

The Independent

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

Society Meetings.

UMPIA CHA-TER NO. 11, K. A. M. held 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 the Chapter when convenient.

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

PHILADELPHIA 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 lodge in good standing are invited to attend. By order of the N. G.

BRIEF ITEMS.

The tax collector has gone forth. Dr. V. Gesner has concluded to locate in Roseburg.

It is not safe to say anything definite on the weather.

The brick work on Marks' new building has been finished.

Quite a number of citizens from Oakland paid our city a visit this week.

Diphtheria is prevailing to an alarming extent in the Willamette valley.

The 28th of November, has been set apart as a day of thanksgiving.

The dining room of the Metropolitan hotel has been improved considerably of late.

Remember the Philadelphia society reorganizes this Saturday night, at the court house at half past seven.

Chen's show window displays considerable artistic skill. It attracts the attention of those who pass the store.

Mail matters are considerably disturbed in this county. Ten Miles and Come have been without any mail for sometime.

The school of Miss Lucy Hay is in a flourishing condition. Parents are well satisfied with the progress their children are making.

W. B. Laswell, formerly prosecuting attorney for the fifth judicial district, has been made \$150,000 richer lately by the death of an uncle.

There were five for record in the clerk's office for the month, forty-seven deeds, seventeen real estate mortgages, and three chattel mortgages.

All sizes window and picture glasses from \$25.40 down for sale at Portland prices by box or pane at S. Hamilton's drug store. Glass cutting done to order.

Baldheaded gentlemen in the pit to a young lady in dress circle during an affecting passage in the play. "I respect your emotions, miss, but you are shedding tears on my head."

The Salem Statesman, of last Friday, contains an account of a man who committed suicide, having been disappointed in love. He took a couple of lead pills and quickly digested his life.

The National Gold Medal was awarded to Bradley & Hulston for the best photographic in the United States, and the Tinsley Medal for the best in the world.

The postoffice department has ruled that the husband has no control over the correspondence of his wife. This decision will not prevent a man from carrying his wife's letter around in his inside pocket three weeks before mailing it.

A man calling himself Dr. Holloway writes us from London to say that he is not responsible for the advertisement of Holloway's Pills appearing in American newspapers. This does not concern us, having inserted it as advertised to, and neither do we intend to give this London chap any free advertisement.

The Yambill Reporter is authority for this: At one time, not many years ago, sturdy families in W. at Chatham furnished the district school there, thirty children. These children were all brothers, sisters and cousins. The teachers were the mothers of them all. The fathers were named Jacob Haynes, David Hamer, and Levi Hager, and our Uncle Shuck here in town was grandfather to the whole crowd of youngsters, blood relative to nearly a whole school.

Our readers will remember the circumstances of the arrest of Hansen Bros. for the larceny of a life from the hardware store of Sheridan Brothers, the subsequent acquittal of Chas. Hansen and the conviction of his brother Henry. After his acquittal here Charles Hansen was taken to Eugene on the charge of the larceny of a watch. The evidence produced pointed to the guilt of Henry Hansen and not to that of Charles. It was testified that the stolen watch was found in the possession of Henry and not Charles Hansen, hence the latter was let charged.

Turn Out.

At the request of the members of the Philadelphia society, we announce that this society will be reorganized at the Court house this Saturday night. It is the intention of the members to make the meetings of this society for some interesting and useful than ever before. To this end ladies are especially invited to attend, become members and participate in the exercises. A large number have expressed the intention to assist in the reorganization and we hope it will be accomplished successfully.

"Said He Was Doped."

A party went into a saloon in this city Tuesday evening and took a drink of whisky. He went to other saloons and dittoed. Then said he was "doped." Finally he fell. Then came three physicians with mustard, warm water and ipecac, and pronounced the man's trouble as that of congestion of the stomach. The man had symptoms of extreme nausea, and at the present writing he is contemplating joining the Good Templars to the tune, "I'll not drink any more." Good enough!

Notice.

Union Encampment No. 91, O. O. F., will meet in the Old Fellows' Hall, Roseburg, on Friday evening, November 15th for the purpose of conferring the Encampment Degree on all applicants who are in good standing.

Rebuilding.

The business men of Junction City are very enterprising class. Most of them are preparing to rebuild their stores, which were recently destroyed by fire. May they prosper.

TROUBLE IN CAMP.

Thayer's Course in the Eyes of Farmers—A Little Home Sketch, and a Meal with Meat in It.

A correspondent writes us from Myrtle Creek, under date of November 14th, as follows:

If you will permit, I will give you a true statement of a conversation held among some old Democratic farmers, who had come to our village this rainy day—some to get their plows sharpened and some for other purposes.

Uncle Billy, who had once been a member of the Legislature, walked up to a crowd with a paper in his hand, and said:

"Well, friends B. what do you think of Governor Thayer's appointment?" "What appointment do you mean?" inquired Mr. B.

"Why, look ye here at this paper, and you will see that the governor has appointed Asahel Bush, Superintendent of the Penitentiary, and Ben Harding to be the Judge of the 3d judicial district."

"Oh!" said B. "that can't be so. Thayer would not resurrect the men who killed off the Democratic party long ago, when I lived in old Lincoln and worked so hard for our good party?"

"Well," said Uncle Billy "take the paper and look for yourself!"

B. took the paper, looked over the announcement, and threw it down took a turn or two around and gave a keen, little whistle—turned to Uncle Billy and asked if this was the Thayer that we voted for at the last June election to be Governor of our State?

"Why, certainly," said Uncle Billy, and B. said, "And he has appointed Bush and Harding, well, I know these men of old. Bush don't work second worth a cent! Poor Thayer, may go. Bush, Superintendent of the Penitentiary, and ex-officio Governor of Oregon! Thayer, poor Thayer! he may go and if we don't work mighty hard the Democratic party will go up Salt river next June a year! Poor Thayer! who would have believed of him! But you know, Bush is mighty rich, and I suppose Thayer likes rich men because they are rich. He loves comfort well, poor fellow. Let him enjoy himself. Bush is sharp; he will attend to matters—good-bye, Thayer. Our Democratic stronghold will say good-bye to Thayer! no more use for poor old Thayer!"

Such are the feelings of the old and well-to-do, and true and ever faithful Democrats of Myrtle Creek precinct.

New Books.

We have received from Jones Brothers & Co., publishers, Chicago, three books—"First Lessons in Arithmetic," "Miller's Practical Arithmetic," and "Ridpath's 'History of the United States.'"

The arithmetic is written on the inductive plan, and quite original and written in a rational method of instruction. Instead of presenting a mass of definitions, rules and principles to be memorized by the pupil on his first introduction to the subject, he is led up to the rules through plain and comprehensive examples which he cannot fail to understand, and hence when the rules and difficult parts are encountered he finds that he has mastered their principles in advance in a thoroughly practical manner. Beside there are demonstrations of problems by pictorial illustrations, which are peculiarly attractive to youth. The history is what it purports to be, which is a rare thing in a school history of our country. As a rule works of this kind are anything but historical, and generally are only a summary of dry facts with the life and soul of progressive events omitted. Prof. Ridpath paints the inspiring story of the discovery of this land, of the trials and privations of the early settlers, the national birth and advancement to the front rank among the powers of the earth, in a series of word pictures that glow with patriotic fervor and impress themselves upon the mind with indelible force. Still, the language is simple and admirably adapted to the minds of the young. Some valuable features of this history are progressive maps, chronological charts and topographical diagrams. Nothing approaching them in completeness was ever incorporated in a school history. These works are published by Jones Brothers & Co., of Philadelphia, Cincinnati, and Chicago, and are the cheapest and best bound school books we have yet seen.

Was It a Snake?

Among the passengers on the steamer "Dakota" on the way from San Francisco to Victoria, was a young lady who had suffered from a painful disorder in her stomach. She had been treated in turn by all the leading physicians in San Francisco and had traveled quite extensively, and had been treated by physicians elsewhere, in hope of obtaining relief. She became no better. She was very weak during the entire trip from San Francisco, and on the second or third day out, threw up what appeared to be a snake—a hideous looking creature measuring seven inches in length, with a flat head like a scorpion, a white belly and dark back.

Riot at Oregon City.

Last Saturday a riot of considerable importance occurred at Oregon City. It was occasioned by a conflict between the Chinese and some whites of that place. The Chinese were returning from their work when they were attacked by about twenty whites. They repelled the attack with vigor and the result was a draw battle. A number on both sides were badly injured and the excitement was intense. It is feared that there may be a renewal of the fight before long.

A Large Acreage to be Sown.

The present fair weather is enabling our farmers to speed the plow to their heart's content. Those in whose judgment reliance is to be placed, and who have already looked over the field, think it more than probable that much more acreage will be sown this year than last, and that the wheat product of the county next year will be at least one-third greater than this. The more the merrier!

House Burned.

The residence of E. W. Dixon, near Canyonville, was destroyed by fire on Saturday last. The chimney was defective, and it is thought the flames, which finally burst forth and destroyed the building, had been smoldering for sometime. Everything in the house was consumed.

A NERVOUS HUNT.

Last week R. A. Allen, of Coquille, to John and Joe Aiken, a deer hunt. He was a welcome when the dogs were turned loose, and was put in the "best stand." The dogs worked earnestly, and soon a deer came along and he red. The deer ran on, and Joe and John's father brought it to the ground by a well-directed shot. It was a beautiful animal and Allen was highly elated. The old gentleman at once proceeded to take out his hunting knife to cut the deer's throat, and had made one sharp cut when the deer sprang to its feet and dashed off toward the river. Mr. Aiken at once raised his gun to shoot it a second time, but a glance at the situation of things showed it was not wise to do so. When the deer sprang up, and started off Allen was directly in range; and there Allen was going—a Henry rifle full-charged in one hand, his hat swinging in the other, and his tongue suddenly wagging for the dogs to come on, close hot from Allen's rifle would have stopped the deer, but the amateur hunter did not think of his shooting iron; and when John and Joe got home that night, worn out from packing six deer into camp, they laughed at Allen as the man who thought to run a deer down on foot. Allen is mad, boys. When he returns to Salem don't ask him about his deer hunt in the valley of the Umpqua.

RAILROAD TROUBLE.

Although the people over in Polk county have got a railroad they are not happy. The Portland Bee says: A man named Pollard bought at Sheridan a lot of wheat stored at that place. He ordered this wheat to be taken to Oregon City by the narrow gauge railroad, but the managers refused to take it unless he agreed to pay for the term, and in a short time had 100 teams hired of the farmers in the neighborhood to haul the grain to Mc Minnville. So the teams gathered around the warehouse, which was choked against them; sufficient force having been obtained the door was broken open and the railroad men driven away, and thirty teams loaded with wheat started for Mc Minnville. At his junction a compromise was effected and the narrow gauge railroad by the remaining wheat to its destination.

Mr. Pollard also purchased wheat at Perrydale on the Dutton and Sheridan railroad and ordered the same to be delivered at Oregon City, but as in the first instance, the managers refused to deliver the grain short of Portland. Pollard hired 50 teams to haul the grain to Lincoln for shipment on steamboats. There is considerable excitement over the matter among the people and there is a chance for some heavy litigation.

Did He Try to Suicide?

Elsewhere we speak of a man who said he was "doped" by a snake-keeper. Now comes in other parties who say they have the individual referred to attempted to commit suicide by taking arsenic. Knowing nothing of the matter, we do not know whether the man tried to kill himself or not. There is this much certain: we do believe, in fact know, there is no saloon-keeper in town who would "dope" any one.

Joe Clough in Town.

Joe Clough was in town during the week, happier and better company than ever, if such were possible. He has invested in mining stocks in Josephine county, and the prospect before him is altogether pleasing. Joe evidently feels better than he did the morning when Billy (and "redhead" for him) and on a steep grade on one of the leaders in the team got his tail fastened in the book on the wagon tongue. Good luck go with you, Joe.

Appointments.

Following are the appointments of the M. E. Church for the year 1878: First Sabbath, Ten Mile 11 A. M. Looking Glass 3 P. M.; the Second Sabbath, Canyonville, 11 A. M., alternate between Day's creek and Cow creek 3 P. M.; Third Sabbath, Roseburg 11 A. M., Pine Grove school house on Deer creek 3 P. M., Roseburg in the evening; Fourth Sabbath, C. and J. 11, alternate between French Settlement and Cole's valley 3 P. M. N. A. STARR, Pastor.

A New Visitor.

J. B. Wyatt, Esq. Wells, Fargo & Co's agent, Albany, was in the city during the week. In appearance he resembles a sea captain after a prosperous voyage, or a retired major of the army, with a handsome person, and he is jolly, good company, you may depend. He has returned home, and taken our good wishes with him to be renewed whenever he shall again give Roseburg a call.

Don't Write Any More.

Our Myrtle Creek correspondent seems to have enlarged upon the truth in his short note of last week. We want only to forward as our correspondent appears to have more than filled the measure, we hope he will quit writing; however, in fact we would advise him to do so.

Transactions of the Land Office for October.

Following are the transactions of the U. S. Land Office at this place for the month of October: 1330 acres sold for cash; 110 acres of Mineral Land sold; 27 Homesteads located; 21 Pre-emption filings; 15 Final Homestead proofs made; 2 Donation Certificates issued.

New Editor.

Mr. Ernest Oldendorf, a graduate of one of the best European universities, has assumed the editorial control of the Portland Bee. The freshness and vigor with which he writes shows him to be, a man of ability. That paper is certain of success.

Quarterly Meeting.

First quarterly meeting of the Oakland Circuit, Methodist Episcopal Church South, November 16th and 17th, at Thomas Winford's school house, Lower Calapoosia.

Seven Happy Widows.

A Salem paper says that seven widows of that place were made happy within ten days. The editor was only informing his readers that the widows had been married.

Died.

In this city, November 3d, William Carll, infant son of George and Fannie Roberts, aged two months and twenty-three days.

A LAUGHABLE FARCE.

A Great City Election—A Heavy Vote—Polled—55 Citizens Show their Manhood and Enjoy New Rights—Hoo-ra-y!

"OLD PAPPY" AND SCIO OUTDONE!

GLORY ENOUGH, YOU BET!

AND DON'T US APPLIES SWIM IN THE TIDE

On Monday last a heavy fog must have settled down upon the entire world, and wrapped the inhabitants thereof in its many folds. Why this conclusion? There was an election held in the great city of Oakland on that day, and only 55 votes were polled. Had the day been clear the vote of mankind might have looked on with interest and found profit in close study of the ways of many of the people at the hub of the universe and ahead of Boston.

If Pappy Stroud had been there to take the situation, there is no doubt he would have photographed it to brick Pomeroy, immediately after the polls closed, that every ward in the great city had been carried, and he would have been in no position to do so.

There was nowhere in our parish, but Pappy wasn't there, the dispatch wasn't sent, and we alone are left to chronicle the events in connection with and about the GREAT contest, in which the smaller half of fifty-five people therein engaged voted to pay \$4,000 to the work that two good constables might easily perform without extra cost of one cent.

Any one looking at the tall church spires, magnificence of edifices of learning, and the many brown stone fronts lining the various business thoroughfares—its gas and water privileges (especially both of them at this season of the year)—would hardly believe that this was the first city election ever held in Oakland. It is true, nevertheless, and, as stated before, the whole number 1 55 votes were polled!

For consequence there was much verbiage on the part of those who managed the office—or rather the election. Three of the judges at the polls were candidates for office—something unheard of before, but perhaps satisfactory to those most interested in this instance. The candidate for Marshal had never resided within the city limits, but the managers didn't care. The ballot box was never locked, and when a voter extended the right of franchise, the lid of the box was raised and the ballot thrown in. This was a new procedure, but the ballot-box was alright, since it was in the hands of the candidates. After one old citizen had deposited his vote and had walked away, he was called back and chided. Another citizen who had been of on a visit for a short time, was declared not a citizen. The big rush of the day was made by those who desired to put the highest possible tax on the railroad, and some of the ruffians were railroad men. So the election was carried, strange as it may seem. Next day after election, the managers threw out the vote of the old citizen, and another vote on yellow paper, and the thing was done brown, and a memorable contest in a great city ended.

Following is the manner in which the vote was cast:

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