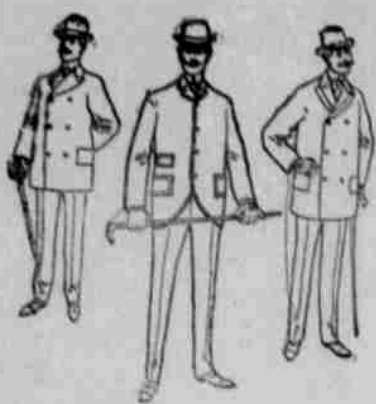


**MEN'S SUITS...**

In all the late styles and in cuts suitable for tall men or stout men as well as those of average build.

**HATS**

Did you ever try to select a hat from two or three boxes that were pulled out from under the counter? Well, we don't show hats that way. Our fine big hat case presents nearly 500 hats in plain view at the same time. These are the samples from our big line, comprising all the new shapes in the Derby, Fedora, Tourist, Panama, and Pantourist styles.

Salem Woolen Mill Store

Leading Clothing Store in the Willamette Valley

Largest stock of Clothing and Furnishings for men and boys to be found between Portland and Sacramento.

This Toad

Knows enough to jump at a Bargain.



Some People Don't.

Our store is full of bargains. We don't mean cheap stuff, not worth carrying home, but goods that give value received to the purchaser. Especially is this true of our

Blanket Department

Our Salem blankets are admitted to be the best made; no question about it. Then when one considers that we handle them direct from our own factory, eliminating the middle men, and freight charges to and from a wholesale house, it's easily seen that we have the inside track—no one can compete with us.

CALL AND SEE US WHEN IN SALEM.

Salem Woolen Mill Store

254-6 Commercial St., Opposite Capital National Bank

**Overcoats and Raincoats**

Suitable preparation for the stormy days ahead is a matter of economy—a saving of health—that often means a saving of money. The long full-cut overcoat is the proper coat this season. We have an immense line, also shorter ones for those who prefer them.



We fit out boys from head to foot as well as men. Bring the boys along.

Crop Bulletin.

U. S. Department of Agriculture Climate and Crop Bulletin of the Weather Bureau, Oregon Section, for the week ending Monday, September 15, 1902:

The weather has been dry and very smoky in the western portion of the state. On Saturday the winds became westerly and the smoke drifted to the eastern sections, and smoky conditions became general in all parts of the state. The forepart of the week was warm and sultry, but the last three days were cool and seasonable.

The grain crop has now nearly all been threshed and the farmers in many sections are hauling it to the warehouses and mills. The yields, although generally below expectations, will probably amount to an average crop, especially of oats and barley.

Hoppicking is drawing to a close; the yields are good and the quality is above the average.

Prune drying will begin this week. The prune crop is variable; some orchards will yield a full crop while others will not pay for picking; those orchards on high land as a rule will yield the best. Pastures are very short and the supply of milk continues to decrease. Stock in some sections is also beginning to lose flesh. The third crop of alfalfa has been secured in good condition with quality and yields up to the average.

A fair crop of pears has been marketed; apples have dropped considerably in some sections, but the crop will yield fairly well and be above the average in quality. Root crops all need rain, and pota-

toes will be smaller than usual because of the dry weather.

Airlie, Polk County—Weather dry and smoky. Harvest completed. Hoppicking well advanced with only a fair yield, but of good quality. Everything in need of rain. Late garden stuff scarce.

DIED

JOHNSTON.—Across the river in Marion county, on Monday, September 15, 1902, Chas. Johnston, of inflammation of the bowels, aged 80 years.

PATTIE.—On Thursday, September 11, 1902, at the home of his father, T. J. Pattie, in Monmouth, W. C. Pattie, of typhoid fever.

Fortune Favors a Texan.

"Having distressing pains in head, back and stomach, and being without appetite, I began to use Dr. King's New Life Pills," writes W. P. Whitehead, of Kennedale, Texas, "and soon felt like a new man." Infalible in stomach and liver troubles. Only 25c at Rukland Drug Co., etc.

AN IMPROVEMENT.

Independence Water System Inaugurates Some Changes.

Work commenced this week in taking up the old water pipes and

When in SALEM put your team in the

RED FRONT Livery and Feed Stable

Reasonable rates for Livery Rigs.

Radabaugh & Bramlet, Props.

164 Commercial St. Phone 851.

supplanting the old ones with new mains. The new pipes are the best to be had and, we believe, are guaranteed to stand 400 pounds pressure to the square inch. As rapidly as laborers can be secured they will be put on and the work pushed to an early completion. Every water main in town will be replaced.

Buying Polk County Goats.

W. T. Stoneheart, of Montana, is in Monmouth making arrangements to secure some 250 goats. G. T. Boothby, who recently bought 200 for Judge Benson, of Seattle, will also buy for Mr. Stoneheart.

Polk county has some well-bred goats. William Riddell recently secured some 200 pure Angoras and is arranging to give special attention to this line of stock.

H. Gwinn is home from a summer spent in California.

Hoppicking is nearly finished, it being a few days shorter than in years previous. The crop has been fine and the weather unequalled. Few yards will be picking longer than Tuesday or Wednesday.

Little Gladys Griffin, of Monmouth, died last week from the effects of eczema. She was three years old.

Oris Robertson and family left today for their home in Fossil, Or.

Southard Talbott returned today from Washington.

Clinton Moore is confined indoors with illness.

Mrs. Thomas Fennell was called to the bedside of Dr. Crowley's son at Monmouth, in the capacity of a trained nurse. Independence is fortunate in having in her midst so skillful a trained nurse as Mrs. Fennell.

O. R. & N.
OREGON SHORT LINE
AND UNION PACIFIC

DEPART FOR	TIME SCHEDULE FROM INDEPENDENCE	ARRIVE FROM
Chicago, Portland, Special, 9 a m via Hunting-	Salt Lake, Denver, Ft Worth, Omaha, Kansas City, St. Louis, Chicago and East.	4:30 p m
Atlantic Express, 8:50 p m via Hunting-	Salt Lake, Denver, Ft Worth, Omaha, Kansas City, St. Louis, Chicago and East.	8:10 a m
St Paul Fast Mail, 6 a m via Spokane.	Walla Walla, Lewiston, Spokane, Wallace, Pullman, Minneapolis, St Paul, Duluth, Milwaukee, Chicago and East.	7 a m

72 hours. Portland to Chicago. No change of cars. Tickets East via all rail or via boat and rail via Portland. OCEAN AND RIVER SCHEDULE FROM PORTLAND.

All sailing dates subject to change. For San Francisco Sail every 5 days.

8 p m Daily except Sunday 8 p m Saturday 10 p m COLUMBIA RIVER To Astoria and way landings. 4 p m Ex. Sun.

AL HERREN, Agt., Independence.

Marsh Merwin was appointed yesterday by the president as postmaster at this place.

Claude Pengra came in today from Eugene.

A case for hunting pheasants out of season will be tried in the justice's court as soon as the county court appoints a justice of the peace for this district. Other cases are on the calendar also.

Correspondents Contest!**First Prize.**

Magnificent Morris Chair.

Second Prize.

A Fine \$10 Lamp.

3d Prize, \$2 worth of Photos at J. M. McCaleb's.

4th Prize, \$2 worth of Photos at E. PicKel's.

5th Prize, Subscription to Pacific Homestead.

6th Prize, Ladies Home Journal.

Conditions Governing Contest.

One point for every news item accepted. A story worthy of a separate heading 25 points. A column article 50 points. For every yearly subscriber, new or a renewal, 75 points. Less than a year at the same proportion. We want correspondents in every part of Polk county. Now is the time to make known our resources. Send in your contributions whether you are a correspondent or not.