

INDEPENDENCE SOCIAL BRIEFLETS

Mrs. G. A. Hurley and Julien have returned from Newport.

Mrs. Ed Owens and daughters are home from the coast.

A. S. Locke and family are home from Newport.

Wood hauling is most over and the buzz saw men are getting busy.

Geo. Stapleton and family stopped off on their way home from Newport and visited friends and relatives here a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dickinson, daughter Queenie and son Harvey and niece Mrs. Wm. Beebe and daughter of Bridgewater, S. D. and Mr. and Mrs. Clay Sugg left for Newport Monday.

Mr. John Graham, of Hood River, Oregon, but formerly of Jackson county Iowa, has been visiting with John Dickinson and family the past week. Mr. Graham while here was very favorably impressed with the surrounding country and expects to move here soon.

A. J. Shipley was in from his ranch Monday. Threshing of fall wheat, he reports over in the vicinity of Monmouth and beyond and some spring grain threshed. Some of the latter however, particularly in the locality of Bridgeport is not yet cut.

Miss Leona and Alfreda Sperling gave a lawn party at their home on Railroad street Friday evening in honor of their guest, Miss Opal McDevitt of Dallas. The front yard was illuminated with Chinese lanterns and merriment ran high among the young folks until after ten. There were games, refreshments and music. Present were: Nellie Damon, Opal McDevitt, Frank Kirkland, Iantha Hartman, Kersey Eldridge, Bertha Madison, Johnnie Stark, Dole Popperoy, Inez Stark, Dean Walker, Grace Wallace, Maurice Butler, Marie Jones, Elfreda Sperling, Leona Sperling, Gladys Irvine, Charley Burton, John Taylor.

Mrs. C. A. McLaughlin is in receipt of a letter from her husband 54 miles beyond Nome Alaska. The tone of Mr. McLaughlin's letter would indicate that he is not altogether pleased with the prospects before him as a gold miner, and it should not be an occasion of surprise if he alights from a train at Independence before many weeks. There is gold under the ground in Alaska, Mr. McLaughlin says but there is not water to wash it out. Mr. McLaughlin has made money raising hops near Independence and he no doubt will find the labor more congenial and profitable than digging and washing out gold in the northern gold fields.

I. Vanduyn a pioneer resident of Independence, but now a citizen of Portland, visited his old stamping ground this week. While here Mr. Vanduyn was associated in business with W. H. McCully. The firm of Vanduyn & McCully sold goods in the same building now occupied by Messner. They also built the first wheat warehouse. Mr. Vanduyn came to Independence in 1867 and was in business here until 1888. He never parted with his interest in the Messner store building until last year and he expressed himself as regretful of having sold out. "I believe Independence is now going forward," Mr. Vanduyn remarked. "The stores and offices present a clean and healthful appearance indicating that a good business is being done. The prospects for the town look very good."

Facts Worth Remembering.

- Anno Domini-Birth of Christ. 70 Jerusalem was destroyed by Titus. 313 Constantine was converted to Christianity. 410 The Romans abandoned Britain. 827 Egbert first King of England 1215 King John granted the Magna Charta. 1265 First representative Parliament in England. 1462 The Bible was first printed at Mentz. 1464 Postoffice first established. 1471 Caxton set up his first printing press. 1471 Printed musical notes first used. 1477 Watches first made. 1492 Columbus discovered America. 1516 Reformation began in Germany. 1535 First English Bible printed. 1559 Carriages first used in France. 1559 First knives used in England. 1572 The St Bartholomew massacre. 1590 Telescope invented. 1607 Jamestown Va. was settled. 1620 Pilgrims by the Mayflower landed. 1664 New York was conquered by the Dutch. 1682 Pennsylvania settled by William Penn. 1690 First newspaper in America, at Boston. 1765 Stamp Act enacted. 1763 Steam engine perfected by Watt. 1773 Tea destroyed in Boston harbor. 1775 American Revolution began. 1775 Battle of Lexington, April 19. 1775 Battle of Bunkerhill, June, 17. 1776 Declaration of Independence, July 4. 1776 Burgoyne's surrender, October 17. 1781 Cornwallace's surrender at Yorktown, October 19. 1789 Washington first inaugurated president. 1793 Cotton gin invented by Whitney. 1796 Vaccination discovered by Jenner. 1807 Fulton's first steamboat voyage. 1812 Second war with Great Britain began. 1814 Modern printing press invented. 1819 First steamship crossed the Atlantic. 1820 Locomotive first used in the United States. 1826 Kerosene first used for lighting. 1827 Horse railroad first built. 1828 First passenger railroad in the United States. 1829 Lucifer matches first made. 1835 Morse invented the telegraph. 1837 Accession of Queen Victoria June 20. 1839 Envelopes first made. 1816 Sewing machine completed by Elias Howe. 1846 War with Mexico began. 1848 French Revolution. Republic succeeded. 1848 Gold discovered in California. 1843 Slavery abolished in the United States. 1865 President Lincoln assassinated. April 14. 1867 The dominion of Canada established. 1870 Franco German war began.

- 1876 Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia. 1881 President Garfield shot. 1893 Columbian Exposition at Chicago. 1894 Japanese-Chinese war began. 1898 Destruction of "The Maine." 1898 Spanish-American war. 1899 South African war began 1900 Boxer insurrection in China. 1901 Death of Queen Victoria, January 22. 1901 President McKinley shot Sept. 6, died Sept 14.

Business Laws.

Ignorance of the law excuses no one. It is a fraud to conceal a fraud. The law compels no one to do impossibilities. An agreement without consideration is void. Signatures made with a lead pencil are good in law. A receipt for money paid is not legally conclusive. The acts of one partner bind all the others. Contracts made on Sunday cannot be enforced. A contract made with a minor is void. A contract made with a lunatic is void. Principals are responsible for the acts of their agents. Agents are responsible to their principals for errors. Each individual in a partnership, is responsible for the whole amount of the firm. Notes bear interest only when so stated. It is not legally necessary to say on a note "for value received." A note obtained by fraud or from a person in a state of intoxication cannot be collected. If a note is stolen or lost it does not release the maker; he must pay it. An endorser of a note is exempt from liability if notice of its dishonor is not mailed or served within 24 hours of its non-payment.

The Center of Publication.

The center of the United States is steadily moving westward, at the rate of about fifty miles every ten years. The following is the centre point at each census: 1790 27 miles east of Baltimore. 1800 18 " west of Baltimore. 1810 40 " northwest of Wash. 1820 16 " north Woodstock, Va. 1830 19 " s w Moorfield, W Va. 1840 16 " w Clarksburg W Va 1850 23 " s e Parkersburgh Va 1860 20 " south Chillicothe, O. 1870 48 " e by n of Cincinnati. 1880 8 " w by s of Cincinnati. 1890 20 " east of Columbus, Ind.

Short Interest Rule.

To find the interest on a given sum for any number of days at any rate of interest, multiply the principal by the number of days and divide as follows: At 5 per cent by72 At 6 " "60 At 7 " "52 At 8 " "45 At 9 " "40 At 10 " "36

Sold His Dog.

Besides two car-loads of sheep, W. W. Percival sold one of his shepherd dogs last week. The dog disposed of, was his youngest, called "Jack." Mr. Donaldson, the sheep dealer from Wyoming was the purchaser, and the price paid was \$50. It was not Mr. Percival's intention to sell the dog, but after naming the price, at the request of Mr. Donaldson and being taken up would not back out. The dog exhibited human intelligence in the handling of sheep and after seeing his work, Mr. Donaldson determined to secure him if to be had. Mr. Percival has two others left.

CASCARA INDUSTRY.

Season About Over and Price About One Third That of Last Year.

The cascara bark season is about over though some are still peeling the bark in coast counties. The price this year has been 5 and 5 1/2 cents. Last year it soared to 17 1/2 cents which proved a great stimulus to the cascara bark peeling business. There was distributed in the cascara growing district for the bark last year approximately \$300,000. Though the price has been only one third that of last year, the industry has been the means of the distribution of considerable money this year.

Activity in the cascara bark business the past two years has given rise to speculation as to how long it will hold out.

Every time the bark is taken from a tree, it means death to the tree. If the tree is of any size, it is out down before the work of peeling begins. In this way all the trees from two to three inches in diameter up to the largest ones are disposed of. Only the very young trees are left. It requires about nine years for the young trees to grow large enough for profitable peeling. But scattered through the woods of Oregon and Washington are enough cascara trees to keep peelers busy until the young trees on the this year's work are large enough to peel. The largest trees are not over 12 inches in diameter.

Unkindest Cut of All.

They say that editor Lyon who lives two miles east of Monmouth took the wrong girl home from a Newport party. Were he not a fellow Kentuckian we would charge him with having been too full.—Itemizer.

Miss Grace Damon of Independence, has been promoted to chief operator in the central telephone office at Salem. She is a conscientious and deserving young lady and has the congratulations of her many friends.

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Lost.

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Soldiers Attention.

All soldiers who wish their pension claims to receive prompt and faithful attention should at once place them in the hands of Joseph H. Hunter, pension attorney, Washington, D. C., as I know from experience. He is the proper party to handle such cases. B. F. Owen-Portland, Ore.

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