

DISTILLERY AT MURPHY.—Jacob Wimer and family, who have been absent in Yamhill county for several months past, returned last week. We learn that Mr. Wimer intends putting up a distillery on Murphy creek, Josephine county.

AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY.—The failure of the crops in Southern California has caused a great surplus of agricultural machinery, and low prices rule as a consequence. Articles in this line are selling away below the rates they were offered at last year, and several of our farmers are availing themselves of the opportunity afforded.

GERMAN LESSONS.—Wm. Kreuzer yesterday opened a German class at the District School House. The smaller children will receive instructions from two until four o'clock each afternoon, and the larger folks will be accommodated in the evening from seven to nine. Mr. Kreuzer is a German scholar of reputation, and a fine opportunity is now afforded those desiring lessons in the German language.

SPREADING.—The strike inaugurated in town this week has spread as far as Ashland. Jim Neil, H. M. Thatcher, Dick Ish and others left for that place Tuesday, and the denizens thereof are said to have been incited to insurrection. We have heard of no bloodshed up to time of going to press and cannot say how much further this riot is likely to extend, but, as distilleries are few and far between, it is likely that the strike will summarily end.

LAND NOTICES.—Those desiring advertisements concerning land matters—whether they be contests for agricultural land, patents for mining claims or of any nature whatever—published in the TIMES, can simply inform their attorney or the officers of the Land Office of the fact, and it will be attended to. There is no law requiring land notices to be published in any particular paper, this matter being altogether optional with the parties interested.

TO BE SUBMITTED.—Judge Day, on the part of this county, and Chas. Hughes, Esq., representing Josephine county, last week attempted a settlement of the expenses incurred in the prosecution of the Briggs cases. As Mr. Hughes thought that Josephine should only pay a trial fee of \$12 in each case, and Judge Day was of the opinion that she should settle the entire cost of empanelling the juries, (amounting to over \$700) it was agreed to submit the matter to Judge Prior for a ruling thereon.

ARRESTED AND FINED.—A crowd of boys between the ages of twelve and sixteen, while returning from swimming last Sunday, had some trouble with the residents of Chinatown, and during the melee one of them threw a rock which struck a Chinawoman, cutting a severe gash in her face. Marshal Helms arrested several of the participants on the Tuesday following and brought them before Recorder Hayden for trial. It was impossible to find out who threw the missile, and His Honor thereupon fined three of those who seemed most prominent in the affair—one of them \$10, and the others \$6 each.

BASE BALL CHALLENGE.—The Jacksonville Base Ball Club met at the Court House on Saturday last and, after transacting other business, issued the following challenge:

We, the first nine of Jacksonville, challenge any first nine of Ashland to a match game of base ball, for a purse of fifty or one hundred dollars—to be played at any time or place which may be agreed upon. The umpire to be chosen outside of Ashland or Jacksonville, his services and expenses to be paid by the winning club. By order of the club.

The Ashland club has refused to accept the above, and the Jacksonville club, anxious to test the mettle of the respective organizations, has sent another challenge, suggesting that the two clubs each put up a bat and contest for them, to play for the value of one, to bear the inscription of the "Champion Bat of Southern Oregon." Should the Ashland Club then decline playing, it is naturally the supposition that they are either afraid to meet the Jacksonville or never had any intention of playing, only evincing a desire to compete for the Roseburg bat, as a means of shielding their cowardice, as they knew, or should have known, that that bat was not in the field for reasons heretofore given and which would be satisfactory to any club not inclined to quibble and mount a business. On behalf of the Jacksonville club, I suggest that you either "put up or shut up."

F. M. NICKERSON, Secretary.

BRIEF MENTION.

Peaches coming into market. Weather moderating somewhat.

Matt. Dillon is back from Portland. Col. J. H. Reed returned from Josephine Sunday.

Geo. Deal, of Henley, Cal., was in town yesterday.

Several of our Ashland friends were down this week.

Henry Pape this week received a load of Yreka beer.

Croquet is less fashionable than it was a year or so ago.

Wool still commands 25 cents a pound in this market.

A son of J. S. Eubanks, of Ashland, broke his arm this week.

Assessor Goddard is completing the assessment of the county.

J. W. Manning and family arrived from Portland yesterday.

Thos. Chavner has put a substantial covering over his bridge.

W. J. Plymale took Senator Saulsbury and party to Yreka.

Some improvements are being made to the Catholic Cemetery.

Thos. Chavner has 140 fine Angora goats for sale. See his ad.

The new telegraph line will be completed to this place ere long.

H. M. Thatcher has again taken himself to the land of sage-brush.

The discovery of an immense cave is reported from Josephine county.

E. Jacobs this week received a lot of new goods. Call and see them.

Daley & Emery, of the Butte creek mills, are already grinding new wheat.

We learn that Byron Cole, living just across the Siskiyou mountains, has failed.

W. W. Shortridge is Postmaster of Ida, an office lately established in Lake county.

U. S. currency is now taken at par for toll on the Sacramento river wagon road.

Fisher & Caro sell goods so cheap that persons come from California to buy them.

Judge Day returned last week from a trip to the Lucky Queen and neighboring mines.

Paymaster Kiefer passed through town yesterday on his way north from Fort Klamath.

We are pained to learn that our old friend, Frank Bauer, of Ashland, lost a child last week.

C. C. Beekman and family returned from San Francisco yesterday. They came via Portland.

A party, composed of James A. Cardwell's family and others, left for Crater Lake this week.

Rev. W. Hurlburt will hold divine services at the M. E. Church Sunday morning and evening.

The August term of the Probate and County Commissioners' Courts commences next Tuesday.

Dr. Jones, formerly of Lake county, was recently married to Miss Carrie Anderson, of Portland.

Jos. Swingle arrived from Langell's valley the other day. He reports hay scarce there this season.

Work has been suspended on Lin's hydraulic near Uniontown, the water supply being insufficient.

A bran new Wilcox & Gibbs sewing machine can be bought cheap by inquiring at this office immediately.

Gen. Mart. Brown and lady came down from the Soda Springs Monday and left the same day for Albany.

D. J. Ferree has resigned as U. S. Commissioner for Lake county, and L. S. Dyar was appointed in his place.

J. H. Fisk, of Portland, has recently reduced one ton of Lucky Queen ore by a new process, obtaining therefrom \$50.

Wilbur Cornell is reported as prospecting in the vicinity of Jefferson, Marion county, and not for cinnamon either.

We change our publication day back to Friday for the accommodation of our Sam's valley and Butte creek subscribers.

S. A. Scott, who has been canvassing this section for the photocombe with considerable success, has returned to Siskiyou.

We learn that Abell & Welsh contemplate returning to this place ere long, with the intention of remaining a short time.

N. H. Clayton and Levi Willits, of Ashland, who have been teaching school in Douglas county, are back on a short vacation.

The festive sewing machine agent has reappeared.

F. M. Williams died at the County Hospital the other day. He was 23 years of age and a native of Watsonville, Santa Cruz county, Cal.

Rev. J. R. N. Bell's appointment at Taylor's ferry, on the 19th, will be filled at the farm of James W. Collins, one mile south of Bybee's ferry.

We have received the first number of the Footlight, a neat and sprightly daily just started at San Francisco. It is devoted to drama, music and fine arts.

We learn that L. Herling and family will shortly return from San Francisco. The extreme dullness of the times is causing several others to return to the interior.

A grand expedition to Crater Lake is contemplated, to leave Linkville about the 25th. A number from this place and Ashland will probably join this excursion.

George W. Frey, formerly of this place, but more recently of Eappy Camp, Cal., has returned to Jackson county. The climate there did not agree with him.

An immigrant from Monterey county, Cal., died of typhoid fever at the Dardanelles on Tuesday night. Another of the same train is also very sick from the same disease.

A. P. Armstrong and Mr. Nutt, of this county, in company with others, have wingdammed the Umpqua river near Canyonville, and are now nining on a bar of that stream.

Chris. Weiss found no trouble in disposing of the wine he hauled to Yreka, as the people there took kindly to it. He will take over some more as soon as the weather becomes cooler.

F. W. Ewing, formerly of Ashland, has been nominated for District Attorney by the Democracy of Modoc county, Cal. A good nomination, almost equivalent to an election.

Geo. E. Strong arrived from Lake county Tuesday last. He is now engaged in grading the lands of the Oregon Central Military Road Company, and will start for Eugene City in a few days.

A Mr. Stone of Humboldt county, Cal., has received the contract for furnishing 100 mules to the Government for use in the Idaho Indian war. He passed through this section with them on the 29th ult.

W. C. Myer will arrive from the Willamette this week. He will start for the Oregon State Fair about the last of September with a band of Percheron thoroughbreds and some fine specimens of their produce.

Quicksilver sells at 43 cents a pound in San Francisco, at which price the Emeline company can make a good thing. The furnace will be in operation before long, and the owners are very sanguine over the result.

An instrument, evidently a cross between a devil's fiddle and a Jew's-harp, and engineered by a festive tramp, this week amused the average hoodlum with what once were "Shoo fly," the Doxology, "Capt. Jinks," etc.

We publish birth, marriage and death notices free of charge, provided they are furnished us for publication. It seems enough for us to give the space in our columns without being compelled to wear out boot leather in search of the items.

A. F. Johnson, Superintendent of the Esther mine, writes that he has all repairs fully made and 100 tons of good quartz on the dump and expects to have 200 tons more by the middle of August. He still expresses himself as being thoroughly satisfied of its paying quality.

The bilk who attempted to impose upon our citizens by telling a pitiable story and endeavoring to find homes for his children, never failing to beg something, is playing the same dodge in the Willamette. He was arrested here by Marshal Helms, and left in a hurry upon being liberated.

It is reported that the order for the removal of the Linkville Land Office to Lakeview has been suspended until such time as the land cases now pending in that office can be adjusted. We hear that the Senatorial party lately in this State was instrumental in having the removal from Linkville thus postponed.

There seems to be a craving for human blood prevailing rather extensively in this section of late. Last Tuesday night a certain person, armed with a shot-gun, lay in wait several hours for another, who fortunately did not appear, and we lost an item and Sexton Dunlap a job.

A HORRIBLE AFFAIR.

A WELL-KNOWN CITIZEN KILLS HIS PARTNER AND THEN COMMITS SUICIDE.

Quite a furor was raised Sunday evening last upon the receipt of the news that Peter Ottersbach and Herman Kirmse, of Gall's creek, a mining camp situated fourteen miles north of this place, had been found dead. Upon further inquiry it was ascertained Ottersbach had evidently killed the other and then committed suicide, which belief was verified by the verdict of the coroner's jury empaneled the next day. From what we can learn, the two, who are partners in a mining claim, had frequently quarreled, and were very bitter against each other at the time of the tragedy. This animosity had but lately been heightened by Kirmse putting up a shed during his partner's absence, against the positive protest of the latter. On the day aforesaid the two took lunch at Wm. Bleckert's, a neighbor, but did not interchange a word. After Kirmse had finished, he remarked he would go up to their house and cook a cup of tea, thereupon leaving. Ottersbach soon followed him, but, of course, nothing strange was observed in this proceeding. A short time elapsed when a loud shot was heard, and another about an hour afterward, as is supposed. No heed was taken of this, however, as persons are frequently in the habit of shooting in that section. Nothing was known of the horrible incident until some hours later, when Gus Pfeil, a friend of the parties, went over to pay them a visit. There a horrible sight met his eyes, which rivals description. Kirmse's was the first body that met his view and lay outside the fence. He thereupon called for Ottersbach and, receiving no answer, went into the cabin to look for him. Here he found his body lying near his bed, also still in death. Horrified and astounded at such a revelation, Mr. Pfeil hurriedly told the neighbors of the affair and came to town to inform the authorities.

Next morning Justice Kent, acting Coroner, repaired to the scene and empaneled a jury. From the position in which the bodies lay, together with the connecting circumstances, it appears quite evident that Kirmse was sitting on a block near the gate smoking a pipe and reading a newspaper, and that Ottersbach shot him from the door of the cabin. The gun has a rifle and a shot-gun barrel, and it is supposed the first shot proceeded from the former, the ball entering the right side a little below the arm pit, passing horizontally through the body and lodging in the left side, bruising his arm considerably. The shot-gun barrel must have gone off almost simultaneously, (as only one load report was heard) the load of which struck the deceased about the shoulder-blade, ranging upward and lodging in his neck and breast and grazing the left shoulder. The shock very likely caused him to spring forward and fall outside the gate where he was found. Having thus made sure work of his partner, Ottersbach then deliberately determined on killing himself. He reloaded the gun and, cutting a hole in his shirt, so as to prevent any impediment and make death certain, he seated himself on a bench against the bed, placed the weapon upon his abdomen and touched it off with a pine stick about a foot in length. The ball must have struck the point of the heart, coming out near the shoulder-blade and passing through the boards of the cabin. It was a half-ounce ball and cut a terrible hole. When found the shot-gun barrel was still cocked.

The verdict of the coroner's jury, which we present below, substantiates the above account. Further than this the tragedy will ever remain a mystery:

We, the undersigned jurors, summoned to enquire into the cause or causes of the deaths of Herman Kirmse and Peter Ottersbach, do find the following facts, viz: That Herman Kirmse was shot and killed on the afternoon of Sunday, July 29th, 1877. We believe that Peter Ottersbach did the shooting. We also find that after and on the Sunday Ottersbach killed Kirmse that he took his own life by shooting himself through the body with a rifle ball.

W. M. COLVIG, JOHN MILLER, MAX MULLER, T. L. BUCK, E. JACOBS, S. COHN.

Ottersbach was long and favorably known in this section as a genial, whole-souled individual, but inclined to be impetuous. He was doubtless highly incensed at his partner, and in a fit of desperation killed him, atoning for his sin with his own blood. His age was about 54 years, and he was a native of Saxony.

Kirmse was also an old resident of

this section and known as a man of eccentric temper. He was about 50 years of age and also a native of Saxony.

Thus occurred a most horrible affair, which stands unequalled in this section in its blood-curdling details. The bodies were taken in charge by friends and buried in the Jacksonville cemetery the Tuesday following.

SENTENCED.—William Hicks and Enoch Baker, arrested in this county and indicted for uttering and manufacturing counterfeit coin, pleaded guilty to the charge on the 25th ult. in the U. S. Court, at Portland, and were sentenced each to seven years in the penitentiary. They were terribly disgusted when Judge Dundy pronounced the sentence, as they were firmly convinced that their punishment would be light if they admitted their guilt. They are both desperate men, and would not hesitate to add murder to their other crimes if, by that means, they could escape. The Standard of July 26th says: They determined to evade the State prison, if possible, and this morning it could be seen, from their furtive glances and nervous expressions, that they had their minds made up to escape if the best opportunity was offered. They requested the U. S. Marshal to accompany them to the express office this morning, saying they had money there. He offered to take one of the prisoners, but both insisted on going. The Marshal saw into the little ruse, and declined. They swore they would never enter the penitentiary, but evidently changed their minds, as they are now meditating on the mutation of human events in Superintendent Burch's hotel.

OREGON GIRLS.—Salem girls are the oldest. Eugene City girls are the slouchiest. Long Tom girls are the boldest. Hillsboro girls are the dumpiest. Albany girls are the longest limbed. Oregon City girls are the most substantial. Dallas girls are the greenest. Corvallis girls have the biggest feet. Ashland girls are pinned back the tightest. Astoria girls have the longest noses. La Grande girls are the greatest. The Dalles girls are the tallest. Lafayette girls are the broadest. Baker City girls are the dumbest. Empire City girls are the biggest—around the waist. Roseburg girls have the best appetites—for bologna. Jacksonville girls are just right in size, looks, intelligence, etc.

EVER IMPROVING.—Jacksonville is continually improving, each year becoming larger and more substantial. Nearly all the vacant land in our corporate limits is occupied and new buildings are constantly in course of erection. Unlike other towns that have relied on the mines for sustenance, Jacksonville is to-day on a sounder basis than it ever was, although money is not as plentiful as of yore. Not many years will elapse ere we will have one of the prettiest towns on the Coast. Times can hardly become worse than they now are, and there is much room for improvement. We cannot but take a favorable view of the prospects of our town, and circumstances seem to bear us out in this assertion.

CHEAPER FREIGHTS.—Opposition steamers have been placed on the route between San Francisco and Portland, which ought to and doubtless will ensure lower freights for this section. The Pacific Steamship Company is the name of the organization inaugurating this opposition, and has already dispatched the Orizaba for Portland. It is the intention of the Company to place two boats on the route immediately. These will be soon followed by others. J. McCracken & Co. have been appointed their agents in Portland, and the steam-ship will land, discharge and take freight at their wharf. The Farmers' wharf at Astoria has been leased for the same purposes.

THE LOST CABIN.—The Standard says Messrs. T. F. Campbell and Mr. Stump, of Polk county, have started for Southern Oregon with the avowed intention of finding "The Lost Cabin," made famous by Sam. L. Simpson's prose-tale of that title. Mr. Stump thinks he has in his possession certain intelligence which will lead to the discovery of this famous shanty with the untold wealth buried beneath its rude puncheon floors.

WHILE everybody about here is talking about how cheap they can sell their goods John Miller wishes to say that he is prepared to and will sell everything in his line as cheap, if not cheaper, than any one else in Southern Oregon—and he is not "selling out to close business" either. He has a large stock on the way and receiving, purchased by him personally, while on his late visit below, and he in ends to stay right here and sell them and then buy more. Just call on him and see.

LIBERAL INDUCEMENTS.—We have due-bills on the U. S. Piano Company and also the Shoninger Organ Company, which will be received at par in payment for instruments of their celebrated manufacture, at factory prices. These due-bills will be sold at a discount, and those desiring either a first-class piano or organ of established reputation should call at the TIMES office at once.

PLAN OF APPOINTMENTS.—The following are my appointments for the ensuing two months:

August 19th, or 3d Sunday, campmeeting at Butte creek, one mile below Eagle Point.

August 25th, or 4th Sunday, at Jacksonville, morning and evening.

September 2d, or 1st Sunday, at Foot's creek, preaching at 11 o'clock A. M. Lecture at 3 o'clock P. M. Basket Meeting.

J. R. N. BELL, Pastor.

STAR COMIQUE TROUPE.—This company, which is well spoken of by the California press, performed at the Social Club rooms last night. It will probably show again this evening, when our citizens will have an opportunity of witnessing a first-class variety performance.

Thousands of Affidavits.

Many having used "patent" and prepared medicines and failed in finding the relief promised, are thereby prejudiced against all medicines. Is this right? Would you condemn all physicians because one failed in giving the relief promised? Some go to California in search of gold, and, after working hard for months and finding none, return home and say there is no gold there. Does that prove it? Many suffering with Catarrh and pulmonary affections have used the worthless preparations that crowd the market, and in their disappointments say there is no cure for Catarrh. Does that prove it? Does it not rather prove that they have failed to employ the proper remedy? There are thousands of people in the United States who can make an affidavit that Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy and Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery have effected their entire cure. Many had lost all sense of smell for months, and pieces of bone had repeatedly been removed from the nasal cavities.

The National Gold Medal was awarded to Bradley & Rulison for the best Photographs in the United States, and the Vienna Medal for the best in the world. 429 Montgomery street, San Francisco.

DIED.

ISH—At the family residence near Jacksonville, July 29th, J. Ellen, wife of Jacob Ish, a native of Virginia; aged 51 years, 9 months and 17 days.

[Mrs. Ish was one of our oldest and most respected residents. For several months past she suffered from a disease (cancer) from which death was inevitable, going to her fate with a Christian fortitude. She leaves a husband and daughter and a large circle of sorrowing friends to mourn her irreparable loss. She was an honored member of the order of Patrons of Husbandry, under whose auspices her remains were deposited in their last resting-place. May she rest in peace.]

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Farms for Sale.

Persons desiring to purchase good farms of any size will do well to enquire of JOHN BOLT, Applegate, Oregon.

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