

The Enterprise.

ENTERPRISE PUBLISHING CO., Publishers

J. T. FORD, Editor.
J. R. MORIN, Business Manager

PUBLISHED THURSDAYS AT INDEPENDENCE OFFICE—EAST SIDE MAIN STREET.

Entered at the post office at Independence, Or., as second-class mail matter.

SUBSCRIPTION: - \$1.50 PER YEAR

THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 1895.

The usually discriminating and sprightly Portland Tomhawk says, "that nineteen centuries of divine light have made man no better. . . . To prove this, let any man, no matter what his station in life may be, hold himself aloof from the world and seriously meditate upon all the sorrows and sufferings to be witnessed on every hand." It is difficult to understand how any person, who has familiarized himself with the social conditions of the ancient world, as the editorial writer above quoted evidently has, can deliberately make the crude statement "that nineteen centuries of divine light have made man no better." We also fail to appreciate the soundness of the philosophy of the admonition that the proper way to become acquainted with "the sorrows and sufferings of the world" is to "hold oneself aloof from the world." It is only by coming in actual contact with the world, by association with our fellow that we learn of both the good and the evil that exist in the social organism, and this wholesome experience teaches us the grand truth that good predominates, that society is becoming better and sweeter and nobler as the ages roll on. Each age is the child of the preceding age and lines of moral evolution are as marked in the growth of human society as evidence of organic evolution is along the plane of physical life. Our esteemed contemporary writes in that of Socrates or his great pupil Plato, whom he quotes so approvingly.

The wonderful increase in agricultural products going on in remote parts of the world, hitherto unknown to commerce, has caused the price of wheat to drop to its lowest minimum value. The farmers of Oregon for a number of years depended upon their wheat crop for their annual income; it was their principal source of revenue, but within recent years all this has been changed. That is to say wheat is no longer an infallible and unfailing source of revenue. The great cereal has been compelled to lay down its scepter of kingship as the chiefest source of profit to the farmer. Bread is still the staff of life, but wheat is no longer king. The farmers of Oregon may continue to complain against existing economic conditions, but they can only change them by diversifying the products of the farm. Pork, bacon, mutton, beef, wool, hay, hops, large and small fruits and vegetables must be included among the resources of the well-tilled farm. All these changes cannot come at once. The innovation will be made gradually through the isolated efforts of a few progressive individuals here and there, and then on some fine summer day the belated neighbors will realize why it is that farmers A and B so easily turn the products of their farm into gold. Diversified farming will come in time as the population of the country increases, as its resources are developed and the local demands of the community enlarge. But the pioneers in the movement will reap the largest benefits. Now is the time to begin.

We learn from the West Side that "arrangements have been about perfected for issuing a newspaper in Independence to be delivered by carrier each Saturday night or Sunday morning early." Mr. Gus H. Bynon will call on the people for promise of patronage. The first paper will appear about April 1. Our contemporary also goes on to say that Mr. Bynon is "an experienced newspaper man." He has been connected with the Victoria Times, Berkeley Advocate, Seattle Press, Portland Sun and other papers on the coast." If further evidence were wanted that Mr. Bynon is "an experienced newspaper man" it is easily found in the fact that he is arranging to start a third newspaper in a town of the population and business patronage of Independence. That the originator of this scheme has "heels in his head" and also possesses courage is undoubted, but his newspaper experience will be considerably enlarged after a six months' rustle for subscriptions and ads among the intelligent but conservative citizens of this community. The Sunday edition, however, is simply a tail to help fly the West Side kite, that's all.

This merchant who thinks that he can sit on a drygoods box and whistle and business will come to him, is always complaining of hard times and seldom sees a cash customer.

It is encouraging to see so great a newspaper as the New York World coming around to international bimetalism. In a recent editorial the World says: "The prospect for bimetalism continues to improve. The United States is not the only country deeply concerned, for the subject is forcing itself upon the attention of Great Britain, which is, financially speaking, the first of nations. The Australian colonies are heavy silver producers, and India has been greatly injured by the decline in the price of that metal. We are likely to see many important developments in the currency problem before the year is out." Yes, and one of the "important developments" will be the swinging around of the World squarely upon a sound bimetallic platform in 1896.

Within the last four or five years the American people have begun to realize the importance of good roads. Many of the older and more populous states are beginning to enact some wholesome laws in regard to the improvement of roads. In Massachusetts the state advances the money to build new roads and bears 75 per cent. of the total cost, leaving 25 per cent. to be refunded within six years by the county benefited. The Ainsworth bill now pending before the legislature of New York is modelled on a similar plan. Good roads mean cheaper and better living for the people of both town and country. Well graded, level roadbeds go a long way towards making the country a pleasant place to live and the cities at least decent for honest folks. Good roads do much to make a people contented, civilized and prosperous.

It would appear that England, France and Russia are the great gold hoarding nations of Europe. The German empire, which is the greatest military power, has only a small stock of gold. The report of the Imperial Bank of Germany for 1894, which has just appeared, gives its stock of gold and silver as follows: Gold in bars and coins 714,436,000 marks, silver 299,734,000 marks. Estimating the value of the mark at 24 cents, the bank held in round numbers on December 31, \$170,000,000 of gold and \$72,000,000 of silver. Is there any wonder that Germany is feeling the cruel pinch of "hard times" when we see that her neighbors are absorbing all of her gold and silver.

Tax assent upon the life of Li Hong Chang at Simonsaki last Sunday by a hot headed Japanese was a most unfortunate affair. The promptness with which the Japanese government repudiate the cowardly act and the universal expression of sympathy of the people with the distinguished Chinese viceroys goes to show that no hostile feeling exists in Japan towards the peace envoys. While this accident may retard peace negotiations there are apparently no good reasons for believing that it will destroy all hope of peace between the two countries.

If it is true as reported that Governor McKinley will not accept the republican nomination for president on a free silver platform, it is within the limits of probability that he will never reach the White House. No man is sufficiently wise to foresee the precise attitude of either the republican or the democratic party on the money question two years hence.

The man who advertises his business intelligently and judiciously is the one who makes the largest sales. Advertising is the bait that attracts customers, the quality and prices of your goods is the line that pulls them in. If you have no bait on your hook you will not catch any fish, it makes no difference how fine a silken line you may use.

The New York World says: It is only since men have begun to ride bicycles that they have learned what mules have always known—that four miles around is a shorter way home than a single mile either up the hill or down it.

If you wish to do business with the public you must keep your business before the public.

The W. O. T. U. Convention. Program of the Polk county W. O. T. U. convention to be held in the Christian church at Independence, Or., commencing April 5, at 10 a. m. holding two days. Devotional exercises, led by County Evangelist Mrs. Crow; reading minutes of last meeting; appointment of committee on credentials; entertainment courtesies; plan of work; resolutions and finance. 12 o'clock m., noontide prayer.—Intermission. 1:45 p. m. Devotional, led by Mrs. C. Richardson; report of county officers, followed by report of superintendents of departments; Evangelist, Mrs. Crow; Flower Mission, Mrs. E. Percival;

Demorest Medal Contest, Mrs. Lizzie Stoner; Loyal Temperance Legion, Mrs. L. L. Whiteaker; Scientific Temperance Instruction, Mrs. Minnie Cramer; Purity, Mrs. J. A. Briggs; Parlor work, Mrs. Morrison; Refuge Home, Mrs. C. Richardson; Fairs and Public Gatherings, Mrs. Jane Powell; Sunday Observance, Mrs. Lewis; general business, adjournment.

7:30 p. m. Devotional exercises led by Mrs. Lizzie Stoner; Address of Welcome, Mrs. Whitmore; Reception, Mrs. Jennie Leet. 8 p. m. Lecture by Mrs. Narcissa White Kinney, state president of the Oregon W. C. T. U. Solo, Mrs. Hayes. Collection—adjournment.

Saturday, April 6, 9 o'clock p. m. Devotional exercises, led by Mrs. Minnie Cramer; Reading of minutes, reports of superintendents continued; Music, Mrs. White; Mercy, Mrs. Bryant; Pranchise, Mrs. Orr; Press, Mrs. H. A. Adkins; Union Signal, or White Ribbon, etc., Mrs. Nesmith; Lecture work, Laura Adkins; general business. 12 o'clock m., noontide prayer.—Intermission.

1:45 o'clock p. m. Devotional exercises, led by Mrs. Jennie Leet; election of officers and superintendents; report of committees; unfinished business; question box, conducted by State President Mrs. Kinney.—Adjournment.

Friends of the cause are cordially invited to meet with us.

Mrs. H. A. Adkins, Pres., Mrs. L. L. Whiteaker, Sec.

Letter From San Diego.

You will find out by this letter that I am not a Shakespeare, but I will try and give your readers a few items that may interest them. San Diego is a nice town. . . . It is safe to say there are hundreds of vacant houses in the city. Property that cost \$75,000 a few years ago can now be bought for one-third of its original value. There is only a small part of the country around San Diego that is productive, and it takes about all that a farmer makes to pay for irrigation. The orange and lemon growers will probably make some money this year owing to the failure of the Florida crop. But, judging from the best information I can get, there is not much profit in fruit culture here. Fine Navel oranges are selling for \$1.25 per box and first class lemons retail at one cent each. I was down at the steamship wharf the day after I arrived here and to my surprise I found that Oregon products were well represented, such as flour, bacon and potatoes.

Flour sells for \$1.00 per sack, bacon sides 17 cents per pound and potatoes \$1.25 per cental. Now it looks to me like some one is getting the better of the Oregon farmers, and it is my opinion that it is the farmers themselves. Instead of selling the products of their farms to any buyer that happens along, it is my opinion that the farmers should store their produce at home, and then arrange to have some reliable man at each port, giving him the benefit of a stipulated commission. Well, Mr. Editor, if this idea won't work now, I think that in two years more it

Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder World's Fair Highest Medal and Diplomas.



Heart Disease 30 Yrs!

Short Breath, Palpitation. Mr. G. W. McKinsey, postmaster of Kokomo, Ind., and a brave ex-soldier, says: "I had been severely troubled with heart disease ever since leaving the army at the close of the late war. I was troubled with palpitation and shortness of breath. I could not sleep on my left side, and had pain around my heart. I became so ill that I was much alarmed, and fortunately my attention was called to

Dr. Miles' Heart Cure

I decided to try it. The first bottle made a decided improvement in my condition, and five bottles have completely cured me." Dr. Miles' Heart Cure is sold on a positive guarantee that the first bottle will benefit. All druggists sell it at 25¢ a bottle for 60¢, or it will be sent, prepaid, on receipt of price by the Dr. Miles Medical Co., Elkhart, Ind.

will work, i. e., when we republicans get in power, which we are sure to do.

J. J. KURBE, San Diego, Cal., March 18, 1895.

KILLED HERSELF IN PUBLIC.

How a Bereaved Chinese Widow Ended Her Days.

Mr. Medhurst, for many years British consul at Shanghai, tells in the London Million of a singular "card of invitation" which he received in China. It was from a lady, intimating her intention to commit suicide on a specified date. She was very young and attractive and belonged to a wealthy family, but the Chinese gentleman to whom she had been affianced from childhood having died just before the date fixed for their nuptials she gave out that she deemed it her duty to render her widowed irrevocable by dying with her betrothed. So she sent cards around to the local gentry giving notice of her purpose.

No attempt was made by her relatives or the local authorities to frustrate her design, though Mr. Medhurst appealed to the mandarins, the general opinion being that she was about to perform a meritorious act. Eventually, on the day named, the woman did deliberately sacrifice her life in the presence of thousands of spectators. A stage was erected in the open fields, with a tatted frame over it, from which was suspended a strip of scarlet crape. One end of this she fastened round her neck, and then, embracing a little boy presented by one of the bystanders, she mounted a chair and resolutely jumped off, her little clasped hands saluting the assemblage as her body twirled round with the tightening cord.

The woman was not hounded on by a fanatic mob, as was the practice at suttee in India, but immolation appeared to be an entirely voluntary act. Sacrifices of this kind, according to Mr. Medhurst, are not uncommon in certain districts of China, and, strange to say, they are rewarded with monuments, sometimes erected by order of the emperor.

Diet For the Aged.

I find, says a writer in The Gentleman's Magazine, that if old people are put on a good meat diet in the way of strong soup, beef tea and animal food, and only just sufficient farinaceous food and fats and sugar to maintain the heat of the body, they increase wonderfully in energy—as they often express it, feel 10 years younger. This is only natural; it is a food of energy, the food that builds up muscle, nerve and constitutional stamina. The requirements of the system of old age, as a rule, are not very great, and more harm is done by talking too much food than by taking too little. I have known people considerably over 70 to derive the greatest benefit from a thorough change in diet. It seems to rejuvenate them. Of course in old age care should be taken that the body is not subjected to rapid changes in temperature. When the nervous power is decreasing, as the result of old age, and the system is losing power of combating cold and strain upon its energy, a stimulating diet invigorates and is conducive to maintaining constitutional stamina better than any other.

To the Teachers of Polk county.

The ENTERPRISE is prepared to print Programs for Commencement Exercises on short notice and at rates varying from \$1-25 to \$14 a hundred, according to kind of Program usrd.

All teachers should use them.

Write us regarding the matter, or better still, if possible, call and examine 1895 designs.

16 Boils at Once

Hood's Sarsaparilla Purifies the Blood and Restores Health.



Mr. F. W. Stowell, Wilmet, S. Dak. "About four years ago my wife was troubled with salt rheum. Although we tried nearly everything it got worse instead of better and spread over both of her hands so that she could hardly use them. Finally she commenced to use Hood's Sarsaparilla and when she had taken two bottles her hands were entirely healed and she has not since been troubled. In December, 1892, my neck was covered with boils of a

Sorofulous Nature.

There were sixteen of them at once and as soon as they healed others would break out. My neck finally became covered with ridges and

Hood's Sarsaparilla Cures

I then commenced taking Hood's Sarsaparilla, and after taking four bottles the boils had all healed and the scars have disappeared. I recommended Hood's Sarsaparilla to all suffering from any disorder of the blood." F. W. STOWELL, Wilmet, South Dakota.

Hood's Pills act easily, yet promptly and efficiently, on the liver and bowels. 25c.

THE WILLIAMS HOUSE

W. W. WILLIAMS, Prop.

A Business Hotel in all its appointments.

The best of a good commercial men.

SEASIDE, Near S. T. Depot, INDEPENDENCE, OREGON.

M. T. CROW

Sash AND Doors

For Everybody.

Prices reasonable and work guaranteed.

DRESS MAKING

Miss Sophia Goff.

Has lately returned from San Francisco and is prepared to give her patrons the benefit of a new system of

Dress Cutting and Fitting.

Cor. Railroad and D Sts., INDEPENDENCE, OREGON.

TAILORING.

A fine line of samples always on hand to select from.

Satisfaction Guaranteed

T. LAYTON JENKS, Independence, Or.

BLACKSMITHING

Promptly and neatly done by

H. A. FULLER, The Cash Blacksmith.

Horseshoeing A Specialty.

C STREET, - INDEPENDENCE.

PATENTS

CAVEATS, TRADE MARKS, COPYRIGHTS.

CAN I OBTAIN A PATENT? For a prompt answer and an honest opinion, write to MUNN & CO., who have had nearly fifty years' experience in the patent business. Communications strictly confidential. A Handbook of Information concerning Patents and how to obtain them sent free. Also a catalogue of mechanical and scientific books sent free.

FOR SALE!

My entire Stock of Boots and Shoes, at the following prices:

Men's Storm Rubbers	.....	\$ .55
Ladies' " "	.....	.35
Children's " "	.....	.30
" fine kid shoes, 5 to 8	.....	.85
" " " " 8 to 11	.....	1.00
" " " " 12 to 2	.....	1.20
Men's Tan Shoes	.....	1.85
Ladies' Kid Shoes from	.....	\$1.25 to 3.00

ALL OTHER GOODS at LIKE PRICES

1,000 Samples of Clothing to select from. Suits made to order for \$13.50. Call and be convinced that you can save 50 per cent. on your purchase.

W. H. PATTERSON, INDEPENDENCE

New Year's Proclamation.

THE people of Polk county will take notice that during the year 1894 the BANNER CASH GROCERY led the procession with fine groceries and low prices. This year they propose to put a still greater distance between themselves and all competitors. They will sell goods at bottom prices.

J. P. IRVINE, GROCER

A Few Pointers:

HAVE you ever considered that the appearance of the stationery used by a business man has a great deal to do with the opinions formed of him by those with whom he corresponds?

You have doubtless learned long ago that

Brains are used

To make a good job of printing. So is conscience. A job made without skill and honesty is no good.

THE ENTERPRISE

Has the best equipped office in the county and employs the most skilled artists. Its reputation for fine work is becoming rapidly known.

Remember that it Costs No More

To have your work done here than it does to have it done any other place.

The Enterprise also carries the best line of Legal Blanks in Polk county.

They are correct in every particular. We solicit a trial order.