same hopefulness of progress of the country if every man who has chosen husbandry for his vocation should read with attention week by week the paper representing the territory to which he belongs.

The practical application of this statement is that every farmer and every citizen of Independence ought to take The Independence Enterprise. True it is now read in nearly every home in this vicinity, but there are

a few who do not contribute one penny for the support of the paper which has worked earnestly and under adversity for a greater Independence for nearly thirty years. Start the New Year right. Get your name placed upon our large and growing subscription list, if it is not already there. We need you to help us make The Enterprise reach our highest ideal as a country newspaper. The subscription price during our bargain period will be \$1.00 per year. Contestants for the piano prizes will call upon you soon. At this nominal price there is no excuse for not becoming a subscriber to Independence's only newspaper.

IT WAS RESENTMENT

In a recent issue of the Oregonian the editor seems to have gone into spasms on account of an article that appeared in The Enterprise a couple of weeks ago on capital punishment. Notwithstanding this noble opinion, and the fact that the state decided by a majority of 20,000 that capital punishment should be continued in Oregon, we cannot believe the state officials have any moral right to take human life. Nor do we believe that the hasty decision of the people on the 5th of November was anything like a true, clean, moral sentiment of the people of this grand state. It was purely the resentment which people felt toward those individuals whose conviction for murder had been brought about under circumstances familiar to the public. Can the Oregonian say that this is a vindication of righteous judgment? It is impossible, of course, to tell how much reflection the voters of Oregon may have given this perplexing problem, or how deliberate was their decision in the case which gave immediate significance to their action; but if the question were to be voted upon now we believe the useless, hideous and barbarous practice would be abandoned by a greater majority than by which it was affirmed last November.

It is unfortunate that the settlement of a question of so much importance cannot be made apart from resentment.

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The holidays have passed. Another page in the world's history has been turned, and yet there are probably some within the borders of our

own prosperous and progressive city with souls as bright as any in the world and faces as beautiful, who did not realize the joys of Christmas time and did not believe it was intended for them. Misfortunes, perhaps, have deprived them of the happiness of this occasion which so many luxuriantly enjoy year after year.

What a pity it is that the whole well-to-do world does not conceive of the idea of bringing Christmas joys into poor homes—and often times homes of suffering. If all the money spent uselessly in this city on Christmas day could have been placed in some of the homes in Independence, a grand movement would have been made in Christian ministry and economic reform.

In Silverton this year the Christmas exercises were in the nature of donations to the poor women's home in Salem. This is a work worthy of commendation and should be practiced by every charitable institution in Oregon. Not only at Christmas time but at all times, for there is benevolent work to be done at all seasons of the year.

Monmouth Column

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE NORMAL SCHOOL CITY

Mrs. T. O. Waller is seriously ill. The population of Monmouth is estimated at 800 persons.

There is undoubtedly more kale for crows in this section this season than ever raised before.

J. F. McClellan is hauling the lumber and brick for the new dormitory.

Trapping for the fur-producing animals has now begun in the hills and streams near this place.

The Star Theatre has received a number of extra plays for the holidays and many good shows are given.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Remington are spending the winter in California at the home of her brother.

The Monmouth Creamery established a record last month by putting out 17,000 pounds of first-class butter.

At a recent school meeting here a five mill tax was voted for school purposes.

Calvin Holm is working in the office of the Dallas Lumber Co. at this place.

Sloper Brothers of Independence, have sunk the city well in Monmouth to a depth of 180 feet.

M. M. Harvey has sold his apple crop which consisted of nearly 2000 boxes.

Many new faces have appeared in Monmouth and the city is filling up gradually.

Gordon Hamilton is working on a farm near Pendleton and gives a favorable report of that section.

C. P. Cornwall is in Portland, learning how to operate moving picture machines.

John B. Stump now has over forty fine Jersey Island cows and has his new modern dairy barn equipped with electricity.

Several hats and two overcoats were stolen from the Christian and Evangelical churches last week during services.

There are several fields of potatoes remaining undug near Monmouth but the prices are too low to satisfy the growers.

Rev. J. H. Orrick, of Portland, who was elected pastor of the Christian church recently, is now living in Allen Johnson's house near the depot.

Several members of the Oregon Normal School faculty attended the teachers' institute in Portland last week.

Miss Ruby Fream, who has been teaching school at Spray, Oregon, spent the holidays visiting her parents and friends here.

F. P. Pyles and family, who have been engaged in the hotel business here for several years, moved to McMinnville Tuesday, where they will make their home.

The year 1912 has seen four miles of cement walk laid in Monmouth.

Alva H. Craven spent several days in Portland between the holidays.

Three wireless telegraph stations are operated in and near Monmouth this winter.

E. T. Evans, south of town, has cleared several acres of land and now has it in cultivation.

The merchants of Monmouth declare the holiday trade has not been surpassed in previous years.

Owing to the absence of Joseph Beuchel C. G. Griffo is now city plumber of Monmouth.

V. O. Boots made a trip of business and pleasure to the Rose City the latter part of last week.

Meldora Jackson, a member of the faculty of the Dallas High School, visited at her home during the week. Miss Fridt of the Normal School

faculty, spent the holidays visiting with old acquaintances in California.

On Thursday, January 10, the Oregon Normal School basket ball team will meet the Monmouth High School five in the Normal gymnasium.

A number of young people from here went to Dallas Monday evening to see the Ashland-Dallas basket ball game.

The Misses Butler, Todd and Wilcox of the Normal school, returned from a trip to Seattle, Wash., where they have been visiting.

Several thousand prune trees have been received here to be planted by farmers and fruitgrowers about Monmouth.

Fred Smith is employed on the dormitory force, helping handle material for the new structure which is rising fast.

The annual reunion of the Butler family was held at the home of J. B. V. Butler last week and over 80 relatives were present.

Up-to-date class bells have been installed in the high school, and the old time way will be removed and the electric method put into effect.

Mrs. Clay, mother of C. P. Cornwall fell at her home in the south part of Monmouth last week and sustained a broken limb.

Ruel Wolverton visited at home in Monmouth during Christmas week, returning to his place of business in Hood River the first of this week.

Mrs. V. Dell Butler of Portland, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Newman and friends here during the fore part of the week.

E. E. Arant went to Portland on Wednesday and attended the teachers' institute there, returning the first of the week.

The educational board of the Normal School has awarded the contract for a central heating and laundry plant in the new \$50,000 girls' dormitory.

Miss Rose Smith, a teacher in the Portland public schools, visited during her two weeks' vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Smith of Monmouth.

The large number of jack-rabbits in the vicinity of Monmouth have caused several orchards of young trees to be injured as a result of the peeling of bark.

Prof. Arthur L. Peck, landscape architect of the Oregon Agricultural College, has prepared plans for the Normal School and High School

grounds here, and the work of beautifying the grounds will begin soon.

The Monmouth Cornet Band, under the leadership of C. D. Tyler, is now an organization of 30 members and had over \$200 in its treasury taken in from the concert they gave in the Star Theatre here the first of the month.

J. A. Sturkin, who recently came here from Chicago, has remodeled the old building of R. M. Smith's on Main street and is running a furniture manufacturing plant and planing mill. A class of boys of the High School are receiving instructions in manual training from him.

Last year the Monmouth debating team won the cup offered by County Superintendent H. C. Seymour for the best debating team, and this year it is making efforts to win it again, as the cup will then become the permanent property of the school.

The citizens of Monmouth have filed complaint with the Railroad Commission at Salem, alleging that the passenger and freight service here is the cause of much inconvenience on the part of the people, and that the depot facilities are inadequate to handle the increasing traffic.

President J. H. Ackerman of the Normal School, has recommended to the Board of Regents that \$5000 be asked at the legislature this year for the purpose of improving walks and helping to equip the new dormitory with modern fixtures.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS

E. E. Paddock was the first to take advantage of the parcels post law, sending a package to Chicago.

LOST.—One black sow with crop in left ear. Finder please notify J. E. Sharp near Parker, or address Independence Oregon.

Ralph Duvall, wife and two children arrived from Mosier, Oregon, this week and are visiting with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Duvall in this city.

A very pleasant watch party was held at the home of H. B. Fletcher in this city Tuesday night. Games were indulged in, delicious refreshments served and all expressed themselves as delighted with the pleasant evening spent.

AT THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH—

Bible school at 10 a. m.
Sermon at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by the pastor M. H. Kendall.

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85c

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collars, 95 cents.

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