

Clearance Sale
BEGINS

Mon. Jan. 2

W. A. MESSNER

Independence Leading Store

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ENDS

Sat. Jan. 14

MID-WINTER CLEARANCE SALE

Having made very heavy purchases for spring and being short of room, it is necessary to reduce the present stock before the new goods begin to arrive. Therefore beginning Monday, Jan. 2 and continuing until Saturday, Jan. 14 we will make a reduction of from 10 to 20 per cent. for cash on every article in the house except, Thread, Walk Over Shoes, Rubber Foot Wear and Sugar. This means

A Saving of 50c to \$1.25 on every \$5. worth of goods purchased

During this sale, 75c to 90c has the same purchasing power as \$1.00 under regular prices. All goods marked in plain figures. Remember, Entire Stock, except articles named above, is at your disposal. Anticipate your future wants, buy now, and save money.

Yours for Business, W. A. MESSNER

Social and Personal.

Miss Iva Burton visited in Corvallis this week.

Glen Goodman visited old friends here the first of the week.

Miss Orbie Taylor visited relatives at Wells this week.

Attorney Harry Denlinger returned to his home in Portland, Wednesday.

Miss Sears of McMinnville was a guest of Miss Mae Kennedy this week.

D. A. Carter of Independence, stopped over a few hours yesterday on his way to Portland.—Salem Statesman.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Huntley returned from a several weeks visit in Washington Wednesday.

Miss Margaret Tone of the West-orn Normal school has been a guest the past week of Mrs. G. A. Wilcox. While here Miss Tone visited her timber claim near Falls City.

Last evening Miss Lucille Dalton gave a party at her home in Dallas. Misses Mildred Owen, Maggie Hodge and Dole Pomeroy, of Independence were in attendance.

Mrs. Stone of Corvallis has been a guest the past week, at the home of C. N. Tharp. She returned home Wednesday, accompanied by Miss Maud Tharp.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Oosterver, of Portland spent Xmas day with Mrs. Oosterver's parents. Mr. and Mrs. Peter Shafer at Highlands.

Clyde Hill, who is attending business college in Portland is spending the holidays in Independence.

Miss Maud Hawley pleasantly entertained a few friends at her home in Monmouth Monday evening, in honor of Pearl Bonney of Portland.

Prof. and Mrs. Clifford Kantner of Newberg, are spending the holidays at the home of Mrs. Kantner's father, B. F. Whiteaker, northwest of Monmouth.

Roy Irvine was down from Corvallis the first of the week.

Merle Scovell of Cottage Grove is spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Opal Goodman.

L. Damon was a passenger on the southbound train yesterday.

Mrs. O. Martin of southern Oregon is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Homer Hill, of this city.

Miss Ella Haman of Astoria is visiting her parents at Highland.

Mrs. Will Whiteaker came up from Portland Thursday to spend a few days with relatives.

Prof. A. Sanders passed through the city yesterday on his way to Roseburg, after spending Xmas in Dallas.

The quarterly business and covenant meeting of the Baptist church will be held at 2:30 o'clock Saturday. Important business will come up.

Mrs. Lucinda Baldwin, who has been very ill for the past few weeks is slowly improving. Mrs. Isaac Butler's condition is also improved. Mrs. Kennedy is able to sit up after her long illness.

There will be interesting New Year's services at the Presbyterian church next Sunday, both morning and evening. Special music and a very kind welcome to all.

Don't fail to attend the "Old People" service at the Methodist church Sunday morning. The old songs will be sung. The pastor will preach on the "Resurrection." In the evening there will be a special service for the young people. An entertaining musical program will be rendered by the large choir. Come out and enjoy these special services.

To accommodate the traveling public the I. & M. road has been running two coaches instead of one this week. The travel over this road across Polk county has increased wonderfully the past year and the prospects are that two coaches, particularly on the Dallas run will become permanent.

DIED

DIED—Tuesday, in this city, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bliff.

Among those visiting Salem are Mrs. Lottie Dorris, Mrs. Geo. Kutch, Mrs. J. E. Hubbard.

Mrs. Harry Clodfelter of Portland, after a visit with relatives here returned home yesterday.

The regular services will be held at the Baptist church Sunday morning and evening.

Mrs. Etta Weaver and son Harold are spending the holidays at the B. F. Whiteaker home.

J. C. Gallagher, wife and baby of Portland are registered at the Little Palace hotel. Mr. Gallagher is here in the interest of Eiler's Piano House.

Wong Sing the restaurant man was served with a warrant this week charging him with selling liquor without license. He will have trial before Recorder Sharman to-day.

New Year's Ball INDEPENDENCE AUDITORIUM Monday, evening, Jan. 2.

W. W. Percival and P. J. Fryer are today delivering sheep to Mr. Brown agent of the Union meat company to be shipped tomorrow. There will be near 500 head in the shipment requiring two double deck 36 foot cars.

A party of sixteen was pleasantly entertained by Miss Emma Henkle at her home Saturday afternoon. A Xmas tree, beautifully decorated and laden with pretty presents was the most important feature of the occasion. Refreshments were served to the guests during the afternoon.

Piano House Doing Business. J. C. Gallagher, representing the Eiler Piano House of Portland, is in town and reports having done a fine business in Dallas last week, selling five pianos, the following parties being the buyers: Eimer Hall, Mark Ellis, George Scott, Judge Coad and A. Haldeman.

Frank Howard, a citizen of the Palouse country, eastern Washington, has been a guest of the Master-son family this week. Mr. Howard was once a resident of this county and likes it yet.

Dress Making.

Fashionable dressmaking, at reasonable rates. Children's suits a specialty. Rooms at Mrs. M. A. Tetherow's, Monmouth Street.

Mrs. Watson.

ANTIOCH.

Winfield Eggleston and family of Bridgeport spent Christmas day with Mrs. Eggleston's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Bosley.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennett are spending the holidays with relatives at Creswell.

Mr. Odell and Alfred Wheelock left Monday for Dayton.

Rea Craven, of Dallas spent Xmas with their parents.

Orval Price, Norman and Ed Knob and Charles Branson have gone to the mountains for a few days.

Geo. Bennett and bride visited Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Bennett last week.

Henry Clark is able to be out again, looking a little worse for his fall.

Sadie Sears, who is batching up at Pelee, spent a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Sears.

A family reunion was held at R. Bowman's Xmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Coffey and daughter of McMinnville visited relatives here this week.

EVERYBODY'S COLUMN

For Sale, Rent, Wanted or similar notices three lines in this column, 25 cents; one month 75 cents.

FOR SALE—A choice Polk county farm of over 300 acres can be had at very reasonable figures. Admirably adapted to stock raising. Enquire at this office.

FOUND—A gold stick pin with agate set, at Peoples Cash store. Owner inquire at this office.

FOR SALE—Buff Orpington eggs. Send your order to E. E. Yarnell, Independence.

FOUND—A black fur scarf with chain fastening at Monmouth, about the first of December. Owner call at this office.

Winter Rates to Yaquina Bay

In order to accommodate the many people who wish to make a winter trip to Yaquina Bay, the Southern Pacific company will sell on Wednesdays and Saturdays of each week, until March 31, 1905, round trip tickets, at low rates, to Yaquina and return, limited to sixty days from date of sale. Those who desire to take advantage of this rate should apply to nearest Southern Pacific agent for tickets. Agts: Oregon City, Harrisburg, Aurora, Hillsboro, Woodburn, Newberg, Salem, Sheridan, Jefferson, Forest Grove, Springfield, McMinnville, Brownsville, Independence, Eugene, Lebanon.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

The big sale at S. M. Daniel's store still goes on. This week he adds his shoe stock to the bargain list. Go and see the bargains.

Shoes, shoes, shoes, the greatest bargains you ever saw at S. M. Daniel's big shoe sale.

Hand made work shoes made for wear, loggers and others, asbestos leather, call and see for yourself at Clevengers shoe shop, Main st. Independence, Ore.

All kinds of mechanical toys at Bice & Calbreath's.

Moore's Hair Invigorator and Newbro's Herpicide for dandruff and falling hair or diseased scalp sold in bulk, 50c 8 oz., or applied if necessary by Moore & Taylor's, the barbers on C street.

Buy Russell and Erwin steel locks and builders hardware. Price no higher than for the cheapest cast goods. R. M. Wade & Co.

If it is neat, up-to-date job printing you are looking for, stop at this office.

Mrs. J. W. Richardson Sr. has for sale, at her home on Monmouth street in Independence, California Medicated soap. Price 10c per bar or three bars for a quarter.

Toys at your own price at Bice & Calbreath's.

Don't overlook the American wire fence. It is the best and the price is right. R. M. Wade & Co. agents.

We close our store at 6 o'clock P. M. sharp. Open from 7 to 8 o'clock P. M. Saturdays. R. M. Wade & Co.

Administrators Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed administrator of the estate of Harris L. Wing, deceased, by the county court of the state of Oregon for Polk county, and has qualified. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to me at my residence at Lewisville, Oregon, with the proper vouchers and duly verified within six months from the date hereof.

A. WING, Administrator.
N. L. BUTLER, Attorney.
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