

## COUNTY NEWS

The Blue Ledge company has purchased 75 tons of hay, to be delivered at the mine, for \$20 per ton, baled.

Rev. Ben. Valjean and Miss Edna May Hatches were married at Ashland last Monday. They are both residents of that city.

Prof. J. N. Miller, the energetic pedagogue, who got a first-grade certificate in Josephine county, after being turned down by Supt. Daily and his examiners, several times, has gone to Williams Creek, to teach the school in that district, says the Southern Oregonian.

H. S. Van Dusen, master fish warden of Oregon, while in Grants Pass, gave out the ultimatum that the Rogue River Water Company would either have to put in a new fishway or blow out their dam across the river in that city. It is the biggest obstruction in that stream and prevents fish from ascending.

The Carter Land Company of Ashland has sold its entire apple crop, which it is estimated will aggregate 8000 or 9000 boxes, to W. N. White, of New York. There are about two cars of Gravensteins, the remainder being principally Newtowns and Spitzenburgs. It is understood that the up price on the apples is \$1.75 per box, f. o. b. Ashland.

It is amazing to consider the possibilities if the sun were some other color. If it were blue, for instance, there would be only two colors in the world, blue and black; or if it were red then everything would be red or black. In the latter case we should have red snow red lillies, black grass, black clear sky and red clouds. There would be a little variety, however, if the sun were green. Things that are now yellow would still remain that color, but there would be no reds, those cheery hues that make the world so bright and pleasant.

George Putnam, news editor of the Journal, is to take charge of the Medford Tribune, Jacksonville Times and Southern Oregonian. The latter two publications are a semi-weekly and a weekly, respectively, and may be consolidated. For a number of years Mr. Putnam has been with the Journal, coming to Portland from San Francisco as telegraph editor. About a year ago he became news editor, a post he has occupied with distinction since. Medford has wanted a good, wideawake newspaperman for some time, and the choice finally settled on Mr. Putnam. A bonus was raised to finance the papers adequately, and Mr. Putnam will have full control. Telegram.

F. H. Rice, who has been a resident of Ashland and vicinity for some fifteen years, died Saturday and was buried from the baptist Church of which deceased was a member. Rice is reputed to have been a man of education and in his earlier manhood is said to have been in affluent circumstances in Massachusetts whither he removed from his native state of New York. He was a lawyer by profession and served as a judge in one of the lower courts of the Bay State. A daughter resides somewhere in Massachusetts, but he had not heard from her for several years.

The Ashland Wells Fargo Express office did the biggest week's business in its history last week. The receipts aver-

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