



A COMPETITION SMASHER.



DO YOU HEAR THAT XMAS IS NEAR?

Favor us with a few moments of your time and rest.

A few facts about presents.

Giving presents at Christmas is a beautiful custom. It brings good cheer and makes us happy to give our friends presents. They all expect a gift, your children expect. Therefore it is not right to disappoint them.

Where to buy and what.

The place to buy is where you can suit your purse, get what you want, good goods and latest designs. If you will read on you will find some reasons why we are in the lead on Xmas goods.

SOME PRESENTS WE HAVE.

Celluloid goods and novelties.

These make beautiful and durable presents. There is many new and beautiful designs. It will make any one happy to receive one of these as a present.

Gift books and toy books.

The prices on books have declined more than any other article of merchandise. They are always appropriate as presents. We have some beautiful, and cheap ones, for boys, girls, old and young.

Photo and autograph albums.

These are now down to luxury prices. We have a very complete line of beautiful goods in this line. Make your selection early if you wish a full line to select from.

Xmas cards and booklets.

Are as popular as ever and we have an elegant assortment in new and beautiful designs and finishes. Sunday school and public school teachers will find all sizes and prices.

Toys, games, etc., etc.

We know what we were doing when we bought these goods. They suit the children of all ages. We have steam engines, trains, brownies and other toys too numerous to mention.

Miscellaneous.

We have many lines besides the above that can not be mentioned here. All we ask is a chance to show you through. You will go out with arms full.

"Eternal Vigilance is the Price of scoops."

The quotation may be wrong but we give you our word that our prices are right and that we scoop all competitors. Come and see us.

Near Opera House.

Clodfelter Bros.

Dolls! Doll! Dolls! Dolls! Dolls!
We have too many dolls and you can have them at almost your own price.

Clodfelter Bros.,

Independence, Oregon.

PROMPT PAY WINS THE DAY.

IT BEATS ALL HOW

A. J. WHITEAKER'S CASH GROCERY

Can Sell Goods so Cheap!

WE ARE ABLE TO OFFER THE FOLLOWING BARGAINS:

One gal. can of fine quality Syrup.....	50c.
One pound fancy Spider-Legged Tea.....	25c.
One 2-pound package Mush.....	10c.
One can good Salmon.....	10c.
One pound No. 1 Figs.....	7c.
One package Pearlise.....	5c.

CALL AND SEE OUR GOODS.

MAIN STREET, INDEPENDENCE.

Goods delivered any place in Independence and Monmouth.

The Enterprise.

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SUBSCRIPTION RATES.	
One year.....	\$1.20
Six months.....	.75
Three months.....	.40
Single copy.....	.05

PAYABLE IN ADVANCE.

ADVERTISING RATES will be made known on application. JOB PRINTING of all kinds done on short notice and in a first class manner. Address all communications to THE ENTERPRISE, Independence, Oregon.

JUDGE MURPHY has signed Theo. Durand's death warrant and fixed the date of his execution February 21, 1896.

All successful business men know and appreciate the value of advertising. They know that advertising saves them time, besides it is the quickest way to

tell the public what you have for sale. The merchant sells the most goods who always keeps his business before the public. The public likes to trade with a merchant who isn't afraid to give his prices and to advertise his wares. There is but one better talker in the world than printer's ink, and that is money. But printer's ink never fails to bring the money to the merchant's counter.

"In spite of her immense industrial power," says a sneering French paper, "the United States does not possess the military and naval forces which, after all, are at the bottom of every diplomatic discussion which is carried rather far." The United States is not an international belligerent going around with a chip on her shoulder. The great republic has always been an earnest advocate of peace, but the same potential energy which makes her an "immense industrial power" also makes her a formidable antagonist in time of war, as giddy and fiery la belle France has found to her confusion and humiliation in days gone by. While it is true that the possession of strong military and naval forces are essential elements in enforcing "every diplomatic discussion which is carried rather far," but a government like ours finds its greatest strength in the patri-

otism and courage of the common people, who have never yet failed their country in her extremest need.



Mrs. Kezia Westbrook
Manning, Mich.

Common Sense Reasoning

Hood's Sarsaparilla Had Cured Others, and it Cured Me.

"It was sixteen years ago my right leg began to swell and pain. Four years ago it broke out in three dreadful sores. I tried all kinds of salves and liniments but the sores became

I Had to Walk on Crutches and a greater part of the time was confined to my bed. I could not sleep nights and my eyes became affected. I have worn glasses for over six years. Since I have taken Hood's Sarsaparilla and Pills two of the worst sores on my limb have healed and the third is almost closed. My sore eyes have been benefited as I can see to read and write and also thread my needle for sewing without the use of glasses. I came to use Hood's Sarsaparilla by noticing advertisements. I reasoned that what has cured others

Hood's Sarsaparilla Cures would cure me and it has proved so. It is a splendid medicine." Mrs. KEZIA WESTBROOK, Manning, Michigan.

Hood's Pills cure habitual constipation. Price 50c. per box

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THE Polk county census report for 1895 shows 81,763 acres in cultivation, against 90,489 acres in 1885. Thus it will be seen there has been a falling off in ten years of nearly 10,000 bushels of grain, but while Polk county has lost in amount of grain, she has made a decided gain in the production of hay, potatoes, butter and cheese. In 1885 there was raised 11,245 tons of hay, 80,225 bushels of potatoes and 172,955 pounds of cheese and butter manufactured. The census of 1895 shows 16,387 tons of hay, 142,001 bushels of potatoes and 172,955 pounds of cheese and butter. This result was largely brought by a tendency toward diversified farming.

WHILE there is no immediate danger of war between the United States and England over the Venezuelan difficulty,

Secretary Olney has taken a more decided stand in the dispute than any of his predecessors have done. Our present secretary of state has reached the conclusion that the Monroe doctrine is involved in the question, and has formerly notified England of the fact. Premier Salisbury's reply has already reached Washington, but his answer has not yet been given to the public. The country is curious to know precisely the grounds upon which England bases a claim to the disputed territory along the Schomburgk line and beyond. The strip of territory to which England lays claim consists principally of low mud flats, and until recently has been considered worthless, but now that gold has been found there in large quantities the question of boundary has become of importance to both England and Venezuela. If England has no treaty rights to the possession of this territory her forcible possession of the same would be clearly in contravention of the famous Monroe doctrine, which is a declaration that the United States is opposed to, and will resist, any European government acquiring new possessions on the American continent.

Items of Local Interest.

Mrs. J. R. Bryson, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. H. A. Fuller, in this city, returned home to Corvallis Wednesday.

There will be regular services at the Presbyterian church next Sabbath morning at 11 o'clock and in the evening at 7:30. Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:30. Sabbath school at 10 a. m.

Mrs. M. Smith and Miss Kimberlin, of Portland, are visiting in this city, the guests of Mrs. A. M. Hurley. Mrs. Smith is the mother and Miss Kimberlin is a niece of Mrs. Hurley's.

The Oregon City Transportation Company will run daily boats from Independence to Portland after Sunday next. The steamer will leave Independence at 6:30 a. m. during week days and at 9 a. m. on Sundays.

The I. A. A. Club has engaged Prof. Parson's famous orchestra, of Portland, to furnish the music for their grand New Year's ball. This will be the greatest musical treat ever given to the people of Independence. Don't fail to come.

Messrs. Mitchell and Bohannon and families returned today from San Francisco, where they have been visiting the past ten days. They report fine weather in California, only one day's rain while there. They say the whole face of the country has a dried and parched appearance, without a spear of green grass any where.

Editor R. A. Harris, of the Amity Blade, dropped in upon us Wednesday afternoon, and informed us that he is arranging to establish a newspaper at Monmouth. He expects to get out the initial number before Christmas. Mr. Harris considers there is ample room in Southern Polk county for another newspaper, besides the people of Monmouth have offered him certain inducements to locate among them. In the great struggle for existence the fittest survive whether it be a newspaper hustling for a livelihood or a tiny blade of grass struggling for a little more sunlight.

A GRAND CHRISTMAS BAL

—WILL BE GIVEN BY THE—
Gen'l Gibson Post No. 6
G. A. R., Dep't of Oregon

—AT THEIR—
AUDITORIUM IN INDEPENDENCE,
ON CHRISTMAS NIGHT
Wednesday, Dec. 25, 1895.

A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend.

RECEPTION COMMITTEE.—The Reception Committee will consist of all the members of the Post.

FLOOR MANAGERS.—Chas. Staats, Lyman Damon, Jos. Hubbard, M. L. Dorris, Byron Atkins, W. W. Williams.

SUPPER.—Supper will be served in the Assembly Room of the Auditorium, assisted by the ladies of the Reception Corps, at 50 cents per couple.

MUSIC.—Music will be furnished by Cressy's Orchestra. TICKETS \$1.00

Spectators, ladies, gentlemen and children, 25 cents. The proceeds to be applied to the indebtedness on Auditorium.

Notice of Annual Meeting.

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Polk County Land Company, for the purpose of electing officers and transacting such other business as may properly come before them, will be held on Tuesday, December 31st, 1895, at 10 o'clock a. m., at the Independence National Bank building, Independence, Oregon.
D. W. SEARS, Secretary.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The best salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by all druggists.

A Household Treasure.

D. W. Fuller, of Canby, Oregon, Y., says that he always keeps King's New Discovery in the house and his family has always for the very best results follow its use that he would not be without it. G. A. Dykeman, druggist, Catskill, N. Y., says that King's New Discovery is undoubtedly the best Cough remedy he has used it in his family eight years, and it has never failed to do all that is claimed for it. Why not try a remedy so long tried and tested. Trial bottles free at any Drug Store. Regular size and \$1.00.

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