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Don't ask us to send you names and addresses of correspondents. That is a private matter between them and us.
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Don't send us articles on politics, temperance or religion. Discussion of such topics only leads to violent and abusive language in the end.
Before coming to the city to trade readers are requested to examine The Independent advertising columns. Its the active wide-awake business man who advertises, consequently he is the most accommodating, sells the cheapest, and deals the most liberally in every way.

Try Cate & Son's new meat market for everything good in the line of meats at reasonable prices.

Fight Will Be Bitter.

Those who will persist in closing their ears against the continual recommendation of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, will have a long and bitter fight with their troubles, if not ended earlier by fatal termination. Read what T. R. Deall of Beall, Miss. has to say: "Last fall my wife had every symptom of consumption. She took Dr. King's New Discovery after everything else had failed. Improvement came at once and four bottles entirely cured her. Guaranteed by all druggists. Price 50c, and \$1.00. Trial bottles free.

CHRISTMAS IN SWEDEN.

One Day When There Are Neither Rich Nor Poor.

If you were in Sweden on Christmas eve you would hear the church bells begin to ring at 5 o'clock, for everybody stops work then and the festivities begin in great earnest everywhere in the kingdom. Class distinctions are forgotten and servants are allowed to sit at table with the family. After supper comes the universal Christmas tree, for Sweden is one of the early homes of this beautiful custom.

On Christmas morning at 6 o'clock, while it is still dark, you would go to church, for everybody goes, unless you stayed at home to mind the lights in the house, for every home in the kingdom is illuminated. There is almost sure to be a deep snow, and you would go to church in a sleigh. Behind every sleigh you would see two boys standing on the runners and holding pine torches—a beautiful spectacle as a long procession of sleighs glides over the snow on a forest road. These torches are stuck up in a circle around the church. A whole week is given to good cheer and hospitality.

Pickled pigs feet at Messengers.

Subscribe for The Independent. See Schulmerich Bros'. \$5.00 suits. Fresh Walnuts, Almonds, Raisins, Currants and Citron at Greer's. We can print your auction bills on short notice and at right prices. You can get any kind of a blank printed by applying at this office. Cracked Corn for Chicken Feed. Climax Mill.

When you need perfumes go to Bob Greer's. He has the finest class used.

Ladies—get your Fresh Home Made Mince Meat at the Heidel Candy Kitchen.

The "social whirl" at McCormick's music store. New two-step. Price 25 cents.

Schulmerich Bros. sell the Rushford wagon, the best farm wagon offered, at the lowest price.

E. L. McCormick is agent for the "Talk-o-phone," the best talking machine made for the money. This is the machine that talked off 1000 miles over the telephone the other night. Call and get terms and prices.

We wish to announce to our customers that we have the "Old Time Back-wheat" in stock this fall. You remember that the quality of Old Times Back-wheat cannot be excelled by any others. J. A. Messinger

Schulmerich Bros. are offering suits at just one-half of their former price. We have some remnants that must be sold. See them. Suits for \$5.00

Schulmerich Bros. actually cover 7,000 feet of floor surface, the largest store in Washington County. Come and see them in their new quarters.

Important.

Any person presenting the advertisement appearing in The Independent December 23, 1904, on or before December 24, 1904, will be entitled to a discount of 15 per cent on all cash purchases. Will not allow the discount on collections or credit sales.

PATTERSON & SON.

Wanted.

Men or women to take orders for art goods; guaranteed salary or commission Address Oregon Art Association, 564 Sherlock Bldg, Portland, Ore.

A Costly Mistake.

Runners are sometimes very expensive. Occasionally life itself is the price of a mistake, but you'll never be wrong if you take Dr. King's New Life Pills for Dyspepsia, Dizziness, Headache, Liver or Bowel troubles. They are gentle yet thorough. 25c, at all drug stores.

A Success.

The social given in the Progress School, Miss E. A. Downing, teacher, was a great success, both socially and financially. The programme was well rendered by the school. Our efficient county school superintendent, M. C. Case, was present and made a very interesting address. Receipts of the evening, after all expenses were deducted, were \$96. All went home feeling that they had spent a delightful evening.

Through a report that the Oregon Water & Power Railway Company intends to build a railway to Hillsboro, the valuation of property in the neighborhood of Cedar Mills has risen about 75 per cent. A short time ago acreage property in the neighborhood of the little village could be bought for \$40 an acre, but Miller brothers have bonded their 200 acres for \$25,000, or at the rate of \$125 an acre. The bonding of property as such a high figure has caused considerable activity among the speculators at the courthouse. One of them said this morning that Miller had told him that the contract had been entered into, and he said that he had heard of several similar contracts. One report that reached him was to the effect that a railway would be built out Raleigh street, and make a connection with a line to be built outside of the city, and that a bridge 125 feet high would be constructed to span Canyon Gulch. He did not know the exact route, but he believed it to be the one selected by the Oregon Traction Company for its road to Hillsboro.—Portland Telegram.

Farm for Sale.

80 acres, 4 miles from Mountaineer; 14 miles from Hillsboro; good house, barn, hay barn, fine creek, good water, 10 acres in cultivation, splendid timber. Very cheap. Inquire of F. Verban-whede, at Tualatin Hotel.

Pearl Westfall, the pretty 18-year-old daughter of a sawmill owner at Sherwood was rescued from a North End resort last night by Policemen Bay and Burke. She was drinking beer and having a "high time" with a number of men in the barroom of the International saloon, Third and Couch streets. When taken into custody she was placed under the charge of being a "vag." The horror of being classed with that element thrilled her, and she at once declared that she wanted to get out of such a life. Attorney A. Walter Wolf was employed to defend her, and through his pleadings she will be given a chance to return to her parents, away from whom she has been for some time. About six months ago she came down from Pendleton to stay with her sister here. Two weeks ago she and her sister quarreled, and a separation followed. She then visited the back rooms of saloons. Judge Hogue ordered the girl held until Monday, with the hope that her sister could be found in the meantime. She will then be allowed to go home. She is a college graduate.—Portland Telegram.

A Friendship Calendar.

A friendship calendar as a Christmas gift was a source of much pleasure to an elderly lady living alone, says Good Housekeeping. At her request, each one of fifty-two of her friends, representing the fifty-two weeks of the year, furnished material for every day of the seven in his week. Each one followed out his own idea for the week's calendar, contributing favorite quotations, short poems, anecdotes and reminiscences, some even adding cherished recipes. In many instances the contributions were original. Others were illustrated with small pictures cut from current magazines. The result was a perpetual calendar, each day representing the loving thought of a friend.

A Christmas Game.

"Christmas candles" is a good old time game. A lighted candle is placed upon a table. The player is blindfolded and stationed with his back to the candle, about a foot from it. He's then told to take three steps forward, turn around three times, then to walk four steps toward the candle and blow it out. His attempt to do so will probably be as amusing to the audience as disconcerting to himself.—Country Life in America.

The Kiss Drawn.

Ethel—What do you intend to give me for Christmas?
Bertie—Would a kiss answer?
Ethel (with sarcasm)—No. Indeed! Mamma never allows me to accept valuable presents from gentlemen.

Vacancy.

There's Christmas smiling in the sky,
There's Christmas in the trees,
There's Christmas in the streets near by,
There's Christmas in the breeze.

It's Christmas, Christmas everywhere,
No matter where you look,
Save when you gaze with mild despair
Into your pocketbook.
—Washington Star.

Christmas Bills.

The Christmas bills
Owe dad the chills;
He'll never climb
The heavenly hills
Nor wear the angels'
Wings as' frills
Because o' them
Same Christmas bills!
—Atlanta Constitution.

Hop roots, \$4 per 1,000; also hop supplies, at Cate's market.

The first city ticket favoring a high-license saloon ever put up in Forest Grove was nominated at a caucus in Vert's Hall Monday night, when the following were up for the municipal contest January 9: Mayor, C. N. Johnson; Recorder, H. C. King, Treasurer, W. H. Hudson, incumbent; Marshal, Pat W. Cronin, incumbent; Councilmen for two years, B. H. Langhlin, R. E. Nicholson and H. G. Goff. The recruit of electing a high-license saloon ticket here, if the above slate is successful, is uncertain, where a clause exists in all townsite deeds granted by Pacific University that liquor must never be sold on the premises. A good deal of stir has been caused by the effort to provide a saloon here, and legal complications are not improbable if one is licensed.

Pop Corn.

For Xmas at Messengers.

THE MYSTIC MISTLETOE.

Once a Feature of Pagan Rites, It Now Belongs to Lovers.

From time immemorial the white berried mistletoe has played a leading part in Yuletide festivities, though it has not always conveyed the osculatory privileges which give it its value in the eyes of the romantic youth of today. Like so many other features of the Christmas celebration, mistletoe has been borrowed from the pagans of antiquity and Christianized by the lapse of centuries. The Persians before the birth of Christ used the mistletoe in their sacred rites, and in parts of India pagan priests still incorporate it in their ritual. It figures largely in Scandinavian mythology. Balder, the son of Odin, though a demigod, was slain by a spear of mistletoe, a proof of its magic powers.

It is from the Druids of old England, however, that mistletoe has come to us. The Druidical priests, sprung, it is said, from the magi of the east, the wise men who worshipped at the cradle of the infant Saviour, held the mistletoe as their most sacred possession and the cutting of the pretty parasite from the oak, the tree which the Druids claimed God loved more than any other, was attended with the greatest solemnity. On the Druidic festival day a grand procession, leading two white oxen, moved to the mystic grove. There the oxen were fastened to the oak by their horns, and a white robed priest climbed into the leafless branches and cut the bunches of mistletoe with a golden knife. The oxen were then sacrificed and religious services performed, after which the procession returned to the temple in the forest and the mistletoe was deposited in the Druidical arcanum.

Besides taking its place in the religious observances of the Druids, the mistletoe, which the priests gave a name meaning "all healing," was made into many curious decoctions by processes in which times and seasons and incantations were supposed to add to its mysterious powers. These medicines were regarded as cures for human ills generally, whether of mind or body. With the advance of civilization and the death of superstition mistletoe has lost its religious character, but not its popularity, and the forests of England and of our own southern states are as eagerly frequented by mistletoe gatherers as ever were the dark woods of the ancient Druids.

Delta Pink Liver Pill is a splendid remedy for indigestion and biliousness. Better than the best cascara ever made. For general use there is nothing better. Twenty-five cents at Delta Drug Store.

Dr. A. A. Morris—Magnetic Healer. I successfully treat diseases without the use of drugs or surgery, by the Weilmir System of magnetic healing. Call and see me. Consultation free. Office over City Bakery, Hillsboro, Or.

Statistics show that it required 10,040,040 boxes to care for the oranges and lemons shipped from Southern California, for the season ending October 31st. They were loaded in 27,889 cars.

Dairy Cows Wanted.

F. M. Heidel wants to buy some choice dairy cows. Nothing else wanted.

There's a lot of Satisfaction

in a shoe which after months of wear, needs only polish to "Look like new." You'll find comfort, ease and profit in the

Hamilton-Brown Shoes

School days will soon be here and your children will want something pretty and good. Come and see our

School Shoes



No better made. No better can be made. Our guarantee goes with every pair.

GROCERIES

is the finest in the county.

Everything usually carried by an up-to-date Grocery House. Our immense sales make it possible for us to carry strictly fresh goods. Not a shop-worn article in the establishment.

JOHN DENNIS.

The old Reliable Corner Grocery and Shoe Store



The following pupils of the Hillsboro public schools were neither absent or tardy for the three months, from the beginning of school until December 9:

NINTH GRADE—R. W. BARNES, PRINCIPAL.
Earl Donelson Roy Rice
Curtis Bechen Walter Galloway
Harry Bowdahl

EIGHTH GRADE—T. J. KENDALL, TEACHER.
Willie Finney Roy Simon
Marguerite Redmond Porie Sewell
Victor Barrie

SEVENTH GRADE—ANNA CHALMERS, TEACHER.
Flora Hotchkiss Albert Ashbahr
Arthur Tetter Tom Marlin
Chas. Marlin Neal Emmott

SIXTH GRADE—LUCY HUNFORD, TEACHER.
Roland Vaughn Ben Perkins
Valdimir Frahl Damon Greer
Tony Gheen Maud Binkley
Elizabeth Atkinson Beale Sappington
Clarence Conklin Earl Wall
Lura Tammie Mary Anderson
Marguertha Frahl Ada Robinson
Edith Gheen Blanche Bowman
Mary Sewell

FIFTH GRADE—GRACE ROBINSON, TEACHER.
Beale Conklin Melvin Crow
Helen Simon Roy Schulmerich
Helen Anderson Alice Hale
Muriel Atkinson Lolla Neyhart
Werner Frahl

FOURTH GRADE—JENNIE BEAMISH, TEACHER.
Hazel Atkinson Willie Nelson
Daisy Donelson Lois Humphreys
Martha Freudenholz

THIRD GRADE—NAUD WILSON, TEACHER.
Bulah Messinger Agnes Emerson
Roscoe Tetter Eva Kuhn
Harold Royce Ralph Frahl
Emma Tupper

SECOND GRADE—ROSE WILSON, TEACHER.
Robert Greer Roy Poole
Edward Freudenholz Albert Ray
Lois Rittenberg Elizabeth Peterson.

FIRST GRADE—MRS. M. M. FITTINGER, TEACHER.
Mattie Case Daniel Jacobs
Grant Newell Rex Pope
Jeanette Craig Mary Pierce
Sarah Pierce Everett Pierce
Harold Robinson.

From Forest Grove.

A movement is on foot to call a county convention of road builders, to meet at Hillsboro in the near future. A special invitation ought to be sent to all supervisors to be present.

Mr. Keirhal left for Oregon City Tuesday.

The school meeting Saturday was largely attended. The Ninth and Tenth grades were added to the school by an almost unanimous vote, and a tax levy of 8 mills was voted for school purposes.

A reception was given Rev. M. Boyd at the college chapel Monday evening, December 19th. It was largely attended.

Thorough drainage as a prime requisite for good roads, was the key note of the speakers Saturday afternoon. It was not thought best to levy a special tax, but to use available funds, in a more scientific line of work.

Echoes of the good road convention at Salem were heard at Vert's hall, Saturday. Senator Haines, Col. Haines and others discussed the good road problem.

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 Railway company will sell on Wednesdays and Saturdays of each week, on or before March 31, 1905, round trip tickets, at low rates, to Yaquina Bay 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 ticket agent for tickets.

The time for coughs and colds is here, but with a bottle of Bates' White Pine and Tar Syrup in the house no one need suffer any inconvenience. It's the best remedy on the market. Call at the Delta drug store.

A Frightened Horse.

Running like mad down the street dumping the occupants, or a hundred other accidents, are every day occurrences. It behooves everybody to have a reliable Salve handy and there's none as good as Bucklin's Arnica Salve. Burns, Cuts, Sores, Eczema and Piles, disappear under its soothing effect. 25c, at all drug stores.

Portland and Return 85c.

The Southern Pacific is now selling round trip tickets to Portland from Hillsboro for 85 cents, good going Saturday P. M., or any train of Sunday, returning Sunday and Monday, giving all day Sunday and Monday in Portland. The same arrangement applies from Portland, giving all Portland people a chance to visit valley points at greatly reduced rates.

Cate & Son, New Meat Market,



DEALERS IN ALL KINDS OF

FRESH AND CURED MEATS
Poultry and Game.

Cash paid for all kinds of Country Produce and Butcher's Stuff.

Hop Supplies a Specialty.

... ANNOUNCEMENT ...

From now on during the Winter we will serve sandwiches and hot coffee at all hours. We are re-stocking our candy cases with the best home-made candies. A complete line of Tobaccos, Fruits, Nuts and Soft Drinks. Your trade is solicited.

HEIDEL CANDY KITCHEN

Tourist Cars Going East.

Many experienced travelers prefer tourist sleeping cars for the transcontinental journey. The

Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry.

can arrange for your trip east in tourist cars, offer you choice of routes and save you money.

H. S. ROWE, General Agt. 134 Third St., Portland

Dailey's Christmas Extras

Everyone knows that a Christmas Gift that is useful is far more appreciated than some useless bit of nonsense. A good Musical Instrument will double discount any of these fancy so-called art affairs that are nice to look at but not intended for any practical purposes, as a gift, and will please both old and young. I handle the largest line of musical goods this side of Portland. I can prove what I say. Since I commenced this fall, I have sold 24 Phonographs and 848 records, and have in stock now 8 machines and over 350 records.

A FIVE PER CENT DISCOUNT.

Will be given on all cash purchases from now until Christmas. Mandolins, Violins, Guitars, Gramophones, Records and Points, Small Instruments and all Extras—Strings, Rosin, etc.

PIANOS AND SHEET MUSIC

I can give you as good if not a better proposition on **Any Make** of Piano or Organ than you can get in Portland or elsewhere. Will sell for cash or on easy payment plan. See me before you buy. I will order sheet music, the latest and best for 5 selections for \$1.00. — Recently I have added some fine Knives and Razors. They make swell Xmas presents and are inexpensive. Drop in and see them. I have no fancy Xmas Display, but I **Have** got the goods and my prices are right. Yours for fair dealing,

FRANK R. DAILEY.