

Monday afternoon at 4:20 o'clock a storm of fire culled out the department while word passed from mouth to mouth that the school house was burning. Soon the hose cart was at the hydrant at the southwest corner of the block, three hundred feet or more from the building. It was seen however that the blaze could be controlled with buckets from the hook and ladder truck. This was done and the fire put out within twenty minutes after discovery.

The fire caught in a valley of the roof from a lump of burning soot thrown out from the burning chimney. A roaring fire had been kept up all day and it was not surprising that the chimney should burn out.

Great credit is due to Geo. McCoubrey who handled the water when passed to him on top of the building and to Ward Downs who passed the water through the narrow scuttle holes. Principal Barnes was yet in the building when the fire was discovered, and soon he had a small brigade of his school boys for help. These carried water in small dinner buckets at first and then in larger pails contributed by the neighbors. These were the people who saved the structure. They did not do without exposing themselves to danger for the water spilt on the roof soon was ice and just how the boys escaped slipping off and falling 30 feet is not clear. The fire company remembers its rotten hose and is glad that it was not necessary to lay it for the men have not confidence that the hose will bear the strain necessary to throw water to the top of a two story building. What the department wants is 500 feet of new hose that will cost \$400.

The damage to the building which is insured for \$6,000 will be somewhere between \$25 and \$50. The patch of shingles is not so much, but the plaster was broken in several places. The board could not wait for the insurance agent to adjust the damage, but put workmen on the roof Tuesday morning to replace the shingles and protect the building from rain which may come any day.

Trains have commenced running on the Goble, Nehalem and Pacific Railroad. The road strikes the Columbia river just below Goble and at once plunges into the woods and up the mountain. Five miles of track have been laid and the industry of delivering saw logs into the Columbia river commences this week. These logs then go to Portland or to the big mills down the river. Will Portland not be the choice of direction, and further that it is easier to float down stream than it is to steam up.

The plan of the three young men who have built this first stretch is to continue laying track until the Nehalem is reached. Even then ambition is not blunted, for they purpose to go to the coast at the mouth of the Nehalem. To accomplish this they ask the co-operation of Portland money. They urge the fact that traffic pours in on the first five miles and creates a paying proposition. The one article of merchandise is saw logs and a bi-product cordwood, valuable but few. Naturally we of this county antagonize that line of argument, for by implication the Goble people would have us believe that a road located on the Oswego and Tualatin valley route would have to build twenty miles before a traffic district can be tapped. This we deny. True saw logs would not be an article of merchandise, but there is cordwood. There to replace the logs we have hay, potatoes, onions, fruit and passé gers. We do not oppose the Goble road however till they begin to attack our route when it is not proper that we set about emulating what we have to offer. The Goble road confined to its territory on the northside of the Nehalem will not interfere with ours on the south side. Neither road will ever cross the Nehalem Canyon. Let not the Portland-Nehalem-Tillamook road be diverted from its purpose to bring a road into the south end of Portland. The Tualatin valley proposition is a good one notwithstanding the Goble Nehalem has five miles in operation.

Referring to the narrow escape of the school house from destruction Monday and the absence of any appliances in the building for fighting fire the directors say that they brought the matter before the school meeting four or five years ago when there was a full attendance. They recommended a stand pipe and a small hose on each floor. It was estimated that it could all be put in for about \$150. The meeting voted it down overwhelmingly and amongst those voting against it were some of the heaviest taxpayers in the district. The directors thought then and they think yet that something of this kind should be done but they do not like to take the responsibility of doing it under the circumstances without some further expression from the taxpayers.

Call at the INDEPENDENT office and examine the famous Melton board for mounting kodak prints Latest thing out. Any size.

How is Snow Drop Flour. Try it.

#### The Best is Snow Drop Flour.

Schulmerich Bros. have blasting powder for sale.

Mrs. O. G. Wilkes started yesterday evening for San Francisco where she will join her husband.

John Dennis has the prettiest line of baby shoes that ever came to the city. All colors and very reasonable.

If you want good repairing work on boots and shoes, please call on Gus Kuehler, at Landrock's old stand on Main street.

Estay cow, about three years old, color blue, short horn. Enquire at E. Siegenthaler's, one mile north of St. Mary's Home.

Elder W. T. Matlock will occupy the pulpit in Christian church next Sunday, morning and evening. Evening subject, "The seven Devils of Hillsboro."

Mr. E. D. Thorne is pulling down the dwelling that stands on his lot just across the railroad track between the Climax mill and the railroad station.

While grubbing near town yesterday Bert Cornett was accidentally struck on the head with a mattock in the hands of Henry Blair. It required several stitches to close the wound.

W. E. Haines met a committee of the City Council this week in reference to furnishing power for the water and light plant conditioned that the City purchases the Light & Water Co's. property. No propositions were submitted.

C. W. Felt, slight-of-hand performer, spiritist and hypnotist, gave three very pleasant exhibitions that were well patronized by the best people in town. His legende-main is clever. His expose of spiritism is logical and his work in hypnotism is amusing.

Wm. Benson, yesterday, shipped to Primaville a new 10-horse-power upright engine. This is the first machine he has made since he started his foundry, though he had made several smaller machines from castings moulded at other foundries. This machine was set up and tested here. It worked perfectly.

Hon. H. V. Gates, president of the Light & Water Company met with the City Council last Tuesday night and had some talk touching the sale of the plant to the city. He offers to sell the plant for \$35,000 less \$9,000 deterioration leaving a net price of \$26,000. Of this we have paid in bonds \$10,000, leaving \$16,000 yet to dig up.

#### LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY.

Geo. Ransom Relief Corps and G. A. R. Post are preparing to celebrate Lincoln's birthday in the Court House next Tuesday evening, Feb. 12. At that time commencing at 8 p. m. the following program will be rendered:

Music.....Rev. E. P. Hughes  
Prayer.....Audience  
Hymn.....Audience  
Address.....Lincoln's Favorite poem—  
Lala Barngrover  
Address.....Hon. W. D. Hare  
Solo: When Love is gone, C. B. Howley  
Solo: The Ferry from Shadow Town, R. De Koven  
Mable Adkins  
Recitation—Vengeance of the Flag—  
Ruby Plowman  
Music.....Band  
Address.....Hon. H. V. Gates  
Solo:—To You and but to you. Coverley  
Jennie Greer  
Recitation—In Memoriam of Lincoln.  
—Rose Caye  
Address.....Rev. E. A. Atkins  
Talent—Lincoln Freeing the Slaves.

#### PUBLIC SALE.

The undersigned will sell at Public Sale on Thursday, Feb. 21, 1901, at 10 o'clock a. m. at the Gottlieb Arnold place 3 1/2 miles South of Cornelius, the following property, to-wit:

4 cows, graded Jerseys, giving milk; 2 calves; 3 horses; 4 hd sheep; 3 hd hogs; 3 in Bain wagon; 27 chickens; 1 cart; 1 barrow; 2 plows; 1 set team harness; 1 grind stone; cross cut saw; chains; wedges; sledges; axes; forks; spades; hoes; 1 saddle; man's hay rack; bicycle; household furniture and other articles to numerous to mention.

Terms of Sale.  
Sums of \$10 and under, cash in hand; sums over \$10 a credit of ten months on approved notes drawing 8 per cent. interest.

AUGUST KALISCH.  
B. P. Cornelius, auctioneer.

#### Red Hot From The Gun

Was the ball that hit G. B. Steadman, of Newark, Me., in the civil war. It caused horrible ulcers that no treatment helped for 20 years. Then Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured him. Curs cuts, bruises, burns, boils, felons, corns, skin eruptions, Best cure cure on earth. 25c a box. Care guaranteed. Sold by Delta Drug Store.

#### Working Night and Day

The busiest and mightiest little thing that ever was made is Dr. King's New Life Pills. Every pill is a sugar-coated globe of health, that changes weakness into strength, listlessness into energy, brain-fog into mental power. They're wonderful in building up the health. Only 25c per box. Sold by Delta Drug Store.

The California Rose Company is a pleasant people with whom to do business. In December 1899 a member of the INDEPENDENT force bought a small invoice of rose bushes. They were delivered the following February, but the very day they were received a sharp frost, happened and through neglect chilled two of the very tender ones so that they did not grow. In June the company inquired how the roses were doing. The neglect and failure of the two to grow was reported, and that the others were doing well. The company replied stating that the loss would be duplicated. The incident had been forgotten till last week when a package of roses securely wrapped in wet moss came to hand not only duplicating the dead ones, but a third choice, rooted slip for good count. The INDEPENDENT from this experience feels justified in recommending the California Rose Company, of Los Angeles, as reliable florists.

The statement made that, John McNamara had been found guilty in a Multnomah Court and sentenced to 6 months for the crime of highway robbery was incorrect, in that the crime with which he was charged was assault and battery and not robbery. The reporter attempted to get the facts from the attorney for the defense. These he would not give, hence the story of third parties was used. This illustrates the reporters axiom, that "the press should be in possession of the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth."

The population of Washington county incorporated towns as given by the 1900 census is:  
Beaverton.....249  
Cornelius.....246  
Forest Grove.....1096  
Hillsboro.....980  
Sherwood.....111

Rev. D. A. Watters will preach in the Methodist church Sunday evening. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered at the close of the sermon.

Mr. Jesse Stewart, of Pilot Rock, Umatilla county is in town visiting with his mother and friends.

S. E. Gates, who has been in a Hepper drug store for several months is at home again.

#### SENATE BILL 164.

A bill has been introduced "by request" in both branches of the legislature in the senate taking the number "S. B. 164" which proposes to repeal all laws now on the code regulating the practice of medicine. The author of the measure stays in the back-ground. At this distance from the capital we suppose the persons who want the law repealed are the faith cures, sometimes called Christian scientists. They evidently want a free hand to starve people to death. The agonies of disease are not enough. They would add the pangs of hunger. The dozen or two of deaths in the last few years when the laws regulating the practice of medicine have been in force, resulting from the stealthy practice of "faith cures" are not enough. They want to increase the list to hundreds.

Dr. Tameis writing to a member of our delegation at Salem uses these words:

As I construe it, the bill repeals all existing laws regulating the practice of medicine in this state. I have never considered any law requiring proficiency in any profession or calling, class legislation, even when I myself had to pass an examination to be allowed to practice.

We are all in favor of the attorney being admitted to the bar after examination and in his case now the requirements are too low. We do not allow an engineer to take charge of a boiler and engine before obtaining a license from those in authority to pass upon his qualifications. I sincerely hope you n r your colleagues will support the bill, as we are really in need of more stringent laws, raising the qualifications of the medical practice and I should like to see a federal or U. S. law making qualifications uniform throughout the United States. I know there is a belief that the physicians endeavor to form a trust to keep up fees etc., but I assure you that in this state there is no fee bill or agreement on prices of which I am aware and more than that, these matters equalize themselves as in other business affairs.

As the law now stands it protects the lives of people who do not know the difference between a charlatan and a man who has spent 4 to six years of the best part of his earning energy to acquire an education. Personally, if the medical law were repealed it would not hurt me in the least. That is looking at the matter from a purely selfish or financial standpoint, but if the law is repealed it favors charlatanism, retards scientific research and places our state in the list of those states which retreat rather than advance.

I sincerely hope you will vote against the bill.

For domestic dry goods Schulmerich Bros' prices are below all competitors.

Mounts for stamp pictures at the INDEPENDENT office, 1 doz and a half for 5 cts.

Rubbers, rubber boots, rubber and oil clothing, at Schulmerich Bros. Good stock low prices.

Schulmerich Bros. just received an invoice of men's clothing, see them if you need anything in their line.

Rev. D. A. Watters, presiding elder will preach in the Methodist church this Friday evening. After the sermon the 2d Quarterly Conference will be held.

The bicycle path between Hillsboro and Forest Grove is no more. As soon as the rains came horses were put on the path and what was smooth before was soon corrugated and worked into mire.

The Cornelius Circuit Quarterly Meeting, M. E. church, will be held at Glencoe, Saturday at the hours of 2:30 and 7:30 p. m. and Sunday at 7:30 p. m., Feb. 9 and 10. Rev. D. A. Watters, P. E. will be present.

At a meeting of the Portland, Nehalem & Tillamook Railroad Co. held in Portland Saturday afternoon, 20, 017 of the 20,917 shares subscribed were represented and voted, and the following directors were chosen:

Colonel John McCracken, George T. Myers, H. L. Pittock, William Fiedner, H. C. Campbell, H. S. Rowe, John Stewart, C. F. Pearson and William Reid.

At a subsequent meeting of the Board of Directors the following officers were chosen:

President, Colonel John McCracken; vice-president, George T. Myers; secretary and attorney, Wm. Reid. The secretary and attorney was authorized immediately to take up the work of procuring rights of way for a line between Portland and Nehalem and Tillamook Bays.

Almost simultaneously with the death of Queen Victoria, The Outlook prints an article by Justin McCarthy, the author of "A Short History of Our Own Times," on the "Political Influence of Queen Victoria," accompanying the article with an excellent portrait, painted from life at Windsor Castle, by Mr. F. M. Bell Smith. Mr. McCarthy's article confirms the statement which has lately been made that the Queen took more than a formal interest in public affairs. Mr. McCarthy states very positively that the Queen very frequently "by a single pointed remark or question, would throw a disturbing doubt on the wisdom of some minor act or policy suggested for her approval," and he says that Victoria has "given to the world the best living illustration it has yet had of the part which the sovereign ought to play in a constitutional monarchy and a free country." In addition to this article, the February Magazine Number of The Outlook gives an excellent portrait of the new King of England, and contains elaborate editorial estimates of the life of Queen Victoria and the History of England under her reign. (\$3 a year. The Outlook Company, 287 Fourth Ave., New York.

#### COURT HOUSE.

PROBATE.  
Est Perrin Steeples deed; final account approved, estate closed of record and bondsmen of administrator, W D Bradford exonerated from further liability.  
Est S H Humphreys deed; petition filed asking order from court that certain promissory note be turned over to administrator of estate of Minerva Shepley deceased.  
Est Andrew Dahlberg deed; report of sale of personal property approved, and order made granting citation to heirs to appear in Hillsboro, March 11 and show cause why real estate shall not be ordered sold.  
Est John Karsteter deed; Nettie Karsteter appointed admx with bond fixed at \$1,000.  
Est Henry Buxton deed; final account allowed and approved and upon proper receipts being filed est will be closed of record.  
Est Louis Boreher deed; last will and testament filed and proved by subscribing witnesses J E Young and J C Smock. Fred Meizer appointed executor without bonds. J C Smock, A C Hall and S Weckert appointed appraisers.  
Est Geo Morphew deed; Petition to sell real property denied; administrator required to make report of sale of personal property, and also order that remaining personal property be sold at auction for amount it may bring.  
Est J W Karsteter deed; Peter Boscow, J A Imbric and W D Hare appointed appraisers.  
Est Mattie Campbell deed; J A Campbell appointed administrator with bonds at \$500. Appraisers, J. B. Wilkes, J W Morgan and J W Sewell.

Millions Given Away.  
It is certainly gratifying to the public to know of one concern in the land who are not afraid to be generous to the needy and suffering. The proprietors of Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, coughs and colds, have given away over ten million trial bottles of this great medicine; and have the satisfaction of knowing it has absolutely cured thousands of hopeless cases. Asthma, bronchitis, hoarseness and all diseases of the throat, chest and lungs are surely cured by it. Call on Delta Drug Store and get a free trial bottle. Regular size 50c and \$1. Every bottle guaranteed, or price refunded.

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#### MOUNTAIN HOME ITEMS.

We, of Mountain Home think winter has returned.

Miss Emma Kruger has returned to Monkland.

L. D. Heaton and T. M. Fartheo have returned to Deep Creek Wash., accompanied by Mr. Heaton's brother, W. C. Heaton.

Mr. Wm. Courtney has purchased twenty head of goats.  
Distemper is prevalent among horses and dogs, of this place, some dogs having died.

Mr. J. D. Tarrant, who has been visiting her son at Champoug, Ore., has returned.

G. H. Graves is building a new residence on his farm.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Davis have arrived from the east, where they had been visiting relatives.

Born, January 27 to the wife of Lewis Weston a son.

Mr. W. T. Hurt and wife were the guests of Mrs. Hurt's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Emmel.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Hopkins visited at North Yamhill the past week.

The final contest between the Mt. Home and Mt. Side Literary Society was held at the Mt. Home school house January 24. The judges decided in favor of the Mt. Home society. Although the people of this place did not say much they were very much pleased with their success.

G. H. Graves gave a taffy pull last Friday evening in honor of the Mt. Home debaters. It was a great success.

Miss Grace Hopkins is staying with her sister, Mrs. Yergen of Wapato.

#### REAL ESTATE.

Henry C Carstens and wife to S E Hines 80 30 ac in sec 32 t 2 n r 3 w..... 2250

S B Huston and wife to Flora J Noble 60 ac in Bonarts subdivision of G W Ebert d l c..... 325

Clarence A Hoyt to A S Pence s 1/2 of lots 7, 8 and 9 blk 2 Simmons add..... 500

Elizabeth Geiger and hus to Chas E Geiger part of blk 21 Forest Grove..... 550

Mark T Cox to Chas E Geiger s e 1/4 of sec 4 t 1 s r 4 w..... 750

L S Porter and wife to Lilly M Porter lot 1 and 1/2 of lot 2 in blk 4 South Park add to Forest Grove..... 350

Philip Becker to Emilie Becker 80 ac sec 25 and 26 t 2 s r 1 w..... 500

Andrew Grandberg to Hanna Olsen 52.68 ac of Chas Stewart d l c..... 400

M M Laelling to C C Poling et al part of lot 2 and all of lot 3 in blk 2 Gaston..... 315

J M G Shuck to W B Cromwell 20 ac Abram Landess d l c..... 1

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#### Brave Men Fall

Victims to stomach, liver and kidney troubles as well as women, and all the results in loss of appetite, poisons in the blood, backache, nervousness, headache and tired, listless, run-down feeling. But there's no need to feel like that. Listen to J. W. Gardner, Idaville, Ind. He says "Electric Bitters are just the thing for a man when he is all run down, and don't care whether he lives or dies. It did more to give me new strength and good appetite than anything I could take. I can now eat anything and have a new lease on life." Only 50 cents at Delta Drug Store. Every bottle guaranteed.

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