

Religious Directory.

M. E. Church.—Religious services every Sunday, at the usual hours, by the Reverends A. Hardison, W. Hurlbut and M. A. Williams, alternately.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.—The regular quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held next Tuesday evening, 15th inst.

RETURNED HOME.—Hon. C. B. Bellinger, of Portland, who is interested in the diggings of Klippel, Hanna & Co., was in town last week on business connected therewith.

FROM SAM'S VALLEY.—John Sizemore informs us that Rogue river was lower during the cold spell than at any time during the Summer.

POMONA GRANGE.—At a meeting of Jacksonville District Pomona Grange, held at Odd Fellows' Hall on the 3d, the following officers were elected:

AN EPISODE.—A young blood and his partner started for the party at Beatty's last Friday night, but did not proceed far when the horses became frightened and ran away.

FINE MONUMENT.—J. H. Skidmore, of Ashland, assisted by Mr. Franklin, this week placed into position the monument erected in memory of John Bilger.

LELAND ITEMS.—A correspondent of the Times, under date of January 2d, writes: Little water for miners, and everything frozen up.

A SAD CASE.—Geo. H. Anderson, a young man well known in this section, was found dead in his cabin at Cottonwood, Siskiyou county, (Cal.) on New Year's morning.

E. G. Browning, of Douglas county, has spent a few days among us examining the gravel beds belonging to the Rising Star Mining Company, of which he is a member.

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BRIEF MENTION.

Pleasant weather. Settle with the printer. Immigrants are still arriving. Stages arriving earlier again.

Bob Garrett has returned from San Francisco. Chas. Hughes, Esq., has returned to Kerbyville.

Superintendent Farlow was in town last Saturday. W. H. Shook is now stationed at Sheridan, Cal.

Little Squaw Lake had four inches of ice on it last week. Winter fights opened out in good style on Monday last.

For a superior Singer machine call on David Linn, agent. Society notices published in the TIMES at \$5 per annum.

Gus Hosse, formerly a resident of this section, is back again. A large amount of bacon and lard is being put up this season.

Oregonian-Pocahontas Tribe installed its officers on Tuesday last. A. P. Armstrong has charge of the Canyonville District School.

A Kegel and his string band will be in Jacksonville this month. Jacksonville Grange will install its newly elected officers to-morrow.

Wm. Kreuzer's German school has re-opened after quite a vacation. Items of a local nature solicited from every portion of Southern Oregon.

"Prof." Wood, the blind musician, is now stationed at Red Bluff, Cal. Ben Haymond and John Ashmead were up from Rock Point on Saturday.

We have for sale a quantity of blank circular notes, which are quite popular. The Presbyterians of Ashland propose building a church at an early day.

The best liquors and finest cigars always on hand at Dillon's. Give him a call. Rev. J. H. Skidmore preached in the M. E. Church on Sunday evening last.

A heavy rain occurred on Wednesday night, which was quite welcome to all. Several new advertisements of importance appear elsewhere. Read them.

Hunting for deer and bear is a favorite pastime with the citizens of Big Butte. Slight showers have fallen this week, which had the effect of thawing out the ground.

Al. Sturges informs us that the prospects at Sterling look quite favorable at present. John Wood, of Woodville, was in town this week. He reports matters quiet there.

County Court was in session this week. Several Road Supervisors made their reports. Chris. Weiss now crosses Bybee's ferry with the mail. Capt. Fly still manages the boat.

Wm. Taylor, of Ashland precinct, was down this week on business with the County Court. Jacob Wagner, of Ashland, was in town Monday and reports everything quiet in that place.

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Major H. F. Barron, of the Mountain House, was in town this week on business with the Probate Court.

Mrs. P. D. Parsons, formerly of this place, is managing an extensive dress-making establishment at Albany.

Capt. Barnes, of Goose Lake, is in town. He reports stock as not doing exceedingly well in Lake county.

The health of Southern Oregon cannot be excelled, if equaled, anywhere. The death rate is unusually small.

Miss Irene Wisley, of Manzanita, who has been teaching school in Siskiyou county, Cal., is back on a visit.

An interesting communication from Williams creek was received too late for this issue, but will appear next week.

The Frenchman who was seriously injured by a cave last Summer is improving under the treatment of B. Rostel.

Sammel Colver informs us that a revival is in progress at Phoenix. Reverends Hurlbut, Mayfield and Martin officiate.

James Birdsey returned from Rogue river this week, and says the recent cold weather caused general stagnation there.

The attendance on the District School is unusually large and constantly increasing. The number enrolled this week was 246.

We are pleased to learn that Henry Blecher has recovered from his recent misfortune and will probably arrive home in a few days.

A party of young folks from Jacksonville will attend spelling school at the Willow Springs school house next Wednesday evening.

The extremes of the San Francisco wool market are 116 1/2c, this staple being held firm at prices within the range of these figures.

Ruth Rebekah Degree Lodge had an interesting meeting Monday evening last. After the installation a splendid collation was spread.

John A. Boyer leaves for Kerbyville to-day and will install the newly elected officers of the Odd Fellows lodge at that place to-morrow evening.

A new organization, reveling in the sobriquet of "The Doughnuts," is agitating Jacksonville at present. It is purely feminine in construction.

The late frosts froze up the creek and ditches, which worked much to the convenience of the miners, exhausting their already slim water supply.

The last entertainment given by the Rogue River Dramatic Troupe occurred at Rock Point, instead of at Schellheim's school-house, on New Year's eve.

John Cimbersky informs us that the weather was mild at the Beaver creek claim mines up to the last of December. He returned Wednesday.

The party at Thos. F. Beatty's was well attended, over 50 tickets being sold. A pleasant time was had, the supper being one of the features of the evening.

"Copp's Hand-book of Mining Laws" should be in the hands of everybody interested in mining. Copies can be secured through the TIMES office at \$1 each.

The proceedings of the Probate and County Commissioners' Courts not being finished in time for this issue, we defer their publication until next week.

Tuesday was the 8th of January, made memorable by the immortal Jackson in his battle with the English before New Orleans. Long may that glorious event be celebrated!

Coyotes are becoming unusually numerous and troublesome in the valley, having raided on several bands of sheep. One was captured by Cameron & McCully's hounds on Sunday last.

Miss Polly Bybee, of East Portland, was awarded the first prize—a lady's work-box—for the handsomest costume worn at the recent masquerade in that city. She personated a "Polish Lady."

Post order No. 73, paragraph 2, dated December 13, 1877, Fort Klamath, is confirmed, directing Sergeant Oliver Suterland, company B, 1st cavalry, to proceed to Portland and report to First Lieut. John Q. Adams, 1st cavalry, for the purpose of indentifying property belonging to company B, 1st cavalry.

The Star says C. L. Wolters, well known in this Coast as a mining expert, left Roseburg on the 1st, in company with J. N. Barker, to make an investigation of the Lucky Queen mine, in Josephine county. Should his report be favorable the Directors of the company will secure his services as superintendent.

MORTUARY REPORT.

R. S. Dunlap, City Sexton, has kindly furnished us his report for 1877, which we publish below. Although the number of deaths is somewhat larger, the public health has been, if anything, better than it was in 1876. It will be observed that several deaths were the results of casualties and from causes other than natural, while a number of persons passing through this section are also included in the death roll. Hence it cannot be said that 1877 was a year of unusual mortality.

January 4—David Phipps; aged 61 years and 8 months. Disease, consumption. Interred in Town cemetery.

January 8—Wm. Boyer; aged 73 years, 9 months and 26 days. Debility. In I. O. O. F. cemetery.

February 16—Geo. H. Amy; aged 8 months and 22 days. Membranous croup. In Town cemetery.

April 3—John Bilger; aged 45 years, 8 months and 3 days. Bilious colic. In Masonic cemetery.

April 6—H. W. Moore; shot by Sheriff's posse. In Town cemetery.

April 13—John S. Barnett; aged 88 years, 11 months and 10 days. Debility. In Masonic cemetery.

May 4—Emma E. Cato; aged 25 years, 20 days. Epilepsy. In Masonic cemetery.

May 16—Lewis Roloson; aged 5 months. In Town cemetery.

July 9—James D. Hayes; aged 55 years. Cancer. In Town cemetery.

July 28—E. M. Williams; aged 23 years. Hereditary syphilis. In Town cemetery.

July 29—Peter Otterbach; aged 52 years. Suicide. In U. O. R. M. cemetery.

July 29—Herman Kirnsey; aged 50 years. Killed in an affray. In Town cemetery.

July 29—Mrs. J. Ellen Ish; aged 51 years, 9 months and 17 days. Cancer. In I. O. O. F. cemetery.

July 30—W. M. Henderson; aged 27 years and 5 months. Typhoid fever. In Town cemetery.

August 11—James A. Stewart; aged 16 years. Consumption. In Town cemetery.

August 26—John H. Dillon; aged 9 months and 14 days. Cholera infantum. In Catholic cemetery.

September 5—Margaret Dillon; aged 67 years. Intestinal obstruction. In Catholic cemetery.

Sept. 14—Mabel Daneau; aged 7 months and 2 days. Teething. In Town cemetery.

Sept. 16—John W. Ray; aged 4 years, 2 months and 5 days. Membranous croup. In I. O. O. F. cemetery.

Sept. 16—W. H. Merriman; aged 52 years, 6 months and 13 days. Consumption. In Town cemetery.

Sept. 21—Annie R. Ivory; aged 2 years. Diphtheria. In Catholic cemetery.

Sept. 30—Patrick H. Ivory; aged 3 years, 10 months and 25 days. Diphtheria. In Catholic cemetery.

October 13—A. H. Conlan; aged 46 years. Killed in an affray. In Town cemetery.

Oct. 28—Abigail Huston; aged 88 years, 1 month and 7 days. Debility. In Town cemetery.

November 30—Angela C. Wilkinson, aged 54 years. Consumption. In Catholic cemetery.

TELEGRAPHIC RATES.—It is understood that the Western Union Telegraph Company, when the details of the recent consolidation of lines are completed, will establish a tariff, which will effect a general and gradual reduction of telegraphic rates. It is to be effected by an abolition of the "off-word" clause in the present tariff, and the substitution of a rate per word for all words in excess of ten. As it now is, a message is paid for at a rate of sum for ten words, and another fixed rate for each additional five words, or words in excess of ten, so that eleven words cost as much for transmission as fifteen. Under the proposed new schedule the rate will be fixed, as now, for ten words, and for each additional word a given tariff, graduated according to rate value of the first ten words. The Sacramento Record Union says it is also understood that a material reduction will be made on through rates to the East; that more night offices will be established, and increased and economic accommodations be provided for the public. All which, it is believed, will increase the business of the line, and thus warrant the changes proposed. In this case, it seems consolidation tends to a reduction of rates.

JOSEPHINE GRANGE ELECTION.—A correspondent of the TIMES, under date of Wilderville, January 7th, writes:

At the last regular meeting of Josephine Grange No. 179, P. of H., the officers-elect were as follows: B. F. Sloan, M.; J. Wells, O.; G. Kellogg, L.; Wm. Brown, S.; C. Wells, A. S.; W. Ray, C.; F. Barnes, T. S. A. Brough, Sec.; J. Brown, G. K.; Mrs. Martha Sloan, Ceres; Mrs. Jane Wells, Pomona; Miss Annie Bull, Flora; Miss Parinda Brough, L. A. S. These officers were duly installed at public installation on the 5th inst, by Worthy Master L. F. Allen. On retiring from the chair Mr. Allen delivered a brief but appropriate address to the members of the Grange. Quite a large attendance was present and a good time had. The dinner was especially fine.

AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.—We have just completed arrangements with Orange Judd Company, New York, whereby we are enabled to furnish the TIMES, American Agriculturist and a first-class microscope for the small sum of \$1.75, to be paid in advance. The Agriculturist is the leading agricultural journal of the world, the price of which is \$1.60. The microscope is useful, genuine and warranted, manufactured especially for Orange Judd Company and is valued at \$1.50. It will thus be seen that extra inducements are offered, and none should fail to avail themselves of them. Now is the time to send in your subscriptions.

WM. BYBEE will doubtless realize that a personal organ is an expensive luxury. Besides, it requires more than the false arguments of a subsidized organ to elect a certain person to an office. It is important to be on the right ticket at election-time, and that ticket ain't the Republican. We refer Mr. Bybee to B. F. Dowell for proof of the above, as he is an experienced witness in the premises.

DECISION RENDERED.—The following proceedings have transpired in the Supreme Court, now in session at Salem: Patrick Donegan, appl., vs. Daniel Murphy, resp. Where an appeal in a suit in equity is taken to this court, and the respondent being the defendant in the court below, fails to appear, such failure will be regarded as an abandonment of the defense, and if the applicant, being the plaintiff in the court below, makes a prima facie case he will be entitled to a decree. Decree below reversed and decree for plaintiff. Opinion by McArthur, J.

APPOINTED SUPERINTENDENT.—J. S. Howard, of this place, has been appointed superintendent of Klippel Hanna & Co.'s mining operations on Applegate, and left this week for that section. Mr. Howard is a skillful engineer, having superintended the construction of many ditches of importance in Southern Oregon.

MAN KILLED.—From Capt. Barnes we learn that one Wallace shot a man in Warner valley a short time since, from the effects of which he died soon afterward. On his dying bed he made a statement that Wallace was not to blame. The affray occurred over some land in dispute.

FOR JOSEPHINE COUNTY.—Prof. J. M. Tieron, the well known mining expert, was in town last week and left for Josephine county on Monday. He has been appointed superintendent of the Webfoot quartz mine at Brownstown, on which he will recommence operations.

WE have for sale one of Beatty's celebrated Pianos (or Organs) that will be disposed of at a great bargain. For particulars apply at this office.

CROWDED OUT.—We have received a communication on Lake county affairs, which will receive due attention next week.

NEW FIRM.—It gives us pleasure to announce the consolidation of T. A. Davis & Co. and Hodge, Snell & Co., the two leading firms engaged in the drug business at Portland. They have hitherto enjoyed the reputation of being prompt and reasonable, and this consolidation makes the wholesale house of Hodge, Davis & Co. one of the most substantial on the Coast. It will continue business with a large stock of drugs, paints, oils, etc., at 71 Front street until the completion of their new stores at 49 and 51 Front street and 9 Oak street. We do not hesitate in recommending this new candidate for public patronage to the merchants of Southern Oregon, as they will be sure to receive the best articles on the most reasonable terms San Francisco dealers can offer.

BIG BUTTE ITEMS.—"Vindex," under date of the 3d, writes:

It is cold up here, but, thank Providence, we have plenty of fuel.

I understand that Mr. P. anticipates giving another party—perhaps on the 22d of February.

The Big Buttes had two free dances during the holidays—the first at John Obenchain's on Christmas, and the other at Martin Perry's on New Year's night. Your correspondent was not a participant in the former "shake-down," but learns that it was an enjoyable affair. At Mr. Perry's both young and old tipped the light fantastic quite lively. Messrs. Laporte and Watkins were the violinists, and gave good music. The supper prepared by Mrs. Perry was just splendid, such as would have done credit to any hostess.

I. O. O. F. INSTALLATION.—At a stated meeting of Ashland Lodge No. 15, I. O. O. F., held on the evening of the 5th inst., John A. Boyer, D. D. G. M., installed the following officers for the ensuing term: A. D. Helman, N. G.; I. O. Miller, V. G.; R. P. Neil, R. S.; W. Mitchell, Treas.; O. C. Applegate, P. S.; E. DePeatt, R. S. N. G.; W. T. Leeke, L. S. N. G.; J. Conway, R. S. V. G.; L. S. Scott, L. S. V. G.; J. H. Helman, Warden; J. Neil, Con.

FROM IOWA.—We take the following from the Des Moines Leader of the 22d ult.:

Mr. Daniel Vieser has just returned from an extensive tour in the west. He took in California and Oregon, and was finally almost overwhelmed with delight of the Rogue River Valley in Oregon. He says there are no failures in crops there. He brought with him of the fruits of this section, such as quinces, almonds, English walnuts, grapes, in bunches, weighing six pounds, peaches of which some weigh one pound and two ounces, and specimens of such minerals, Mr. Vieser naturally took the westward fever, and no wonder when one hears his report of what he has seen.

WITH THE ISSUE OF Dec. 21st the Jacksonville TIMES closed its seventh volume. It enters upon its eighth with as good prospects if not better than at any previous time in its history. Bro. Nickel is a felicitous writer, and as a gatherer of news items has scarce an equal in the State.—Ashland Tidings.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.—All those indebted to Kahler & Bro. will do well to settle up their accounts immediately, as credit will be refused them after January 1st, 1878, until a settlement is had.

District school is in full blast.

ABSTAIN FROM.—While Donnelly's yeast powder agent was giving samples of his powder free to the families of this place, a lady with red hair refused to have any unless it would cure her a husband. The agent, who is a very modest man, reflected a moment, and then whispered in her ear, "She wanted all my hair."

NOTHING BUT intrinsic merit can account for the enormous sales of Fresh's Hamburg Tea, the demand for which is constantly increasing. The reason is obvious to all. It is a purely vegetable preparation, mild, yet potent in its action—sparing off all impurities from the system, and imparting a glow and vigor, which only those who have used it can appreciate.

NOTHING SHORT of unmistakable benefits conferred upon tens of thousands of suffering souls organic and inorganic the reputation which AYER'S SASSAPARILLA enjoys. It is a compound of the best vegetable alteratives, with the Lodes of Potassium and Iron, and is the most efficient of all remedies for scrofulous, acrimonial, or blood disorders. Unusually successful and certain in its remedial effects, it produces rapid and complete cures of Scrofula, Sores, Boils, Humors, Pimples, Eruptions, Skin Diseases and all disorders arising from impurity of the blood. By its invigorating effects it always relieves and cures Liver Complaints, Female Weaknesses and Irregularities, and is a good restorer of vitality. For purifying the blood it has no equal; it tones up the system, restores and preserves the health, and imparts a glow and energy. For forty years it has been in extensive use, and is to-day the most available medicine for the suffering sick, every where. For sale by all dealers.

MARRIED.

TRICHEY—MUTHELL.—In Yreka, Jan. 5th, by Hon. A. M. Rushbrough, W. J. Trichey to Miss Lizzie Mitchell, both of Park Butte.

BORN.

COURTNEY.—In this city, December 21st, to the wife of W. F. Courtney, a son.

DIED.

ROTEN.—At the family residence, near Willow Springs, January 5th, Cynthia Roten, 42 years, 9 months and 8 days.