

The Independent

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Society Meetings.

UMPUQA 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. There are to be 2 speakers on a side. Signed, Members of Cole's Valley Debating Club.

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

PHILETIANIAN Lodge, No. 8, I. O. G. T. 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.

LOCAL NOTES.

Times dull and money scarce. Go to Flood's for what you want in his line.

Mr. S. C. Moore's condition is not improving. The weather has been decidedly frosty of late.

Shooting match for turkeys at the depot on the 24th.

Hon. Binger Hermann has returned from Washington territory.

We acknowledge a pleasant call from Hon. James Chenoweth.

Hon. John H. Mitchell has our thanks for the Congressional Globe.

As soon as he smiled we knew Pappy Gildersleeve had returned.

C. Cohen is prepared to furnish you goods of the finest quality.

Josephson has a large stock of goods at the New York Cash Store.

The turkeys are commencing to moult at the approach of Christmas.

Street improvements are going forward with commendable activity.

Considerable grain is still being shipped from this place to Portland.

The Indians east of the Cascades are said to be restless and dissatisfied.

Mrs. Wm. Cardwell, Cleveland, is dangerously ill with lung fever.

Langenberg Brothers are receiving orders from abroad for their fine toys.

A large and enthusiastic railroad meeting was held in Salem one day this week.

J. A. Crow has purchased John Farquar's interest in the restaurant business.

The principal officer of Rebekek Degree Lodge, Portland, is a lady—the first in the State.

The California stages are making regular trips. The roads are reported very heavy.

The Medical Department of the Willamette University opened at Portland with 35 students.

B. F. Dowell, it is said, will receive half the amount of the judgment against W. C. Griswold.

A few Christmas toys yet remain for sale at Caro Brothers'. The rush there has been very great.

There are one hundred and fifty convicts in the Penitentiary. About one for every thousand people in the State.

Col. Whipple and Lieut. Shelton passed through town on Sunday last, to attend on court-martial duty at Vancouver.

A very interesting letter is necessarily out of this issue for want of time to put it in type. It will appear in our next.

A general invitation to whitemen, Chinamen and Indians is extended to attend the various necktie parties given in January next.

W. J. Hannon was in town this week. It is wonderful that the girls about Wilbur do not take in such a good looking man out of the west.

The Willamette Farmer is soon to be removed to Portland. It is not surprising to hear that the State Fair is to be held there two years.

We have received the first number of the Weekly Republican, published at Junction. It is so neatly printed and so ably edited that we cannot help wishing it success.

There will be a Christmas tree and a general gathering of old and young folks at the Cleveland school-house on the evening of the 24th, and a general good time is anticipated. Everybody should attend.

The Postoffice Department has notified three bidders for the Coos Bay mail route to send in further bids. A month or six weeks must necessarily elapse before service is again resumed on the route.

The westside railroad is to be completed to Junction during the coming summer. If the new railroad proves to be as much of a blessing to the people of the westside as it has to our county, then indeed they have cause for general rejoicing.

A CHALLENGE.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 9, 1878. ED. INDEPENDENT: Seeing that the Literary Society at your place (with a name hard to spell) is in full blast, we of Cole's Valley Society, send them a challenge, by the way of encouragement. The question to be "Resolved, That the women of the United States should have the privilege of voting." Should they accept please state their time and place, giving us one week's notice. There are to be 2 speakers on a side. Signed, Members of Cole's Valley Debating Club.

A Long Tramp. Last week a German and his wife came to this place to start a bakery, but not finding sufficient employment, started for Jacksonville, distant ninety-five miles, on foot, each carrying a bundle. George Roberts picked them up in the canyon and gave them a ride into Galesville, and reports he never did any one a favor before who were so grateful and who so plainly showed they could not find words to express their gratitude for his kindness. The roads are fearful at this season of the year for horsemen or stages, but what must it be for the poor man and woman on their long and weary tramp.

In Four Hundred Feet. From W. F. Biggs, Esq., we learn that work on the tunnel of the Tellurium is still rapidly progressing. The tunnel has now reached a distance of 400 feet. A hard character of rock was met with a day or two ago, which miners believe to be the wall rock to the ledge. The signs are fearful at this season of the year for horsemen or stages, but what must it be for the poor man and woman on their long and weary tramp.

Chinese on Public Works. We see that the government contractors engaged in constructing the canal at the Cascades, have employed Chinamen to do the work, paying one dollar per day. They offer work to white men, but on such condition as to prevent them from working. It is an outrage upon the workmen of the country when the government allows its public works to be constructed by foreign slaves. It may enrich the contractors, but will impoverish and degrade American labor.

Too Much Married. A letter from Empire City states that Captain Lausare, an old resident, has run away, leaving his family. It seems the Captain has committed bigamy. Before he married his present wife, he was wedded and wedded another, became dissatisfied and ran off without taking the trouble to procure a divorce. Mrs. Lausare No. 1 was about to put in appearance, and the Captain did not propose to face two angry women.

New and Cheap Music. Lovers of new first-class sheet music, embracing some of the compositions of the greatest composers, at less price than such sheet music can be purchased in San Francisco, cannot do better than to call at the store of Dr. J. Woodruff. He has a collection of fine music of over five hundred different pieces, from which a competent critic cannot fail to select something nice and pleasing. It is without doubt the richest stock in the line ever brought to Roseburg. Go and see yourself.

An American Game. The other evening a gentleman from Oakland and a son of France, held forth in one of the saloons in a little game of seven-up. It is needless to say that the fair fame of our sister city was not disgraced by anything in the shape of poor playing, and those who were present during the progress of the game can readily testify that a Frenchman is a nervous and excitable creature at the best.

New Diggings Found. A letter received from Jim Woodward and Uncle John Gildersleeve states that they have found new placer mines on Lee's creek, a tributary of Myrtle creek. They found as high as \$2.50 to the pan on the bedrock. Whether the diggings were extensive or not the prospectors are as yet unable to determine. We hope the boys have struck it rich.

Dangerous Doctor. Last Monday Dr. John Catto was arrested on a charge of rape at Goldendale, committed on the person of Miss Minnie Cows. He was tried before a justice and was held to appear at the next term of the District Court in the sum of \$1,000. Failing to procure bonds he was taken to Vancouver where he will board at the expense of the county.

Returned Home. Mr. and Mrs. Meredith, who went to Stockton some time ago to attend a sick brother of the lady, (reported to be dying by telegram) have returned home, we are pleased to say, bringing the brother with them. The young man is enjoying the best of health.

In New Quarters. Mose Apple has moved his stock of tobacco, etc., into his new quarters between Marks' brick and the Esmeralda. He has an excellent supply, and will treat courteously all those who purchase of him. Give him a call.

It is Easy to Tell. Very few men laugh without they are tickled. Geo. Booth is laughing just now and the reason is, it is a girl. Don't blame you, George.

Convicted. The two Chinamen accused of the murder of the Christian Celestial at the Jose House, Portland, have been convicted of murder in the first degree and will doubtless receive a sentence of death.

New Paper. A new paper to be called "Coast Mail," is soon to commence publication at Marshfield. It will be Republican in politics and is published by Webster & Hacker. We wish it success.

Gone to Nevada. A letter received by his wife states that Mr. Sol. Abraham has gone to Nevada, and that the chances are he will not return to Roseburg before the first of February.

Indian War Dance. Monday evening two squaws and as many bucks held forth in a war dance at the depot. Fifty cents admission was charged. The receipts of the evening were small and the boys enjoyed themselves.

Hard to Tell. It is hard to tell who Jeff Hannon wants to go to the ball to be given in Cole's valley. It can't be because Mike T. lives here? Oh, Jeff, we did not think thus of you.

UMPUQA FERRY.

Holidays are approaching. Paupers are flocking to the poor house. The population around here seems to be on the increase. Extensive preparations are being made for the Christmas ball. Prospects for better times have begun to make their appearance. W. B. Clarke has been confined to his bed for some time with rheumatism, but is now able to be around. Runaways are of every day occurrence. A team runaway the other day, but no serious damage occurred. Z. Vanorman, D. D., will favor the citizens of Cole's Valley and vicinity with a lecture on theology soon. Mr. S. D. Evans returned from Reno, Na., last week. He went down there with a drove of sheep in the spring. The early wheat looks well and it is anticipated that there will be a much better crop than there has been heretofore. The residence of Mr. Churchill at this place is fast nearing completion under the supervision of Mr. G. M. Armstrong. Wheat and oats are up from two to three inches in height, looking as if they felt glad to make their appearance. One of the "Reverend heads" politely stepped up to a farmer residing here and asked him for a load of oats in the cause of Christ. The stage running from Oakland has to rustle to keep up as it has a load of passengers every trip, which makes Peter smile. The wind storm which occurred last Sunday night was the hardest one we have had for many a year. Fences blown down, unfinished houses torn to pieces and every thing smashed up generally. Horses, cattle, hogs and sheep are so fat that they can hardly roll, and taking everything into consideration one can nearly see every body for next year standing around jingling the "chickens" in their pockets. The Cleveland correspondent in last week's "Plainsdealer" said that the saw mill on Hubbard creek would be running by the first of February. Please put it the first of April and you will come nearer hitting the truth. The farmers down here are wearing a smile from ear to ear on account of such nice weather, and they say, "The prospects of a war in Europe." Most of them are done plowing for the first time. A large crop is talked of. Again I would say that every one has to acknowledge that the INDEPENDENT is the best paper published in the Douglas county. It is full of the latest news by telegraph where the others are filled up with trash picked out of other papers which has been read a week before. And, why not throw away your party spirit and take that noble motto, "INDEPENDENT in all things and neutral in nothing."

SECURED HIS PARDON. Jimmy Dodge, aged 14 years, concluding to follow after the life of Robinson Crusoe, and having disobeyed his parents, suddenly left his home in this county, and after many adventures, wended his way to the north, at last arriving in the Towhee country, at Dayton. He finding a life of adventure rather less romantic than his early reading had led him to believe, and yearning once more to return home and being without means, the little fellow, not realizing the result, deliberately rode away a pony, the property of a Dayton citizen; and going to Walla, sold the animal and was about to journey down the river on the cars and boats, when he was arrested, taken to Dayton, and there bound over to await the action of the Grand Jury, where he was indicted, pleaded guilty and sentenced to the lowest penitentiary one year in the penitentiary. But his parents hearing of his arrest, proceeded there and defended him, if possible; but the facts being conclusive the above course was adopted, and then after diligent labor, Mr. Hermann obtained one of the finest petitions of pardon, securing the names of nearly all the Grand Jury, prosecuting attorney, complaining witness, all the county officers and members elect to the Legislature, Representatives elect to Congress, members of the Walla, Walla and Dayton Bars, and citizens generally of the place. With this petition he proceeded to Olympia, and a pardon was granted by the Governor. The fact is now on his way home, rejoicing at his happy deliverance, a better and wiser boy, it is to be hoped.

THE DEBATE. The Literary Society debated the Chinese question last Wednesday evening. The speakers arguing against the immigration of Chinese to this country held there could be no competition between the American free and Chinese slave laborers; that they exhaust the resources of and make no return to the country; and on the principle of self-defense, under the Constitution, Chinese immigration to this country should be restricted. The negative held that the Chinese-only filled a vacancy; they were peaceable citizens and interfered with no one; that they were a necessity to carry on public work. The negative argued that the decision was against them. The negative was represented by E. G. Harsh and George Kimball, the affirmative by Fred Flood and L. H. Wells.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT. Last Thursday, the 12th, while standing in front of a fire-place at his home on Applegate, the oldest son of Robert Banister fell into the fire during an epileptic fit, and was burned severely before assistance came to his relief. He was on his face in the fire, and was lying in that position when found by his father. The doctor in attendance reports the boy's injuries serious, but not necessarily fatal, but that his face will be badly disfigured.

A Gastronomic Feast. John D. Bowen, a blacksmith, in the city, not long ago, performed the wonderful feat of swallowing fifty raw eggs at one sitting, without any unpleasant results following. We are waiting to hear from the rest of the States in order to learn whether any one can beat this. In case the feat is eclipsed, we will look for brisates on the animal.

THE POETICAL HUSBAND'S STATEMENT. One night as old St. Peter slept, He left the door of heaven ajar, When through a little angelic crew, And came down with a falling star. (The summer, as the blessed beams of moon approached, my beaming bride Awaking from some pleasing dreams, And found that Angel by her side. Fate grant but this—I ask no more— That when he leaves this world of pain, He'll wing his way to that bright shore, And find his way to heaven again.)

PRACTICAL ST. PETER'S SUPPLY. Full eighteen hundred years or more I've kept my gate securely tied; There has no "little angel" strayed, Nor one been missing from my side. I did not sleep as you supposed, Nor left the door of heaven ajar; Nor has a "little angel" left, And gone down with a falling star. Go, ask the blushing bride and see If she don't own and frankly say, That when she found that angel babe, She found it in the good old way.

NEW GRANT ME THIS—I ASK NO MORE— That, should your number still enlarge, You will not do as done before. And lay it to old Peter's charge.

NEW TO-DAY. 200 OF DRY WOOD! FOR SALE. WHEELER BROS., OAKLAND, Oregon, Dec. 21.

God Back Sick. James Woodard returned home Wednesday evening from Lees creek quite ill Monday evening he was taken with a congestive chill, which for a time was thought would prove fatal. At the present writing his condition appears to be considerably improved.

MINING NEWS.

From the Jacksonville Times we gather the following news of the mines of Southern Oregon: The miners of Farmer's Flat are about ready to commence operations. Considerable mining is going on in the region of Willow Springs this Winter. The mines on Jackass creek are being worked more extensively than ever before. The Esther quartz mine is probably to be leased to a company of Nevada miners. The pipe for Gin Lin's second hydraulic is now in position and about ready for active work. The Squaw Lake Ditch Company has ceased piping and is now making a general clean-up. The Silver creek excitement is in a fair way to be discouraged for the present by the heavy snow fall in that vicinity. Miners are of the opinion that but another rain like the one recently experienced will be necessary to furnish enough water for mining purposes. The Sterling Company will soon build one or more reservoirs, which will enable it to continue operations the year around. Reports from Josephine county are of a favorable nature. More mining than ever will be carried on in that county than ever before.

RESUMES PRACTICE. As will be seen Dr. J. Browne has resumed the practice of medicine. He treats especially the throat, lungs, etc.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT. In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Douglas, sitting in Probate. In the matter of the estate of Alex. Porter, deceased: A. G. LANGDON, ADMINISTRATOR of said estate, having filed in said court his final account for settlement, and also praying for an order for setting the time for hearing the same, therefore, notice is hereby given that said final account will be heard and determined in said court on Tuesday, the 7th day of January, 1879, at which time all persons having any objections to said final account and settlement must then and there make the same; and that notice of the same be published in the INDEPENDENT for four consecutive weeks. By order of Hon. C. Gaddis, T. R. SHERIDAN, Clerk.

NOTICE. THEREBY GIVEN THAT MY WIFE, Ada Short, has left my bed and board without cause, and I hereby warn all persons not to credit her on my account, as I shall not be liable for her debts. GEORGE W. SHORT, ROSEBURG, Oregon, November 19.

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Heavy Judgment.

The case of the United States vs. W. C. Griswold in the U. S. District Court at Portland, has been brought to a close, resulting in a verdict in favor of the plaintiff. The verdict in the last judgment was for \$35,228. This is the third judgment that has been rendered against W. C. Griswold for his connection with the Indian war claims of 1854, which three judges and two juries have decided against him. In 1876 Mr. Griswold was compelled to pay a judgment in favor of B. F. Dowell of \$5,950 81.

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