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The Sentinel goes to press a day earlier in order that the force may get off for Christmas and enjoy the day with the good cheer of Christmas tide.

McMinnville, one of the oldest towns of the Willamette Valley that is now undergoing an awakening, has secured an iron foundry and machine shop. As an inducement to secure the plant the citizens donated the site for the buildings.

A meeting of the Jacksonville board of trade will be held next Monday evening at the city hall to take up several matters that are for the good of Jacksonville. It is expected that all who want their business increased and their property made more valuable will attend and do their part toward pushing the car of progress along, but those who want Jacksonville to retrograde into a cross-roads village and who want a mossback life in all its shabby narrowness will not be expected to attend as they would be as much out of place in a board of trade meeting as a Mexican Greaser would be in the midst of an American town.

Another Christmas has come and it brings to the people of Jacksonville and Jackson county a full measure of good cheer and prosperity, for the past year has been one of happiness, for death and disaster, to which all are heir to, has been laid with a sparing hand on the people of this beautiful valley, and in prosperity all have had in plenty, for the past year has been one that gave every advantage to him who would profit by his labors. And what makes this even a more happy Christmas the year to come promises to be one of peace and plenty to all.

Lets see, Newberg has a pressed brick factory, a tile factory, a factory for making common brick, a handle factory, two flouring mills, a big sawmill, a furniture factory, a prune processing factory, and now we are to have an ice factory and cold storage plant. Keep your eye on Newberg.—Newberg Graphic. And not so many years ago Newberg was one of the dead towns of the Willamette Valley with no future prospects for a better day to come. But the town took on new life and though having no more advantages than dozens of other towns in Oregon that are waiting for something to turn up to give them a push, its citizens took hold with a will and helped themselves and now others are willing to help by putting their money into enterprises that make a greater prosperity for the town. When Jacksonville takes hold and helps itself, it too, can have a growth equal to Newberg, Hood River and a number of other Oregon towns that have been built up by sheer effort on the part of their citizens.

There is a movement under way to get all the stores of Jacksonville to close at 6

o'clock in the evening after the Holiday trade is over. Mr. and Mrs. Ryan have been closing their store at six o'clock since early fall until the holiday trade began, and they will resume their early closing after January 1st. C. W. Conklin announces that he will close his furniture store at 6 o'clock, beginning with the new year. It is probable that other merchants will close their stores at 6 p. m. after the holidays. The movement should be general and all places of business should adopt an early closing rule. Merchants and their clerks absolutely need some rest else they will become dead on their feet and not be able to handle their trade with the alertness that brings success. During January and February especially there is so little evening trade that the profit will not pay the light and fuel expenses and it is a sheer waste of the merchants time and money to keep a store open 14 hours a day during those months. In not an up-to-date town in the country do business houses keep open evenings during the winter months and many towns close business at 6 to 7 o'clock in the summer months also. Medford has had early closing for more than a year and the merchants would not go back at all to the old long hour custom. The new rule will yet be adopted in Jacksonville and when it is once in force the merchants will never go back to the old system.

The success of the farmers institute held in Jacksonville last Saturday under the joint auspices of the State Agricultural College and the Jacksonville board of trade was beyond the expectations of those promoting it, for this being the first institute ever held in Jacksonville it was not known how much interest the farmers would take in it, and then the weather on that day was as bad as it ever gets to be in Southern Oregon, and as the people of this section are not accustomed to travel in rain torrents, the farmers, except a few plucky ones, stayed at home Saturday. From farmers present the statement was that had the day been pleasant the attendance would have been so large that it would have taxed the U. S. hall to have held the audience. There were farmers present from nearly every section of Jackson county and the various features of the program proved so interesting and instructive to them that they will be hereafter strong workers for any institute that may be held in the county. The farmers of Jackson county are awake to their interests and they readily take up with any proposition that will aid them in keeping in touch with the progressive spirit of the times.

The special session of the Oregon legislature convened Monday. George C. Brownell of Oregon City again holds the position of President of the Senate and L. T. Harris is again speaker of the House. Geo. C. Chamberlain read his message which dealt wholly with the tax question for which he called the session. The new tax law was repealed and the old one re-enacted and the \$300 household exemption from taxes again put into effect. The defect in the law governing the recording of legal papers was corrected. Charter bills were passed for Adams, Beaver Hill, North Bend, Lebanon, Marshfield, Cottage Grove, Athena, Lostine and Dalles City and Gold Ray, Jackson county, was made a full-fledged town. A defect in the law changing hangings from the county seats to the penitentiary was corrected which makes it possible for Armstrong, the Baker county man who murdered his sweetheart, to be hung. A joint resolution was passed asking congress to appropriate money to the Lewis and Clark fair. A bill to make gambling a penitentiary offense passed the house and will probably pass the senate. A flat salary bill for state officials is also under consideration and may pass. Senator E. V. Carter's bill prohibiting the killing of elk prior to September 1, 1907, is a law. It is likely that the appropriation for the Celilo portage railroad will be changed to an appropriation for the purchase of right of way for the canal that the gene-

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ral government proposes to build around the Celilo rapids in the Columbia. Several other matters of minor importance are up for consideration and an early adjournment is probable.

Judge Hanna adjourned court Wednesday until the first Monday in January. He did not discharge the jury, but they are to report to the court when it again convenes. Wednesday morning the case of John Cox and Mrs. Joseph Crane, who had appealed from the appraisers award for damages by reason of a county road being established through their land. After the jury had been empaneled the case was set for trial on the first Monday in January, the jury in the mean time are to visit in a body the premises of the appellants and ascertain as to the extent the road damages their land. The road in question is one that was recently established and begins at the H. H. Taylor place of Medford and runs in a south easterly direction across the ridge south of Roxyann butte to the county road on Antelope creek. W. M. Colvig and W. I. Vawter and Judge J. R. Neil for the road petitioners and A. E. and C. L. Reames for the county.

Monday and most of Tuesday was taken up in hearing the case of John Harvey vs. the Southern Pacific, appealed from J. R. B. Moreland's justice court at Gold Hill. Mr. Harvey had a cow killed at the water tank in Gold Hill and alleging that the train was running faster than the town ordinance permitted sued the company and got judgment for \$75 for the value of the cow and \$38.50 costs and \$50 attorneys fees. W. M.

Colvig, attorney for the railroad company offered to settle judgment if the attorneys fees were thrown of, but that being declined, he appealed it to the circuit court. In the circuit court E. B. Dufer, attorney for Mr. Harvey based his action on the law of 1893 requiring railroad companies to fence their tract, and it was on this point of law that he lost his case and Mr. Harvey gets nothing for his cow, for the law does not compell railroad companies to fence their switch yards. Had the action been on the grounds that the train was exceeding the speed limit and Mr. Harvey had proven that fact then the jury would have had to give him the verdict, but as it was they were compelled to decide in favor of the railroad company.

Johnnie Margreiter, the boy who has been attending the Jacksonville school and working Saturdays in Chas. Basye's blacksmith shop is quite sick with typhoid-pneumonia at the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. John Margreiter, residing on the Stirling road.

Willie Norris, the 13 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Norris is seriously ill with typhoid-pneumonia and the first of the week his life was despaired of but Drs. Robinson and Gale pulled him by the crisis and there is now a reasonable certainty that he will recover.

Miss Ollie Huffer arrived in Jacksonville Saturday from Eugene to spend the Holidays with the home folks, after which she will return to resume her studies at the State University. Miss Frances Barnes is spending the vacation in Portland.