

THE INDEPENDENT.

ROSEBURG, SATURDAY, OCT. 14.

LAUREL LODGE A. F. M., WILL hold regular meetings on Wednesday on or before each full moon.

PHILETIAN Lodge, No. 3, I. O. O. F., meets on Thursday evening, of each week at 7 o'clock, in their hall at Roseburg.

UNION ENCAMPMENT, No. 9, I. O. O. F., meets at Odd Fellows' Hall on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of every month.

UMPUQA GRANGE, No. 28, P. of H., will meet hereafter on the 1st Saturday of each month at Grange Hall, in Roseburg.

UMPUQA CHAPTER No. 11, F. A. M., hold their regular communications every first and third Tuesday in each month.

W. I. FRIEDLANDER, Secy.

TERMS OF COURT.

The Supreme Court shall meet at the seat of Government on the first Mondays of October and March.

The Circuit Court for Douglas county, on the second Monday of May and the third Monday of October.

County and Probate court on the first Monday of January, April, July and September.

Commissioners court on the first Wednesday after the first Monday of January, April, July and September.

POLICEMAN SHOT.—On last Saturday officers Barry and Hallenberg succeeded in capturing two thieves charged with stealing a case of cigars from Joe Watson's saloon, on Morrison street, Portland.

THE NEW COMET.—A comet which rises at 5 1/2 in the morning can get a good view of the new comet, provided the sky is clear.

DEATH OF THOMAS HEATH.—Thomas Heath, the manager of the Portland branch of the house of R. C. Janion & Son, Liverpool, was found dead in his bed at his home on Sixth street, near Hall, in Portland, on Monday last.

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LOCAL BREVITIES.

Good lunch day and night, during Court week at the Metropolitan saloon.

E. G. Young and wife and Mrs. Vail of Oakland, were visiting the afflicted family of Simeon Wheeler, deceased.

We are informed that J. J. Lamb, Assessor of Cass county, is in a dying condition at Coquille City, from a wound received while in the Southern army.

John Alken, an old resident of Winchester in this county, now residing in Salem, is on a visit to his son John, residing in Roseburg.

J. C. Fullerton of the U. S. land office, who has been to Salem in the interest of Mitchell, has returned with drooping spirits and the doleful soliloquy to Benjamin: "Our tenure hangs on a slender thread."

P. H. O'Shea of Canyonville, was in town this week. He called at this office and paid subscription, expressing himself well pleased with the paper under its new management.

The Ashland Tidings says: The railroad will be a godsend to the people of Ashland in one respect, at least. It will enable them to ship butter and eggs from the city.

A Mr. Cummings, a sec. on boss, was run over by the hand car, near Dillard, on Wednesday.

Hon. H. Edwards, of the Commercial Agency of Edwards, McKen & Felton, of San Francisco, gave us a pleasant call on last Saturday.

George Holman, traveling agent for the drug house of Hodge, Davis & Co., was doing the city the first part of this week.

John Dowell, of West Roseburg, on last Thursday came to the city in his hack, for the purpose of seeing his stock in the South Umpqua valley.

Rev. J. R. N. Bell was at the last Conference of the M. E. Church South, assigned by the Bishop for duty at Walla Walla as Presiding Elder of that district.

On Wednesday, the south-bound passenger train passing Robert's Hill had a narrow escape from being precipitated into the South Umpqua river.

Ira Wimery, an old citizen of this county residing on Deer creek, left on Monday morning's train for the Seaman country, to look for a location to move to.

Dr. George H. Flett returned from the front on last Sunday. He reports the work on the tunnels progressing rapidly.

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LETTER FROM SALEM.

A copy of your paper of the 7th inst. is upon my desk, and I must tell you that I am pleased to know that you place yourself squarely upon the only true platform for men of all parties; viz: "Freedom of the people's representatives from caucus dictation."

As you say, a representative can properly go into an assembly for consultation, and I would add that a vote taken therein to ascertain the opinion of a majority may be entirely proper; and such fact of preference, or opinion by a majority, is of itself a reason which every representative should carefully weigh, but it must not be held as paramount to the oath he has taken that he will support the constitution of the State and of the United States, nor can it relieve him from any responsibilities he assumed by becoming a representative.

The officers of public trust which he held were about as follows: In 1860 he was elected Treasurer of Umpqua county, and was re-elected in 1862.

After the consolidation of Umpqua with Douglas county, about ten years ago, he was elected one of the Commissioners of this county and re-elected to the same position in 1876.

ACCIDENTAL SHOOTING.—The community, says the Ashland Tidings, was shocked last Tuesday evening by the news that Hobart Taylor, one of the pioneers, a well known and universally esteemed citizen of the county, had been accidentally shot and killed while out hunting in the Cascade mountains.

Mr. Taylor and his nephew ascended to the summit and wounded a deer, which started off into the brush. They were on the ridge between the two roads to Duck Lake and the Cove.

FRANK JAMES, the notorious desperado of the Northwest, and brother of Jesse, whose tragic death at the hands of his pals some months ago, furnished so much food for the news gatherson the evening of the 5th returned to Missouri and surrendered himself to Governor Crittenden, at Jefferson City, remarking as he handed to him his brace of revolvers, "you are the only man except myself who has handled them for twenty years."

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OBITUARY.

Mr. Simeon Wheeler of this city, died at his residence last Monday morning, aged 50 years, 1 month and 9 days. His funeral took place at the Presbyterian church, Tuesday, at two o'clock p. m., from which place his remains were taken to the Odd Fellow's cemetery.

Mr. Simeon Wheeler was born in the State of Massachusetts, Sept. 1, 1823, and while yet an infant his parents removed to Rochester, New York.

EXECUTED.—Spokane Ike, who recently killed the Klamath Indian doctor, was hung at the Agency two weeks ago. He fled after committing the murder, but was captured near the Dalles and brought back.

Rev. Mr. Borris of the Portland Synagogue, performed the rite of citizenship at the residence of Mr. Baum, in this city, on Thursday last.

Our esteemed friend Thomas Besty of Oakland, Cal., called at this office on Tuesday. He reports business dull in his neighborhood but predicts a gain future for that portion of the county.

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COUNTY COURT.

PROBATE BUSINESS. In the matter of the estate of Susan S. Briggs, deceased. Final account filed; June 2, 1883, set for hearing.

IN VACATION. Abril Curtis adjudged a pauper on his own showing and ordered that he receive care and attention from W. B. Clark, the contractor for keeping the pauper.

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CITY COUNCIL.

On Thursday, the 12th inst., the Board of Trustees met pursuant to ordinance and organized, a full board present.

F. P. Hogan was chosen chairman, W. S. Humphrey Recorder, Henry Bowen Marshal, R. S. Sheridan Treasurer, who took the oath of office and presented their bonds, which were approved and filed.

The following claims against the city were presented and allowed: R. S. Sheridan, treasurer's fees, \$41 90; W. S. Humphrey, recorder's fees, \$80 75; H. Bowen, commission on taxes \$25 55; T. Ford, lighting lamp, \$3 20; R. S. & J. C. Sheridan, hardware, \$10 45; I. Thornton, lighting lamps, \$3 40; clerks and judges of election, each \$2. H. Bowen contracted to furnish night watch and lamp lighter for \$120 per month, for one month.

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