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THE ASHLAND MACHINE SHOPS.

Their Present Facilities Inadequate and They Will be Increased.

The Ashland Foundry and Machine Shops, under the management of our able electrician, Mr. Tutthille, are turning out a vast amount of work at present in their line.

The only regret of the proprietors is that their shops are not large enough, but it will not be long until they will be able to advanta geously handle all orders that come in, instead of being six weeks behind with their work as they are now. They intend to build an addition onto the foundry, doubling its present size, and fit it out with the latest improved machinery, so that, if necessary, they can put in a force of twenty men, and if patronage continues as it has been, that force will soon be continually employed.

The lumber for the above mentioned addition is now on the grounds and the construction will at once be commenced.

Money in Farming.

It is a notable fact that all farming interests improve where it is possible to utilize the water that the wells on the farm will produce. How few people think of the value of water for irrigation, and what could be produced at a minimum cost if it were used. The Question has been heretofore how to get the water to the surface economically, and this has been accomplished by the use of Gasoline or Kerosene Oil Gas Engine, manufactured by Palmer & Rey Type Foundry, 405 Samsome street, San Francisco, Cal.

An Abundance of Orders.

That times are improving and the stringency of money is being released is indicated by the fact that the Ashland Flour Mills are receiving more orders for flour than they can fill at present.

They are running their machinery to almost its full capacity and and are now over 130,000 pounds behind orders.

More Machinery for the Quartz Mill.

The quartz mill of Hicks & Co. is being more efficiently fitted out with new, modern machinery, and when it is all put in, they will have one of the most complete ore-crushing plants in Southern Oregon. Some of the machinery will be started in a few days.

They will work over the large pile of tailings at their mill. About a year's steady work is anticipated in running them through.

A large amount of work is being done for outside parties, and with the new machinery, a much larger per cent. of the gold will be saved.

The Dormitory Begun.

The boys of the Ashland Normal are jubitant over the positive assurance of a newdormitory.

The contract for its construction has been let to C. H. Veghte, who has already begun the foundation. When completed, the building will contain twenty-two rooms and represent a cost of between \$2000 and \$2500.

According to present expectations, the workmen will have the structure enclosed within three weeks.

For Sale.

A choice five acres tract, improved. Comfortable house and other buildings. Close to good school. Easy terms.

For further information, call at the Advertiser office or address, Lock Box 49, Ashland, Oregon.

Hicks & May sent five men over to their placa claim on Cottonwood Creek, in California, last Monday, to put in a three-fourths mile ditch, so they will be able to commence operations early next Spring.

The first snow of the 'season fell yesterday forenoon to the depth of about one inch.