

THE INDEPENDENT.

HILLSBORO : : : : FRIDAY. We are not responsible for the views of our correspondents. The columns of the INDEPENDENT are open to the people of this county for the discussion of all questions concerning our local interests. Make your articles short, gentlemen and to the point, and we promise you a hearing.

Local News. RELIGIOUS DIRECTORY.

At the Baptist church, Rev. Mr. Chandler preaches on the second and fourth Sunday of each month, at Forest Grove. Pres. Marsh will preach every Sunday evening at the Congregational church at Forest Grove; at Hillsboro the 3d Sabbath in each month at 11 a. m.; at Dilley the 4th Sabbath in each month at 11 a. m.; at Greenville the 2d at 11 a. m.

POST OFFICE HOURS.

On Sundays the office will be kept open from 9 o'clock to 12 a. m. Mails close going West at 9 o'clock a. m., East at 12, m. No letters mailed after that time.

FOREST GROVE IN 1874.—Although the Grove has not improved so rapidly this year as last nevertheless it has grown about as fast as any town in the State. Among the substantial improvements for 1874 we note the finishing of David Sloper's large building, O. J. Leabo built a neat two story dwelling, Frank Henderson a livery stable, E. Buxton a two story dwelling, Shepherd a two story dwelling, Dr. W. H. Saylor a new kitchen, Mr. Wagoner a shoe shop, Steve Harris a blacksmith shop, Mr. Powers a stable, Mr. Tevault a dwelling, J. N. Campbell a henery, Prof. Robb a two story dwelling, H. Buxton, Wm. Kane and Mr. Wright have improved their places considerably, N. Martin built a house, W. D. Hoxer enlarged his store house, Prof. Marsh built a new kitchen, P. Harper erected a new two story building, Al Horner a new two story dwelling, a man whose name we do not know has erected a dwelling north of Abie Watt's place, Mrs. Cornelius has nearly completed a dwelling, Mr. Vert built a tin shop, and the town has constructed over a mile of sidewalks.

BURGLARY.—Recently Mr. S. M. Kyle who lives in Cedar Mill precinct and who has rented a part of Jacob Hoover's farm went out there and found that the house which he had occupied when sowing last fall had been entered by forcing the door open and that a light and some plates and knives had been stolen. The lantern is square with four glass panes in it and has the name E. S. Kyle cut in the tin covering near the top. Mr. Kyle does not care much for the articles stolen but would like to see the thief get punished and will give the man who finds him the property stolen.

THE SOCIETY OF THE GOLDEN RULE had a festival last Friday evening and had a good time generally. This Society is a temperance organization and is we believe the only lodge of the Order in the State. It is quite popular here. Three or four applications from different parts of the State have already been made to this Lodge for charters to organize similar lodges.

RILEY CAVE explained to us the other day the reason why Kuhn was made so large and Freidenrich small on the sign they have recently had put up in front of their establishment. The explanation is that Kuhn being an equal partner was determined to have half of the board.

MISS ELDER who taught the intermediate department in the public school in this place for the last term has gone to Portland where some of her relatives live. She talks of returning to her home in the East.

WM. STEVENS living near Greenville while chopping recently struck a vine maple sapling that was bent down and the sharp end sprang back and struck him in the left eye cutting the eye ball and destroying the sight.

Our county pays to the State the sum of \$10,034.90; to the school fund \$5,051.40, leaving a balance of \$13,470.40 to run the county, the total tax being \$28,556.70.

HOW GLENCOE CELEBRATED CHRISTMAS.

"Scissors Junior" Goes in on His Niece and Comes out on the Toe of a Boot. "One-Eyed Riley" Snoozes in a Cow Yard. "Maek" is Fished out of a Mudhole.

ED. INDEPENDENT.—The boys of the neighborhood met in a pasture near A. Smith's place to celebrate Christmas in a game of base-ball. The game lasted two or three hours and was a lively contest. When it ended a part of the boys went to the "Emporium" and got there just in time to witness a fierce and muddy combat. "Scissors Junior," alias Spotted Tail Chief, alias John McKy, and one George Meeker were the antagonists. With their stomachs full of "blue pizen" they staggered out into the middle of the street cursing each other and showing fight? Meeker hit Scissors in the face and felled him like a beef when Meeker fell backwards, both sinking deep in the mud. A gaunt tall fellow helped Meeker up and Scissors also came to the scratch, and, after considerable sparring, Meeker knocked Scissors down again and jumped upon him and began to pound him in the face when Meeker was dragged off and Scissors was raised out of his baptism of mud. They then repaired to the saloon, which another row took place and Scissors came leading out of the door on the toe of a man's boot. It was a rough day for Scissors Junior. That night a dozen fellows got gloriously drunk. One of the citizens of Glencoe put four drunken men in his straw pile and tied them together to keep them from wandering off and getting lost. One fellow named Mack from Erin's lovely Isle was fished out of a mud-hole late in the evening. Another fellow called "One Eyed Riley" (John Ebert), crawled into a neighboring cow yard and by helplessness in the soft and odoriferous mud and groaned and howled until the day of the place heard him and finally got him into her house where he stayed all night. It was well for him that she found him as he might now be in a land where wood is soathing less than \$2.00 a cord. And good Samaritans were seen far into the night with lights hunting the drunken men out of the mudholes and adjacent grub patches. The "Seapooe Preacher" was in the neighborhood but his general influence would not enter the souls of Scissors Junior or One Eyed Riley. When we look back over the dead centuries and consider the lives of Socrates, Plato, Aristotle, Caesar and Benvenuto and compare them with J. Meeker, John Scissors Junior and One Eyed Riley we justly feel proud. EN REE.

Comments.

Here is a good field for our next Grand Jury. Some of these fellows are clearly liable to indictment. We hope that they will not be overlooked at the next term of Court. The neighborhood of Glencoe has been cursed long enough by their scandalous and lawless conduct and they ought not to escape just punishment. Why, the decent women of the neighborhood hardly dare go to the village to trade on account of these drunken rowdies. Let them be fined heavily or be put in jail for a few months and it will teach them some respect for the law and the community of an outrageous nuisance. The respectable people of the neighborhood owe it to themselves and to the laws which are made for their protection to see to it that these fellows are brought to punishment.

D. M. C. GAULT started his private school this week with 54 scholars—a pretty good beginning. Miss Mary Gault in his Assistant. Here is a good chance for advanced students to prosecute their studies. Mr. Gault will have time now to attend to the higher branches. At the same time the younger pupils will receive due care and instruction.

Quarterly meeting at the Methodist Church in Forest Grove one week from Saturday next. Services will begin next Thursday evening.

A BROTHER of Wm. Barrett of Greenville arrived on the cars from the East Tuesday, which was quite a surprise to Mr. Barrett.

Grange Elections.

W. MYERS has kindly reported the names of officers elected in the Wapato Grange: M. J. W. Spappington; O. I. E. Wilcox; Buck Myers; C. A. Martin; S. McCourt; A. S. M. Patton; T. T. W. Thompson; G. K. Hett; C. Mrs. A. Thompson; P. Mrs. Cowles; L. A. S. Mrs. Mary Stott.

OFFICERS of Greenville Grange No. 49: M. D. Baker; O. M. Manning; L. C. B. Hughes; C. T. Wilson; T. N. B. McNemar; Sec., Bent Wilson; G. K. J. Wilkes; A. S. R. Walker; C. Mrs. M. Wilson; P. Mrs. M. Walker; F. Mrs. Ann Stevens; L. A. S. Miss Jene Wilson. Regular meetings 1st and 3d Saturdays in each month.

Farmington Grange No. 111.—M. J. S. Gray; O. Wm. Landess; L. C. Jack; C. R. A. Carpenter; T. Peter Kindt; Sec., A. Davis; A. Jack; A. S. J. D. D. Rowell; G. K. Wm. Ingram; C. Rachel Davis; P. E. Jack; F. Belle Carpenter; L. A. S. Nancy Emnes. Regular meeting last Saturday in each month.

Columbia Grange: M. J. Imbrie; O. S. H. Elliot; L. A. Carpenter; S. G. W. Kizer; A. S. Wm. Freeman; C. Wm. Chalmers; Tres, J. Hoover; Sec, F. Kennedy; G. K. N. Freeman; C. L. Hoover; P. Josephine Imbrie; F. Annie Chalmers; L. A. S. Mrs. M. Kennedy. Installation, Jan. 16th, 1875—probably public with dinner.

ELECTION.—At a regular meeting of Forest Grove Grange, No. 67, P. of H., held on the 28th of Dec., 1874. The following officers were elected: M. H. Buxton; O. A. S. Watt; L. Ira Purdin; C. A. C. Brown; Treas, T. M. Hines; Sec., H. T. Buxton; S. Wm. Kane; A. S. Jas. Sheppard; G. K. D. H. Harrel; C. Miss C. Sells; P. Miss M. Ray; F. Miss M. Buxton; L. A. S. Mrs. M. Sheppard.

By mistake the name of one of the officers of the Beaverton grange was left out of the report of the election last week. The officer was G. W. Teft, Gate Keeper.

PENMANSHIP.—At the close of W. H. Parker's writing school at Centerville before Christmas he awarded the first prize to James Black and the second prize to William Smith. Mr. Parker showed the specimens of penmanship of his school at Columbia Academy to S. J. McCormick of Portland who awarded the prize for greatest improvement to A. D. Cave and the second prize to Miss Clara Wilkes.

Mr. Parker showed us some specimens of the writing of pupils when they started to his school and when they quit and the improvement it was great indeed. Mr. Parker teaches the Spencerian system and the people of his neighborhood should be glad that they have a teacher who can in such a short time instruct their children to write in a readable and graceful style.

NOT GRASSHOPPERS.—We have been shown letters the past few weeks written from persons living in Nebraska who deny to a great extent the damage done by grasshoppers during the last year. They state that there is an abundance of all else except corn which was damaged more by drought than anything else. That losses in certain localities have been sustained there is a probability but we doubt its existence to the extent represented by the press. We are led to this conclusion by the parties who write and the relation they bear to those they write to in this County.

A. C. ARCHBOLD has put shutters to his store windows, and now those who want to get clothing cheap will not have such an easy entrance to his shelves. The Judge says that his liberality can go no farther after his prodigality to the distressed last Christmas.

W. A. WHEELER who established the INDEPENDENT at Forest Grove has sold his Newspaper office at Santa Rosa, Cal.; since he got partly got burned out, and has lately got married. Good for Wheeler. Long may he flourish.

THE receipts for postage and stamps for the quarter ending Dec. 31st, 1874, amounted to \$67.87 at the post office in Hillsboro. Number stamps canceled for quarter, 4,080.

T. H. TORQUE has made a new sidewalk in front of his office and now there is no use of having your life insured before you go to Mr. Tongue to get your will drawn up in shape.

WASHINGTON AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The stockholders of the Washington Agricultural Society met at the Court House on Jan. 5th, 1875, at 10 o'clock p. m., and was called to order by the President, A. Luelling. On motion W. H. H. Myers was elected Secretary.

The election of a Board of Directors for the year 1875 was made resulting as follows: R. Imbie, W. G. Scoggin, W. R. Jackson, A. Luelling, S. G. Reed, Henry Wooley, J. Freeman, W. H. H. Myers, W. D. Pittenger. The following resolution—Resolved, That no license should be given for the sale of malt or spirituous liquors on the Society's Grounds during the Fair of 1875, elicited a pretty sharp discussion and was passed by the close vote of 109 to 102.

We congratulate the Society on this step forward, and hope that the measure will be enforced. We think that this action on the part of the Society will give it more influence among the moral class in our county and that its patronage will increase accordingly.

The Society adjourned to meet on the first Tuesday in February.

PUBLIC INSTALLATION.—Cornelius Lodge No. 50, I. O. O. F. held a public installation, at their hall on January 5th. The following officers were installed by District Deputy, G. M. O. Hyde: N. G. John Nestor; V. G. J. DeLetts; Treas., D. T. Phillips; Sec., H. C. Raymond. The following order of programme was observed: The public gathered at the hotel and marched in procession to the hall where the usual exercises of Installation were gone through with, after which the public were conducted in procession to the hotel by the Order where a magnificent supper was waiting their arrival. All partook with a keen relish of the good things placed before them. Toast being in order many happy hits were made and the repast enjoyed. After supper the Order retired to their Lodge for the transaction of business.

BEAVERTON.—Wishing to keep you posted I send these items:

The holidays have been enjoyed in a gay and festive manner in the neighborhood of Beaverton, by numerous social parties, balls, etc. Mr. Hornbuckle gave a party New Years night, which for extent of preparation and the number of persons in attendance was considered an entire success.

J. C. Powers of Forest Grove has purchased a valuable lot of oak timber of the Steel Bros. in the vicinity of Beaverton, which he is having worked up into staves and lumber.

Work on the new Grange Hall is being pushed forward. It is to be 24x50 feet, and is being built by the Beaverton Hall Company the Capital Stock of which is \$500. When completed it will be an ornament to the town.

Yours, R. B. WILMOT.

A CORNELIUS boy 13 years old, by the name of Elmer McNutt, sends us the following lines of poetry composed by him for publication, which is pretty good for a boy, better than many twice his age can do. It is short, and a newspaper man likes short things like pie crust and poems, and bills when he has to pay them. But here is the poem: CHICKADEE.

Chickadee, chickadee, chickadee, Gather around and listen to me: I've a little note And I think it's the best, For when I go to rest, I'm received with a cheer In the spring of the year And my little ones are so funny and queer.

KILLED.—A fine cow belonging to a Mr. Acker who lives about two and a half miles north of here, was killed recently by one of Mr. Acker's mules which broke loose during the night and kicked and stamped the poor brute almost into jelly. Mr. Acker had just recently purchased the cow.

We notice the names of Rev. J. F. Ellis and wife among the hotel arrivals in Portland. Rev. Ellis is the new pastor for the Congregational church at Forest Grove. He comes from Ohio we believe.

WM. BARRETT of Greenville precinct has got us several subscribers in his neighborhood this week and promises us several more soon.

THE HILLSBORO GIRLS.

ED. INDEPENDENT.—I beg leave to reply to an article which appeared in the last issue of the INDEPENDENT, headed the complaint of the girls of Hillsboro. They complain that the young men slight their superior attractions, and go off into other neighborhoods to find their "affinities" and let them go to Christmas trees, church, festivals and various other places alone. I being merely an eye witness admit that the girls of this city have attractions, but claim that they are not superior to the girls of the neighborhood. The facts are, the girls of this city have read too many "time novels" and fairy stories, wherein they learned that young men must kneel to them and say their prayers. They think themselves far superior, or as I have heard it said, too "fine haired", for the young men of this place. The young men do not feel qualified to choose an angel for "affinity" for there is no telling when she would spread her wings and fly away from their peaceful resting place, and soar far up into heavens own blue and the last words that seem to die in his ears are, Fare ye well Prother Watkind.

A HILLSBORO BOY.

Mr. Eugene McCornack who graduated from Pacific University last spring is now living at the Dalles where he is studying law with Judge McArthur. He says in a private letter, that the weather is very mild and pleasant at the Dalles. The Opposition on the Columbia have reduced freight and fare more than two-thirds and have saved \$10,000 to that county during the summer. They are building a new boat to put on as soon as the spring opens.

He closes his letter with the remark that "If you hear of any editor that wants to start a newspaper send him to the Dalles." Now then there is a chance for about 25,000 men in this State who think they can edit a newspaper better than any other man.

THE RECORD says: Half grown girl, in bands of four and five trip gaily through the streets of Salem every morning on their way to the "fountain of knowledge," with their arms full of books, their minds full of boys and their mouths full of gum drops. The reason of that, Mr. Record, is because the Salem girls do not have a scientific turn of mind. At Forest Grove and Hillsboro the girls don't eat any pesky gum drops nor have their heads full of the boys nor any of that kind of foolishness. They do not even know how to decline a young man before twenty.

R. CAVE, agent for the Oregonian at this place sent \$13 in subscription to the Oregonian lately and he is getting subscribers for that paper tall the time. This goes to show that the people of Washington county appreciate independent journalism and that the Oregonian is prosperous. Mr. Cave has been getting subscribers for us every week and our agents in other precincts have been quite successful. The INDEPENDENT will have 600 subscribers within a year from date.

PROSPEROUS.—Notwithstanding the chronic growler, we have evidence on every hand of prosperity and improvement in our county. The old school houses are being replaced by better ones, the farms are better kept and the odd nooks and corners of land are being taken by new comers who are building thereon and have commenced the work of making for themselves and theirs permanent homes.

The cars take on and drop passengers often now near Smith's farm. It is to be hoped that the Company will give the Grove a way station at this place for their accommodation. The road between the Grove and Cornelius is fearfully muddy and will soon be almost impassable, while from Smith's farm there is a high dry road.

HERBERT McCORNACK will begin teaching another term of school at the West Union school house after holidays. The six months term just finished pleased the people of that district so well that they determined to secure Mr. McCornack for another term.

A. A. C.'s poem will appear in our next issue.

THE MITTEN.—A young man who sports a solitary hair on his upper lip sends us the following, after an unsuccessful attempt to see his gal home. We suspect the gushing is not his own but it will no doubt suit the feelings of the average Hillsboro youth:

The bull-dog barks on the top of the hill, And the lambs are skipping in glee; But I'm sad as the dickens—I am— My gal gave the mitten to me. Ah, where will I go, and what will I do? I feel like a crazy-bum-bee: By thunder I'll fight! I'll hickany boy That says the word mitten to me! I'm really mad—be dogged if I ain't! I swear I will kill any she; I'll slather and slash—I'll murder the what gal— By thunder! she shan't mitten me! No, I won't do that—I'll spite her—I will! I'll hang myself on a big tree; And then she will cry—she'll die in remorse For giving the mitten to me.

GASTON.—The sickness and number of deaths in the neighborhood of Gaston this fall and winter has been fearful when we consider the comparative healthiness of the country. Since Frank L. Stott's death in November nearly every week has added a victim to disease or accident. G. M. Raymond, Mrs. Chatfield, John Dixon, Mr. Baker, and a daughter of O. J. Leabo all died in succession. And now we have the death of Mrs. Reinwald on the Hallett farm, a man by the name of Cowles and Mr. W. C. Black, while there are others that are on the sick list and one of them, Mrs. John Dixon, is not expected to live.

MR. J. ANDERSON'S new dwelling near the M. E. Church is approaching completion and will be a neat and commodious little dwelling. We would be glad to see two or three dozen dwellings as good as this going up all the time in Hillsboro.

WEATHER REPORT.—Reported for the INDEPENDENT.

Table with 2 columns: Date and Weather. Jan. 1, 7 a. m. 42° cloudy. Jan. 2, " " 38° clear. Jan. 3, " " 30° foggy. Jan. 4, " " 30° Rainy. Jan. 5, " " 28° pleasant. Jan. 6, " " 24° cloudy. Jan. 31, " " 40° Rainy.

BENJ. SCHOLFIELD killed six hogs Tuesday which weighed on an average 160 lbs. The hog crop seems to be the most profitable of any this year to the farmers.

THE REPORTER states that a man from Middleton had his team run away while up in Yamhill county last week and a smash up was the consequence.

D. O. QUICK informs us that several Nehalemites get their mail at his Postoffice at Mountain Dale.

OUR PAPERS for the Mountain Dale P. O. do not reach that office. What is the reason, P. M.'s? John Cornelius used to make 160 acres of land—consideration, \$4,500.

THE weather has been very pleasant all fall and winter so far. Fires have not been needed for grown people a great part of the time. Farmers are plowing. And the grass is growing. Immigrants who have come out here this fall are delighted.

BASE BALL.—The Hillsboro and Glencoe base ball clubs played the return game on New Years with a score of 56 to 16, the Hillsboro boys beating Glencoe worse than before. D. M. Gault was umpire.

TOBACCO.—Mr. Bey Wilkie, living on Landess' place, is making preparations to plant five acres of tobacco next spring. He says he can raise the weed and make it pay.

OUR friend, S. Ingraham, of South Tualatin is indulging in the pleasant recreation of running a new tangled grubbing machine.

MR. Eugene Jackson who lives south of the Tualatin river lost a fine black dog last week which died from eating wild parsnip.

OVER 41,000 dollars have been expended in improvements in Hillsboro in the last six years. The town has doubled its size in this time.

THE business of the County Court is unfinished and we have to go to press. We will publish it in full next week.

THE boys rang the bells of the town at midnight last Thursday to celebrate the New Year.

THOMPSON Scoggin, son of W. G. Scoggin of Wapato, is sick of the typhoid fever in this place.

Wilbur Wiley has been sick for a week but is able to be about again.

For the very best Photographs, go to Bradley & Bulofson's, Gallery with an ELEVATOR, 291 Montgomery Street San Francisco.