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AND WEST SIDE.

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Because the Dallas Observer failed to get the contract for printing the delinquent tax list of 1901, it gets real mad and vents its mean and contemptible spirit upon its more successful rival. The Observer has charged the county right along just four times what the same work is costing it when put up to the lowest bidder. No wonder its mad. It has waxed fat and grown proud under its "lead-pipe cinch." Keep cool, dear Observer. Keep cool.

Independence should have some kind of a commercial organization to look after the material interests of the city and county. We cannot hope to accomplish much toward attracting the attention of the large immigration which is sure to follow the introduction of the cheap railroad rates without organized effort. These rates go into effect February 15 and will continue in force till the last of April. Thousands of people will be seeking new homes in the West and Polk county should secure its share. Let us organize and do something.

They Are Coming.

An Illinois paper fell into the hands of a lady in Polk county recently and in it she found the following item: "William Iliff and family are soon to leave for Oregon to take up their residence. They will locate in Independence, Oregon, until a suitable farm can be secured."

After all, the world is not so large a place it seems. The gentleman referred to in the above is an old friend of the lady who so unexpectedly ran across the item quoted. Nine years ago they were neighbors in the East. Mr. Iliff is a man of considerable means, and with his family would make a good addition to any community. This family is but one of the many that are headed for Oregon. They are coming not by ones and twos, but by the half dozen and by the carload.

"By their works ye shall know them." Are we to be judged by our works then? And if so, what will the decision of the strangers be regarding us? Are we willing to be classed with the sluggards, or shall we be found with those who are known as hustlers?

Shall the gold, paid in by these newcomers for houses and lands clink in the coffers of the Polk rancher, or shall it go elsewhere? The question remains for Polk county citizens to answer.

C. McBeth won the handsome white maple dresser at Bice's furniture store. The lucky number was 233.

He Repeated History.

Special Correspondence.

Buena Vista was not always the quiet, law-abiding village that it is now. Time was when poor whiskey and boisterous citizens made things hum in these parts, according to tradition.

A former old inhabitant recently related incidents of by-gone days in Buena. He told how the creek over which the new blacksmith shop is being built was called "Busthead Canyon," and how times used to be mighty lively. "A saloon stood there," said the narrator, "and of a morning when the proprietor swept out, teeth were so thick on the floor, occasionally, that it looked as though some one had shelled corn there."

The listeners were so attentive that the old timer launched forth another one: "An Ohio man came into the saloon one day, and noticing several blue and brown balls rolling about on the floor, supposed they were buckeyes and kicked one with his toe. He was horrified to find them human eyeballs, gouged out the night before in a saloon scrap! He!"

But the audience had fled!

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.

We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last fifteen years and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by their firm.

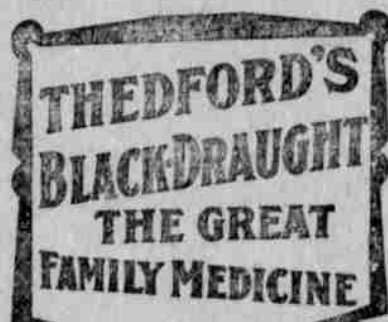
WEST & TRUAX, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. WALKING, KINNAN & MARVIS, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price, 75c per bottle. Sold by all druggists.

Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Stockholders Meeting.

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Independence National Bank will be held on Tuesday, January 13, 1903, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., at the Bank, for



Theford's Black-Draught has saved doctors' bills for more than sixty years. For the common family ailments, such as constipation, indigestion, hard colic, bowel complaints, chills and fever, biliousness, headaches and other like complaints no other medicine is necessary. It invigorates and regulates the liver, assists digestion, stimulates action of the kidneys, purifies the blood, and purges the bowels of foul accumulations. It cures liver complaint, indigestion, sour stomach, dizziness, chills, rheumatic pains, sideache, backache, kidney troubles, constipation, diarrhoea, biliousness, piles, hard colic and headache. Every druggist has Theford's Black-Draught in 25 cent packages and in mammoth size for \$1.00. Never accept a substitute. Insist on having the original made by the Chattanooga Medicine Company.

I believe Theford's Black-Draught is the best medicine on earth. It is good for any and everything. I have a family of twelve children, and for four years I have kept them on foot and healthy with no doctor but Black-Draught. A. J. GREEN, Ilwaco, La.

the purpose of electing a Board of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting.

C. W. IRVINE, Cashier.
Dated this 3d day of Dec 1903.

Correspondents' Contest.

- FIRST PRIZE.
Handsome Ladies' Writing Desk
- SECOND PRIZE.
Beautiful Moquette Rug.
- THIRD PRIZE.
A Good Smyrna Rug.
- FOURTH PRIZE.
The Delineator.
- FIFTH PRIZE.
Weekly Oregonian.
- SIXTH PRIZE.
Pacific Homestead.

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.

Contest closes February 26, 1903, at 6 P. M.

Standing of Correspondents.

Buena Vista, H.	815
Antioch	415
Lewisville	11
Highlands, B.	37
Sunny Slope	33
Airline, S.	38
Crowley, G.	26
Parker, G.	55
Rickreal, C.	104
Calvary, D.	297
Monmouth, A.	492
Pedee, P.	41
Monmouth, H.	562
Ballston, B.	179

Perfumery

Is always acceptable

For Christmas Presents

For the finest line ever brought to town

See

A. S. Locke,

The Independence Druggist.

KEEP YOUR FEET DRY

Solfiline, the greatest discovery of the age. Every man, woman and child needs it. All school children should have their shoes treated with "SOLFILINE" as it is absolutely waterproof and doubly durable. Sold by

T. B. Clevenger,

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Save Your Soles

- Your soles under normal conditions will outwear the uppers.
- You save the expense of continual resoling.
- Your shoes will not squeak and the gait is made elastic.
- You will wear your shoes twice as long as heretofore.
- You need no rubbers.
- Your feet are protected from wet or cold.
- Your soles being absolutely water-proof snow will not stick.

International

Stock Food!

3 FEEDS FOR ONE CENT.

Makes Milk, Cream and Butter Better.

Call and get descriptive book, which will tell you all about how to feed for best results.

I Will buy wheat.

I have in stock at all times

Baled Hay; Wheat, Oat, Speltz, Rape, Cheat and Clover seed. Also a complete line of Poultry Supplies.

Y. A. GRAY.

**Produce and Commission Merchant,
In Old Athletic Club Building, Independence.**