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

For sale, good cow with calf. Enquire of D. M. C. Gault, INDEPENDENT office.

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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.

Watch for the clearance sale at Schulmerich Bros., when opening up the annex to their store about April 1st.

Call on F. J. Barber, Second street if you want a first-class shave or haircut. Try his baths, either hot or cold.

Charles C. Poling, president of Dumas College, will preach in the Evangelical church this Friday evening March 29, at 7:30.

The Burlington Route have the lowest rates to all points east, quickest time, best service and you ride on the Finest Train in the world.

"Christ's legacy to man" is the subject that Rev. H. Oberg will present in his congregation next Sunday morning. No preaching in the evening.

Mr. W. E. Stephens late of Yale, Oklahoma, stepped off the train at the Hillsboro station last Saturday morning. Mr. Stephens was here last summer and now returns with his family intending to make a home in Oregon. He will not, however, buy till fall, by which time he hopes to be able to select intelligently.

The commercial committee of the Albany Aero Club, has taken hold of the matter of advertising its part of the state more thoroughly. Nearly 500 has been raised. Work has been on an illustrated pamphlet, which it is proposed every citizen in the county shall take a hand in having distributed among their friends in the east. Besides this suitable matter will be kept on hand at the Pan-American Exposition and the columns of prominent papers in the middle west used to some extent. It is thought that Linn county is not obtaining its share of the immigration to the northwest, and Albany business men propose to bring about a change.

Little Katie, youngest daughter of Mr. John Heiser, who lives on Gales Creek, north of Forest Grove was seriously burned last week about her shoulders and back. The child, about eight years of age was playing about a large fir log which had been fired by the usual Oregon method of boring and while with her back to the log a puff of wind blew into the upper hole and drove the flames out through the side hole striking Katie in the back and firing her clothes. Frightened she ran screaming about the clearing a mass of flames. After quite a time her brother caught her and was able to smother the fire. Her shoulder and neck is quite badly burned and her beautiful head of hair is all gone. Although the injury is serious, it is not thought that life is in danger.

SCHOOL ITEMS

School commenced here Monday, March 25, with Miss Carrie Morrison, of Portland as teacher.

Mr. Barbo has sold his farm to Ed Santhaler, of McMinnville, who will move on it about May 1st.

But Taylor has purchased 75 acres of S. W. Seely and built a neat house on it.

Mr. Hart is cutting 100,000 feet of logs on Will Hansen place for Chas. Adams & Son.

Mr. Tete Wallen has the lumber on the ground for a new house.

Mr. Preston Skells has part of his lumber on his new place for a nice building.

Mr. Burt Funday is very near through cutting 300,000 feet of logs for Chas. Adams & Son's sawmill.

The Outcasts

Mr. W. A. Fraser, author of Moos-wa and Others, has just written for early publication in The Saturday Evening Post a short, stirring serial, entitled The Outcasts.

The Outcasts are an old buffalo and a wolf dog, and the greater part of the story is about the strange comradeship and striking adventures of these companions, and their pilgrimage, in company, to the distant plains of deep grass, of which the wolf dog knew.

The action, and strength of word and phrase in the story, and the richness of the soil and the music and drama and somberness of the forest. The rush of the frenzied buffalo herd to the tide with splendid dramatic power. The plan of the book is a unique conception, and it is worked out on novel and entertaining lines.

George Wann with his son Thomas started yesterday evening for the Sumpter gold mines.

Miss Emma Everitt, sister of our Miles Everitt of the Delta, has been re-appointed matron of the Soldiers' Home at Roseburg.

In 12 days of March, between the 13th and 25 Wehrung & Sons shipped 2145 dozen eggs. These were packed in 65 cases.

Miss Schulmerich, accompanied by her sister Etta, started on Wednesday for the gold mines at Sumpter. They will spend the summer with their brother, Herman Schulmerich.

Rev. Morton D. Dunning, Forest Grove, will occupy the pulpit of the Congregational church next Sunday morning and evening, and is also to take part in the special program of the C. E. meeting at 6:30 p. m. in the church parlor. Mr. Dunning's theme will be: Morning, "The message of Amos," 7:30 p. m. "Christ Warning and Inviting."

Chaos reigns in the Pharmacy this week. It is moving time and the shelving had to be cleared of bottles and packages so that it could be moved and put up in the new store. This disagreeable work will be completed in a few days when order will reign again. In the meantime though prescriptions are filled promptly as has always been the rule of the store.

COURT HOUSE.

CIRCUIT COURT.

Shute & Foot v J W Sewell et al. Demurrer of defendant argued and taken under advisement.

Larkin Reynolds v J H Humphreys. Decree of foreclosure taken by default.

State v James Aikin. Indicted for murder. Plea of "not guilty" entered. Set for trial Thursday April 4th.

State v Est August Gentz, deed. Escheat proceedings. Sale of real estate confirmed.

Rebecca A Barrett v J W Pettley, et al. Sheriff's sale confirmed.

W H Hacker v Mrs. Large and Via. Plaintiff allowed to file a second amended complaint.

State v E E Colestock. Indicted for rape. Verdict of the jury, "guilty as charged." Ordered that defendant appear Monday April 1st at 9:30 o'clock for sentence. In meantime defendant has leave to file motion for a new trial.

Lee v T W Thompson, action for money. Verdict for Plaintiff for \$194.55.

Am. Mfg. Co. v Nendorf et al. Sale of realty confirmed.

State v Albert Bielund, Indicted for larceny of cow. Plea of "not guilty" entered and cause set for trial on April 1.

Edward Naylor v Southern Pacific Co., action for money. On trial before a jury.

O'Brien v O'Brien, partition suit. Report of referee heretofore appointed set aside. J C Moore, M H Shipley and J A Imbrie appointed referees to meet the county surveyor Saturday March 30 on the premises and report proceedings.

PROBATE.

Est August Gentz, deceased—final settlement allowed and estate closed of record.

Guardianship Samuel E Todd, A B Todd appointed guardian, with bonds fixed at \$200.

MARRIAGE LICENSE.

March 22 to D J Womer 53 and Maggie George 41, March 23 Fred Ellsner 26 and Louise Bronner 18, March 26 Wm Vaughn 24 and Lula M Olean 25.

A Life And Death Fight.

Mr. W. A. Fraser, of Manchester, Ia., writing of his almost miraculous escape from death, says: "Exposure after measles induced serious lung trouble, which ended in consumption. I had frequent hemorrhages and coughed night and day. All my doctors said I must soon die. Then I began to use Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, which completely cured me. I would not be without it even if it cost \$5.00 a bottle. Hundreds have used it on my recommendation and all say it never fails to cure throat, chest and lung troubles." Regular, size 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at free Delta Drug Store.

He Fooled The Surgeons.

All doctors told Benick Hamilton, of West Jefferson, O., after suffering 18 months from Rectal Fistula, he would die unless a costly operation was performed; but he cured himself with five boxes of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, the surest Pile cure on Earth, and the best Salve in the World. 25 cents a box. Sold by Delta Drug Store.

The Appetite of a Goat

Is envied by all poor dyspeptics whose stomach and liver are out of order. All such should know that Dr. King's New Life Pills, the wonderful stomach and liver remedy, gives a splendid appetite, sound digestion and a regular bodily habit that insures perfect health and great energy. Only 25c at Delta Drug Store.

Alice Henry, aged 17 years, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Henry, Beaverton, died at her paternal home on Tuesday last. Her illness was a typhoid condition of the system supplemented by acute tuberculosis, sometimes called galloping consumption. The disease was probably contracted in Portland and in its most violent form, so that, notwithstanding she had the attention of the best medical men in the state and the care of a trained nurse, nothing could be done to prolong life. Alice was a lovely girl and the life of the society where she lent her presence. Her father, mother and sister were prostrated with grief. Several days before the end she realized that death was near, but there was no terror to frighten. The funeral services were held in the Congregational church, after which the remains were buried in the Patton cemetery.

E. E. Colestock, who has been in jail since December last, was indicted for rape by the grand jury. He had his trial on Monday last finishing about noon on Tuesday. It is understood that the jury took a ballot as the jury room was entered which stood 11 to 1 for conviction. The men then went to dinner. On their return a ballot was taken which was unanimous for conviction. The verdict gives satisfaction and while there may be those who doubt defendant's guilt of the crime charged, none pity him in the least. It is sometimes not easy to analyze all the elements connected with criminal transactions. In this case the young woman was responsible in some degree. She ought not to have gone with Colestock from the business center to the least frequented neighborhood. Girls must not invite temptation.

Two mormon missionaries are making their temporary home in Forest Grove. From there they go to several preaching places in the county. One is at the Haywood school house between here and Cornelius.

SCHOOL OFFICERS.

Supt. Ball has courteously tabulated the result of the school election held in each district on the first Monday of the month. The officers elected with the postoffice address is herewith given.

No. Dist.	Director	Clerk	Postoffice
1	Jasper Keffer	L E Shulte	Hillsboro
2	J C Buchanan	A A Phillips	Umius
3	W N Brown	E C Milroy	Laurel
4	H Schellert	J W Marsh	Centerville
5	Adolph Anderson	I E Purdin	Forest Grove
6	Edward Moore	J J Wiener	Cedar Mills
7	S B Huston	Peter Boscow	Hillsboro
8	N H Scheldt	Lout Powers	Hillsboro
9	W W Paine	J W Goodin	Glencoe
10	Wm Hemmelman	Mrs F M Tupper	Dilley
11	E J Ward	E X Harding	Gaston
12	A Bennett	John Vanderwahl	Greenville
13	J F Carsten	George Dooley	Greenville
14	Bent Spiering	J W Vandervelden	Forest Grove
15	Arthur Knox	C L Perry	Dilley
16	Andrew Jack	Geo J Jack	Farmington
17	Thos Bradley	A W Wright	Progress
18	Peter Nelson	Jas H Sowell	Hillsboro
19	J A Chapman	A W Wright	Middletown
20	Francis Chalmers	S A D Meek	Mountdendale
21	B R Harrington	S N Poole	Middletown
22	B G Leedy	C F Tigard	Tigard
23	Arthur Bacon	J Q Johnson	Bacona
24	Elias Green	W M Tipton	Tualatin
25	Wm Bush	D H Thomas	Forest Grove
26	C Carsteth	Jas I Hoopes	Gaston
27	Jas Russen	J B Imby	Reedville
28	Chas Hart	R F Lilly	Gales Creek
29	A C Davis	Leo Ayle	Gaston
30	Julius Ashah	G F C Meyer	Cornelius
31	N L Wiley	J O Gustin	Charleston
32	C F Hesse	A B Flint	Kinton
33	N G McDonald	Arthur N Cutting	Kinton
34	Chas Reynolds	A C Wirtz	Mountdendale
35	C H Banford	Wm Clapshaw	Gales Creek
36	J O Tompkins	R C Patton	Glencoe
37	J M Mills	A L Stephens	Manning
38	Solomon Weckert	T F Fairbanks	Sherwood
39	S M Otis	Louis Finigan	Laurel
40	Mrs A C Stark	Fred Krueger	Middletown
41	A W Pike	C W Allen	Beaverton
42	L T Larson	H Hoffman	Laurel
43	E Heinzer	Geo M Holt	Braunston
44	F S Olsen	W W Jaquith	Scholls
45	W F Hollenbeck	Thos Murphy	Mountdendale
46	Fred Schulenberg	Wm F Haase	Bloomington
47	Joe Boyd	W H Cady	Cornelius
48	H K Shirk	Em G Woods	Bacona
49	H J Staah	Emil Kuralt	Phillips
50	W H Cash	Alfred Guerber	Lenox
51	Riley Thomas	Thos Anderson	Kist
52	Robt Johnson	M S Barnes	Beaverton
53	J Millar	Frank Wallace	Farmington
54	John Loftis	Geo W Taylor	Reedville
55	Geo W Miller	Geo W Taylor	Reedville
56	G E Zimmerman	Carl Berggren	Dixie
57	H Katterman	W F Thomas	Cedar Mills
58	John Schlegel	C F Jesse	Greenville
59	L Shogren	W K Newell	Dilley
60	N J Goodin	Mrs C A Smith	Glencoe
61	Thos McFaul	Jos Reifernath	Gaston
62	C L Rosander	John A Johnson	Portland
63	A L Robbins	Wm H Weil	Glencoe
64	John Erickson	Chas Bateman	Gales Creek
65	J Gillespie	H L Duke	Glencoe
66	J H Shearer	Edwin Lee	Greenville
67	John Klink	J H Rink	Buxton
68	J J Chehak	I C Ritter	Tualatin
69	Fred Schulz	Erwin Ritter	Bethany
70	N C Shipley	Wm C Ingles	Manning
71	A E Mead	John Lippert	Buxton
72	Chas Rockstroff	D H Bailey	Bloomington
73	F C Bargholzer	Wm Feldt	Buxton
74	F Paul	E Helvogt	Reedville
75	J A Messenger	G J Saunders	Laurel
76	Peter Zurcher	Fred Berger	Bethany
77	Oliver Galbreath	Wm E Shaver	Tualatin
78	John Woe	A Thomas	Gales Creek
79	Wm Francis	Wm J Dickson	Glencoe
80	L Kohler	Nick Bohman	Hayward
81	Andrew	Max Bargholzer	Buxton
82	W O Davidson	Ferd Langer, Jr.	Sherwood
83	J L Burgrover	J T Rice	Hillsboro
84	M F Wagner	J W McRobert	Gales Creek
85	W W Lewis	J H Hanson	Sherwood
86	Peter Heister	J N Hoffman	Sherwood
87	Nick Kemmer	Alois Gassner	Reedville
88	A Johnson	Wm Jamieson	Raleigh
89	Wm Courtney	J C Emmel	Middletown
90	Thos Bernards	G Sobler	Centerville
91	A H F Vulf	Chas Christensen	Buxton
92	L C Pennell	Chas Ladd	Thatcher
93	Thos Hord	C W Skelton	Newberg
94	J A Turner	H A Kruse	Stafford
95	B F Webster	W F Young	Sherwood
96	O F Cooke		Sylvan

Glorious News

Comes from Dr. D. B. Cargile, of Washita, I. T. He writes: "Four bottles of Electric Bitters has cured Mrs. Brewer of scrofula, which had caused her great suffering for years. Terrible sores would break out on her head and face, and the best doctors could give no help; but her cure is complete and her health is excellent." This shows what thousands have proved—that Electric Bitters is the best blood purifier known. It's the supreme remedy for eczema, tetter, salt rheum, ulcers, boils and running sores. It stimulates liver, kidneys and bowels, expels poisons, helps digestion, builds up the strength. Only 50 cents. Sold by Delta Drug Store.

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

REAL ESTATE.

Margaret H Denny to Robert B Brown blk 1 and 2 Garden Home 700
Flora E Smith and hus to G T Rea 10 ac sec 35 t 1 n r 3 w. 800
Andrew Neilson and wife to August Kimpin 40 ac sec 21 t 2 n r 2 w. 1000
George Summers to Neal Dalley lots 15 and 16 Highland Park add to Hillsboro. 60
F M Heidel and wife to Minerva E Caudle tract 2 blk 6 Finney's add Hillsboro. 180
Joseph Barbow and wife to E F Sutherland part of the Jos Hinton d c. 3500
Theodore Pointer and wife to E H Rotmund 638 ac of Wm Pointer d c. 456
Ignatius C Kelly and wife to Gerhard Holboke 10 ac sec 24 t 1 r 1 w. 500
John Campbell et als to D W Harding part of lot 12 Brugger tract. 100

WASHINGTON COUNTY AS WE KNOW IT.

People east of the Rockies meet difficulty when they attempt to get a peep over their summits to the Oregon country. They ask questions, interview returned travelers, and make pilgrimages to familiarize themselves with the wonder land of Lewis & Clark. To help to a glimpse the INDEPENDENT answers a set of questions propounded by an Ohio man who is looking this way. These answers are for Washington county an area of 500,000 acres or more approaching within four miles of Portland the metropolis of Oregon where rail transportation meets ocean. The assessor carries on his roll 82,836 acres of tillable land and 327,835 acres non-tillable.

The difference between the sum of these two items and the area of the county is the number of acres of government land subject to entry. By non-tillable land we do not mean that it is waste, but that till denuded of its timber it is not plow or pasture land. At present the timber is worth more than the pasture would be. We are not burning up saw timber that the land may be fitted for grazing or the plow. These preliminary statements being made the questions are taken up.

1. Was or is the Willamette valley timbered?

In the beginning there was natural prairie but a larger area was heavily timbered. Much of this timber in the eastern part of the county has been felled and burned up. The hills of the western part of the county are yet heavily timbered. We have quit burning it in log heaps and bonfires.

2. Will it raise alfalfa and blue grass?

Yes, but our grasses are timothy and the clovers. We like them better.

3. How deep for water?

From 16 to 30 feet.

4. How much rainfall per year and how distributed for each month?

From forty-five to fifty inches, distributed quite evenly over the months from October to April. July and August are our only dry months. Even then we may have rains.

5. Does the ground freeze?

Sometimes, two or three inches deep. The impressive evidence to the gardener of age of frost is about the most annoying weed he has to contend with.

6. What are present prices of cattle, sheep, hogs and horses?

A buyer of heavy team horses, 1500 to 1600 found a span here last week for \$300. Light horses go from \$50 to \$75 each. Light meaning 800 to 1000 pounds. Cows fresh are worth from \$35 to \$40 each. Mutton sheep dressed sold in Portland market this week for 8 cents per pound. Hogs fit for slaughter the same day were sold on foot for \$5.85 per hundred weight.

7. What do you consider the most objectionable feature of the country?

The eastern man, tenderfoot, will complain loudest of our rains in winter. Oregonians dread the cold north east winds and freezing weather. In truth the few days clear cold weather in winter is the most objectionable feature and the only redeeming fact about the matter is that during such "spells" the thermometers record 20° to 25° above zero as the coldest and they last only four or five days.

8. What is rate of taxes and on what basis of valuation are they assessed?

The levy that is now collecting is:

State.....0057

County.....0132

Indigent Soldiers' fund.....0001

School.....0050

Road.....0030

Total.....0270

This is on a valuation of 50 per cent.

9. What is the indebtedness of the county?

Practically nothing. All warrants endorsed prior to Sept. 1, 1900 are called in. Warrants are sold in the open market at par, or at a premium. County warrants bear 6 per cent interest from the date when endorsed "not paid for want of funds" till there is money in the treasury to pay.

10. How are the roads improved and what is their condition?

The roads are improved by grading, draining and graveling. When thus improved the condition is good.

11. What rate of per cent is money worth?

Six per cent is legal rate. Large sums are loaned on gilt edged security for five. Short loans bring 7 and 8 per cent.

12. Are the farms large or small and what class and nationality are the citizens?

In size farms range from 40 acres in eastern part of county to 200 in western end. A few 640 acre holdings yet remain. Farms are mostly owned by native born citizens. There are very few foreigners here and they have been in America long enough to become "one of us." There are no colonies of foreigners in the county.

13. Are the farms well improved and what buildings and fences are a rule?

Fairly well improved. The barns are good and dwellings comfortable. Fences are good, built of rails, Virginia worm, posts and lumber, with in some instances a strand of wire. The posts are of cedar, like cast iron best steel, warranted not to rot.

14. Do the owners of the farms live on them as a rule or are they mostly tenants?

The owners for the most part live on the farms.

15. What are the prices of different grains and hay now?

Timothy hay, baled \$10 and \$12 per ton. Clover \$6 to \$8. Wheat in Portland 55 to 60 cents per bushel, oats 40. Flour retails at \$3.20 per barrel.

16. What was the lowest degree of cold the past winter and is it a windy country?

The thermometer fell to 28° above zero during a few days in January. We had six inches of snow one day, next day bare ground. We have no winds nor lightning and thunder.

17. Do you have to irrigate for any crops?

No, we ditch and drain instead.

18. What can good improved land 10 or 15 miles from city be bought for per acre? I mean without buildings or fences but ready to cultivate.

There are always buildings on improved land here. Such land is worth from \$15 to \$50 per acre, depending somewhat upon the quality of the buildings and the distance from towns and cities.

19. Have you telephones through the country?

Yes, two lines the Sunset and Independent. The Western Union Telegraph Co. maintains a line through the county. Our transportation is by private freight wagon or by the Southern Pacific railroad. Another railroad is projected but it is yet to be built.

20. What class of schools through the country and what prices do they pay teachers?

The schools are the typical American common school. Some states have better, but more have poorer. Teachers receive from \$30 to \$45 per month of four weeks or 20 days.

21. Are there many damp foggy mornings and what per cent of clear sunny days?

We have foggy mornings in November and a few in spring, but they are not such damp disagreeable hours as those the interrogator has in mind.

GAP CLOSED.

The operation of through trains between San Francisco and Los Angeles, via Surf and Santa Barbara, will begin on Sunday, March 31 1901 on the new Coast Line. Two through trains daily. The Coast Line Limited leaving each terminal in the morning, equipped with elegant cafe and parlor cars, will make daylight trips through the most picturesque, varied and entertaining scenes on the continent. Inquire of agents of the Southern Pacific.

Send us Your Name.

If you are going east now, or contemplate a trip at any time in the future, send us your name; we will place same on our list and will keep you advised from time to time of any reduction in east-bound passenger rates and you will also receive advertising matter descriptive of the Burlington Route as fast as it is issued. We have the lowest rates, quickest time and best service. Address, R. W. Foster, Ticket Agent Burlington Route, Cor. 3rd and Stark Sts., Portland, Oregon.

Schulmerich Bros. have a car of Utah plaster, price \$13.50 per ton.

WE HAVE MOVED

Into our new and elegantly appointed store in the Bailey-Morgan bldg. where your wants in the drug line will be attended to with our accustomed skill and dispatch. Our Store is modern and up-to-date in every respect. We expect to have our entire stock moved by March 31. We invite your early inspection of what we think is the finest Pharmacy on the West Side.

This don't mean that we put on airs about it or ask fancy prices for the best goods. We are not talking excellence in order to excuse ourselves for charging high prices. Our prices are uniformly reasonable.

The Hillsboro Pharmacy.

BOTH PHONES.

WE GUARANTEE

Our goods to be equal to the best—we yield first place to no store in quality of goods, accuracy or promptness. Whether it is a doctor's prescription or a household receipt, you may be sure that you will get nothing but pure, fresh, first quality drugs and that they are compounded precisely in accordance with the doctor's instructions or the directions of the receipt.

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