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J. A. Mattoti, W. P. J. E. Pollock, W. S.  
**L. O. F.**—La Grande Lodge, No. 10 meets in their hall every Saturday night. Visiting members cordially invited to attend.  
Century Club can be seen at office of City Recorder.  
G. W. Robertson, N. G.  
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**STAR ENCAMPMENT** No. 31, I. O. O. F., meets every first and third Thursday in the month in Odd Fellows hall. Visiting patriarchs always welcome.  
R. Snook, C. P.  
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**EASTERN STAR** G. E. H. Chapter No. 10 meets the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in Masonic Temple.  
Marry A. Warnick, M. W. M.  
Merrie Aldrich, W. M.

**M. W. A.**—La Grande Lodge No. 700 meets every first and third Wednesday of the month at I. O. O. F. Hall. All visiting patriarchs are cordially invited to attend.  
E. Reiland, V. C.  
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**FORESTERS OF AMERICA**—Court Maid Nations, No. 22 meets each Thursday night in K of P hall. Brothers are invited to attend.  
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Many newspapers and public speakers are just now indulging in hot air encomiums on the "Independent Voter." In trying to find out what they mean by an "independent voter", an analysis of their editorials and speeches shows that they mean a voter who takes their advice and not that of "the other fellow", and votes to suit them to carry out some pet scheme or prejudice totally oblivious, and independent of all considerations of the public welfare. Such an "independent voter" is a menace to the prosperity of the nation and state.

All voters should be independent thinkers, and when they cast their vote make it express their individual conviction as to the right or wrong, the wisdom or folly of the proposition voted upon such are independent voters in the highest sense, and upon such our country and for a of government depends for its perpetuity, and the prosperity of the people is assured.

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ed by events as they occur in the ceaseless changes of time and to make each change redound to the benefit of the whole people and keep our country growing in material strength and wealth, but to vote so that as we grow in material things we will also expand in appreciation of the right so that the paramount purpose and highest ambition of every American shall be, "do right in all things great and small, and submit no wrong."

**RAILROAD ACCIDENTS**

The eighteenth annual report of the U S Inter-state Commerce Commission for 1904, received by the Observer a few days ago, gives the number of passengers killed in railroad accidents that year ending June 30 1904, at 420 and 6,077 injured. At the same time there were 3,367 railroad employees killed and 43,286 injured. The total of passengers and employees killed in railroad accidents during the year ending June 30, 1904 is given as 3,787 killed and 61,383 injured. These figures show that there were 233 more persons killed by railroad accidents in 1904, than in 1903 and 965 more killed in 1904 than in 1902.

The above shows a fearful slaughter and mangling of people by railroads and suggests that something ought to be done to curtail the fearful wreckage of human lives and bodies.

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5:00 a.m.	Portland, Dalles, Pendleton, Umatilla, Walla Walla, Pomeroy, Colfax, Moscow, Spokane, and points east and north via Spokane		No. 2 9:05 p.m.
No. 5 5:05 p.m.	Portland, Dalles, Pendleton, Umatilla, Walla Walla, Lewiston, Colfax, Moscow, Wallace, Warrenton, Spokane and other points east and north via Spokane		No. 8:30 a.m.
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