# The Independent

SATURDAY.........MARCH 6, 1880


AGENTS FOR THE INDEPENDENT

Wheeler Bros. .......... Oakland.
D. J. Lyons ....... Scottsburg and Elkton.
J. R. Ellison .......... Yoncalla.
W. R. Wells .......... Ten Mile.
F. M. Gabbert .......... Myrtle Creek.
Geo. H. Shambrook ....... Umpqua Ferry.
Wm. Cochran .......... Looking Glass.
A. L. Bender .......... Myrtle Point.
Abe. Mensor .......... Jacksonville.
Jeptha Thornton .......... Oak Creek.
Joe Shingle .......... Marshfield

## WM. HENRY R. BARKER.

Our citizens were sadly disturbed on Sunday morning by the sad intelligence that Wm. Henry R. Barker, brother of Hon. Jesse N. and Woodville Barker, had departed this life at the former named brother's residence on the 29th ult., at the age of 39 years.

The deceased was related to many of our prominent citizens other than the two named, and was a gentleman and an honest man, beloved by all who knew him. He belived in the Christian faith, and was an active member of the M. E. Church South for several years past. Though one of God's afflicted children, it seemed that his was a pure heart at the beginning of his life, and that the heart ruled the man while living. Early in life he became one of the Master's followers, and through the years that came after to the moment when life separated body and soul, he remained steadfast a lover of the Bible and a firm believer in its sublime teachings.

His many sorrowing friends and relatives deplore their loss in his death. We do not see why they should be cast down. There is every reason to believe that the spirit of the departed does not regret the change. Nothing dies but that a new life shall come. Flowers wither and decay; their perfume wanders through space forever and their germs grow and produce new flowers. The tiniest blade of grass falls not but it lives in another form. Man dies only that he may become an angel.

This, all who knew him believes, is the only change that has taken place in the loved and the departed. It would be wrong to say, "the loved and the lost;" for those who are left behind must accept him who goes before as a guide, and when they all are compelled to follow in his foot-steps, surely they must find him when the final resting place is reached. Were there not a thought of this kind there would be nothing in life and living, and with a sincere belief in it there is nothing in dying. It is to the world's God's blessing; for there is not only the promise of renewed life, but a life of rest, and peace and happiness. No one ever died but went to sleep tired; let us pray and hope, as in the case of the late Mr. Barker, that no one will awake in the home of the Father but will gladly proclaim Heavenly joy I have found.

### The Yokum Bridge

Judge Gaddis during the past week had surveyor Hurlburt re-survey the line of the county road beyond Myrtle creek, and it was found that the Yokum bridge was on the line of the road. There were many complaints made concerning the bridge and Judge Gaddis Friday morning sent a dispatch to road supervisor Jackson to post notices on the Yokum bridge, declaring the bridge unsafe, and warning the public against traveling over the same. In the meantime no one can be compelled to pay toll over the bridge. If they do so, it will be their own fault. In addition to the above it might as well be stated that the judge and commissioners have resolved upon building a number of bridges in this county during the present spring and summer, and that they do not think it advisable to put up otherwise than permanent structures—something that will last, and cost nothing for repairs.

### School Meetings.

The school meeting for this district was held in this city last Monday. Judge Gaddis was elected director, and J. C. Fullerton, clerk. A series of resolutions were adopted, among which was one providing for corporal punishment of unruly scholars and for a meeting to vote a tax to repair the present schoolhouse or build a new one. The time for the meeting will be left for the directors to decide upon, and the meeting will probably be called some time this month or next.

In Calapooia precinct Harden Davis was elected director, succeeding John Baker, whose term had expired. A. T. Brunner was elected district clerk. School will begin soon, and continue for five or six months, under the supervision of one of the leading instructors of this county, Otis Hutchinson.

### Gone East of the Mountains.

Mr. John Newman, accompanied by Mr. W. E. Aytch, left Wednesday morning for east of the mountains. Mr. Newman took several head of horses with him, and will engage in teaming and other work on the line of the new railroad. Since 1862 he has been in the employ of the Oregon Stage company, which corporation he served with fidelity, and to the complete satisfaction of his employers. Leaving here, he departed with the best wishes for his success from an entire community, any member of which community stands ready to vouch for Mr. Newman's honesty, capacity and sobriety. In the language of all we say, "Good luck, John." Mr. Aytch is a Douglas county boy, and was for several years employed at Levins' station.

### Was in Town.

Mr. A. D. Robinson, of Oakland, was in town during the week and gave us a friendly call. Mr. R., during the past summer, fall and winter, was engaged in building three fine bridges—one at Rock Point and two for Jackson county, over Sardine and Birdseye creeks. The reports from the new bridges made by travelers over them are highly flattering to Mr. Robinson, the bridges being pronounced first-class in every respect.

### Land Transactions.

Business of the Roseburg Land office for February is as follows: 483 acres sold for cash; 10 homestead entries embracing 831 acres; 10 final homestead entries embracing 1,435 acres; 9 pre-emption filings; 8 donation certificates issued; one timber entry.

O. Dodge, of Hermansville, is an authorized agent for this paper.

For every kind fresh garden and flower seeds, go to S. Hamilton's drug store.

## THE RING'S PLANS!

An Expose of Fink & Gazley's and the Roseburg Ring's Plans for the Coming Campaign.

WHO IS THE LIAR NOW!

The Co-partnership of the Two Papers Works to a Charm if not Interfered With!

BUT THERE IS A "FRIDAY" IN THE BUSINESS!

Why Will Sensible Men Write Foolish Letters?

The Roseburg Ring, in Chorus Cry: "DAMN FRIDAY!"

We have time and again warned the honest voters of this county against the crookedness of Fink & Gazley and the ring of republicans and democrats in Roseburg which they lead and absolutely control. We have also argued and urged that the purpose of Fink & Gazley was nothing less than the purpose of men who scheme to rob the people, and that the ring was not composed of democrats alone, but also, of republicans, so regardless of party principles as to be willing to sacrifice party interests when it came to a question of filling their own pockets. We have also pointed to the fact that the democratic and republican papers had joined together to aid the ring in its work, both sacrificing party to secure better-paying masters than in the persons of Fink & Gazley and members of the ring. We have defended Sol. Abraham and W. R. Willis in their rights, as we have only other citizens when they were right. We have submitted to attacks from the ring that has more than once attempted to bulldose us, and we made no reply in order to avoid a personal warfare. But there is a time when forbearance ceases to be a virtue with the most patient and forgiving. That time has past. We now will show no quarter, and ask none. Prior to this we had the proof of the ring's existence, of its secret plannings and its hopes for the future. We will now pull the veil aside in chapter I. of a series of articles, some of which are to come. We now show the democratic side of the ring's work, in a letter from R. Newcomb, A. A. Fink and James F. Gazley's private secretary, and the purpose of the ring's democratic organ, and next week, without fear or favor, we will have something astonishing, yet altogether truthful, of the organ which claims to be republican and yet disgraces the name of the party it would have us believe it honestly represents. Here is a copy of the letter we speak of. We have the original in our possession and it can be seen by anyone. Let taxpayers read it carefully. A second glance will not be required to prove that a marriage between the republican and democratic members of the ring has already been consumated:

ROSEBURG, Feb. 23, 1880.

FRIEND HEARD: Yours of the 21st to hand, and thanks for the interest manifested in MY FUTURE PROSPECTS. Shall be more than PLEASED FOR YOUR PROFFERED ASSISTANCE, satisfied that you can be of material aid. AM SATISFIED that I can command the MAJOR PART OF THIS PRECINCT. In this connection I can give you a FEW RUMORS as to what is going on in the political field.

FIRST AND FOREMOST OF MY OWN CASE. I understand that G. A. Brodie, a YOUNG lawyer practicing here, will be AN ASPIRANT BEFORE OUR CONVENTION. He has been a RESIDENT IN THE STATE ABOUT 18 MONTHS. His qualifications good(?). I KNOW OF NO SUPPORT THAT HE WILL HAVE OUTSIDE OF JUDGE MOSHER. J. Q. Grubbe, of Wilbur, informed me that he had been MENTIONED in connection with the same position, but assured me that under no circumstances would he stand.

On the radical side I hear of no one BUT STRANGE. Before mentioning anything further, let me say, as you probably know, there is SOME FEAR OF A SPLIT IN OUR RANKS, on account of trouble between MESSRS FINK AND ABRAHAM. Looking at this from a perfectly impartial view, the only thing I see is to KEEP MR. ABRAHAM EXACTLY WHERE HE BELONGS, THAT IS IN THE REPUBLICAN RANKS. It does not seem fair or sensible that any democrat should pin his faith on Mr. A. STILL IT CANNOT BE DENIED that he has SOME FOLLOWERS and it will take a STRONG EFFORT TO KEEP HARMONY. So much for a preface.

JUDGE WATSON is a candidate for the position he now holds, and up to this date I hear of NO DEMOCRAT who desires to cope with him, and I have heard it SUGGESTED that he be allowed a CLEAR FIELD.

For prosecuting attorney we have Jas. Hamilton and HON. A. F. CAMPBELL. Here there will be a WARM FIGHT, and it is impossible TO SAY WHO HAS THE INSIDE TRACK. BOTH are popular young men. Campbell has years and experience the advantage.

Sheridan is the choice from all quarters for clerk. Wm. Wright, the present treasurer, is also a candidate, but in my opinion HAS NO CHANCE and his qualifications are LIMITED. The other side offer quite a number for the clerkship. I hear of Geo. Kimball, late of the land office, Vantie Wheeler, of your place, and last and not least, the old war-horse Capt. Williams.

For Treasurer I have no doubt WE will nominate Wright again. I hear of no one against him.

I should have mentioned that G. O. Holman is up for prosecuting attorney on the radical side.

For State senator and members of the legislature, I hear of NO ONE particularly. Q. A. Grubbe has been spoken of, but I AM SATISFIED HE WILL NOT COME TO THE FRONT, as he has PRIVATE BUSINESS OF A FINANCIAL CHARACTER THAT MUST BE ATTENDED TO.

On the question of sheriff I AM AFRAID OF A SPLIT. Mr. Hogan has a strong support and will be a prominent man for re-nomination. IT IS NATURAL TO SUPPOSE THAT OTHER PORTIONS OF THE COUNTY WILL FURNISH MEN AND IF WE ARE GIVEN THE CLERKSHIP, WE WOULD BE EXPECTED TO BE SATISFIED. I understand that J. D. McKinnon is mentioned as is also Capt. Hall. I am afraid to express a choice as they are all good men, and I only hope THE CHOICE WILL FALL ON THE ONE THAT CAN WIN and keep harmony in OUR ranks.

Speaking of the legislative ticket allow me to suggest that YOUR NAME would add strenth to our cause. I know this is not a lucrative position, but an HONORABLE one, and one in which I am satisfied you could do credit for the people of Douglas county and yourself. If I have your permission I WOULD BE PLEASED TO LEND A HELPING HAND towards making it successful. So much for the present status of things; of course these crude items of information are not PERFECTLY RELIABLE and are only street rumors; as such if you desire YOU CAN MAKE USE OF THEM.

Yours &c.,
R. NEWCOMB.

Could anything be more plainly spoken? Here is every candidate almost named, and here it is stated that the democrats and the republicans in the ring have purposely fought Sol. Abraham, and propose to fight him for political purposes—and what else? The answer is as ready as the question asked—that Fink & Gazley may further their selfish ends. And both the so-called democratic organs have been helping the ring, and as Fink & Gazley dictated, they have done their best to make it warm for Solomon. Oh, the deception there is in the rascals! They have called us a personal organ when they are but tools themselves. With so little as they have possessed to base their charges upon they have accused us of their own crime. They believed we like them in their sinning; for they could not but judge us by themselves since their egotistical, sinful nature would not permit them to know anything else. While we were puzzled at first, we could not help thinking we smelled the devil in the smoke made by his imps. And now the truth has come not only in proof of the rottenness of the ring, in proof of how Fink & Gazley are working to make the two parties submissive to the carrying out of their own individual ends, in proof of the submission of the Star and Plaindealer to their purposes, in proof of the combination entered into by the republicans and democrats in the ring, but in proof of the skillful plans made by the ring to force the free people of Douglas county, through low cunning and secret plottings, to bow down beneath the ring's yoke at the election and thereafter for two year's, with Fink King, and Gazley the power behind the throne.

It is sad to realize that a party which sprang from so noble and glorious a temple as that in which the reason of the immortal Thomas Jefferson found a temporal home. should be so prostituted, to the base purposes of two selfish schemers It is a shame that those who advocate the ideas of the great and glorious Alexander Hamilton, and by following their truths, pray and hope for a republic with a life everlasting, they too must bow down and act as Fink & Gazley—two plotters in Douglas county, in a small precinct, and small town, in a new and young State, and to control one little pitiful lawsuit, shall pronounce. What is more—are not the taxpayers' interests to be considered? It seems not so, While many good men's names are included in the ring's slate (in order only to give the ring's ticket evidence of respectability) only so far has the ring planned for the people. In the letter good, and honorable men's names are used; but it is through compulsion the ring's man Friday speaks of such men. Were the rouges altogether named upon one ticket the fraud upon the people would be to transparent. Half will be put upon one ticket, half upon the other, and through the love the people have for the principles enunciated by the two great leaders and by swapping and trading, it is planned that all the rogues will get office, only excepting the honest men elected who must be supported in order to hide the wrong worked for. The honest democrats and the honest republicans spoken of in Fink & Gazley's private secretary's letter need not feel uneasy because they have been named in connection with the ring's candidates. They must remember that after the ring's work is completed there yet remains a power in the hands of the electors of this county far greater than all that King Fink controls behind his throne. The people will have the last say; and don't fear. The farmers and taxpayers, have long ago learned how to separate the grain from the chaff. The deserving will not be forgotten; and we mistake the temper of our people if they do not remember the ring and its candidates.

To Independents we have but one word of advice to give, and that is, the writer of the letter quoted is Fink & Gazley and the ring's private secretary. and when he writes "we," he means Fink, Gazley, Ring & Co., himself included.

## LEPROSY IN PORTLAND.

The Portland daily Telegram thus describes the finding of a Chinese leper in that city by a police officer. He heard moaning sounds. At first he paid no attention to it, as all kinds of hideous noises may be heard in the Chinese quarter at all hours of the night. While returning that way he heard the moaning still plainer, and following the sound, he came to the door of a little coop or shed, which he found to be locked. He could plainly hear the low moans and heavy breathing of a person inside, and trimming his lantern, he put his shoulder to the door and burst the lock. Beneath the blaze of the lantern, a disgusting and horrible picture was revealed, as dozens of rats scampered in every direction. The air was burdened with a terrible stench, for which there is no name on earth, while in one corner of this prison of death lay the emaciated form of a Chinaman. To attempt to describe the spot would be folly, as the floor was a mass of filth, and the Chinaman, in whom there was just life and nothing more, was in keeping. A small kit, which had formely contained mackeral, set near the sufferer's head, and contained about a gallon of water, filthier than the slimes of the mud flats below the city. The officer seeing that the fellow was almost dead went out upon the streets to find another officer and consult what was best to be done. He had just reached the corner, when he met one of our leading physicians, to whom he related his story. The two then returned to the filth den, going through dark and mazy passages into the center of the block. The physician made an examination. The sight presented when the light was turned on the face of the Chinaman, was the most repulsive imaginable under the sun. The doctor at once recognized the disease as leprosy of the worst kind— the face and neck having disappeared nearly before the ravages of the disease The officer at once called the occupants of the rookeries adjoining, but, as is usual in such cases, not one of them knew the dying Celestial or would have anything to do with him. The officer started to headquarters to report the case, and meeting another guardian of the night, he told him of the discovery. A discussion arose regarding the nature of the disease, and officer No. 1, conducted his skeptical friend back to the den to prove that his words were true. His astonishment can well be imagined when he threw open the door of the little shanty and found it unoccupied. The leper had been removed, but whither, could not be ascertained. He has died ere this, probably. and been buried beneath some of the many rookeries that cover up that particular portion of Chinatown.

Aphonia Cured—Fellows' Compound Syrup of Hypophosphites—Aphonia or loss of voice, is remedied in a short time, no matter whether the cause be from inflammation of the lining membrane from cold, or from nervous derangement.

## TEN MILE FIRST.

The Committee's Report Popular with the People.

COMMISSIONERS COMPLIMENTED.

The Voters of Ten Mile Ready for Work.

We, the people of this remote corner of Douglas county, have but little to say or do in politics though we feel the effects of taxes to a certain extent; and if we do not say much we have kept up a terrible thinking and once in a while give vent to our feelings by giving a fine majority to those whom we feel are good, honest men, as we did two years ago and intend to next June. We have watched the course of our present board, and find by the present standing of the county finances that our efforts are not in vain, finding that they have liquidated, or nearly so, a debt that has been hanging over our county for some years. We heartily endorse the proceedings of the county board and we propose to try by the same means with which we helped to place in office a majority of the present board, another of equal value to the county that the present has been.

Further, we have studied carefully the proceedings of the Independent Central Committee, and heartily endorse the resolutions of that body. If democrats place in nomination their honest and efficient men they may expect a majority from this precinct. If the republicans do they may expect to carry it. So you see we have discarded party lines and propose acting in the interest of the people and not party. We do not ask anything out of the way of either party only that in placing in nomination men they may remember that we are a taxpaying precinct, and if they leave us out we will think they have slighted us.

NORA.

## ITEMS IN BRIEF.

Considerable interesting matter crowded out this week for want of space.

R. G. Scroggs, M. D., is now the examing physician for the poor house of this county.

R Brackenridge has the lumber on the ground, and will erect a marble and stoneyard next door to R. S. & J. C. Sharidan's hardware store.

R. Cameron wishes us to say for him that his is a first-class restaurant where first-class meals are served. He does not peddle meal tickets about town to secure customers, as do other restaurant-keepers; but he can give a good meal for 25 cents, and a better meal in proportion to suit the wishes of his patrons and the amount they are willing to pay. He has the best cook in the city.

### Weather Report.

Following is the weather report for February:

Highest Barometer......30.834 on 2d
Lowest Bar.........29.674 on 18th
Monthly Range Bar.....1.161 on 9th
Highest Temperature.....51deg.5 20th
Lowest Temperature.. 20 deg on 17th
Greatest Daily Range of Temperature.......21deg 5 on 28th
Least Daily Range of Temperature.........4deg 0 on 1st
Mean of Maximum Tem .. 43 deg .0
Mean of Minimum Tem .. 32 deg .2
Mean Daily Range Tem.... 10 deg .8
Direction of Wind....... Southwest
Total Movement of Wind 2055 miles
Highest Vel of Wind 17 m per h s. w.
Number Clear Days.........1
Number Foggy Days.........0
Number Fair Days..........12
No Cl'dy Dy's without snow or rain 8
No Cloudy Days with rain or snow 10
Number of rainy Days.........14
Total rainfall during month 2.49 inch
Mean Bar for Month....30.255 inches
Mean Thermometer.........37deg.2
Mean Relative Humidity.........830
Dates of frosts—1st, 4th, 6th, 12th, 20th, 21st, 22th, 27th, and 28th.

R. R. ROGERS,
Sergeant Signal Corps, U. S. A.

### Modesty.

Modesty is to a woman what the delicate bloom is to the peach—its greatest beauty, but once gone no human power can restore it. Many modest women suffer in silence for years with the most painful affections of the delicate vital organs of the body, rather than to impart the knowledge of their sufferings to a physician. This great army of martyrs will be rejoiced to know that at last a purely vegetable and harmless remedy has been discovered, which cures immediately all diseases and weaknesses of the kidney and bladder, no matter of how long standing or of what nature. It is the wonderful Oregon Kidney Tea, which is sold by all druggists, and challenges the world.

### List of Letters.

List of letters remaining in the postoffice at Roseburg, Feb. 28th, 1880:

L. C. Canson, Robt. Canson, L. J. Culver, Charley Chapman, Shelly Churchill, Peter Mc Caris, Sack Doumont, J. C. Davis, C. Edwards, Hattie Furdom, William Fincial, Horace Henry, Easton Hall, John Kress, H. Kinney, John Kroff, S. C. Lamson, 2, Phebe Lanais, W. S. Mathews, Amanda Martin, James Munroe, S. Porter, Anna Price, Mary Parker, J. Robinson, A. S. Smith, Oliver Sargent, James Smith, William Stephson, Mary A. Stark, Frank Smith, W. M. Simmons, Martin Veravian, S. Williams, Mr. Wampton.

### The Headricks.

This is the name of a handsomely fitted-up saloon, next door to E. C. Dry's. It is the neatest, coziest place in southern Oregon, and in all the work performed Mr. E. C. Headrick has been paper-hanger, painter, carpenter and in fact has done all the work. Ed. has reason to be proud of his work, and undoubtedly he will be liberally patronized.

### At Haffenden's.

Seed potatoes, onion sets, garden seeds and timothy seed at Haffenden Bros. Also Costa Rica coffee, Rio Java, Corcalla, Mocha, essense of coffee and compressed coffee; fine cheese, nice roll butter, pure maple syrup, strained honey, New Orleans molasses, San Francisco refined syrup, New York syrup, white crystal drips, Boston silver drips and honey in the comb. Taste and you will buy.

### Arrested in Walla Walla.

The following dispatch from Sheriff Hogan explains itself:

WALLA WALLA, W. T., March 4.

W. LEDGERWOOD, Deputy Sheriff, Roseburg: Have King and Gray. Can't leave until arrival of requisition Monday.

F. P. HOGAN.

### Do You Believe It,

That in this town there are scores of persons passing our store every day whose lives are made miserable by Indigestion, Dyspepsia, Sour and distressed stomach, Liver complaint, Constipation, when for 75 cents we will sell them Shiloh's Vitalizer guaranteed to cure them. Sold by S. Hamilton.

## UMPQUA FERRY.

Snow, sunshine and rain.

Rev. Ensly will hold divine service at the school house next Sunday at 11 o'clock A. M.

L. T. Thompson hrd a severe spell of sickness last week, but is now able to be around.

George Bagot, the energetic Star man. was in this section recently looking af er his, as well as the interests of his journal.

B. W. Sprague paid us a flying visit one day last week. He reports things on the creek as being lovely.

Running the hounds still appears to be the leading amusement among the young men, although they do not catch many dear.

There is some talk of organizing a blue ribbon club here before long; but as to its success we cannot judge. Several who like their "sod" hoot at the idea.

We sympathize with the Star correspondent from Calapooia, over the loss of poor Pennel. Can't some one prepare a suitable epitaph for a dead dog that once belonged to so notable a personage.

Wm T. Brady took his departure on the 1st ins., for Coos county to visit his parents who have lately arrived there from Kansas. Mr. Brady has sojourned with us all winter, and made many warm friends who are sorry to see him depart.

Mr. George Shambrook lost a fine horse last week. It did of an unknown cause. There are several more horses in this section who are suffering from some unknown disease, and an outlook should be kept for it may prove in the end to be a very bad complaint and sweep away a great many of our best horses.

Henry Waggoner, who has been blacksmithing at this place for sometime past, is now building a shop at the upper end of this valley, and has it almost completed. This makes three shops in this neighborhood and we do not see the reason blacksmithing at the usual prices why it will long hold its level, which, should a reduction occur, many of our grangers will wear a smile.

The citizens of this valley will hold a meeting three weeks from now, at the school house, for the purpose of making some more improvements about the house and grounds. The people here seem to take an interest in school matters and taking the improvements into consideration, which were made last spring, we have one of the best arranged school rooms and play grounds to be found in the county. Pursuant to call the citizens of this neighborhood met at the school house on the second instant for the purpose of having a school meeting to elect a clerk and trustee for the ensuing year. Mr. Fortin was elected resident pro tem. Nominations were next in order for a clerk and after considerable ceremony Joe. L. Churchill was nominated and unanimously elected. Next in order was the election of a trustee. Shambrook, Clayton and Fortin were nominated and after balloting several times Shambrook was elected. After the above business was transacted some speeches were made relative to the interests of the school, and in regard to the school administration conspicuous among those were some timely remarks made by our friend Zac Van Orman. He spoke of the school districts as being in a poor condition, and insinuated that our county school superintendent favored the rich instead of the poor man, and said that if the poor men do not work together during the present administration, our public schools would depreciate. He also argued that if one of our school superintendent's decision was correct all of our people are liable to prosecution for obtaining money under false pretenses.

UMPQUA GEORGE.

## TYEE ITEMS.

Crops are in a prosperous condition in this locality.

Several of the young "hoods," are some-what bothered with the scratches. Their only relief, they say lies in an abundant use of Hoof Ointment.

E. E. Emmitt, intends to start a commercial college opposite the dancing academy, in the spring. It will also be located about a quarter of a mile from the Hawn gulch. He intends teaching all that is usually taught, but intends to make penmanship a speciality.

It has been rummored through town for the past week that Mr. Timus contemplates purchasing the farm now occupied by Mr. B P. Ames. He also intends purchasing some fine sheep and other blooded stock and go into that business. Succes attend you, and also your Rose.

Valentines still continue to put in an appearance once in a while, and at one time we thought we would have to draw forth battlements and bombard those would be disturbers at the ferry and convince them that they should drop the valentine question until next year.

It is rumored that our estimable friend, and highly honored granger B. P. Ames will in the spring commit matrimony, and also take his departure for the Palouse country, on some Indian reservation. We are sorry to depart with as good a granger as Benny, for it will be felt far and near in this section.

The INDEPENDENT has an extensive circulation here, and is received by all as one of the best papers published in the state, because it is always found on the farmers side and also endeavoring to show up these rascals which are not very scattering in our county.

CHEIF MOSES.

## TEN MILE ITEMS.

Grass short.

Grain looking sickly.

Farmers busy plowing and sowing.

The store of this valley, known as Wells & Flook, appears to be doing a fine business. They are men of energy and deserve success.

Mr. John Fisher, an old resident of this valley, has discovered gold mines on his farm and is now working them with good prospects.

We notice grain sowed on summer fallow looking well. One piece on the farm of W. R. Wells especially being the finest we have seen this season.

The voters of this district are now waiting the June election to come that they may vote as they did two years ago—for honest men who will give the county a capable and economical administration.

Wells & Flook have received from Olalla miners during the winter some very fine dust, and they presume from the fact of their having money to pay for their supplies they are doing well this season.

Parties have shown fine specimens of gold from the new west cow creek mines that promise well. One piece weighed five dollars Some of our citizens are waiting for the snow to go off the mountains that they may go into thew district. We have no doubt that the diggings discovered will pay reasonably well.

CUMTUX.

## HUBBARD CREEK.

Times are beginning to present a lively appearance.

Jones, of Looking Glass, has been employed to cut logs for the saw mill.

Wm. Layfield, of Umpqua Ferry, has been sojourning with us for the past week. He is in the employ of Clark & Baker.

As election is approaching we would call attention respectfully to our friend Jordan as a suitable candidate for the legislature.

We understand that Messrs. Clark & Baker intend to ship to Roseburg during the coming summer, two million feet of lumber, and are now engaging teams for that purpose.

Messrs. Loar and Offield are just completing a rail contract of fifteen thousand rails for George Shambrook, Sr., of Umpqua Ferry. They have made some of the nicest rails we have seen for some time.

George Bagot, agent for the Star, was in this section recently working for the interest of his journal, Excitement prevailed to a certain extent among the inhabitants here to catch a glipse of one who s called "the energetic Star man."

The pack train met with an accident on returning the last time on the grade in the shape of a stampede. No serious damage was done; but one man got scared and could hardly be prevented from rushing down the bank and into the Umpqua to get away from the frightened animals.

MARIA.

## CALAPOOIA.

School meeting last Monday.

Miss Lissie Davis is reported as being very sick.

Buck Calliham, of Hubbard creek, paid this section a visit last week.

Prayer meeting at H. E. Dewitt's every Wednesday evening. May the good cause prosper.

In our next correspondence we will give the Plaindealer's Umpqua ferry smarty a deserving notice.

One of Calapooia's young men, who is hopelessly entangled in Cupid's meshes with a fair damsel, is commenting to the Star regarding a ring and photograph. We wish he would lose it.

David Hurst, of McMinnville, who has been sojourning in this parts on business for a few days, has returned home. Mr. Hurst is one of Douglas county's early settlers, and we hope he will become dissatisfied with McMinnville and return to his old home and permanently reside with us. Do not imagine we are wishing you bad luck, David.

## OAK GROVE.

Weather very fine.

Farmers hard at plowing and sowing again.

Everybody is watching to see the "Will-o'-the-Wisp." Children are afraid to go out of the house at night for fear that the "Spook" will speak to them.

E. H. Slocum will start for Palouse in the spring with fifteen hundred head of sheep. Arthur Crow will accompany him with four hundred head of stock cattle. Peter Smith will also leave for that place, in May, with five thousand head of stock sheep. He intends stocking his ranges here with hogs and goats.

Uncle George Stevenson declares if there is another snowstorm this spring he will sell out and go to the Yellowstone Park. Success attend them all.

YOO LOO.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

### The Grange in Politics.

It is well understood that the rules of the order prescribe the discussion of party politics in its meetings; but that is frequently misunderstood. There is no reason why all subjects of political importance should not be discussed on their merits, of course avoiding partizan features. No party has a monopoly of principle and it is principle that the people are entitled to discuss, and should be discussed in the grange. It is lamentably true that the great political organizations are now engaged in a scramble for place and power; and that neither dare assert any definite policy from which any portion of voters could seriously dissent. Therefore, they hold their principles, more or less, in common. And the people of Oregon have interests to be maintained; it is well enough, in view of the measures of the general election, that popular interests should be manifested in discussion of principles and selections of men to carry them out. The producers have the great burden of the state to carry on their shoulders, and they can better afford to act harmoniously together for their own best interests than to be dividing and warring through their memberships of old political parties. The career of parties shows how little the people have to expect from them and how much they have to expect. The politician is found in the ring and the ring seeks allies anywhere. The liquor interests are strong in politics; corporations are the natural allies of rings and too often the price of ring support is legislative action or inaction. The farmer finds his next neighbor a candidate on a ring ticket and does not know that the price of nomination was agreed upon before hand. The political wire-puller manipulate the primaries and his hand is unseen. The ring rule in politics is the rule of the many by the few.

Minorities—and very dishonest minorities—run the politics of the State and nation, and the consequence is that much needed legislation is never had and much that is not needed and is injurious comes to pass, and few know that the results were all planned by rings, and that members were sent there to be puppets of a lobby. Many of the puppets do not know it themselves. They are sent there to be used and not to be trusted and their vote is the price of their nominations If this is true of all politics then the remedy lies in independence of party principles. Let this matter receive due attention in the granges; the principles be fairly discussed and members will find that they generally agree on all main questions. Political differences of to-day are more in word than in fact, and when the prejudice of partnership is disarmed and farmers work together for men they can trust rather than for men parties can trust, the result will be that party hatreds will grow less and politicians will find that honest men and not ring men must be sent to the legislature and elected to office. They have occasionally made that discovery, and can learn it oftener to good advantage.

The point that the Grange should take in politics is as a purifying influence. Let us understand matters and have plain and friendly discussion about them. Let us insist that good nominations shall be made and that platforms ennuciate principles that are to be carried out. Rings work in the dark and they defy open opposition. There is good reason that the people should organize to put them down by means of harmonious and quiet action. Discussion had in the grange cannot be kept secret and need not be, for the influence for good must be beneficial. Such action on the part of the grange will result probably in the election of the best men nominated by both parties. As we need good men more than partizans such results will be favorable to public morals. It is also true that the weakening of political animosities will strengthen the State and benefit the people. Corporations are drawing the lines so tightly they will soon be powerless. Political wire-pullers are beginning to get their scattered flock in the fold for readiness in emergency. The inference is that the producer must organize for self-protection.

J. D.

### The Great Benefits

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## AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS.

We have been handed one of the Walter A. Wood's Mowing and Reaping Machine Company's Twenty-seventh Annual Circular for 1880, and as a large proposition of the farmers of Oregon and Washington Territory are acquainted with the goods manufactured by this company, we will notice a few points in their catalogues. They have their machines represented by agents all over the world—London, England, Paris, France, Buenos Ayres and Valparaiso, South America and at Cape Town, South Africa, etc., as well as in all the towns and cities in the United States. We will give farmers a tabular statement of the Walter A. Wood harvesting machines produced and sold from 1853 to 1879, inclusive:

| Years. | No. Machine Made. | Years. | No. Machines Made. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1853 | 500 | 1867 | 11,500 |
| 1854 | 600 | 1868 | 17,500 |
| 1855 | 1,200 | 1869 | 23,000 |
| 1856 | 2,580 | 1870 | 15,000 |
| 1857 | 3,800 | 1871 | 15,771 |
| 1858 | 4,500 | 1872 | 17,097 |
| 1859 | 5,300 | 1873 | 20,715 |
| 1860 | 6,000 | 1874 | 20,430 |
| 1861 | 6,500 | 1875 | 23,507 |
| 1862 | 5,500 | 1876 | 23,836 |
| 1863 | 6,500 | 1877 | 19,071 |
| 1864 | 7,500 | 1878 | 25,065 |
| 1865 | 8,500 | 1879 | 24,920 |
| 1866 | 10,500 | | |
| Total number | | | 327,012 |

We think it is needless to say that superiority in principle combined with general excellence of manufacture must have conduced to these results; for commercial energy and skill, however marked, could not alone have created the immense demand for these machines.

It will be observed that over 327,000 of these machines have been in use, and we think that the demand from year to year exceeds that of any other like establishment in the world. This record tells not only of progress, but continued superiority, unequalled in the history of mowing machines.

This company manufactures the following machines:

Wood's Iron-frame Mower.. 4 ft. 3 in. cut
Wood's Iron-frame Mower.. 4 ft. 6 in. cut
Wood's Iron-frame Mower.. 3 ft. 6 in. cut
Wood's Enclosed-gear mower 4 ft. 3 in. cut
Wood's Enclosed-gear mower 4 ft. 6 in. cut
Wood's Enclosed-gear mower 3 ft. 6 in. cut
Wood's Sweep-rake Reaper.. 5 ft. cut
Wood's Sweep-rake Reaper.. 5 ft. 6 in. cut
Wood's Chain-rake Reaper.. 5 ft. 6 in. cut
Wood's Mowing attachment.. 4 ft. 3 in. cut
Wood's Self-binding Harvester 5 ft. 6 in. cut
Wood's Self-binding Harvester 6 ft. 6 in. cut
Wood's Header........10, 12 and 14 ft. cut

Mr. Wood claims that the new enclosed-gear mower was brought out in 1878 and is already in use by more than 10,000 farmers. Its popularity is so great and the demand for it so active that he has, for the past two seasons, fallen largely short of filling orders.

It combines the best qualities of the well-tried and justly-celebrated "Walter A. Wood Iron-frame Mower" with many new and advantageous features entirely peculiar to itself. Its superior cutting qualities adapt it to all conditions of grass and surface, unequaled lightness of draft and stillness of operation have been fully demonstrated, and its strength and durability subjected to unusually severe and trying tests, with the most gratifying results both to the farmer and the manufacturer.

Walter A. Wood's Sweep-Rake Reaper—Junior Size, 5ft. cut; Senior Size, 5ft. 6 in. cut.

This reaper has passed through eight harvests, during the first three of which it was mainly furnished for the European trade, having been generally introduced to the home trade in 1875 in response to a growing demand in many sections for a first-class reel-rake reaper. It has made for itself a most brilliant record, and one to which each succeeding year has added new laurels; its sales, both foreign and domestic, during the period named, having reached an unprecedently large number, can be called

The Reaper of the Period.

They manufactured and sold in 1879 at least three times the number of these reapers made in any previous year, and the increase for 1880 promises to be equally large.

We call the attention of the public to the following points of excellence: The automatic gear for controlling the raking—In 1878 they added to this reaper what they term the "automatic gear," which comprises a train of small gears compactly encased in a close box at the right hand of the driver's seat. This train of gears absolutely controls the successive action of the rakes; and by means of a lever connected with it, the driver in his seat, and without stopping the machine, can set this device so that every alternate rake will act as a rake, and every alternate rake act as a beater; or so that every fourth rake will act as a rake, and the next three act as beaters; or so that every fifth rake will act as a rake, and the next four act as beaters.

Although the automatic gear thus independently regulates the raking accordingly as it is set, the driver can nevertheless, by means of a treadle operated by his foot, hold the gavel on the platform as long as he chooses, or while turning corners.

Five Rakes.—Experience has demonstrated the superiority of five rakes over a less number in reeling all kinds of grain.

The folding platform is peculiar to Walter A. Wood's Junior and Senior Sweep-rake Reapers. The change from field work to road transport is effected by the removal of one bolt and the grain wheel, the turning up of the platform (which is hinged) and the fixing of an axle to the main shoe, on which is placed the grain wheel. When this is arranged, the machine can pass through a gateway five feet in width, and, by folding up the seat-stand (a moment's work,) through one of four feet. The change can be effected altogether in a few minutes.

The Walter A. Wood Chain-Rake Reaper.

This machine is so well and widely known throughout the entire coast as to render unnecessary a detailed description of its numerous excellent points. For many years it has stood securely preeminent among self-raking reapers, and remains unrivaled as a table-rake reaper in the esteem of many thousand farmers who have so long and severely tested it. Testimonial letters, attesting its unvarying popularity, are constantly pouring in upon the makers. Its simplicity, wonderful durability and splended execution are so familiar as to have become proverbial.

While they have been careful at all times to retain in it the perfection of principle which has given Walter A. Wood's chain-rake reaper its great prominence, they have from time to time made such changes in construction as practical experience and rigid tests in the field have shown to be desirable; and all these improvements have proved to be all that they claimed for them and have kept the machine in the front line of the "march of progress."

Walter A. Wood's Iron-Frame Mowing Attachments—Width of Cut, 4 feet 3 inches.

The mowing attachment comprises a separate frame, gearing and cutting apparatus, complete, including two mowing scythes, thus rendering it, with the addition of the reaper wheels, seat and pole, a complete mower—making the Wood combined machines the most effective, most economical and cheapest in the world.

To Walter A. Wood is due the credit of having introduced the first successful self-binder, and this high honor is frankly conceded by competitors as well as by the agricultural community throughout the world. After several years of arduous experimenting he commenced their sale in 1874, laying the foundation for his subsequent trade in them.

They have proved more and more successful each year, and the economy found in their use is rendering it practicable for grain-growers to largely increase the acreas sown.

The cutting is clean, the binding excellent—much better than when done by hand—and the bundles being large, compact and well tied, the shocking and stacking can be done rapidly and well; and in case of wet weather, they dry out better. The bundles come to the thrasher well bound, avoiding the delays incident to handling straw-bound grain.

With the self-binder, one man, with two or three horses, can cut and bind twelve to eight acres per day better and cheaper than when it was done by hand. Those who have used the Wood self-binder are absolutely unanimous in the assertion that the grain saved more than pays for the binding material.

The Walter A. Wood Harvester—5 to 6 Inch Cut; 6 feet 6 Inch Cut.

These harvesters are provided with an adjustable reel of the most approved pattern, having a wide range of perpendicular and horizontal movement; and by means of levers, while the machine is in motion, the reel can be accommodated to the hight and condition of the grain. The reel spocket wheel has two sets of teeth, and can be speeded to suit the team and the different kinds and conditions of grain.

The iron finger-bar is used, to which the guards are bolted, so that they stay exactly where they are put. When the guards are screwed to wooden finger-bars they frequently work loose and out of line.

The guards are of malleable iron, faced with steel plates of the same temper as the sections and open under the back of the knife. When worn out, these steel plates can be replaced at a trifling cost without the necessity of buying new guards. Some manufaturers use cast iron guards without steel plates.

Description of the Walter A Wood Wire-Binder.

Seperating the Grain—In lodged and tangled grain this is indispensable. The separation of the bound from the unbound grain, and the delivery of the bundles by the Wood binder are unequaled. There are no scatterings, interlacing or hanging together of the bundles, and consequently none of that difficulty in shocking and stacking tangled grain inevitable in the case of self-binders of other makes.

Compressing the Bundle.—The compressing of the bundle is accomplished by the pressure of the front arms, which adapt themselves to its size, instead of by the wire itself—a feature not practically carried out by any other manufacturer. Other binders compress the bundles by means of tension on the wire; and with such machines the result is that the operator, to avoid breakage of wire, must loosen the tension, causing loose binding, or he must bind small bundles, in order to bind them tightly.

Amount of Wire Used.—It binds large bundles more tightly than any other wire binder, and it is the large bundles that require to be most firmly bound and at the same time save labor in handling. To illustrate this advantage: A bundle having a band one foot long contains less than one-fourth as much straw as a bundle having a band two feet long. A great saving is therefore attained by making the bundles as large as can conveniently be handled. This feature alone would make the Wood binder cheaper than any other at half price.

One Spool One Tie.—In forming the band, one spool and one tie are better than two, taking less wire and requiring less machinery to be looked after.

Every binder is run by power and put to the actual test of binding bundles before it is packed for shipment.

The Wood self-binding harvester, as is well known, enjoys the decided preference of the leading grain-growers of the Northwest. These large operators, having so much at stake, are sure to carefully examine all makes and then select the very best. Oliver Dalrymple, we suppose the most extensive grain-grower in America, east of the Rocky mountains, harvests his crop with some one hundred Walter A. Wood self-binding harvesters. Largely owing to the facilities for rapid and satisfactory work afforded by this machine, he has been enabled to increase his acreage of grain from about 1,200 acres in 1876, to 20,000 for last harvest. He states that this machine "has no equal." Read what he writes after four years' experience with the Wood binder:

CUSSELTON, Dakota, Oct. 6, 1879.

HON. WALTER A. WOOD, Hoosic Falls, N. Y.: After using your self-binding harvester four successive seasons, commencing in 1876 with ten, and increasing the number from year to year till I have over one hundred in 1879, I feel that I can speak from experience. They work now even better than from the first, as our men have become fully acquainted with them, and they are in every way reliable and satisfactory.

As near as we can figure it, the average cutting per day with each machine is about 15 acres, using three horses. The work done is the very best, there being practically no grain wasted. Yours truly.

OLIVER DALRYMPLE.

Last but not least in the Wood's happy family comes the well known Wood's header, brought out in 1876, and having been so thoroughly tested in the last four years in California Oregon and Washington Territory and found complete. We will not use space in describing it.

We will close this article by saying that Frank Brothers, of San Francisco, California, and Portland, Oregon, are general agents for this coast. Mr. Alf. Slocum is the agent in this city. It is sufficient to say that after the past year's business, the gentleman named has established a reputation for integrity and fair dealing. By calling on Mr. Slocum samples of these machines can be seen, and a full and complete line of farm machinery.

## Society Meetings.

UMPQUA CHAPTER NO. 11, R. A. M., hold regular communications every first and third Tuesday of 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.

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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.

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UMPQUA GRANGE, NO. 28, P. of H., will meet hereafter on the 4th Saturday of each month, at Grange Hall, in Roseburg. All members in good standing are cordially invited to attend!

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