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This paper is not forced upon anyone. It is not our practice to stop papers until ordered to do so. Anyone not wishing the paper must notify the publisher or they will be held liable for the subscription price.

A law of Massachusetts prohibits sales by peddlers but makes an exception in favor of provisions. A peddler handling provisions needs no license under the law there. A decision just rendered by the supreme court of the state holds that tea and coffee are not provisions within the meaning of the statute. This was a sharp slap on the wrists of tea and coffee peddlers.

A friend deprecates the fact that so many politicians are two-sided. He should not grieve over two-sided politicians, when there are so many who have from three to thirteen sides and even more. A politician who has only two sides is a pretty reliable sort of fellow as politicians go, but there should be a change, even politics may be purified.—Benton County Republican.

Not only the country, but the government of the country appears to be enjoying prosperity. The United States treasury began December with a surplus of \$14,000,000, against a deficit of \$12,000,000 at the same time last year. The new secretary of the treasury, Cortelyou, will have a very satisfactory working balance to start off with.

The following interesting ruling has been issued by the postoffice department to take effect after March 4, 1907: No advertising matter in newspapers and magazines sent through the mails will be permitted to carry a printed form of coupon to be filled out and returned to the advertiser. According to this ruling, such coupons are held to be merchandise furnished the patron for his convenience in answering, and therefore, are subject to a rate of 1 cent an ounce.

One day last week, says the Sunday Welcome of Portland, Thurman Lamphier, a well-known laundryman of that city was arrested on a serious charge. He is accused of criminally assaulting Esther Dixon, aged 15, in the Model Rooming house, Sixth and Couch streets. Last week Johnny Farrell and Ross Wallace, also laundrymen, were taken into custody on the same charge. The men, by their attorneys, appeared in court and waived examination, and were placed under bonds of \$1,000 each. District Attorney Allen went to Portland for the purpose, it is said, of learning whether the girl would testify against three married men of Forest Grove, who, it is reported, had intimate relations with the Dixon girl. If she can prove her declarations concerning their conduct, the Welcome says sensational arrests will follow in the Washington county town.

Here is another "cow story" from the Hood River News Letter: "A farm lad was taking care of a cow which he was taking away from her calf to place in another pasture. The calf would bawl for his mother and the cow would answer. The conversation became too vociferous for the lad as the distance increased, and in that country they have no rocks to throw at stock as they have here in Hood River. So the cow kept up her calling for the calf, and the lad became so exasperated he took his Waterbury watch out of his pocket and threw at the cow as she had her masticator open to answer the calf and the ticker struck center and slipped down the cow's throat. The boy shed a few tears and resigned the watch to its fate. That night at milking time the cow gave skimmed milk from three teats and pure cream from the other which she continued to do ever after, the vigorous action of the watch served as a cream separator. The boy's father was so pleased he bought his son a gold repeater. Now, Kelso, try again.

"Young man, I notice that you are not in school any more," says an exchange. "What's the matter? Think you have received enough education to carry you through this world, or do you stay out just because you don't like to go. Don't like the teacher, eh? Well, let me tell you that you will find the meanest teacher on earth now a dream of love beside some of the bosses you will have to work under in the cold and unfeeling years that you will have to plow into when you get out and hustle for yourself. Education is the most valuable thing in the world to a man, but to a boy it comes the cheapest. It costs you nothing now to get what many a man would give all he has to possess. You have the winning number in the lottery education if you play it now. Load around a few years and you will always be on a blank. It is true any fellow can make a living, but you will notice the fellows who do it with their brains have an easier time of it than the ones who do it with their muscles. At this stage of the game choice jobs are not held by physical strength. Education will not sneak up and crawl into your head while you are asleep. The thing for you to do is to hike off to school and stay there. Your holidays will come later when you need them."

New Cure for Epilepsy.
J. B. Waterman, of Watertown, O., Rural free delivery, writes: "My daughter, afflicted for years with epilepsy, was cured by Dr. King's New Life Pills. She has not had an attack for over two years." Best body cleansers and life giving tonic pills on earth. 25c at all drug stores.

Subscribe for The Independent.

Sweet, sour and Dill pickles in bulk at R. H. Greer's.

See McCormick's display of Tablets.

A passenger train loaded to its full capacity with people going to their homes in the East on the Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie railroad, ran into a switch engine at Enderlin, N. D., last Sunday, telescoping the smoker, killing eight passengers, injuring more than a score of others and setting the train on fire. All of the fatalities occurred in the smoking car. Both locomotives were demolished, the baggage cars splintered and a day coach detailed. The blame for the accident is laid to the switch engine crew who were making up a freight train in the yards. It was impossible to get the names of the injured, as railroad claim agents and employees of the company at once took charge and refused to give out any information. The time is coming when railroad companies will be compelled to give up the name of people that are injured in their wrecks. The people are entitled to know who are killed and injured in railway smash-ups, and newspapers send reports to the scene of these accidents for that very purpose, but all information possible is kept from them.

Remember there is a reduction in trimmed hats at Mrs. Imogene Bath's, one door east of Tualatin Hotel. These hats were all made for this winter's wear and are of the very best material and up-to-date.

From 130 to 150 members of the Brotherhood of Railway Firemen walked out last Sunday on the San Antonio division of the Southern Pacific, Atlantic system. The firemen have no grievance against the railroad company. They allege it is a test strike, to determine whether they or the engineers shall have control of the switching crews. The engineers say they will win. Except to a few freight trains very little delay in traffic schedules has been occasioned. Negroes are being substituted for the striking firemen.

If congress had permitted the Roosevelt style of spelling to have secured a firm foothold, it would have been a good thing for some people who are unable to get their opinions in print because of poor spelling. Following is the way some people look at the new system introduced by the president, but which fortunately, "died a-borning":

"U kan lede a man to a dikshunary, but u kan't make him spel; u kan tell a man joke, but u kan't make him laf."

—Gen. Grover.

"I hav no fere that Grate Britan will get over if we change the English language—the big stick and our navy will protect U S."—Representative De Armond.

"Simplified spelling must skidoo; this claws we are freing is paragraph 23, line 23, and violates 23 of the Hous."—Representative Towne.

"A man has as much rite to spel 'kiered' with a 'u' as he has to wear a purple necktie with yellow dots, with a plug hat; it is no violashun of the lore to spel a word as the President spells it."—Representative Stanley, of Kentucky.

"Rozefelt spelling reminds me of what Artemus Ward said about Chawvir: 'He was a grate polt, but he couldn't spel.'"

—Representative Lacey, of Iowa.

If the ladies want stylish hats of this winter's make they should call and look over the stock of ready to wear hats at Mrs. Imogene Bath's, one door east of Tualatin Hotel. Prices are reduced.

Local shippers report that since the car shortage meeting, held in Eugene early in December, twice as many cars have been furnished as any like period of time for months past. Even with this increase the products cannot be hauled away, neither would the mills be able to increase their output if assured that the same number of cars could be regularly furnished for months to come.

A handsome line of black saten and heather-bloom petticoats and colored skirts at Mrs. Pillsbury's. New, crisp and tempting goods.

Do not forget that you can get school supplies at McCormick's music store. Everything in school supplies except school books.

Two detectives were in the city from Portland Sunday looking for a clue to the whereabouts of three men, who were in town several days last week, and represented themselves as book agents. The officers charge that the men used the book agent dodge simply as a guise to cloak their real intention which was nothing more or less than the enticement of young girls away from their homes. The manner of the trio aroused the name of Going, and he left rather hurriedly one day last week, his assistants following a few days later. It is supposed that the party have been operating in other towns and the police all over the state have been warned to keep a sharp lookout for them. All of the men are well dressed and have the usual smooth surface and velvet talk of the book peddler. It is very evident that they were frightened away from Oregon City, as they remained only a few days.—Oregon City Courier.

For Sale or Rent—The Butcher Shop formerly run by S. J. Galloway. Inquire of Nelson Hardware Co.

Postponed Meeting.
Owing to rather light attendance the organization of a fruit-growers association was postponed till December 20. At that date Mr. Harris, the fruit-inspector will meet with us, and assist in the organization of a fruit-growers association and will also give a practical demonstration of pruning and spraying, as well as other hints on fruit culture.

Trusting that we all realize the necessity of such an organization. And all come out to the meeting to be held at 1 p. m., Saturday Dec. 20th, at the court house.

The Committee.

County Correspondence

We want a reporter in every town.

Tigardville.

Regular Correspondent.

Christmas was celebrated in great style at this place. Several entertainments and usual dinners and parties were the order of the day.

The Christmas tree at the church was well attended and enjoyed by all, both grown and small.

The Misses Annie and Mattie Pollard came home to spend the holidays.

Mrs. Nell Godwin was a visitor at the home of her mother, Mrs. E. Wood Christmas day.

The marriage of Miss Pearl Shaver to J. W. Wacker took place at the home of the bride's father. They have the best wishes of their friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Weinman, of Portland spent Christmas with relatives at this place.

Miss Marie Brandt is staying in Portland a few days visiting with her Aunt, Mrs. Greber.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Andrews, of Portland and Mrs. Will Miller are visiting at the home of H. Rehberg.

A Smith spent Christmas with his family here.

Mrs. Hannah Christenson who has been quite sick is getting better.

Jim and Alvin North are batching it again. Mr. and Mrs. North having gone to Portland to spend the holidays.

Mr. Kennedy, our mail man is growing fat and sassy. He says the mail boxes are stuffed with all kind of goodies now days. Hope he won't have an attack of dyspepsia.

John Huslage, who had the misfortune of going almost deaf the past month is taking treatments of an ear specialist and is much improved the last few days.

Dr. William Pollard, of Salem was visiting here the last few days.

There will be a masquerade ball given New Year's night at the hall. Everybody welcome.

Dr. Vincent, of this town lost one of his fine driving horses the other night.

Miss Kate Hellman entertained a few of her friends Christmas night. The evening was spent playing games and several instrumental pieces were played by Miss Hellman and Maude and Carrie Weinman.

Miss Croyle's entertainment was the best ever given at this place for a school entertainment.

Patsy.

Rural Route One, Beaverton.

Christmas on the rural route, was spent the same as other days, wading through mud holes and bumping over, worn-out rock roads and corduroy. The patrons nearly all remembered the carrier with some token of friendship. One kind lady brought out a complete Christmas dinner packed in a paste board box and tied with a ribbon. It is such tokens as these that gladden the heart of the rural carrier and gives him courage to once more brave the storms and mud and rough rock and broken rails, and give the patrons the very best service they are capable of.

There was a Christmas tree at the Emanuel church at Tigardville and, judging by the wheel tracks, must have been well attended. The school at the Reef Bend School house, two miles west of Tigardville, had their Christmas tree Friday night. The house was jammed until standing room was at a premium. Miss Della Croyle and her pupils rendered a program, which was immensely enjoyed by all. One of the features of which each child carried a wand bearing a letter and at the end of drill, faultlessly executed, they were formed in two lines. The letters of the back row spelled Merry and the front row of little tots spelled Christmas. Santa Claus was represented as teaching school and scholar represented astudy. Miss Clara McDonald as Aurora Borealis, clad in ever changing colors, came from the far North to tell what Santa had been doing, and where he lived, represented geography. Miss Lulu Bremer, as Diana, the Fair Huntress, with her hunting cap and bow and arrow represented natural history. Ah, Lu, be careful where you shoot or your arrow will pierce some young man's heart. Some of the supplies which had been ordered by mail failed to arrive in time and they went pluckily to work and made them themselves. Miss Croyle is to be highly complimented upon her ability and the success which has crowned her efforts and district No. 40 finds that it pays to pay a good teacher good wages. She is now taking a well earned rest at the home of her parents on the East side, Portland.

We noticed the smiling countenance of A. W. Smith, the rustling real estate dealer in Tigardville today. Mr. Smith has sold nearly all the land around Tigardville two or three times over. He has now sought a wider field of action and allied himself with a real estate firm in Portland.

Joseph Hingley, who for sixteen years has been postmaster, storekeeper and so on proprietor of the town of Progress, has sold out and retired from business and nailed up the front of his store, which gives it a very lonesome appearance. He contemplates leaving Progress for good, which removes a landmark, as he has resided there for thirty years and raised his family there. Mr. Hingley will be greatly missed by his old neighbors.

No. One.

A warning to farmers is observable in pathological specimens received recently at the bacteriological department of the Oregon Agricultural College, says a special to the Oregonian from Corvallis.

The specimens include lungs from hogs from various parts of the state, which show that in many cases death resulted from pneumonia. It is a condition that should not be found in the mild climate of Oregon, and is ascribed to the burrowing of hogs under strawstacks and heaps of refuse. The hogs become overheated, after which they come out into the open air, becoming chilled and often contracting pneumonia. The heated and impure air breathed under the stacks weakens the lungs, which are rendered more susceptible to cold and resultant disease. Stomachs of hogs are frequently sent to the laboratory, accompanied by a letter stating that the animal died of poison; but it is rarely the case that poison is the real cause of death. It would be better for the owner to open the carcass and select those parts which seem diseased or abnormal. Those parts, together with the spleen, should be forwarded when examination and diagnosis is requested. There should also be a description of the symptoms and the appearance of the carcass. "In the Eastern States, where hog raising is a more important item of income," said Professor Pernot, "hogs are provided with suitable pens, with a limited amount of clean, dry straw for bedding. They cannot sleep in the rain or burrow under strawstacks or lie under the barn without becoming stupefied and predisposed to disease. They are very susceptible to tuberculosis and pneumonia, and require as pure air as any other animal. Considering the present price of bacon and ham, hog raising is too profitable an industry to allow the animals to die from lack of care."

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Miss Giulia Morosini, daughter of the wealthy New York banker, recently was quoted as boasting of the fact that she spends \$200,000 a year on her gowns and that she is never dressed in "anything imitation;" nevertheless, she sought to justify her position by the fact that she thus puts money in circulation and makes employment for the poor. She asked: "What would the poor do if there were no rich to work for?" This was promptly taken up by Mrs. J. G. Phelps Stokes, who before her marriage was a wage worker. She said that though Miss Morosini might never wear imitation gowns, she lived an imitation life and that her moral poverty almost reached immensity. Miss Morosini she regarded as typical of a class which takes 70 per cent of the wealth produced by workers and then returns 1 or 2 per cent in the form of charity. Replying to the question of what the poor would do without the rich to work for, Mrs. Stokes said, "God willing, they would work for themselves," and instead of making things for idlers, they would make them for workers, who would return the courtesy by making other things in return. She defined Miss Morosini as a moral pauper.

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Long Tennessee Fight.

For twenty years W. L. Kewell, of Bella, Tenn., fought nasal catarrh. He writes: "The swelling and soreness inside my nose was fearful, till I began applying Bucklen's Arnica Salve to the sore surface; this caused the soreness and swelling to disappear, never to return." Best salve in existence. 25c at all Druggists.

Notice to Fruit Growers in Washington County.

The Fruit Inspector of this County has found that almost all trees are infected with fruit pests and the law requires the owners or persons having possession thereof to destroy or eradicate such orchards or pests. You are therefore notified that unless such orchards or pests are destroyed or eradicated before the first day of April 1907, I will proceed under the law to either cut down or destroy such orchards or have the trees sprayed and cleaned at the owner's expense.

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PROBATE COURT.

Estate of Cynthia A. Burris, deceased; Monday, January 10, 1907, at 10 o'clock a. m., set for time for hearing objections to final account.

Guardianship of David Porter, insane; additional bond of \$150 filed by H. T. Bagley, guardian; same is approved.

Estate of Charles Liech, deceased; inventory and appraisement filed showing real estate valued at \$1,000 and personal property at \$250; said appraisement approved.

Guardianship of Max Moore, a minor; Henry C. Carstens appointed guardian; bond fixed at \$1,000.

Guardianship of Martha J. Mizner, feeble minded; George E. Mizner appointed guardian with bond fixed at \$500 approved.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Regular services at the Congregational church next Sunday as usual. Sunday

school at 10 o'clock. Morning sermon, "A Backward Glance." Evening sermon: "God, Our Father." Y. P. C. E. S. at 7:00 p. m. All are invited. Howard Gilpatrick, Pastor.

W. B. Hollingshead, presiding elder of West Portland district will preach next Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock at the M. E. church. Regular services in the evening by Rev. Bullock, subject, "The Value of Time." A New Year's sermon.

Rev. S. J. Lindsay will preach at Gaston United Evangelical church next Sunday morning and at Hillsboro church in the evening. A special invitation is given to attend these services.

Reedville preaching service by the pastor next Sabbath afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Cordial welcome to everybody.

Elmer Sias will hold a short series of meetings at the Christian church, commencing Thursday evening of this week. All are invited to attend. A native Hayti will speak on Sunday forenoon on foreign mission work.

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