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"The man who masters whatever branch he decides to follow renders most good to his fellowman or to society, is the opinion of Uncle Bill, and we have no more convincing proof of this fact than is brought out in Hilliard & Plymale whose time and energies are being put into use behind the anvil and at the work bench, along the lines of general blacksmithing, horseshoeing and wagon-making. Appropriately fitted and arranged shops are utilized and it is the name that Hilliard & Plymale have won for all workmanship and upright dealing with the public that gives this place a cozy appearance and the favor of its patrons that come from many miles around."

"Associated with Independence in her artistic and very important branch is Mrs. Hurley, a milliner and dealer in fancy goods—the splendid share of patronage accorded her mirrors the esteem in which she is held by a good class of trade. Mrs. Hurley is herself a gifted milliner and is also assisted by a talented trimmer. She is ever zealous in offering to her patrons the newest fashions and most seasonable effects."

"Among those absolutely indispensable to the welfare of every community is the druggist," declared Uncle Bill, with emphasis. Turning to the young people, said he, "we have a neat and well-appointed drug establishment here that is conducted along progressive lines under the censorship of P. M. Kirkland, a prescriber of attainment who looks vigilantly after the details of the business. The presentable premises utilized are ever replete with drugs, medicines, chemicals and proprietary remedies, as well as exceptional lines of sundries, with the manifold requisites for the ladies' toilet case. At the Owl Drug Store you'll always find school and office supplies galore, as well as artist's materials," concluded Uncle Bill.

That big hardware and implement store across the street there is conducted by Frazer & Rice, said Uncle Bill, as he emerged from the postoffice. Come over and I'll buy you a Hubbard sewing machine. This firm is an active one in the mercantile field here, and have a large acquaintance in all the country about. The premises used are amply large for displaying the varied and large stock that is handled, comprising builders and general hardware, ranges, stoves and house furnishings, with the manifold things incidental to the well regulated hardware store. "And not secondary is the department of the business devoted to pleasure and business, vehicles, farming implements and farming machinery. Being the sole agents here for the Sundeaker Wagons and Buggies, the Canton Chipper Plow and Star Wind Mill, which goods are universally recognized as being equal to the best in the markets. Then too, the correct principles that have attended the business efforts of Frazer & Rice has been an incentive to augment their run of trade right along."

"There is no plausible reason for risking a residence or any other building uninsured nowadays," said Uncle Bill, assuming to give the young folks some timely pointers, "and now that our residence is ready for occupancy I'll go post-haste and see Judge Wilson, the

favorably known justice of the peace and insurance agent here, and have him insure our house and contents, as he represents some of America's and Europe's staunchest and best fire insurance companies; he is the wide-awake underwriter who has been writing up so much business over the county from which we may judge that his dealings have been liberal, prompt and correct with every policy holder."

Uncle Bill feeling fatigued from the arduous tasks of the day, asked Harry, the new adjunct to the family to accompany him for a stroll. As this striking couple happened in front of the Gem Uncle Bill came to a sudden halt. "Come right in and shake hands with J. R. Cooper, the genial owner," who is a great favorite with "the boys." As the doors sprang behind them they find themselves mingling with a clever lot of fellows, who, like themselves, agreed that the Gem was a well appointed and properly conducted rendezvous where boys can while away leisure moments and where is dispensed the world's best goods and choicest brands, the secret of the good favor of the Gem, Uncle Bill then passed into the club rooms and billiard hall where he shed his coat and played an exhibition game of billiards that startled Dad Cooper as well as a large party of eager on-lookers that had gathered to watch Uncle Bill wield the cue with so much dexterity.

Among the better known merchants and business men of Polk county who have fairly earned their success and position is S. M. Daniel, of Monmouth, who is rightly regarded as a staunch and active exponent of general merchandise in the full sense of the term, or what is known in latter days the salient lines being dry goods, notions, shoes, hats, clothing and furnishing goods. He is using neat, appropriate and commodious quarters and through each season of the year he invariably presents to his patrons attractive and merchantable lines and tasty, seasonable effects. In fact the busy store that exists as the consummation of the thrift, tact and foresight of S. M. Daniel is an example of the source of convenience to the hurried shopper in these modern times where any article of general utility can be had under one roof. Since S. M. Daniel embarked in business in 1899 his dealings with his trade have been characterized by the rules promptness and probity, hence he has a large acquaintance and as large a patronage today.

The importance of being in touch with a reliable and well appointed drug store is conceded by all well thinking people. A drug establishment that is a source of pride to our citizens is the one of L. S. Perkins, a pharmacist of attainments and diligent in his cause, as evinced in the appointments and conduct of the business under his directorship, carrying a complete and varied stock of fresh drugs and chemicals, sundries, cosmetics, dentifrices and the manifold specialties incident to this branch, including, g. paints, oils, glass and painter's supplies. The constant vigilance manifested at this pharmacy has won the confidence of a lengthy list of patrons.

Monmouth lays claim to a well ordered millinery establishment among the essential mercantile branches that are represented at that point and such an establishment is not only a source of convenience but is one of much pleasure to the fair sex, since Miss Pearl Squires, the owner and talented milliner in charge, shows wares that are alike in quality and style to those of the metropolitan cities, since the same new effects and patterns appear simultaneously on her shelves.

It is doubtful whether any branch of business is of more importance to a community than a well managed and good livery, sale and feed stables. Such a one is run in Monmouth by Joe Rose, who is meeting the demands of the public in a creditable way with a

roomy and commodious barn, good steeds and appropriate vehicles for all uses. The hauling and draying departments of his business are also looked after in the same vigilant way which suggests Mr. Rose's fitness to have this phase of Monmouth's business entrusted in his hands and to his charge.

To be accessible to a properly conducted meat market is indeed a source of satisfaction. A market that caters to the people on its merits is that conducted by Phil Johnson in Monmouth, which invites by the neatness that abounds and the choice assortment of food supplies that are found there at all times—meaning fresh and cured meats, smoked meats, canned meats, fish, etc.

The residents of Monmouth and vicinity find in the general blacksmith shop conducted by A. L. Chute, a place where they get good workmanship, fair dealing and prompt service along the lines of general blacksmithing, horseshoeing and wagon and carriage work. The shops are well arranged and well fitted up and the wide awake management draws business from over a good area of country from a class of trade that knows and responds to the right kind of business effort. A. L. Chute commenced business in Monmouth in the year of 1895.

An establishment that recommends itself in the mercantile field is that of Bridwell & Craven, of Monmouth, who carry the largest stock of Staple Groceries in Polk county. They also carry a full line of Hardware, including the famous John Deer farm implements. Their grocery stock is replete with all lines of heavy groceries, table delicacies, provisions and every luxury, embracing the highest quality and most wholesome edibles in the market. The present high standing and popularity of this house is the result of honest endeavor and wide-awake and energetic business methods of the proprietors, who claim a long list of customers coming from all parts of Polk county and who are not satisfied with anything short of prompt and correct attention to the wants of the public. It is truly a source of pleasure to be in touch with such a well ordered house where is handled such a splendid assortment of every requisite for the larder—meaning everything that is good to eat.

The service afforded the farmer and business men through the solvent and properly managed bank cannot be estimated in dollars and cents alone, and perhaps there are many that do not fully appreciate the great service rendered to trade and commerce from the banking institutions of today, each acting its part in its respective community. The Polk County Bank, of Monmouth, occupying a neat and substantial brick building with a particularly inviting interior, is operating with ample capital to meet the exigencies of this community. Its directors and officers are conservative and experienced business men in whom the depositors and patrons repose confidence. J. H. Hawley, the president, and Ira C. Powell, the cashier, are agreeable gentlemen, ever ready to extend any reasonable accommodation to the public.

Among those that are acting well the role that they have assumed in the business arena at Monmouth are Simpson Bros., dealers in stationery, school books, school and office supplies, confections and fruits and the novelties incidental to these lines. The stock is at once noticeably clean and well displayed and the assortment of candies and confections is especially tempting at this time, showing that the management is diligent even in the details of the business which has resulted in a good share of the patronage and the

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avor of the trade, who seem to recognize persevering business endeavor.

Among those following the professional or artistic branches in Monmouth is C. C. Lewis, photographer, who has been identified there in that capacity since 1891. Mr. Lewis has a convenient, well lighted and an especially well arranged gallery with the required appliances necessary for the production of artistic and highly finished work, which is fully attested to in the specimens shown at his studio. His ability as a photographic artist, his facilities for same, together with his manner of treating patrons have all combined to make Mr. C. C. Lewis well and favorably known as a photographer.

That well organized insurance is one of the beneficent institutions of modern times is accorded to by all conservative and intelligent people. The townsmen, as are those living tributary to Monmouth, are afforded protection through some of the staunchest and best fire insurance companies in the field, both American and European, through the conversant V. O. Boots, the suave and alert resident agent. Mr. Boots' field of operation is not confined to Monmouth or vicinity, but extends over the entire county, and to judge from the run of business tendered him and the esteem in which he is held as a citizen and insurance man he has been liberal, just and prompt in adjusting the losses of every policy holder. Mr. Wm. N. Boots is special agent for the Philadelphia underwriters and the Fire Association of Philadelphia. His territory covers portions of Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

The "Knights of the Grip," as well as the traveling public in general find pleasant and homelike accommodations while sojourning in Monmouth at the Hotel Hampton, of which D. M. Hampton is the attentive and affable host, who always has a pleasant word for his guests, while he has an eye to their comfort. The Hotel Hampton is a clean, well kept place with good rooms that are well furnished, electric lights, private parlor for ladies, with music, while a good table is a feature that is foremost with the management, the cooking resembling very much regular home cooking which every traveling man delights to get.

Mrs. Ida Irvine and Mr. Avery were married last Sunday at Walla Walla, Wash. The couple passed through Independence on Monday for a brief visit to Mr. Avery's relatives at Corvallis. They will stop here a day or two on their return.

Antioch.

Miss Ora Towns returned home from Wells Station Tuesday.

A number from here attended the Woodman meeting at Dallas the 18th inst, and were initiated into the order.

Henry Sevier and two sons, of Pullman, Wash., are here visiting the former's parents.

Miss Gertrude Vollans returned to her home at Portland Saturday to spend the holidays.

CHRISTMAS EXERCISES.

The following program will be rendered at the school house on Christmas eve:

Song—"Wake O, Bells."
Invocation—Allen Towns.
Address—V. A. Fishback.
Responsive reading—"Christ's Coming Foretold."
"When Christmas Comes"—Effie Ground.

Recitation—Elbert Peterson.
"Bachelor's Reverie"—Vernie Johnson.

Dialogue—"A Matrimonial Advertisement." (Two scenes)

Recitation—Fred Scott
"Santa Claus"—Lettie Fishback.
Male quartette—"Birdie's Ball."

Recitation—Guy Sevier.
"Christmas Eve"—Ruth Haynes.
Recitation—"Belle Scott."

"Whistling in Heaven"—Retta Clark.
Recitation—Katie Towns.
Christmas exercise—By ten children.

Responsive reading, "The Bright and Morning Star"—Ina and Lettie Fishback.

Successful Institute.

The program of the Farmers' Institute held at Lewisville under the auspices of Mono Grange was carried out to the letter. The help from the Agricultural College, as well as local talent, gave out some very instructive ideas, which were readily grasped by those present. All present were well satisfied and we hope that the experiment staff will come among us again.

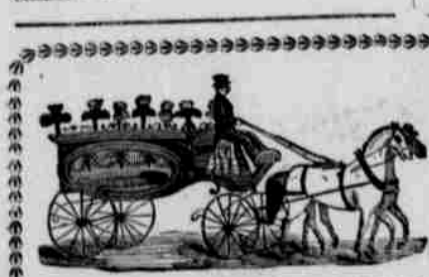


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