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7:45 a. m.	8:30 a. m.	9:15 a. m.	10:30 a. m.	11:15 a. m.	12:00 p. m.
11:20 "	12:05 "	12:50 "	1:30 "	2:15 "	3:00 "
2:30 p. m.	3:15 "	4:00 "	4:45 "	5:30 "	6:15 "
6:30 "	7:15 "	8:00 "	8:45 "	9:30 "	10:15 "

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If congress reflects the present temper of the American people the administration will not be permitted to add another dollar to the bonded debt of the United States. If the administration is in need of money to pay government expenditures it should raise the required revenue through other channels than the sale of bonds.

We acknowledge the receipt of an article from Prof. T. O. Hutchinson, school superintendent of Polk county, which is addressed to the teachers of the county. The superintendent's letter is in the form of an appeal to the teachers and pupils of Polk county to aid by their political and moral support the early construction of the Nicaragua canal, also asking that they extend such pecuniary aid as they can towards a fitting "testimonial for the battleship Oregon." We publish the letter in another column in order to give it publicity as wide, at least, as the circulation of the ENTERPRISE, for it is a patriotic appeal and should, in our opinion, meet with a hearty response from the people of Polk county. Accompanying the letter is also a petition memorializing congress to take such action as will tend to complete the Nicaragua canal at an early date.

Our esteemed city contemporary, in a leading last week's editorial, strongly urges upon the city council to enact an ordinance establishing a better sewerage system. "We either need sewers or we do not," says Bro. Pentland. "If we need them the council in its wisdom will see that they are honestly and economically built and on as easy terms to the people as possible." There can be but one reply to the statement "we either need sewers or we do not." We need them, and it is safe to say there is

not a town in the Willamette valley that is not in need of an improved sewerage system. But this is not saying that the city council should bond the city at the present time to put in sewers. Times are hard, money is scarce, and, in our judgment, it would be unwise for the city council to increase the bonded debt of the city. We think there is no more sickness among the people of Independence than there is among the same number of people in the country, and we believe that the physicians of the city will bear out this statement. We will say, however, that as soon as the council can clearly see its way to put in better sewers, without unnecessarily burdening the taxpayers, they should do so; but, at the present time, under existing circumstances it would be an unwise and injudicious measure.

An exchange (close at our elbow) says: "The inventor of a bicycle suit that will enable a woman to look as graceful standing on her head, or reclining in the middle of the road, as when dressed for the evening entertainment is sure not only of fame and fortune but of the undying love of every woman cyclist." So the many wheels in that writer's head have set to buzzing in the direction of a unique and wonderful invention that will make a woman "look as graceful standing on her head as when dressed for an evening entertainment." Well, we thought it would come to something like that after while, but the madness has come on a little sooner than we expected. Fame and fortune and "the undying love of every woman cyclist!" Why, such good luck is enough to tempt Apollo from the court of Olympus, and small wonder it is that the maddening thought is about to turn the silly head of our country editor.

The now famous author of "Coin's Financial School" is to head a new party to be known as "Patriots of America." Its essential mission and particular shibboleth is to advance the cause of free silver. Its incidental mission is to eliminate selfishness from politics. It is easy guessing to say that Mr. Harvey will not live to see the fruition of his Utopian dream realized. Politics can not be freed from the bane of selfishness, neither is it probable that the rehabilitation of silver will be accomplished during the present century. The interests of capital are against it. And there is no denying that capital holds the field today, and it is too strongly entrenched to be easily routed. Mr. Harvey is a general gentleman, a lofty theorizer and a builder of beautiful "castles in Spain," but he lacks the mental nerve fibre to be a leader of men. He is deficient in constructive ability

and force of character. Men of his type never lead, they simply talk learnedly and overshoot the mark they are "talking at." William H. Harvey is not a party builder. He is a theorizer, and that's all.

The president's special message to congress on the British Guiana-Venezuela boundary dispute is a powerful, vigorous and perspicuous presentation and defense of the Monroe doctrine. It is the most important state paper that has emanated from the "White House" in twenty-five years. It is the only document ever written by the present chief executive that will go ringing down the ages. It is epoch making. It marks an era in the political history of America, for it proclaims to the European powers that the doctrine enunciated by President Monroe is still a living principle and part and parcel of the unwritten law of the great republic. The American people are in accord with the patriotic sentiments so calmly but vigorously enunciated by the president. The press of the country, irrespective of party, with a single exception, support him. The New York World has the unenvied notoriety of criticising the message as "a blunder." The message is not a blunder, but a masterly state paper which proclaims in trumpet tones that no European power can obtain by force another foot of territory upon the Western continent. Congress will sustain the president. The country stands as a unit for the enforcement of the Monroe doctrine, and it will be strange, indeed, if congress does not crystallize this great political tradition into the written law of the land. The present temper of the people favors it, and congress should not hesitate.

Before the next issue of this paper the great Christmas festival will have come again and gone. The Christmas song is as old as humanity. All trace of the ancient tradition is lost in the dim light of antiquity. It belongs to no one race or people, but is the common inheritance of all. It is a song of joy and gladness. All tongues have sung it, and every people have voiced its inspiring lessons. In the Christian world it has become symbolical of the central tenet of a great religious faith. The inspired babe, the kneeling shepherds, the angelic hosts chanting their celestial diapason have become the major key of the glorious Christmas song. The enlightened world of today recognizes only this great lesson and hears only the angelic voice which said: "Peace on Earth, good will among men." But the essence of the old-time festival is still abroad in the world. The feasting, the joy and merry-making, the blithesome song, the

generous gift-making are survivals of the primitive tradition. The world is growing better because of this grand old song; because of the spirit it fosters, the lesson it teaches, the hope it inspires, the joy it gives to the human heart. The time may come when the angles will sing that joyous song again, but they will sing it in the chastened hearts of men, and the old promise, "peace and good will," will then reign regnant in every home and every heart.

School Entertainment.

As was announced some time ago, the Independence Public Schools will have a Christmas tree and a program on Christmas eve at the auditorium. Each grade will contribute something towards the program, which will be as follows:

- FIRST GRADE—MRS. TUCK, TEACHER.
Christmas Song by class.
Recitation—"Letter to Santa Claus,"
Glen Locke.
- Dialogue by class.
- 2ND GRADE—MISS MULKEY, TEACHER.
Recitation—"Grandma's Mistake,"
Song.
- 3RD GRADE—MISS COCHRAN, TEACHER.
Chorus—"Toy Makers, Hammer and Saw," by six little boys.
Chorus—"The Wee Little Seamster," by six little girls.
- 4TH GRADE—MISS HALL, TEACHER.
Recitation—"Surprise for Santa Claus,"
Ethel Walker.
Recitation—"On Christmas Eve,"
Blanche Cleland.
- 5TH GRADE—MISS GOODRICH, TEACHER.
Dialogue—"Christmas Stockings."
- 6TH GRADE—MISS LONGACRE, TEACHER.
Recitation
Nellie Whiteaker.
Song
Miss Longacre.
- 7TH GRADE—MISS HILL, TEACHER.
Instrumental Music.
- EIGHTH GRADE.
Dialogue.
Calisthenics Drill.

After the program the presents and treat for the children will be distributed. We expect to have something for every pupil in school. Presents for the children can be sent to the teachers of the respective grades, who will attend to the distribution when the time comes. We hope that a liberal supply of presents will be furnished at an early date, so that all may be provided for.

School children will be admitted free. All others will be charged an admission fee of 15 cents to help pay expenses. Should there be anything left it will be used in buying books for the school library.
T. A. HAYES.

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The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous



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