

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 25 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.

J. E. Beezley was over from Dallas Friday.

Miss Danneman of Corvallis visited friends here this week.

C. A. Kurre was a business visitor to Portland this week.

Miss Pearl Cooper visited her sister Mrs. Clarence Ireland at Corvallis the past week.

Mrs. Wm. Orr of Rickreall was in the city Saturday.

Mrs. R. J. Taylor and daughter Miss Elva returned from Baker City Friday, where the latter has been for the past year.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Lawrence and daughter Miss Dollie, of McMinnville are visiting at the home of W. E. Lawrence in this city.

Miss Ruth Burkhart returned to Albany Saturday after spending the holidays with Miss Bertha Bohannon.

Chas. Vanderhyde the popular butter maker of the Independence creamery attended a New Year's ball at Dayton Friday night.

Wm. McAdams was a Corvallis visitor the last of the week.

Miss Hazel and Walter Vaughn returned to their home at Rickreall Friday, after spending part of the holidays with their grandmother, Mrs. J. W. Kirkland.

Henry Patterson returned to Portland Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Bones and children of McMinnville visited Mrs. Bone's sister, Mrs. W. E. Lawrence this week.

Miss Myrtle Scroggs is spending the holidays with her parents in Independence.

Miss Dorothy Cooper has returned to her school in Chehalis Wash.

Miss Mae Kennedy attended the McComb-Burch wedding at McMinnville Sunday and played the wedding march.

Miss Nellie Pomeroy returned Saturday to Seattle after spending the holidays with her parents here.

Miss Staehr, of Forest Grove has been visiting Mrs. Harris.

The home of Walter Roy was the scene of much feasting and merry-making on Christmas day, about twenty members of the Roy family being present. The reunion was one long to be remembered.—Polk County Observer.

Miss Mamie Bateman is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Geo. Kutch.

J. C. McFadden from California was a guest at the home of John Dickinson this week.

Chester Gates of Dallas was in Independence Monday.

Merle Scovell returned to Cottage Grove Monday.

Wm. Iliff was in McMinnville over Sunday.

Misses Nesmith and Southwick of Rickreall attended the New Year's Ball last night. While here they were the guests of Miss Gertrude Dickinson.

Clyde Hill and Carl Percival have returned to the business college at Portland after spending the holidays in Independence.

Fred Oberer has sold his Luckiamute ranch known as the Helmick and Tedrow place. Mr. Goodrich was the purchaser. The price received \$2600.

The Dallas basket ball team defeated a Portland team by a score of 25 to 13 Saturday night.

Mrs. M. E. Hendrick of McMinnville, was the guest of Mrs. W. R. Allin the latter part of the week.

Miss Maud Patterson, a teacher in the North Yakima schools, was the guest of her parents here last week.

Miss Loretta Smith, critic teacher at the State Normal who has been away three months on a leave of absence, has returned.

Most of Miss Smith's time has been spent in California, visiting the schools of that state, particularly the Normals. She came direct from the San Jose Normal where a month was spent visiting that school. Much of Miss Smith's time will now be devoted to preparing an educational exhibit of the Oregon State Normal for the Lewis and Clark Fair.

Milo Wood was over from Dallas yesterday.

John Jones has been appointed janitor for the public school to succeed E. G. Heath, deceased.

Miss Bertha Fryer of Portland is visiting with her parents.

There will be a shooting contest at Independence, Saturday, January 14. Prizes will be made up and shooting will continue all day.

J. L. Hanna is in Portland on business.

Dee Taylor is in Portland for a few days.

Miss Alberta Campbell returned to Portland yesterday where she is taking a course in music.

David Baker visited at Pedee the past week.

Independence was brim-full of disappointed people yesterday morning. The occasion was the pulling out of the O. C. T. Co's boat, Oregon, fifteen minutes before schedule time. The boats are due to leave down at 9, but yesterday morning the Oregon swung out into the middle of the river and headed toward Salem fifteen minutes before time. Some were on their way to the dock and some had not left town. As a result there was a rush of business at the livery stables for some had to go. Others, with expressions of displeasure, remained at home. The river boats leaving ahead of time is an annoyance that is not liable to occur often and in this case it likely was merely an oversight. As long as the people along the river give the company their freight, they have the right to expect reasonably good passenger service.

Wedding Bells

The way a county reporter wrote up a recent wedding: "The bride was born of honest but well meaning parents and could walk alone at six months; at ten she could run real fast, and has never slackened her gait. She has many friends—most of them dead ones. The happy couple took a bridal trip to the Cross Roads, and will be at home with the old man until kicked out."

Miss Lilly Bevins of Pedee is visiting friends in Independence.

Nobody had more fun on New Year's Eve than five girls who dressed in boy's clothing and took in the town. Of course they could not "do" the town as the celebrated Independence "rounders" would but it can be asserted without fear of successful contradiction that they had a good time.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

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.

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.

Just received two tons of hop wire at R. M. Wade & Co's.

Buy Russell and Erwin steel locks and builders hardware. Price no higher than for the cheap 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.

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

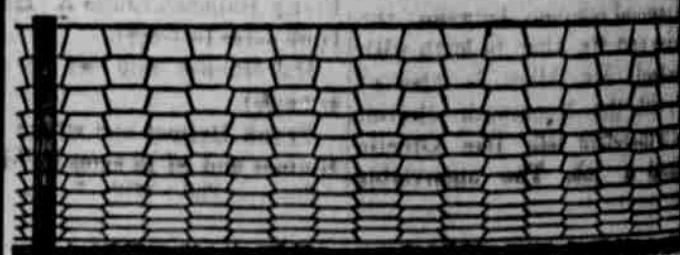
We close our store at 6 o'clock P. M. sharp. Open from 7 to 8 o'clock P. M. Saturdays. R. M. Wade & Co.

When bilious take Chamberlain Stomach and Liver Tablets. For sale by all druggists.

Dress Making.

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

The Keystone Field Fence.



The Keystone Fence is made of good strong wire and it is a continuous and entirely interwoven fence. This means that there is no beginning and no end to the stays, but that they are continuous with the long wires. And the stay wires will not slip and are not made of scraps.

Call and see our fence as our stock is complete and prices are right.

Huston & Simon

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