

Fresh oysters at H. A. Palmer's.
 Hon. G. W. Patterson was in town yesterday.
 For sale—1 new Buford plow; been used one day. J. B. Hanley, Hillsboro.
 The Upper Clackamas Salmon hatchery has turned out this season 4,800,000 young salmon.
 The best assortment of fine knives and razors in town are at McCormick's—fully warranted.
 Artistic hair cutting and shaving at the Second street barber shop.
 F. J. Barber, prop.
 For sprains, swellings and lameness—nothing so good as Chamberlain's Pain Balm. Try it. For sale by the Delta drug store.

The real nature, doctrine and history of the Mormon church will be considered at the Evangelical church, Sunday evening, Dec. 16th.
 J. C. Miller of Glencoe brought a turpentine to F. M. Heidel's real estate office that measures four feet and one inch in circumference and weighs 33 pounds.

Supt. Harry Slinger, who has for several years been at the head of the McMinnville Light & Water Works has been superseded by a more favored favorite.

Letters received by a citizen of Hillsboro on Monday last from Prineville and Heppner stated that there is three inches of snow on the ground and the weather is just a bit chilly.
 Call and inspect our Christmas stock of Candies. Hand made high grade chocolates. We have the finest stock of bon-bon boxes in the county, just the thing for presents. H. A. Palmer.

Wm Mohr makes boots, at 1 1/2 shops on Second street, Hillsboro, for \$5.00 per pair, sewed shoes for 45 and gives special attention to repairing. He uses only first-grade stock which enables him to guarantee his work.

Those wishing to purchase improved farms, large or small, city lots or city residences, in Hillsboro or in Forest Grove, will find it worth while to see J. W. Shute at the bank, Hillsboro or Benj. Scholfield at Forest Grove.

L. A. Rood is the Master elect for Tualatin Lodge No. 6 A. F. & A. M. instead of Dr. F. A. Bailey as published last week. The gentleman reporting the list of officers made a mistake which no one in this office is in a position to detect.

A Christmas entertainment and Christmas tree are attractions that call the friends of the Convent of Mercy, Cedar Mills, together Friday evening, Dec. 20, at 8 o'clock in the chapel of the Convent school. The exercises include music, drama, recitations, songs and an auction of Christmas souvenirs from the tree. Admission, 10 cents.

The game of foot ball last Saturday between the Hillsboro and Forest Grove public school teams was won by the latter by a score of 17 to 6. Wm. Stevens, at right guard, was the star player of the home team. He saved his team from a worse defeat. The same teams played a 2 to 0 game two weeks before.

The members and congregation of the Washington Street M. E. church had a reception last Monday evening for their pastor, Rev. S. H. Greenlee. The church auditorium was crowded with admiring parishioners who opened homes and hearts to the pastor and his wife. True the hearts are somewhat splashed with blood but there is no bad blood in evidence.

A Kansas editor makes this report, after attending church recently: "Ladies should take off their hats in church. No preacher can inspire a man who is looking into a lopsided aggregation of dead birds, stuffed wrens, chameleon skins, ribbons, beads, jots sticks, straw, paper, corn tassels and thistle down. It makes a sinner feel lost in the wilderness."

Hon. H. V. Gates has been at home for the past few days after an extended visit to the oil fields of California. While there he bought a large well drilling plant for his company which will be set up in the Malheur country. The plant will sink a well 14 inches in diameter and to a depth of 3000 feet. However the largest drill may not be used for the experimental well.

A few seasons ago it was generally conceded that industry was dead, a mere passing fad doomed to an early and unwept end. The idea was erroneous, however, and no better illustration as to the falsity of this assertion can be offered than that of The Gas San American Minstrels, who will appear at the Hillsboro Opera House, Tuesday evening next, Dec. 17. The Sun Minstrels rank among the foremost, and we feel safe in assuring our readers of a first-class entertainment. Manager Wehrung is to be complimented on securing for his patrons such a standard attraction.

The Saturday Evening Post, of Philadelphia, announces two new departments which will challenge the interest of young men and women throughout the country. "A Home College Course," as one of them is called, has been designed to meet the want of ambitious young people who have not had the advantages of a university training. This course will be conducted by a special faculty composed of professors in the leading colleges. The studies have been most carefully chosen. Each will be treated in an interesting way, and help him for outside reading freely given. "To the Young Man Beginning Business" is the second of these new departments. In it the most successful men in a dozen occupations will write about what helped them to the front in their own business, and give a list of books and magazines bearing upon it. Their purpose will tell the beginner how he can make himself more valuable to his employers. These new departments will begin early in January, and will be made a permanent feature of The Saturday Evening Post.

The condensed milk factory proposition is not moving as fast as it once time promised. The local committee went far enough with a canvass to obtain the milk of 1200 cows, and commenced negotiations with the factory people. Here friction is encountered. They seem to be playing fast and loose. They have been at Forest Grove, at Portland and at Albany. They seem to be attempting to get these points bidding against one another for the purpose of raising a bonus which at first they stated did not want. A bonus of \$4000 can be raised in Hillsboro.



Hon. Thos. H. Tongue.
 In the assignment to committees for the House of Representatives, Congressman Tongue, of the First District of Oregon, gets the chairmanship of Arid Lands Committee and a place on the Rivers and Harbors Committee. These are the same places he had in the last Congress.

but there must be something as good as a bond pledged that the factory people will perform their verbal agreement. It begins now to look as if there is to be no condensed milk factory located here.

Old gentleman Wm. McFadden who lives on Bess line street slipped and fell Wednesday evening when stepping out at the front door of his residence. He struck the back of his head on the step and was stunned. Yesterday morning he was somewhat improved, though his mind was wandering. It is thought that recovery will be made, though his age is a handicap.

Wednesday a rumor was current in Hillsboro that Watson's Restaurant in Portland, Schillers cigar factory and the places between on Fourth street between Washington and Stark were burned, but the story was confirmed in part only. There was a fire in that neighborhood that caused a loss of about \$9000. The big restaurant however was not scorched.

Mr. L. M. House has lately been busy boat building. He has built three skiffs within the past two weeks. One for Mr. Hare is quite large and to be used in herding saw logs as they float down the Tualatin. The others are smaller holding about three men each who go duck hunting in the sloughs and lakes.

E. B. Sappington has commenced a civil action against W. E. Thorne to recover the value of a dog which the defendant is alleged to have killed a few days ago. Judgment in the sum of \$25.00 is prayed for.

Mr. O. C. Weston, of Galesburg, Ill., is visiting with his brother at Lauree, this County, while he waits for a bone in his leg, that was fractured some weeks ago, to grow together.

The Native Sons give their Annual Mask Calico Ball at the Opera House Tuesday evening, Dec. 31. Great preparations are making for the event.

If you are not satisfied with the show next Tuesday evening you can get your money returned.
 G. A. Wehrung made a business trip to Portland Tuesday last.

Hon. Thos. Paulsen was a Hillsboro visitor the first of the week.
 Get your mounts for Christmas photos at this office. Complete line.
 For some fine photo's call on Pope at the Ellis gallery, 7th street, east side of town.
 Lowest prices on hardware at Schulmerich Bros, try them; Full stock always on hand.
 For Rubber Coats, Oil Clothing, Macintoshes, all kinds of wet weather goods go to Schulmerich Bros.

If you want to make your husband a nice Christmas present get him a nice box of those cigars at H. A. Palmer.
 At the Ellis gallery. New photo gallery. Pope, the Photographer is here to please you with Pictures. Give him a call.

Mr. John Loftus shows turnips, Norfolk variety that are monsters. One left with F. M. Heidel this week weighs 25 pounds.

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

E. L. McCormick has just received a full line of Men's fine gloves for either dressing or working purposes. Call and see them. Good values for the money.

The Sun Minstrels that are to sing here next Tuesday evening have had the Opera House engaged for a year so as to be absolutely certain to have the date when wanted.

Austin Craig late publisher of the Hatchet of this county is under arrest at Sumpter, Baker County charged with larceny by bailer. The result of the examination has not been told in the news reports.

The trains passing the Hillsboro station in the night during the past week are extras going up the road for freight which the regular train is not able to take. Business is brisk along the S. P. Co's, line just now.

Many physicians are now prescribing Kodol Dyspepsia Cure regularly having found that it is the best prescription they can write because it is the one preparation which contains the elements necessary to digest not only some kinds of food but all kind and it therefore cures indigestion and dyspepsia no matter what its cause. Delta Drug Store.

The officers elect for Tualatin Chapter No. O. E. S. to serve for the ensuing term are Mrs. Grace A. Wood, W. M.; Miles Everett, W. P.; Grace G. Boscow Associate M.; Mrs. Elizabeth Randall Sec., Mrs. Lattitia Bailey Treas., Mrs. L. H. Barrett, Cond. and Mrs. May Everett, Assist. Cond. The installation will be joint with Tualatin Lodge No. 6 A. F. & A. M. December 27th.

The McHargue case opens at another stage this week. It cannot be said the last, however. When the defendant's demurrer was overruled last week, the controversy went McHargue's way and Supt. Ball endorsed his Clackamas County certificate. Now Mr. McHargue's opponents have commenced proceedings before School Supt. Ball to annul the certificate. The endorsed certificate will in this county be treated the same as if issued here.

Track has been obtained of the diamond thief who took \$10,000 worth of diamonds from the Portland hotel in November. He is a negro waiter who occasionally worked in the dining room of the hotel and at other times on Pullman cars. He skipped to Denver where he gave a part of the gems to one Woods, another negro to sell. The latter went to Ounaha where he was caught when the first brooch was put on the market. Woods had in his possession \$3000 worth of the loot. Brook Grant and Kelly Wiley, two coons were arrested in Portland late Wednesday afternoon. Grant says Wiley confessed that he took the diamonds. Wiley says he did not take them and there you are.

J. S. Griffin Cabin, Native Sons of Hillsboro have never taken an enterprise that has not been a success. Their three days fair last fall is the first and only thing of the kind that has been able to pay all bills and turn money into the treasury. Their social events have been no exception. Indeed their annual game banquet eaten about the first of October is known and talked about from Baker City to Jacksonville. Another of their popular gatherings in their New Year's ball, given usually on the evening of December 31st each year. Sometimes this is a mask ball and sometimes a dress party. The Cabin is again preparing for this annual event which takes place on Tuesday evening, Dec. 31 at the Hillsboro Opera House. This time the costumes worn will be calico masks. The preparations already made give assurance that this party will be in no way inferior to those that have gone before but rather an advance. The committees having charge are sparing no exertions and will have the full program ready for announcement in a few days.

COURT HOUSE.
 CIRCUIT COURT.
 A. Hinman v City Forest Grove. Petition for an injunction restraining the Mayor and council from entering into a contract with E. W. Haines to furnish city with light and water. Demurrer to the complaint sustained. On motion of defendant's attorney the cause is dismissed and judgment allowed against plaintiff for costs.
 Washington County v H. P. Ford. Defendants demurrer to the complaint is overruled. E. R. Giltner entered as one of defendant's attorney. The defendant is allowed 40 days in which to file his answer.

State v W. S. Moore. Jointly indicted with James Aiken for killing Calnman, ordered that this action be dismissed.
 Julia and Marie Lange v Adolph Soumacher, on trial before the Court without the intervention of a jury.
 PROBATE.
 Est Maggie, George, James and Pearl Warren, minors; report of guardian filed and approved. Receipts \$56.21, disbursements \$27.65, cash on hand \$28.56.
 Est John M. Lyons, deced; final account allowed. Estate pays 59 per cent of the claims presented and allowed. It will be closed of record on filing receipts for disbursements.
 Est Esther V Gardner, deced; the administrator reports that he can pay 67.73 per cent of amount of claim. Ordered that when receipts for this disbursement shall be filed the estate be closed of record.

Est August Schamberg, insane; petition to remove guardian. Ordered that guardian Henry Ober have five days in which to file new bond. The matter of his removal was taken under advisement.
 Est Jane Robinson, insane; George S Robinson appointed guardian. Bond \$6000 bond filed and approved. Appraisers H. Bergo, Claus Rehs, John Kenna.

Est Israel Richardson, insane; annual account and report of guardian filed and approved.
 Est Conrad Esig, deced; ordered that a former decree setting aside horses and wagon to widow be modified so as to allow a lien on such property in favor of Wm Wolf in the sum of \$100. The estate with this amendment is closed of record.

MARRIAGE LICENSE.
 Dec 12 Walter C Paul 21 to Myrtle G Trusdell 19. Mr. Paul is a resident of Fresno, Cal. Dec 6 to James Jones 30 to Maggie Ford 22. Dec 11 Albert H Featherstone to Grace F Poe 25.

An Evangelist's Story.
 "I suffered for years with a bronchial or lung trouble and tried various remedies but did not obtain permanent relief until I commenced using One Minute Cough Cure," writes Rev. James Kirkman, an evangelist of Belle River, Ill. "I have no hesitation in recommending it to all sufferers from maladies of this kind." One Minute Cough Cure affords immediate relief for coughs, colds and all kinds of throat and lung troubles. For cramp it is unequalled. Absolutely safe. Very pleasant to take, never fails and is really a favorite with the children. They like it.

REAL ESTATE.
 John Rabyer and wife to James Brown, 2 a sec 29 t 2
 1 r 1 w 50
 John H Kennedy et ux to H E Wolford, 160 a sec 33 t 3 a r 4 w 800
 Alice M Miebus to John W Winters, lots 1 and 2 blk 6, Middleton 10
 F Nachbauer and wife to Roman Catholic Aechb 1
 Walter E Jacobs to Ann M Nichols, lot 25 as owned by T A Wood, Garden Home 500
 Brady Chawning to L Chawning, tract at Dilley 500
 S S Lenox to B F Purdy, 1 a Gaston 100
 C L Dick to Winton Timber Co, 160 a sec 10 t 1 s 6 w 960
 J T Robinson to S S Barnes, 90 a Michalec place 3000
 Emma Surface to C E Demoss 297 a Walter d l e 675
 Hattie Mayhew to Eugene Alden, 40 a sec 17 t 2 s 1 1
 W T Macy to Winton Timber Co, 160 a sec 32 t 1 s r 6 w 900
 A Finney to O Cole, lot 3 and 4 blk 2 Finney's add Hillsboro 700
 Coro France to W M Biggs, 10 acres sec 28, 2 s 1 100
 W H Wehrung, assignee to O Cole, Barrett prop, Finneys Add. 90
 W H Wehrung to A D McIntire, lot 15 and 16 blk 2 N side add Hillsboro 15

Best assortment of Shoes at Schulmerich Bros.
 Highest market price for Potatoes at Schulmerich Bros.
 R. H. Greer leads and the rest follow on Christmas goods.
 All kinds of wares, lamps and china goods at Bob Greer's.
 "The Alleged Passing Away of the Old Religion and the Coming of the New" will be the theme of Mr. Hughes' discourse at the Congregational Church next Sunday morning.
 After 10 minutes deliberation the jury impasse to try Dalton, one of the murderers of young Morrow in East Portland about three weeks ago, returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the 1st degree. Wade, his accomplice has already pleaded guilty. In his case evidence is yet to be taken to determine what his punishment is to be. Dalton is yet to be sentenced.

The Baker City (Oregon) Herald under date of Nov. 26, prints a Hillsboro, Oregon, news report of date Nov. 26 wherein it is stated that Rose Miller in starting a fire with coal oil set the house afire. She with her three sisters, Amelia, Amanda and Silva, aged 23, 18, 16 and 9 years of age were burned to death. The mother is badly burned and nervously prostrated and the father broke his leg when he jumped out of the second story window. The story is horrifying and well written, but it is not true. Millers live here but their house was not burned nor were there any four girls burned. The story is a hoax as far as this town is concerned.

The U. S. Civil Service Commission will hold examinations at several places in each state, during March and April, to secure young men and women for the government service, 9,889 persons secured positions last year through these examinations. Probably 10,000 appointments will be made this year. All appointments are for life and for most positions only a common school education is required. Salaries at appointment vary from \$660 to \$1200 a year with liberal promotions afterward. Politics is not considered. This affords a good opportunity for people between 16 and 45 years of age. Those desiring places of this kind can get full information about them, free, by writing to the Columbian Correspondence College, Washington D. C. and asking for its Civil Service Catalogue, number three.

NOTICE.
 All persons knowing themselves indebted to the undersigned are requested to make settlement.
 S. T. LINKLATER.
 Saw Death Near.
 "It often made my heart ache," writes L. C. Overstreet, of Elgin, Tenn., "to hear my wife cough until it seemed her lungs would collapse. Doctors told me she was so far gone with consumption that no medicine could save her, but a friend recommended Dr. Ding's New Discovery and persistent use of this excellent medicine saved her life. It's guaranteed for coughs, colds and throat and lung diseases. At Delta Drug Store.

When you are looking for Christmas goods go to Greer's.
 Saved His Life.
 Geo. W. Lane, Pewamo, Mich., writes: "Your Kodol Dyspepsia Cure is the best remedy for indigestion and stomach trouble that I ever used. For years I suffered from dyspepsia, at times compelling me to stay in bed and causing me untold agony. I am completely cured by Kodol Dyspepsia cure. In recommending it to friends who suffer from indigestion, I always offer to pay for it if it fails. Thus far I have never paid." Delta Drug Store.

CLOSING OUT.
 We have decided to stay here until we will close out the entire stock of goods consisting of Dry Goods, Clothing, Fancy Goods, Shirt Waists, Skirts, Under Skirts, Ladies', Gents' and Children's Underwear, Notions, Toys and in fact too many goods to mention. Remember you cannot afford to delay your purchasing for too long as the goods that you may need will be gone as the goods will not last long at the prices we are selling them for. Men's underwear, worth 50c, to close out 25c; Umbrellas worth \$1.00, to close out 45c; Handchiefs 1c each; Towels 5c; Wrappers at half price. Do not forget to come at once. We remain yours for low price.
 J. S. GROSS,
 Main Street, opp. Tualatin Hptl.
 Of Benefit to You.
 D. S. Mitchell, of Fairfax, Md., "During a long illness I was troubled with bed sores, was advised to try DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve and did so with wonderful results. I was perfectly cured. It is the best salve on the market. Delta Drug Store.

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 For Infants and Children.
 The Kind You Have Always Bought
 Bears the Signature of J. C. Watson

My Bright Sparkling Rose of Sharon ready for inspection.
 Come and Look. Your Judgment Will Tell You What to Do.
 You will delight in my fine display of holiday goods because it is in close touch with the times and anticipates your every want.
 Do not fail to come and see my Christmas attractions in my store, 1000 Broadway, New York, N. Y., and hundreds of articles that I have not space to enumerate.
 My stock is Thoroughly Up With the Times in Variety and Novelty in every department.
 The simple plain talk of The Price That is Right is my convincing argument.
 I Can, I Will, I Do Supply Just What Every Body Wants for Xmas.
 If you want to buy right, if you want to be treated right, make My Store headquarters for your Xmas buying.
 HOYT, The Jeweler.
 One Door West of the Bank, Hillsboro, Oregon.

Featherstone—Poe.
 At Hillsboro, Oregon, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Wilcox, uncle and aunt of the bride, on Wednesday, Dec. 11th, at 2 p. m., a very pretty wedding was solemnized by Rev. E. P. Hughes, of the Congregational church.
 Mr. Albert Featherstone, a promising young attorney of Wallace, Idaho and Miss Grace Poe, one of the most accomplished young ladies of Hillsboro were married.
 The rooms were tastefully decorated with ivy, trailing vines, ferns and white chrysanthemums. The large window in the parlor was very effective with a hanging basket of gracefully drooping ferns under the vine draped curtains. In the adjoining room between windows a canopy of holly entwined entirely with holly was arranged above a large mirror framed with ferns and white chrysanthemums.
 Miss Ethel Morgan, of Portland, sang, "O Promise Me."
 Miss Alta Lamkin played the wedding march and the bride and groom took their places beneath the canopy where the marriage writ was impressively pronounced.
 The ring was an heirloom—her mother's wedding ring.
 The bride was attired in white organdie simple of design but exquisitely beautiful and carried a bouquet of white carnations, a gift from the groom.
 After congratulations a few dainty refreshments were served. The dining room was garlanded with myrtle. The tables were decorated with violets, smilax and chrysanthemums.
 Those present were Rev. and Mrs. Hughes, Messrs and Mesdames G. H. Wilcox, R. Crandall, J. C. Lamkin, Joseph Hare, Geo. Schulmerich, M. E. Everett, Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Tamesie, Misses Osmond, Sawyer, Wilcox, Morgan, Lamkin, Clark, and Lura Tamesie, Messrs. Wall, Wilcox, and Lamkin.
 The presents were numerous, useful and beautiful. The bride's bouquet was caught by Miss Minnie Osmond.
 Mr. and Mrs. Featherstone left on the evening train for their home at Wallace, Idaho, where they will be at home to their friends after Jan. 1, 1902.

GASTON.
 Miss Jane Spence is quite sick at present writing.
 Mr. Sami Ralston, who was hurt in a hold-up by a highway man at Medford, is at home with his family.
 Services next Sunday morning and evening. Morning subject: "John the Baptist—Why was he great?" Evening, "A Great Struggle."
 The Woodmen will give an entertainment and Christmas tree on Christmas.
 The merchants of our little village

have received their Christmas goods.
 Mrs. Rebecca Koiley went East last Monday where she will reside in the future.
 Postmaster Hudson has purchased a fine post office cabinet, which proves a great convenience to himself and community.
 Mr. Curran, a Congregationalist, preached his first and very interesting sermon to the people of Gaston last Sunday morning. The Congregational people have secured his services for this year.
 Bows, Collarettes; Fine assortment. Reasonable prices at Schulmerich Bros.
 HILLSBORO'S CRITIC.
 Friend McQuillan champions the cause of those who think they have a legitimate grievance against Hillsboro. His communication appears on the first page of this issue. The INDEPENDENT has no victory of words, or of logic to win, but cannot refrain from making an observation or two.
 A merchant-business-man will buy anything he can sell. No one will undertake to dispute that truth. So if any producer comes to Hillsboro with a product and it is not bought, it is an inferior product that will not sell, or is in such small quantity that it cannot be economically handled. A farmer may have bought potatoes for the California market last year, but he was a business man just the same with head quarters at Hillsboro. It is supposed reference is made to Mr. Schulmerich who is again in the market for potatoes, for all that offer. He has a car on the track or did have last Monday loaded with \$1.00 potatoes when Portland dealers were paying only 80 to 85 cents. Thus, the Hillsboro potato market actually leads that of Portland. Now as to pork. We have two meat curing establishments here who buy from a ton to five tons of dressed pork per week. They know who the farmers are the best feeders and from them they take all the hogs offered, but refuse carcasses offered by careless feeders. Can it be that Mr. M.—is a poor feeder? The milk condensing plant can not be located on Mr. M's farm because there are not the 1500 cows there, nor the transportation line to take away a carload of product each day, nor the boarding house to feed and lodge the 100 operatives who work in the factory nor the few blocks of wood pavement to keep the farm wagons on the earth's surface. It was for the very reason that the promoter wanted his plant nearest the milk supply that he selected Hillsboro. It is better to bring milk to the center by a distance of three miles than past the center to the other side of the creek by a distance of six miles. If Hillsboro at any time fails to do its part a rival will take thrift and trade away. But if the farmer fails to do his part weeds will grow in his fence corners.

The Finest Cake
 Is made with Royal Baking Powder. Always light, sweet, pure & wholesome.