

THE INDEPENDENT.

FRIDAY..... SEPTEMBER 24, 1882

LOCAL NEWS.

BRIEF ITEMS.

Hofler Median Fair.

Fest Wednesday night.

Mrs. T. W. Pittenger is very sick.

Ses. the new com in the east at 4 or 5 o'clock A. M.

The moon was exactly behind Mt. Hood Wednesday eve.

This is the third sale Hoxter & Newell have had this year.

President Herrick of Pacific University was in Hillsboro this week.

Many mail-order men on horses bought at Hoxter & Newell's sale.

Wheat at McMinnville, 30 cents per bushel sacked; at Hillsboro, 77 cents without sacks.

Judge Archbold has sold his store in his place to P. Bowser and Henry Wehrung.

T. H. Tongue, E. Newton and wife, and others have returned from the State Fair.

Mrs. Dr. E. M. Brown, of this place, is lying seriously ill with typhoid fever.

Sons would not take twice what they paid for horses bought at Hoxter & Newell's sale this year.

Miss Annie Farnside has been appointed clerk of the legislative committee of ways and means.

We are under obligation to Hon. R. H. Tyson for a copy of the biennial report of the Secretary of State.

Arthur Beeson has returned from East of the Mountains where he has been with a surveying party a number of months.

Mr. Thomas Tucker, of Beaverton, who has been visiting eastern Oregon and Washington for a few weeks, returned home last week.

There was a \$25,000 fire in Couch district in Portland last Monday. The Clarendon hotel was saved owing to the wind being from the north.

There are more young women students in Pacific University this year than any year before, which shows that the girls' minds are bent on education and the boys' on money.

W. D. Pittenger, C. T. Towner and others returned from Nehalem in time the other day with five fat backs. Towner scored another to death, three solid, and anything of it but hair and bone.

Farmers having grain stored at the war house who wish to insure it again, let by law should not fail to give Mr. Pittenger M. Dennis a call. Hearing is for the Liverpool & London & Globe Insurance Company, and will insure on the spot, and so there will be no waiting for return of policy. He may be found at Judge Archbold's store.

The Horticultural Society which met in Portland last week adopted a bill to be introduced into the legislature to provide for the protection of fruit in this state. It provides that on petition the county commissioners of any county shall appoint a county horticultural commissioner whose duty it shall be to examine orchards, nurseries, trees, fruit in festival with seals, bug, cutting moth, red spider and other noxious insects or their eggs, also known to be injurious to the fruit trees, and take measures provided in the law to destroy them and prevent their spread.

Last Friday evening the young folks of this place met at Pittenger & Weatherred's store, as per previous arrangement, and went from there to Mr. Bowser's, giving them a real surprise, in honor of the home coming of young Arthur. Miss Mary and the family made the young folks at home and a very pleasant evening soon speeded into the hours of night when, with a tap, the gods and goddesses stole from that cheery throned out into starry night, there to drink the dews of heaven and dream on an angel's wing. Have you seen strolls beneath the "Marble Arch?"

A gentleman from the Nehalem valley says that parties who located on lands of the Astoria and Forest Grove railroad company are having much trouble with new settlers, principally Scandinavians, who are endeavoring to jump their claims on the ground that the railroad having failed to fulfill its agreement, the land has reverted to the government, which it seems is not the case. One of the squatters went so far as to cut and sell a portion of one of the old settlers' field of grain which was on land he claimed. The settlers are willing to pay the government for the land if it reverts, but object very strongly to being robbed of the improvements they have made, by new comers.

GROVE ITEMS.

September 27th, 1882.

Bass Ball last Saturday, Training School, 16th College Club, 25.

Sam Stoltz, one of Wapato's popular trainers, was in town last week. Sam reports great activity in that part of the country.

N. McCoy goes to Portland this week to begin his legal studies under the direction of Judge Deady.

Dill has been resumed in T. A. and P. U. On Tuesdays and Thursdays the whacking of the cadets falls in obedience to the command, "Fourth exercise, Two." Capt. Wilkinson is still in command, though Capt. Pierce of Vancouver Barracks has been detailed for this work.

One day last week a team belonging to Mr. Wilkes tried to cross the R. R. track just as the 3 P. M. train was drawing up to the station. The train caught the wagon and drawing it forward threw one of the horses under the wheels of the passing train, killing it instantly. The other horse escaped with slight damage, while the wagon was a total wreck.

Plains in order is the "Lawn Party" to-night, given by the Sewing Society in the College Campus.

No school on Friday so that all who wish may go to the Mechanics' Fair at Portland. And last but not least, a comet for inspection about 5 o'clock on clear mornings.

The Congregational Sabbath School, S. T. Walker Sup't, gave a review concert last Sunday evening. The exercises consisted of singing, five-minute essays on the various lessons given over during the quarter; recitations, and giving Golden Texia. Miss Laura Hoxter's class of little girls acquitted themselves creditably and are worthy of especial mention. Mr. Walker is uniting in his efforts to make the school a success, and is without doubt accomplishing some good.

Scenes.

CORNELIUS NOTES.

Sept. 26, 1882.

A. Phillips and A. St. Cyrille attended the State Fair.

One runaway this week; no damages done.

Mr. Scherman, an old German, attended the Mechanics' Fair to-day.

R. W. McNutt is building a new barn built on cut of his lot.

Thomas E. Cornelia and family who went to Texas with Wm. E. Smith, last summer, returned yesterday. Tom is in fine Texas.

F. C. Pittenger has bought A. Carey's house and lot.

Miss Laura Price is very sick at Mr. Spangler's.

Spangler.

Sudden death.

Just as we go to press we are informed that Miss Hattie Patterson, daughter of Hon. L. Patterson of Hillsboro, died suddenly today, Sept. 23d, at 3 o'clock P. M., after about 33 hours' sickness, of consumption of the brain. She was about 17 years old and had but poor health for so long time. She was a good girl and leaves many friends to mourn her early death. The funeral will take place from the M. E. church Saturday, Sept. 30th, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Presbytery of Oregon.

The Presbytery of Oregon will meet in the Tabernacle Prism Presbyterian church on Tuesday, Oct. 3, 1882, at 4 o'clock P. M., when it will be opened by a sermon. Services will also be preached on Wednesday and Thursday at 11 A. M. The public and neighboring ministers are cordially invited to these, and also the business meetings of the Presbytery.

Washington County's Wealth.

Assessor Comball gives us the following interesting statistics from the assessment rolls for this year:

Gold valuation, \$1,313,15; in-

debtedness, \$337,705; exemption,

\$284,710; total taxable property,

\$2,335,750.

Mr. W. J. Robinson, when returning home from Portland on examining last week, was struck out of his back while driving rapidly down the Gaillard hill. The horses ran away 30 yards and were stopped without any damage being done.

Mr. Robinson was picked up insensible and carried to Jas. McKay's, from where he was able to be taken home next day, although badly bruised.

50¢ for any young man or woman who comes at within the Portland Business College during the fall or winter, can make FIVE dollars by saving at this office at an early date.

THE LONE STAR STATE

TEXAS AS JUDGE SMITH SEES IT.

ERROL INDEPENDENT:

For the information of my many friends in Washington County, I wish to submit a few thoughts respecting Texas, as I see it, in my travels, looking it from the bright side. The face of the country is the most beautiful of any country I have ever seen. The land is rolling, and has a splendid growth of wild grass from six inches to six feet high extending away as far as the eye can reach across the wild prairie. In some parts there is an abundance of some (white lime) which in some parts extends for miles. The soil on the rocky portions is very thin and in some places for miles there is no soil, and in other places a slight coating from one to three or four inches of soil may be found over the rocks. From what I can see the whole State is underlaid with rocks, and the soil varies from one inch to twenty feet in thickness. Timber is very scarce as a general thing, although many men say there is an abundance for all necessary purposes. The timber is chiefly post oak, hickory, walnut, elm, hackberry, pecan, musket, and red bud, the last two of which are only bushes and never grow very large.

The native fruits are plums, grapes, of two or three varieties, black and red haws, black berries, strawberies, etc. Peaches do well, also the currant and cherry; and in the north part of the State apples and pears are grown to a considerable extent.

SOME WATER IN TEXAS TOO.

This year the country is well watered, every little ravine has plenty

of water, the wells all have plenty of water and the springs are over-flowing, and the creeks have grown to rivers, some of these little creeks will put on air and rise 30 feet in one night. This is a grand country for water this year. There is fine corn here; they think they will have 30 bushels to the acre, but I doubt it.

The cotton is looking well and the growers expect to realize one bale to the acre. Wheat they tell me was good and averaged about 15 bushels to the acre; oats, about 30 bushels to the acre. Some families raise Irish potatoes, but the sweet potato is the staff of life of the average Texian; the same as carrots are to the Mormon.

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