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Fresh cow for sale. Enquire of S. H. McElmurry.

A. G. Moore has been sick for a week past, but is improving.

Glenn Ireland has taken a position in a cigar store in Portland.

B. F. Mulkey and family, of Ashland, Sundayed in Monmouth.

Mrs. N. O. Clodfelter is spending the holidays with relatives in Portland.

Mrs. Geo. Conkey returned last week from an extended visit in San Francisco.

Mrs. M. L. Dorris makes weekly trips to Salem, for the purpose of taking vocal lessons.

Miss Garlin Hill, of Pomeroy, Wash., is spending the holidays with her parents here.

The Independence boys attending school at Corvallis are here for the Christmas vacation.

The ENTERPRISE wishes every reader a merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

The motor makes a special trip to Dallas and Monmouth for the dance at the Auditorium Christmas.

Mrs. W. W. Percival makes weekly visits to Salem, her eyes necessitating the services of a specialist.

The steamer "Independence" is assuming shape rapidly, and it will be quite a neat craft when completed.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Skinner returned Saturday from a trip to Portland, The Dalles and other points.

Mrs. J. S. Bohannon had an attack of lagrippe last week that compelled her to remain indoors a few days.

County Clerk U. S. Loughary was over from Dallas Saturday evening to attend a meeting of the Masonic lodge.

We overlooked last week in chronicling the news that Miss Bessie Butler was clerking in Mr. Messner's store.

L. L. Wiprut had a siege of lagrippe last week, and Saturday was absent from his accustomed station at the bank.

C. G. Griffa, who was janitor at the Normal building for several years, recently resigned, his place being filled by a Mr. Herren.

Call and see our line of men's and boys' clothing and over coats. W. A. Messner.

This week has been a busy one for merchants in the city. A Christmas rush has been on all week.

The Dallas college basketball team defeated the Y. M. C. A. team from Salem by a score of 46 to 3 Friday evening.

J. S. Moore and C. P. Cornwell were Salem visitors last week, interested on-lookers and exhibitors in the poultry show there.

Blankets, blankets. Yes, we have a large stock of wool and cotton blankets, and a nice line of comforters as well. W. A. Messner.

For sale—My peddling outfit and other property. Call at once, as I desire to sell immediately. Business pays well. Flynn, Monmouth, Ore.

We have increased our orchestra several pieces for the music for the Christmas dance at the Auditorium. You are invited. Independence Orchestra.

W. W. Allingham, a former principal of the Independence school, spent Sunday in town. He is now a traveling salesman for the Standard Biscuit Co.

The Independence orchestra extends a cordial invitation to all to attend their Christmas ball Friday evening at the Auditorium. If you don't dance go and look on.

With Tuesday the days commenced to lengthen, and the nights to correspondingly shorten. The shortest day in the year is always one we are all glad to see pass.

A farce of a show held forth in the opera house Saturday evening. Independence people know a good show when they see it, and backwood's shows are hardly up to the standard they wish to patronize.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church realized a nice sum over and above their expenses at their bazaar last Friday evening at the opera house. A program of much excellence was rendered, and the sales following were all that could be asked.

L. G. Reeves, of Querida, Colorado, has purchased the Emma B. Lee property on Monmouth street, and after Mr. Reeves disposes of his Colorado business interests he will move here, and will probably go into business. He is engaged in the mercantile business at Querida.

We would ask our correspondents to send in a part of their items about Saturday, and then later in the week. As it is now the last of the week finds us without news matter while on Wednesday we are covered up. Send in two letters a week, and this would enable the publication of more news every week.

We regret to lose our excellent news gatherer at Parker, Mrs. R. W. Swink. She was winner of the last contest, and has lead the race so far in this contest. Aside from this point of view, Mr. and Mrs. Swink are interesting people, reliable and energetic in their business relations. A consolation of their departure is to be found in the fact that they are entering into a splendid paying business in Linn county. Our very best wishes go with them.

A nice present for a gentleman—that shaving set at Wagoner's.

Mrs. J. S. Moore and daughter leave today to spend Christmas in Vancouver, Wash.

Miss Rena Buell, who is a student at the agricultural college, visited over Sunday with Miss Edna Burnett, being on her way to her home in Oregon City to spend the Christmas holidays.

Sheriff J. T. Ford was over Saturday. Eight weeks ago he was kicked by a horse, and he finds it necessary to use a cane in walking. It will be several weeks yet before he will have full use of his limb.

Joint installation of officers of Lyon Lodge, No. 29, A. F. and A. M., and Independence Chapter, No. 25, R. A. M., will be held in the Masonic hall Saturday evening. The F. C. degree will also be bestowed. Masons take notice.

A. J. Goodman, who has been business manager of the R. M. Wade Co. store here for many years and has been otherwise identified with the business interests of Independence, has resigned to take effect the first of the year. Mr. Goodman has bought an interest in a hardware store at Pendleton and will soon move there.

Homer Lodge, K. of P., has elected the following officers: Verd Hill, C. C.; Arthur Moore, V. C.; Geo. Burton, Prelate; Clarence Clodfelter, M. at A.; J. W. Richardson, Jr., K. of R. & S.; Chas. Irvine, M. of F.; W. F. Campbell, M. of E.; Clinton Moore, M. of W.; A. B. Wyson, I. G.; Claud Kurre, O. G.; D. Calbreath, trustee for three years.

A friend in San Francisco sends us an illustrated circular of the Aldridge Dramatic Company, of which Miss Snell, formerly of this city, is the leading lady. The party sending the circular adds as postscript that the company is an excellent one, and enjoys a fine patronage. We are pleased to learn of her rapid rise in her chosen field of labor.

J. S. Moore's fine chickens took some of the highest places in the awards at the poultry exhibit at Salem last week, and had his pens all been judged by birds of like pens, he would have even registered higher. As it is he took first on Buff Orphington rooster; second and third on Buff Cochin hens; second on Buff Langshan rooster and third on the hen.



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Rev. T. P. Haynes, of Lewisville, was a passenger to Albany Tuesday. He will visit Portland before returning home.

The Independence school report will appear next week. We are sorry we are unable to give it space this week.

D. W. Swekehaner, the colored evangelist, who came into prominence by being recently rotten egged at Kings Valley, was in the city over Sunday. He was in needy circumstances and rather impressed people as being slightly "off in the upper story."

At the Methodist Episcopal church there will be two special services suitable for this time of the year. At 11:00 A. M. the subject will be, "The Greatest Event in History." In the evening, "The Great Festival, or Giving and Receiving." Come and join in the hearty congregational singing. You will be made welcome and will hear plain Bible teaching.

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182 Garden Acorn " 9.50 " " 7.50
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