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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.

BUENA VISTA

Charles Brown left Monday Waldport.
Mrs. Ed Prather visited in Independence Monday.
Miss M. J. Lee was an Independence visitor Monday.
Mrs. Oliver Hall, of Wells, was Buena visitor Friday and Saturday.
William Hall arrived last week in Olex Oregon, for a visit to relatives in this section.
Mr. and Mrs. Gus Pagenkoff attended a lecture at the Artisan Hall in Wells Tuesday evening.
Remember the commencement exercises at the Buena Vista school house this, Friday, evening.
Clarence Kays returned to Buena Vista this week from the Orbencker logging camp, near Corvallis.
Mrs. Sarah Baldwin, one of Buena's most respected pioneers, left Wednesday with relatives in Benton county.
R. F. Hall, a former resident of Buena Vista but now of Oregon City, arrived last week for a sojourn with relatives.

Mr. Sperling, the Independence butcher, was in Buena Wednesday seeking to buy fat cattle for the block.

A. E. Murphy and family of Crawfordville, were guests from Friday until Sunday of Prof. B. L. Murphy. The gentlemen are brothers.

Will Adams, Buena's rustling carpenter and paper-hanger, left this week to begin the erection of a nice dwelling house for Edward Pagot, near Albany.

James Prather and family were Portland visitors last week. Mr. and Mrs. Prather were delegates to the Odd Fellows and Rebekah Grand Lodge, respectively.

It may be of interest to Polk county dairymen to learn that a sale of 80 head of dairy cows is to take place June 1st, on the Aldrich ranch, about one and a half miles southwest of Corvallis.

The milk wagon that has for years been run between Buena Vista and Independence has discontinued its daily service and will hereafter make but three trips per week, to take in separated cream.

A. J. Richardson returned from Portland Friday. He states that the president's appearance in the metropolis was made the occasion of a magnificent display and that the sight was one to be remembered.

Among the Buena contingent who viewed a real live president at Salem Thursday, were Elmer Hall and family, Mrs. J. H.

Knighton and son, Prof. B. L. Murphy and family, Newt Prather and family and others.

Three hundred and sixty five dozen eggs and 126 pounds of butter shipped in one day from a village like Buena Vista is surely an exceptionally good showing. It happened one day last week and Earnest Cole, of the cash store, was the shipper.

Grading on the road between Buena and the Luckiamute bridge was completed Tuesday, and graveling the grade began Wednesday. An excellent job has been done on this strip of highway and the traveling public will doubtless feel sincerely grateful to Supervisor E. N. Hall and his able assistants.

There is to be another effort put forth to clean up the local cemetery and Memorial Day has been chosen for the work. While to us it would seem much more desirable and fitting that another than Memorial Day be devoted to this job, it is probably better than allowing the grounds to remain uncared for, and everyone is requested to come early. Bring lunch baskets and implements with which to work for there is work for all hands.

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.

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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.....	1475
Airlie, P.....	751
Monmouth, H.....	829
Parker.....	815
Suver.....	381
Antioch.....	216
Monmouth, B.....	166
Lewisville.....	120
Rickreall, C.....	96
Highlands, D.....	92
Falls City.....	72
Monmouth, A.....	60
Sunny Slope.....	49
Ballston.....	39

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