

# W. A. MESSNER,

# INDEPENDENCE, OR.

*A partial list of the Bargains we are offering for the next fifteen days. Call and see us. We can save you some money; besides give you New and Up-to-date Goods*

Wishing to Close Out all our Zibeline Dress Patterns, which are as Fine as any seen in town, either in stores or on the streets, we have cut the price from

\$11.00	6 yard patterns to	\$6.50
8.50	7 " " "	5.00
7.00	7 " " "	4.00

We have a few pieces of Bolt Goods which we offer at like prices.

As we will soon have in our line of Spring Skirts in Woolens and Crashes, we will now offer the remainder of our present stock, which consists of the latest styles and fabrics at the following prices:

\$8.50 values now	\$5.75	\$7.00 values now	\$4.75
8.00 " " "	5.50	5.50 " " "	3.75
7.50 " " "	5.00	4.50 " " "	3.25

We have some very choice Patterns in Persian Fleece for Kimonas, House Jackets, etc. Regular 25c Goods which we now offer for 17½c.

We now offer all our Ladies' Flannelette Wrappers at a Big Reduction.  
\$1.25 Wrappers for 90c. \$1.50 Wrappers for \$1.15

### GROCERIES.

We are giving some Bargains in this line as well. Call and get our Prices. We can do you good.

Yours for Bargains,  
**W. A. MESSNER.**

### Men's Clothing.

These Suits are as good goods as are shown anywhere for the regular price, but not having all sizes of each kind, we have decided to close them out at a big reduction in order to have the room for Spring Goods which will be in in a few weeks. We will now sell these lines at the following prices:

\$12.50 Suits now	\$8.50	\$10.00 Suits now	\$6.50
12.00 " " "	8.00	8.50 " " "	5.50
11.00 " " "	7.25	8.00 " " "	5.25

### Boy's Clothing.

We will treat our Boy's Clothing in like manner.  
\$10.00 Suits now \$6.50 \$6.50 Suits now \$4.75  
7.50 " " 6.00 6.00 " " 4.00

### Something

for the little Gents, Three Piece Knee Pants Suits  
\$5.50 values now \$3.75 \$4.50 values now \$3.25  
5.00 " " 3.50 4.00 " " 3.00

Same as above in 2-piece Knee Pants Suits:  
\$3.00 values now \$2.25  
2.50 " " 1.75  
2.25 " " 1.75

The Above Prices are the Best Ever Offered in Independence, and it will pay you to look the lines through.

### Corsets.

After carefully examining and trying a great many different makes of corsets, we have decided, or rather our customers have decided for us, that the best corset made for the money is the Warner's Rust Proof, hence having decided to handle this line exclusively we will offer all other kinds at a greatly reduced price to close. There is among this line some of the best known makes and styles.

During This Sale we will offer all Flannelettes at 10 cents per yard

### Overcoats.

We haven't such a big line of prices in this line but have several patterns of each, which we will sell as below:

\$12.50 Overcoats now	\$9.75
10.00 " " "	7.75
LITTLE GENT'S OVERCOATS:	
\$3.50 values now	\$2.25
2.25 " " "	1.50

We will close our line of Boy's Hats at Greatly Reduced Prices. Here is some great Bargains if your boy needs a Hat

Highest Market Price Paid for  
BUTTER, EGGS and POULTRY.

**W. A. MESSNER.**

### FULTON'S SPEECH.

Extract From Senator Fulton's Speech in Behalf of Lewis and Clark Fair.

Extract from speech of Senator Fulton in his appeal to the United States senate for an appropriation for the Lewis and Clark Centennial Exposition in Portland next year: "Within comparatively recent years Japan has developed into a great world power—has taken a leading position in the great procession of the nations of the world. Her awakening has aroused all the slumbering forces of the Far East. China can not much longer continue immune to the fever of progress.

It may work her political dissolution; but, if it shall, then on the ruins of the empire that for so many years has withstood the assaults of the waves of progress and commercial and industrial development will be founded other states that will prove more responsive to the growing demands of civilization.

Mr. President, we who reside on the Pacific look forward to the time, not far distant, when the commerce of the Pacific will equal that of the Atlantic.

With the completion of the isthmian canal, and by reason of recent events with which we had nothing to do and for which we were in no wise responsible, but which have been wisely taken advantage of by the present able Administration, its construction can not now long be deferred, the products of the great Mississippi and Ohio valleys, floating down those rivers to the Gulf, will be largely transhipped for the ports and the islands of the Orient and the Pacific seas, while that great fertile region beyond the mountains, finding a ready market for all its prod-

ucts in the multiplied demands of the oriental trade, will support a population as dense and will throb with an industrial and commercial life as intense as any other portion of our country.

Mr. President, this is what we of the Pacific look forward to, and having had these views and believing all this, we believe it is the duty of this nation to cultivate by all feasible and practicable means the commercial friendship and good will of all the nations bordering on the Pacific seas; and having this purpose in mind, while we intend that this exposition shall be commemorative of the great event which has assured the title of this nation to the Northwest Territory, we have also determined that one of its most pronounced and distinguishing features shall be the bringing together of the peoples and an exhibition of the products of all the countries of the Orient. In these purposes every section of our country is equally interested with another, and hence should equally join in the effort to bring it about.

Now, in conclusion, Mr. President, let me say that while this Government has appropriated many millions of dollars in aid of expositions in almost every other portion of our country, it has never appropriated a single dollar in aid of one on the Pacific coast."

### Imperfect Digestion.

Means less nutrition and in consequence less vitality. When the liver fails to secrete bile, the blood becomes loaded with bilious properties, the digestion becomes impaired and the bowels constipated. Herbie will rectify this: it gives tone to the stomach, liver and kidneys, strengthens the appetite, clears and improves the complexion, infuses new life and vigor to the whole system. 50 cents a bottle, sold by A. S. Locke.

Read Messner's ad. this week. It means something to you.

### Horse News.

A farmer subscriber makes the suggestion that it would be a popular move for the managers of the state fair at Salem to offer farmer stakes for trotters and pacers the same as is done in New York, horses to be driven by owners or men who have never handled horses for track or other professional purposes.

At San Francisco last week, seventeen head of colts and fillies less than one year old sold at public auction, at an average of \$314.

J. W. Booth and R. W. McDonald, of Sherman county, Oregon, recently sold 20 head of work horses weighing from 1300 to 1400 pounds each for \$3000, to a Portland buyer. This class of horses are becoming more and more scarce throughout the state and it is no easy matter to pick up a bunch of this size.

George Perringer, of Pendleton, and N. K. West, of La Grande, attended the recent Palo Alto sale in California, and report it a success, young horses and brood mares bringing a good price. Mr. West purchased two head, a 5-year-old black mare by McKinney and a 1-year-old filly by Nutwood Wilkes. Mr. Perringer bought a yearling colt by Monbells, son of Mendocino and Beautiful Bells.

The horse is a logical and therefore teachable animal. Once convince him that a locomotive or any object of terror is not really dangerous, and he will never shy at it again. Every year accidents occur because the harness breaks or the vehicle upsets and then the horse runs away. But such accidents are unnecessary. Any horse can, with a little pains, be taught to hold back a carriage by his hind quarters, as well as by breeching.

To have wheels come off, and straps and other things hitting his legs should be a part of every colt's education.—Country Life in America.

### The Love of Eating.

IS THE AMERICAN BECOMING A GOURMAND?  
  
In our largest centers of population, such as New York and Chicago, we daily see more attention given to the inner man. Cafes and lunch rooms are filled with men and women who seem to give all their time and attention to thoughts of properly or improperly feeding their stomachs. "It is of course best to eat slowly, but not too much," says Dr. Pierce, chief consulting physician to the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, of Buffalo, N. Y. In this 20th century people devote so much time to head work that their brains are fagged and there isn't sufficient blood left to properly take care of the other organs of the body. The stomach must be assisted in its hard work—the liver started into action—by the use of a good stomach tonic, which should be entirely of vegetable ingredients and without alcohol. After years of experience in an active practice, Dr. Pierce discovered a remedy that suited these conditions in a blood-maker and tissue-builder. He called it Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery—an alterative extract that assists in the digestion and assimilation of the food in the stomach—so that the blood gets what it needs for food and oxidation, the liver is at the same time started into activity and there is perfect elimination of waste matter. When the blood is pure and rich, all the organs work without effort, and the body is like a perfect machine. From! Dr. Pierce's Common Sense Medical Adviser is sent free on receipt of stamps to pay expense of mailing only. Send 21 one-cent stamps for the book in paper covers, or 31 stamps for the cloth-bound volume. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

Mr. Wm. S. Crane, of California, Md., suffered for years from rheumatism and lumbago. He was finally advised to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm which he did and it effected a complete cure. This liniment is for sale by all druggists.

Johnson, the clothier, at Salem, is the popular place for Polk county people to trade. Finest display in the valley.

### Cured Lumbago.

A. B. Canman, Chicago, writes March 4, 1903: "Having been troubled with Lumbago at different times and tried one physician after another; then different ointments and liniments, gave it up altogether. So I tried once more, and got a bottle of Ballard's Snow Liniment, which gave me almost instant relief. I can cheerfully recommend it, and will add my name to your list of former sufferers." 25c, 50c and \$1. Sold by A. S. Locke.

Girl wanted to do general housework. Steady work and good pay. Mrs. J. B. Stump, Monmouth, Oregon.

### Portland and Return Only \$2.40.

The Southern Pacific Co. is now selling round trip tickets to Portland from Independence, for \$2.50, good going Saturday or Sunday, returning Sunday and Monday, giving all day Sunday and Monday in Portland. The same arrangement applies from Portland, giving Portland people a chance to visit Valley points at greatly reduced rates.

For Sale—One good, et second hand harness and a second hand wagon almost new. Address box 135 Independence.

## LITTLE PALACE HOTEL

Independence, Oregon

RATES: \$1.25 to \$2.00 per day

Special Attention to  
COMMERCIAL TRADE

Rates to Families or Single Persons by  
Week or Month

J. M. STARK, Proprietor