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ASHLAND.

The City Nearest the Boundary Line of California.

Nestling at the base of the Siskiyou mountains in the southern part of the famous Rogue River valley lies the City of Ashland, Oregon, surrounded by orchards bearing wonderful crops of peaches, apples, prunes and fruits of almost every description. The valley boasts of peaches of so fine a flavor and superior general excellence that they command a good price in the markets of San Francisco in preference to the same fruit grown in the noted peach districts of California. The apples grown in this portion of Southern Oregon are known in all the markets of California, Oregon and Washington as the best ever placed on the market. As a fruit-producing section the region lying in the vicinity and immediately tributary to Ashland, is not excelled by any like area in the known world. As a health resort this region is rapidly gaining in popularity, as many invalides now visit the valley, and in many cases find that in addition to good health they can also enjoy material prosperity. A large number of seekers after health in this locality only coming to the valley for a brief sojourn at the start have purchased fruit lands and planted orchards in the cultivation of which they find both health and wealth. The foothills rising back on every side of the valley contain thousands of acres of land which are being annually covered with orchards, and the time seems rapidly approaching when the fruit shipments from the vicinity of Ashland will be many times greater than at present, though no inconsiderable amount of fruit now goes out to the coast markets from this point.

The resources of Ashland, however, are not confined to fruit-raising, though that industry is still comparatively in its infancy, but the mines in the neighborhood of Ashland promise great things in the near future, and a good deal of outside capital is being invested with the assurance of satisfactory results. The placer mines in this section are known to be rich in gold, and much wealth has been taken out in the past few years, mostly, however, only in a primitive way, and the real wealth which is known to exist can only be reached by modern mining machinery which is now being put in at places with the most gratifying results. A number of the mines will be opened in the coming season and the mining industry of Ashland promises to produce great additional trade activity as well as increased material prosperity to all of Southern Oregon.

Ashland has all the advantages of transcontinental railway connection, being situated on the line of the Southern

Pacific railroad at a point 430 miles north from San Francisco, and 343 miles south from Portland, being thus situated almost centrally between the two most important cities on the coast. It is the end of the second division south from Portland, and also of the second division north from San Francisco. The population of Ashland is about 3000 and the business community consists of progressive young men who are proud of their home and fully satisfied of its future. The city boasts of a splendid water system, good electric light plant, a home-supported state normal school which has enrolled over one hundred pupils, and many other advantages which go to make up a live progressive western city. Ashland has a number of growing manufacturing institutions, and room for more of a desirable kind.

Foot Ball at Central Point.

The match game between the Eagle Point and the Central Point foot ball teams at Central Point last Saturday was generally conceded to be the best ever witnessed in Southern Oregon. The score stood 8 to 0 in favor of the Central Point team.

Eagle Point has a heavy team but lacks playing experience, there being but two old players, J. Moormaw and P. Dotey, in the team.

P. Newton, F. Foxin and J. Harvey made the most noticeable plays, Newton and Foxin each making a touch-down.

Profs. Vining and Miles, of the Ashland Normal, acted as umpire and line-man, respectively. Apparently, the referee took no part whatever, leaving his work for the others to perform.

Following are the teams:

EAGLE POINT—		—CENTRAL POINT	
P. Robenitt	CENTER	J. Kinney	
B. Pool	RIGHT GUARD	W. Morris	
W. H. Brown	LEFT GUARD	N. Harrington	
A. Strickland	RIGHT END	T. Beall	
R. K. Simons	LEFT END	W. Kinney	
J. Stickle	RIGHT TACKLE	Tom Beall	
A. Pool	LEFT TACKLE	C. Hall	
J. Moormaw	QUARTER BACK	J. Harvey	
P. H. Daley	R. HALF BACK	W. Downing	
S. Pool	L. HALF BACK	P. Newton	
A. Ormstin	FULL BACK	F. Foxin	
W. Ashpole	SUBS.	(Gus. Morris	
W. Robenitt		(Harry Harvey	

The Musical Concert.

The Aramenti Concert Company gave their musical entertainment for the benefit of the Chautauqua Assembly Saturday Evening, A fair sized audience was in attendance, and by their hearty demand for encores showed their appreciation of the fine quality of the entertainment.

The opinions of several of our best musical heads are united in the belief that the members of the company are genuine artisans, the best, perhaps, that have ever visited Ashland.

HIGHEST TYPE OF THE AMATEUR PAPER.

Opinion of one of the Leading Amateur Journalists of San Francisco.

While the current papers are commenting on and praising the so-called higher class amateur papers, they never utter a word of encouragement or commendation for any of the bright little local sheets that come to our exchange table from time to time. These, in my mind, are the ideal amateur journals. They publish their local news with a quota of other matter. They have their proportion of advertisements and are nearer like the real newspaper than most of our amateur publications.

Foremost among this class stands THE ASHLAND ADVERTISER, "Monarch of the Amateurs." Bright, lively, up-to-date, it comes nearer to the model than any paper in the 'dom. It takes a firm stand on moral questions and is carrying on a crusade against the liquor traffic in the little Oregon town from which it hails.

In typography few exceptions can be taken to it and personal inquiry among the residents of Ashland reveals the fact that it has a prestige there probably more influential for good than its professional brethren. This little paper which comes each week without fail, seems to me to be the highest type of the American amateur newspaper.

HARRIE C. MORRIS.

Fisher's Response.

Rev. Eli Fisher spoke on Tuesday evening in this city. His several subjects were answers to the questions propounded to him by Father Desmarais which had direct reference to A. P. A. and Romanism. The opera house was packed to its fullest capacity—in fact standing room was at a premium. The reverend gentleman must have handled his subjects very ably as there were repeated rounds of applause. It was expected that Father Desmarais would be present, but he was not. The last named gentleman, however, is now arranging for a date upon which to lecture in this city and to which all citizens are invited. Announcement as to date will be made later.—Medford Mail.

Improvement.

When a man decides upon improving his shop, factory or farm by the addition of power, he naturally looks for something entirely up to date. He investigates, considers, and finally decides to buy an Ajax Coal Oil Gas Engine as meeting his requirements more fully, and being safer than any other power obtainable. Palmer & Rey, San Francisco, Cal., the manufacturers of this engine, have gained the gratitude of the public by placing within its reach a reliable, economical power, that defies the restrictions of the insurance companies. It is the latest and best.