# The Independent

THE INDEPENDENT—The best newspaper ever published in Douglas county.

## Society Meetings.

UMPQUA CHAPTER NO. 11, R. A. M., hold regular communications every first and third Tuesday in each month. All members in good standing will take due and timely notice and govern themselves accordingly. Visiting companions are invited to meet with us Chapter when convenient.

R. HERMANN, H. P.
W. I. FRIEDLANDER, Sec'y.

LAUREL LODGE A. F. and A. M holds regular meetings on or before each full moon.

A. JONES, W. M.
A. F CAMPBELL, Secy.

[redacted] PHILETARIAN Lodge, No. 8, I. O. O. F. meets on Saturday evening, of each week at 7 o'clock, in their hall at Roseburg. Members of the order in good standing are invited to attend. By order of the N. G.

## BRIEF ITEMS.

City election approaching.

Mornings are almost frosty.

Multitudes of pupils attend Miss Hay's school.

Mr. James Cooper, of Wilbur, was in the city last Monday.

To the wife of Hon. Binger Herman, on the 23d, a daughter.

Judge Thomas Smith contemplates selling his place near Wilbur.

General Barker came up from Salem Friday and returned Monday.

A fine large deer was killed by General Barker's son upon the head of deer creek.

Mr. J. C. Floed has gone to Jacksonville, to meet his family, and bring them to the city.

B.P. Smith, one of our substantial farmers living near Myrtle creek, has been in the city this week.

Mr. James Masters, of Sumner, Coos county, called this week. He is our authorized agent at Sumner.

The dam across the Umpqua, for the grist mill of Messrs. Flook and Wells is being rapidly pushed forward.

We regret to learn that the team of Mr. Wm. Wells, of Ten Mile, last Monday, ran away, breaking one of his arms.

A new vessel was launched at North Bend, Coos county, recently. Our shipping interests are steadily improving on the Coast.

Mr Charles Benjamin, an old typo, formerly of this county, but now of Woodland, California, is in the city visiting his friends and relatives.

Mr. Thomas Cox, of Salem, died suddenly of heart disease last Tuesday morning. Mr. Cox was well known as a man of honor and strict integrity.

The first quarterly meeting of the M. E. church for Roseburg Circuit to be held at Cleveland October 5th, is postponed for the present. N. A. STARR.

A fire was started in the vicinity of S. B. Hendricks' field, Looking Glass, and it was with exertion that it was kept from destroying a large wheat stack belonging to this gentleman.

Cleaning at Portland has been inaugurated by two brothers, of wheat brought to that market—McLearan Bros. They have two of the best separators at work on a 8,000 bushels contract.

Lib Short returned from the vicinity of Steins' mountains a few days ago. He says that the principal loss sustained by the stockmen is in horses. The loss in the cattle bands is hardly noticeable.

The Ashland *Tidings* comes to us this week enlarged and everyway improved. It is the peer of any local paper in the State and superior to many. We congratulate its proprietors upon their success.

The hop house of J. C. Geer, near Butteville says the Salem *Statesman*, was destroyed by fire on the 19th. The flames spread with such rapidity that nothing in the building could be saved. Loss is estimated at about $800; no insurance on the building

The arrest of Indians implicated in the late hostilities east of the mountains, does not appear to be progressing very well at Pendleton, Umatilla county. Only a few arrests have been made so far and now the papers are quarreling as to whom the honors belong.

Last Saturday evening as the north bound train was passing the car shops, two miles from East Portland, for some reason the rear drivers of the locomotive, tender and two trucks of the box car jumped the track, and caused about half an hour's delay. Accidents on this railroad seldom result serious, the road being under the care of efficient men.

Last Sunday Mr. James Laird sustained rather a severe loss. He had two twenty dollar and one ten dollar gold notes in one of his pockets loose. When a short distance from the city, in company with a man who was a stranger to him, he pulled some paper out of his pocket and also the notes and dropping them passed on. He soon missed the notes and going back he found the paper he had dropped but not the money. Mr. Laird thinks the stranger must have picked the notes up.

Burglars have made their appearence in our city. Last Saturday night about ten o'clock Mr. Jos. Sheri an heard some one in the hardware store of Sheridan Bros. and on entering he found that a burglar had come into the building through a back window. Nothing was missing at the time and it was thought the barglar had left. I was found in the morning that he had returned and taken a fleary rifle and several boxes of cartridges. On last Saturday an attempt to enter the residence of Mrs. Stanton was made, but the burglar was frightened away.

## On the Wing.

Our traveling Agent and Correspondent, Mr. H. E. Wells, has gone on a tour to Coos county. He will probably visit most of the cities and towns in that county. Will somebody, with a long tongue and who looks like he was on the point of starvation, hurry up and start the report that he is running off. It must be done at once or our Agent may get back before the story is well circulated.

## The Cheek!!!

The editor of the *Plaindealer* makes a suggestion to Governor Stone, of Missouri, that it would have been better to have cleaned the streets of the stricken cities of every thing offensive instead of now offering prayer to God for deliverance. We have no doubt the Governor would recall his proclamation if some one would forward him a copy of that paper containing the suggestion.

## Important Land Notice.

To-day we give place to important land matters to the exclusion of news items, being confident we could not fill the space occupied with any thing of greater public interest. The new forms and instructions are presented and explained in clear language, and those concerned will do well to give the article their careful attention.

## FEARFUL TRAGEDY.

For some time past a contest has been going on through the columns of the Portland Daily Telegram and Daily Bee in the bitterest animus. The principal parties concerned in the melancholy affair were J. K. Mercer, of the Bee, and A. C. MacDonald, of the Telegram. This newspaper controversy culminated in the death of A. C. MacDonald by a pistol shot fired by J. K. Mercer, last Friday. The circumstances are culled from the testimony taken before Judge Adams, Portland Police Judge. The difficulty occurred on the corner of First and Stark streets, in the city of Portland, on the afternoon of the 19th. Mercer was standing in the doorway of the corner store when MacDonald came along and asked Mercer if he was responsible for what appeared in the Bee, and the latter said he supposed he was. MacDonald then spoke of the article that referred to his wife and family and asked Mercer to retract. He refused. Considerable conversation of this nature ensued before any serious trouble commenced. The two then closed and began scuffling on the sidewalk, Mercer endeavoring to use his pistol. Mercer fired several shots at MacDonald, two taking effect. MacDonald also fired on Mercer. MacDonald was taken to his residence where he died during the latter part of the night. The verdict of the coroners jury was that the killing of MacDonald was murder.

One bad feature about the matter is that the bitter feelings engendered in the strife have not been wiped out with human, but continue as venemous as ever in the two papers. Let the matter rest in the hands of justice.

MacDonald leaves a wife and child to greave over his sad death.

## ULPQUA FERRY.

Fogy mornings have made their appearance.

The peach crop is scarce this year on account of the heavy frosts last Spring.

Wheat did not turn out as well as was expected, although more than can possibly turn out is always expected.

Several parties who went to Loon Lake from here last week have returned very well pleased with the country.

George Dougherty talks of taking his celebrated horse, the Cole's Valley racer, to the Fair and show them how to pace.

Almost every one are through hauling off their grain fo. 1878 The farmers are most all going to plow their land twice and see if they cannot raise more grain.

Wedings are again booming up, as everybody is getting scared about those Oakslandites fighting, and think it is better to have some brave young woman to defend them.

The ferryman hopes that it will be as Beecher says about Grant, and that he will be burried so that the people making pilgrimage to his tomb will have to cross his ferry.

Several parties who came out from Michigan last Spring are now on their way home; mostly homesick, I think. They were disappointed in expecting to find plenty of good farming land vacant.

## CALAPOOIA.

John H. Mires has sent his White Prince horse to Eastern Oregon.

Farmers are busily engaged in hauling off their surplus grain.

Mr. T. Barnard and family are visiting friends in Willamette valley.

C. T. Pinkham contemplates soon to take his departure for California.

The Sunday school under the supervision of Mr. Baker, is in a flourishing condition.

Mr. John Baker had the misfortune of losing a fine horse a few days since, which he valued at $150.

Mr. John T. Daniel raised some of the finest oats this year we have had the pleasure of looking at for sometime. Mr. Daniels calls these oats the Democratic oats. Persons wishing a few of these oats for seed can procure them by sending their orders. Mr. Daniels offers the Democratic oats at reasonable terms—75 cents per bushel—so that farmers can test them for themselves.

## Timely Suggestion.

Our esteemed correspondent at Umpqua Ferry says that many farmers in that vicinity intend to plow their grounds twice for the future season, and otherwise improve their land. The idea is excellent and the amount of benefit that would flow from careful cultivation of the soil, were all our grain producers to adopt such policy, can no be overestimated. It has been demonstrated frequently that the richest land will eventually wear out unless the soil is renewed. We could easily suggest a cause why less is raised to the acre now than has been produced heretofore. The cause of the decrease to a very great extent must be accounted for in the fact that producers have not given their land proper cultivation. Intelligence can easily suggest a remedy. Another matter at this time is of considerable importance and that is, care should be taken to select the very best of grain for seed. In an article which appeared last week, this idea was urged and there can be no doubt that better grain can be raised where care is exercised in the selection of good seed.

## Election of Officers.

By reference to another column it will be seen that the Tellurium Mining Company holds its annual election of officers on the 6th day of November, 1878. Every effort will be made to push the work in the mines forward rapidly, and the company will spare no expense or exertion to develope the wealth of the Tellurium mine. Our country is certain to increase in richness when the vast mineral wealth of the land is opened up and developed by men of enterprise and engergy. All the owners in the Tellurium mine express great confidence that they will realize handsomely from their outlay of expense and labors, which they certainly deserve

## Terrible Fires.

Reports from Clark county, Washington Territory, is to the effect that destructive fires have been raging in and around that county, among the timber. It appears that the damage is not confined to timber, but in many instances dwelling houses and barns have been consumed by the flames. People have frequently been compelled to flee for their lives and many are left destitute.

## TIMBER LANDS—ACT OF JUNE THE 3d, 1878.

**Circular to the Registers and Receivers of U. S. District Land Offices in California, Oregon and Washington Territory.**

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.
GENERAL LAND OFFICE.—*Washington, D. C., Aug.* 13, 1878: Gentlemen your attention is directed to the first, second and third sections of the act of Congress approved June 3, 1878, entitled "An Act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and in Washington Territory." These sections provide for the sale of surveyed lands not yet proclaimed and offered at public sale, valuable chiefly for timber and stone, unfit for cultivation, and, consequently, for disposal under the preemption and homestead laws

I refer you to the terms of the act, a copy of which is annexed. The provisions of the section indicated, which are in specific language, must be strictly observed. When a party applies to purchase a tract thereunder, you will require him to make affidavit that he is a citizen of the United States by birth or natralization or that he has declared his intention to become a citizen under the naturalization laws. If the nativesborn, parol evidence of the fact will be received. If not nativesborn, record evidence of the prescribed qualification must be furnished. In connection therewith, he will be required to make the sworn statement in duplicate, according to the attached form No. 1, as provided for in the second section of the act. One of the duplicate statements filed in each case is by act required to be transmitted to this Office, and you will accordingly send up your monthly returns the duplicate statements to be transmitted for the month.

The evidence in regard to the publication of notice, required to be furnished in the third section of the act, must consist of the affidavit of the publishers or other person having charge of the newspaper in which the notice is published, with a copy of the notice attached thereto, setting forth the nature of his connection with the paper, and that the notice was duly published for the prescribed period. The evidence required in the same section with regard to the non-mineral character of the land, and its unoccupied and unimproved condition, must consist of the testimony of at least two disinterested witnesses, who must swear that they know the facts to which they testify from personal inspection of the land and of each of its smallest legal sub-divisions, as per form attached, No. 2. This testimony may be taken before the register and receiver, or any officer using an official seal and authorized to administer oaths in the land district in which the land lies. Upon such proof being produced, if no adverse claim shall have been filed, the entry applied for may be allowed in pursurance of the provisions of act. The receiver will issue his receipt for the purchase money, and the register his certificate of purchase, numbering the entry in the regular cash series. Forms of application, receipt, and certificate are attached, Nos. 3, 4 and 5. You will enter the sale on your books and make the usual returns therefor to this Office, noting on the monthly abstracts, opposite the entry, and on the entry papers, a reference to the act of Congress under which allowed. You will forward all the papers in the case with the returns to this office, except the duplicate statement filed under the second section of the act, to which you will give the same number with the other papers for the entry, and retain it on the appropriate file with the formal application in your office

You will be entitled to a fee of five dollars each for allowing an entry under said act, and jointly at the rate at 2½ cents per hundred words of testimony reduced by you to writing for claimants, which will be accounted as other fees

If, at the expiration of the sixty days' notice provided for in the third section of the act, an adverse claim should be found to exist, calling for an investigation, you will proceed in the case according to the Rules of Practice approved November 29, 1875, pages 7, 8, and 9 of pamphlet.

In case an association of persons making application for such entry, each such person must prove the requisite qualifications, and their names must appear in, and be subscribed to, the sworn statement as in case of an individual person. They must also unite in the regular application for entry, which will be made in their joint names as other cases of joint cash entry. The forms herewith may be adapted to cover applications of this class.

The fourth and fith sections of the act of June 3, 1878, relative to the cutting and removing of timber from the public lands in California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory, do not require consideration in connection with the foregoing in regard to the sale of certain lands provided for in the previous sections.

Very respectfully,
J. A. WILLIAMSON,
Commissioner.

Approved
C. CHURTZ,
Secretary.

FORM No. 1.

Sworn statement under Act of June 3, 1878.

LAND OFFICE AT———
(*Date*).....

I,..... of.....County..... desiring to avail myself of the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An Act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada and in Washington Territory," for the purchase of the... ....of Section..... Township ....., of Range ..... do solemnly (here swear or affirm) that (here state whether the applicant is a naturalized citizen of the United States by birth or naturalization, or has declared his intention of becoming a citizen;) that the said land is unfit for cultivation, and valuable chiefly for its [timber or stone;] that it is unhabited; that it contains no mining or other improvement, [here except such as were made for ditch or canal purposes, if any, or such as were made by or belong to the applicant, if any,] nor, as I verily believe, any valuable deposit of gold, silver, cinnabar, or coal; that I have made no other application under said act; that I do not apply to purchase the land above discribed on speculation, but in good faith to appropriate it to my own exclusive use and benefit, and that I have not, directly or indirectly, made any agreement or contract, in any way or manner, with any person or persons whatsoever, by which the title I may acquire from the Government of the United States may inure in whole or part to the benefit of any person except myself.

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this ..... day of ....., 18....
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Register (or Receiver.)

FORM NO. 2

Testimony of witness under Act of June 3, 1878.

... ...., being called as a witness in support of the application of ... ... to purchase the ..... of Section ... ...., Township .....; ....., testifies as follows:

Qu-s. 1. What is your hos office address and where do you reside?
Ans. .....
Ques. 2 What is your occupation?
Ans. .....
Ques. 3 Are you acquainted with the land above described by personal inspection of each of its smallest legal subdivisions?
Ans .....
Ques. 4. When and by what manner was such inspection?
Ans. .....
Ques. 5. Is it occupied, or are there any improvements on it, not made for ditch or canal purposes, or which were not made by or do not belong to the said applicant?
Ans. .....
Ques 6. Is it fit for cultivation?
Ans .....
Ques. What causes render it unfit for cultivation?
Ans. .....
Ques. 8. Are there are there any saline or indications of the deposit of gold, silver, cinnabar, or coal on this land? If so, state what they are, and whether the springs or mineral deposits are valuable.
Ans. .....
Ques. 9. Is the land more valuable for mineral or any other purpose than for timber or stone thereon, or is it chiefly valuable for timber or stone?
Ans. .....
Ques. 10. From what facts do you conclude that the land is chiefly valuable for timder or stone?
Ans. .....
Ques. 11. Do you know whether the applicant has, directly or indirectly, made any agreement or contract, in any way or manner, with any person whatsoever, by which the title which he may acquire from the Government of the United States may inure in whole or part to the benefit of any person except himself?
Ans.
Ques. 12. Are you in any wap interested in this application, or in the land above described, or the timber or stone, salines, mines, or improvements of any description whatsoever?
Ans. .....
I hereby certify that witness is a person of respectability; that each question and answer in the foregoing testimony was read to ..... before ... signed .... name thereto, and that the same was subscribed and sworn to before me this..... day of ....., 18.....g
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(The testimony of two witnesses, in this form, taken separately, required in each case.)

## HEAVY TAX-PAYERS.

Following is a list of the firms and individuals in Douglas county, paying taxes to exceed $125—

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| O & C R R Co | $3,111 55 |
| Fendal Sutherlin | 970 32 |
| S Marks & Co | 583 00 |
| Marks, Sideman & Co | 493 60 |
| D A Levins & Son | 491 48 |
| Tipton & Sons | 474 32 |
| A M Simpson & Bro | 440 00 |
| J C Floed | 436 00 |
| C Applegate | 421 40 |
| E G Young | 402 16 |
| George Haynes | 396 70 |
| H Abrahams | 393 00 |
| Dixon & Jones | 392 14 |
| J F Sutherlin | 366 96 |
| S Abrahams | 343 20 |
| Hinsdale & Co | 330 00 |
| J R Dodge | 269 28 |
| Hans Weaver | 268 62 |
| J & J C Drain | 257 62 |
| J & G Hall | 250 36 |
| C G Durland | 246 40 |
| Wm Cochran | 242 00 |
| T P Sheridan | 241 34 |
| H C Elliff | 238 36 |
| John Hast | 230 30 |
| A F Brown | 224 40 |
| Chas Lapointe | 218 46 |
| B F Smith | 204 60 |
| C A Hamtl | 204 60 |
| W L Kirley | 202 40 |
| A A Fink | 200 64 |
| H Cox, Sr | 198 11 |
| W U Telegraph Co | 168 00 |
| C W Smith | 197 34 |
| Huntington, Standfard & Hopkins | 193 60 |
| Estate of J W Sutherlin | 187 00 |
| Toklas, Baden & Co | 187 00 |
| John Emmett | 184 58 |
| S Hamilton | 179 00 |
| Henry Beckley | 177 00 |
| Hinsdale & Co | 176 00 |
| M Adams | 1.0 93 |
| N T Adams | 167 06 |
| Jas Sutherlin | 166 32 |
| F Archambbeau | 159 50 |
| John Weaver | 154 44 |
| W R Willis | 150 00 |
| James Hutchinson | 150 00 |
| Thomas Brown | 152 45 |
| H A and John Adams | 149 60 |
| A H Woodruff | 149 38 |
| M B Holmes | 147 40 |
| R Hinkle | 145 20 |
| Mrs M Chenoweth | 144 76 |
| R Pnipps | 143 54 |
| C Hardman | 142 34 |
| I B Nicols | 131 12 |
| Robt Smith | 133 32 |
| H C Stantom | 138 60 |
| S Wheeler | 12 04 |
| P G Eubanks | 137 50 |
| H Landes | 135 08 |
| Tim Barnard | 136 08 |
| Mrs Cowan | 135 52 |
| Adam Day | 132 00 |
| P W Williams | 129 76 |
| N. T Adams | 125 29 |



## For City Marshal.

At the request of many citizens, I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of City Marshal at the forthcoming election. If elected, it will be my aimon serve the citizens of Roseburg faithfully and to look after and protect the interests of every tax-payer.

GEORGE W. ROBERTS.
ROSEBURG, August 31, 1878.

## Candidate for City Marshal

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of City Marshal, at the request of my friends. If elected I will heartily and to the best of my ability, conduct the affairs of the office as prescribed by the law and endeavor to give satisfaction to al business men and other good citizens.

H. BEARD.

☞The National Gold Medal was awarded to Bradley & Rulofson for the best Photographs in the United States, and the Vienna Medal for the best in the world. 429 Montgomery Street, San Francisco.



## Notice.

HAVING DISPOSED OF OUR MERcantile Business at Canyonville to Messrs. Toklas Baden & Co., of San Francisco, we would respectfully call the attention of those indebted to us and ask them to make immediate settlement.

MARKS, SIDEMAN & Co.