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Social and Personal.

Aliene Stark has the measles.

Tom Fitchard arrived in Independence Tuesday.

Mrs. Annie Shafer returned Tuesday from South Bend, Washington.

D. L. Keyt, republican candidate for representative, was in town Tuesday.

E. M. Smith, republican candidate for county clerk was in town this week.

The weather is ideal for hops and yards are in good condition, generally.

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Simpson of Lebanon visited with Chas. Madison and family the past week.

The social dance given by Prof. Raymond at the opera house Saturday evening was well attended.

Hon. B. L. Eddy, republican candidate for circuit judge, stopped over night in Independence this week.

Mrs. Thos. Fennell gave a reception at her home this afternoon from 2 until 4 in honor of Mrs. Dr. Jessup, of Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephens of Portland returned home Tuesday after a few days visit with their daughter Mrs. Chas. Huntley.

The company of artists engaged to produce "Faust, or Why Women Sin" are of undisputed ability and selected from all parts of the country.

Bellingham Bay has the largest building boom of any city on Puget Sound. Since January over \$500,000 building permits have been issued.

J. S. Cooper left for Newport today on a business trip. Mr. Cooper will have the opera house there repaired and put in shape for the coming season.

There will be a social dance at the opera house Saturday night. Music will be furnished by the Independence orchestra and an enjoyable social event is assured.

Dr. F. E. Slater came up from Salem Monday and will make his home at the Little Palace Hotel, while attending to the practice of Dr. Butler, while the doctor is east.

Corvallis will entertain the Oregon Grangers during a four days session this month. The city council is taking an interest in the matter and will ask the citizens to decorate their houses for the occasion.

Reform school authorities are looking for two runaway boys who left the reform school the first of the week. One is from Jackson county aged 18, the other from Portland, aged 15. Both were members of the band.

Miss Cora Snell appears in "Faust" Monday night as leading lady. Miss Snell is a niece of Mrs. W. P. Conaway and there home was in this city up until two years ago. People here are anxiously waiting the coming of Miss Snell.

Dr. E. J. Thompson left on his eastern trip Wednesday morning. Arrangements have been made to have his pulpit supplied during his absence with able and eloquent ministers. The Sunday school will be held regularly at 10 a. m. every Sunday.

Mrs. C. G. Copeland passed through to the Siletz Tuesday from Portland, where she had been to order her spring goods. Mrs. Copeland manages a general merchandise business on the Siletz Indian reservation, and she reports times there very good.

John Burton's new hop house in North Independence is completed. It is an imposing structure. Orders for a number of houses are stacked up at the lumber yard of the Independence Lumber Mill Co. Building of hop houses has only begun however, and by fall new houses will dot the hop district.

Astorian: With only one week of the month of May gone, lumber clearances from Astoria foreign and domestic, aggregate more than 9,000,000 feet. Three full and three partial cargoes have been cleared foreign during the week, and five full cargoes have been cleared coastwise.

Mrs. J. E. Kirkland, Mrs. J. L. Hanna and Mrs. C. A. Madison are among the purchasers of new pianos recently. The number of new buggies and surreys bought this spring has been large. Probably the greatest number that ever went out of the town of Independence and Monmouth in one day was last Saturday.

John C. McCue, a deputy collector in the custom house at Astoria visited Independence and Monmouth the first of the week. Mr. McCue is a graduate of the State Normal and president of the alumni and one purpose of his visit was to attend a meeting of the executive committee of the association. He will return at the annual meeting during commencement exercises next month.

Independence base-ballists met Tuesday evening and organized. George Conkey, W. H. Craven and George Kutch were selected as general managers, Kutch being president, Conkey, secretary, and Craven treasurer. Jim Collins was elected captain. The first game will be played on Sunday the 22 inst, on the Independence grounds. The game has not yet been definitely made up, but will most likely be with the Dallas team.

Miss Adlin Podvent, daughter of Joe Podvent of the this city, died Tuesday morning May 10th, at the

age of nineteen. A complication of diseases, resulting in brain fever was the cause of death. Miss Podvent came to Independence about six weeks ago from Fargo, N. D., with the hopes that a change of climate would prove beneficial to her health. The funeral party drove to Salem Wednesday morning when the services were conducted from the Catholic church and interment had in the Catholic cemetery.

Among those who expect to leave for the St. Louis fair next week are Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. August Sperling, Charles Sperling, A. F. Patterson and

daughter and Miss Simon. William Hill and John Brown will probably be among the same party.

The Utopian Society of the public school at their regular meeting Friday evening elected the following officers for the final term: Leora Hopper, president; Viola Bud, vice-president; Jean Sharmon, secretary; Inez Stark, treasurer; Mildred Owens, sergeant at arms; Miss Schneider, critic.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Fitchard of Utica, N. Y. arrived this week and are stopping at the Little Palace hotel. Mr. Fitchard is a brother of C. L. Fitchard and like his brother is engaged in the hop busi-

ness. He is on the coast at this time, as a matter of pleasure however rather than business. C. L. Fitchard who has been in New York the past two months is expected to return Saturday.

Captain Skinner's new boat, the "Independence" will run to Salem on the day of the circus, May 18th.

Miss Leora Wilkes, after spending the winter here, returned to Fossil Tuesday.

A. S. Locke, the druggist, is giving away a tooth brush with every purchase of a 25 cent package of his special tooth preparation.

The 23rd anniversary of Mrs. B. F. Whiteaker's day was celebrated at the Independence today. A member of the family was including grand children, was a very happy event. Whiteaker family at it is the time for several years they have all had an opportunity meeting together. Present Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Whiteaker, children, Will, Al, Frank, Mrs. Etta Weaver, Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Bertie Roe and Mrs. Clifford Kantner, children, Violet Whiteaker, old Weaver, Blaire, Paul and Cook, and Morris Roe.

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