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### HELLO, SOAP CREEK!

Corvallis and Suver Telephone Line to be Built at Once.

Provision is about completed for construction of a telephone line from Corvallis via the Monmouth road to Wells, thence cross to the Independence wagon road and connecting at Suver with similar system already built through Airlie, Falls City and Beville to Monmouth. A branch of the Corvallis-Suver line will run from Wells up Soap Creek to Mr. Wells' farm. The organization for this enterprise is styled "The Farmers Telephone Co." One share each of the stock is taken by farmers on the line at \$2. The Telephone Co. charges each shareholder 50 cents per month for use of instrument, and these payments entitle stock holders to free section with all parts of lines already constructed or which may hereafter be built. The first meeting looking to the organization of the company was held at Wells two weeks ago by the farmers interested. There are now more than 100 shareholders in the company. The next meeting is to be held at Wells to take final action and start construction of the line.—Corvallis Enterprise.

The next teachers meeting will be held at Independence on the 28th inst.

### Fine Standard Breed Chickens.

Fifteen Buff Cochins eggs for \$1.50 if shipped. If taken at the yards, \$1.25 per 15. No attention paid to orders unless accompanied with cash. Address orders to J. S. MOORE, Box 214, Independence, Ore.

Marshfield which is of good quality and packed 1000 in a package as it is supposed to be, then the coast mail man hasn't been able to find it.

People don't mind being robbed on a large scale, but they do hate the sneak thief who puts 81 matches in a bunch, instead of 100 especially if they have to strike 27

that Rev. E. C. Wigmore, of Monmouth, will preach the sermon.

The social given by the Epworth League at the M. E. parsonage Friday evening was in all respects the best given by that organization this season. The social committee worked hard in preparation and met with a much deserved success. The set part of the program consisted of three guessing contests. In one the first bars of well known hymns were played and the names of the songs guessed. Miss Fern Raymond won the contest and sang one of the songs as a result. Another contest was the guessing of the names of "friends, old and new," whose pictures were pinned about the room ranging in subject from Tom, Tom, the Piper's Son to Admiral Dewey and Senator Fulton. The other contest was an art gallery affair; the guessing of names of popular or famous pictures represented by articles on a table. The prize was a nicely mounted picture of Washington. In the neighborhood of six dollars was given in the collection taken after excellent refreshments had been served.

placed the conduct of our affairs as a town, and their wisdom and prudence of action will decide largely what manner of town life we have. Pick out and vote for men of business and executive ability who, however, will recognize that financial considerations are not all which should decide action, but that moral results are even more important and more to be considered. We want a clean, clear administration as free from vice as is possible.

### Meeting of Improvement League

A meeting of the Independence Improvement League was called to order on Monday evening by D. Calbreath. The secretary then read minutes of the last regular meeting. Communications were read and referred to the proper committees.

The committee to place an exhibit before the Oregon Information Bureau reported and it was the opinion that the league should invite the farmers to give the league assistance by seeing the committee, of which Dr. Butler is chairman, and make arrangements for bringing in such products as will be of value to show the resources of Polk county.

Mr. Merrill, of the Pacific States Telephone Company, reported that he was in Independence to assist Mr. Barnett in securing rural telephone routes over the nearby territory. It was discussed generally and found that the Telephone Co. when 12 were secured on a route could place in a line for six miles along their poles at \$1.00 per month, the individual paying for the lines and poles from the nearest point on the telephone line to the phone at the party's house. This was discussed at length and the charge was considered very nominal. Three lines will be installed if present indications are realized. One system will begin at Independence and go north as far as the Brunk farm; also going from the Oak Point school house about two miles north, tapping the fine farming territory north of town. Another system will run south from town as far as Parker on one line and Buena Vista on another route. A third will cross the river and tap the farming community there.

Independence now has 90 phones in town and this service will more than give enough to secure the all-night service for which we are working.

Free switching can be had with Monmouth and it will thus put Independence in touch with probably over 160 phones which will be one of the best systems in the state numerically and in efficiency.

G. A. HURLEY, Sec'y.

The drama "Damon" and "Pythias" was first produced May 28th, 1821 at the Convent Garden Theatre and was written by John Banim of Ireland.

## Our Next Contest.

Our next contest will be started with the first issue in April. This date is set for the reason that we desire to have a word of suggestion from every correspondent, and to make a few small changes which we think are desirable. Let all be ready for that date and then start it with a whirlwind beginning. If you are in the city we will be glad to have you call and talk it over with us.

### Tired of Short Count.

Why doesn't some one start a match factory on Coos Bay, to make the common sulphur match of commerce? asks the Marshfield Daily Mail. Here we are paying tribute to matchmakers who are so infinitely small that they rob us even on the count, to say nothing of the goods. If there is a small sulphur match on the market in

of them before they get a light.

We are probably no worse off than other places and the moral is that a match factory here that would make good reliable matches and pack in full-count packages could find a practically unlimited market for its product.

Wanted—Several persons of character and good reputation in each state (one in this county required) to represent and advertise old established wealthy business house of solid financial standing. Salary \$21.00 weekly with expenses additional, all payable in cash direct each Wednesday from head offices. Horse and carriage furnished when necessary. References. Enclose self-addressed envelope. Colonial Co., 334 Dearborn St., Chicago.

### FALLS CITY

Frank Butler tells us that his son, Dr. Arthur Butler, who holds a professional government position at Washington, D. C., has been admitted to practice before the bar of the District of Columbia supreme court.

The 26th of April is the anniversary of the I. O. O. F. lodge and since it falls on Sunday this year the local lodge voted to attend church in regalia on that day marching in a body from the hall. The services will be held in the Christian church and it is expected

The first Monday in April will be an important day for Falls City. Falls City is entering upon a crisis in her history and the conduct of affairs at such a time means much. For years we have dozed comfortably and contentedly here in the foothills and the winds whispering down from the firs on the mountains has sung us a song of a future to come some day when the wealth closed in the great trunks should be released by mill and railroad and wealth and prosperity would be ours. That time is now at hand and we are to waken into an active, hustling and energetic community with new problems to deal with and new policies to meet. The men at the head of our city government have much to do with the results of every town's endeavors. Therefore we say that the 6th of April is to be an important day with us. On that day Falls City is to elect four of its council, a mayor, a recorder, who will also be police judge, and a marshal. Two of the old council, Messrs. Watkins and Raymond, hold over for a year we are told. In the hands of those men will be

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