

W. A. MESSNER,

SUCCESSOR TO J. A. MILLS.

We are constantly adding new lines to our stock and giving prices that suit. Give us a trial and you need go no farther to buy, as we can please you.

Neckwear.

When it comes to men's neckwear we are it.

Straw Goods.

We have the best line of men's and boys' Straw and Canvas Hats ever shown here.

We are watching every train, expecting a new line of men's dress shoes, something new and up-to-date, never shown in Independence.

Clothing.

We have just received a new addition to our stock of Clothing and can now show some of the best patterns and values in town.

HATS.

We have a new line of the latest shapes in Hats. Come and see them.

Groceries and Produce.

Bring us your Produce. We will pay you top price in trade.

LOCALS.

Mr. Vernon, Sr., of near Rickreall, is in very poor health, and his recovery is doubtful.

Grandma Irvine returned the first of the week from a several weeks' visit in McMinnville and Portland.

Pres. Ressler, Miss Higgins, of Monmouth, Mrs. M. Babbitt, Julien Hurley, Pearl Hedges and Dr. W. C. Brown attended the Willamette Valley Choral Union at Eugene Tuesday.

We want to see for the first time next Thursday a president of the United States, and we will ask our correspondents, advertisers, etc., please get their matter in a day or so earlier than usual.

Ordination and installation of elders at the Presbyterian church next Sabbath morning, to be followed by communion service. A very cordial invitation is extended to all to be present at these services.

The picnic at Ridder's Grove to be given by the M. W. A. and R. N. A. on May 28 promises to be the picnic of the sea-

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son. Speaking, sports, dancing and other amusements will make up a splendid program. A large attendance will go from here.

C. Finch, father of H. C. Finch, left this week for Jefferson City, Iowa, where he goes to reside permanently with two sons. He is 84 years of age and his health is not the best. Before he left a family group of the Finches was taken, at which four generations were represented.

A transaction of considerable importance took place this week.

W. A. Messner purchased the lovely dwelling owned by F. A. Douty, undoubtedly the nicest residence in town. He will make several improvements in the house. Mr. Messner is certainly a progressive, wide-awake man, a valued addition to our town.

A meeting of the wool-growers of Polk county will be held in Dallas Saturday. Mr. Fenton was in the city yesterday, and he informs us that the pool will easily reach 200,000 pounds. Arrangements have been made for wool-growers in this section for free storage at the S. P. warehouse. The key can be secured of Agent Wilcox.

The Independence orchestra will give a dance on the evening of the picnic, Saturday, May 23. A large delegation is expected to go from here.

The general arrangement committee on the 4th of July celebration, consisting of O. D. Butler, R. H. Knox and T. D. Campbell, report much work being done along the lines of a

rousing celebration. Several features have already been agreed upon and will be announced soon. Balloting on a Goddess of Liberty will commence at once; voting places will be announced later. These young ladies have kindly agreed to remain throughout the contest, though balloting is not restricted to these alone: Goldie Irvine, Edith Owen, May Kennedy, Jessie Hartman, Kate Ketchum, Lubie Kelse, Florence Burton. The Monmouth band has been secured. Next week we will endeavor to give more complete account of the plans.

Notice.

I hereby give due notice that I will be in no wise responsible for any debts contracted by my wife, Ada M. Taylor, after this the 14th day of May, it having been mutually agreed that we shall live separate and apart from and after the 13th day of May, 1903.

ASA B. TAYLOR.

Quick Arrest.

J. A. Gullidge, of Verbena, Ala., was twice in the hospital from a severe case of piles causing 24 tumors. After doctors and all remedies failed, Bucklen's Arnica Salve quickly arrested further inflammation and cured him. It conquers aches and kills pain. 25c at Kirkland Drug Co.'s.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Thos. Pomeroy of Independence, Polk county, Oregon, has been appointed administrator of the estate of P. H. McCabe, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same verified by affidavit within six months from this date to said administrator, at his home in said city of Independence, Polk county, Oregon. Dated at Independence, Polk county, Oregon, this 16th day of April, 1903.

THOS. POMEROY,
Administrator estate of P. H. McCabe, deceased.

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Correspondents' Contest

On April 1st, we commenced our Tenth Correspondents' Contest and on Friday, July 31, 1903, at 6:00 P. M. we will close it. We offer as premiums the following articles, selected by the Correspondents' themselves:

- FIRST PRIZE..... A handsome, well-upholstered, velvet Couch
- SECOND PRIZE..... A lovely Picture
- THIRD PRIZE..... A fine Students' Lamp
- FOURTH PRIZE..... A good set of Ping Pong.
- FIFTH PRIZE..... A Copyrighted Book
- SIXTH PRIZE..... Ladies Home Journal
- SEVENTH PRIZE..... INDEPENDENCE ENTERPRISE to any address for one year

CONDITIONS.

We want all the news that happens in Polk county and we want the ENTERPRISE to visit every family in the county. We want to help you and we want you to help us. Our interests are mutual. We will give points as follows:

One point for every item of news worthy of publication. 25 points for every article worthy of a separate head. If an article be specially meritorious or startling in the sight of the manager of this department an extra 15 points will be given. For every new yearly subscription 85 points; for every yearly renewal 75 points. For a subscription three months 25 points; six months and less than a year 35 points. For every dollar's worth Advertisement or Job Work we give 50 points, and we will gladly furnish you prices on any kind of Ad or Job. We are going to make a campaign for some new correspondents, and we will announce at times the places in this column. Watch for them, as we will make it to your interest to secure representatives in the sections we want represented. Other features will be announced along.

HOW YOU STAND.

Each week we will announce in this column your points. No article is credited until after it appears in the paper, although subscriptions and points secured in other ways will be announced as they come in. We want to keep everything fair and straight and if you think an error has occurred in your points write us within the week following and we will make thorough investigation.

Buena Vista, H.....	1194
Airlie, P.....	723
Monmouth, H.....	621
Parker.....	529
Suver.....	252
Antioch.....	188
Monmouth, B.....	142
Lewinsville.....	98
Highlands, D.....	92
Rickreall, C.....	76
Monmouth, A.....	60
Ballston.....	39
Sunny Slope.....	24
Falls City.....	16