

DIED.—Geo. Brawley, of Phoenix, died at his residence last Tuesday of lung fever, after a brief illness. The deceased has been a resident of that place for the past few years and was generally respected. He was about 63 years of age.

LEAP-YEAR PARTY.—The young ladies managing the leap-year party, to be given on Christmas eve, request us to state that it will take place at Vert Schutz's hall. They will have immediate supervision of the supper, which is a guarantee of its excellence. Tickets, \$1.

THE WEATHER.—The atmosphere clouded up Tuesday and that night we had some snow. Next day rain began to fall, since which time we have had copious showers at regular intervals. Every industry has need of this change of weather and few will complain because it has commenced raining. Let the elements proceed.

RELIGIOUS ITEMS.—Rev. M. A. Williams will hold services at Brownborough next Sunday morning. Rev. D. A. Crowell preaches at Grant's Pass next Sunday morning. Elder M. Peterson preaches at the Mount District school-house next Sunday morning. Elder P. W. Gilbert will hold services at Phoenix on Sunday next.

I. O. O. F. ELECTION.—At the last meeting of Jacksonville Lodge No. 10, I. O. O. F., the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Henry Klippel, N. G.; A. H. Young, V. G.; John Miller, Treasurer; K. Kuhl, W. J. Reynolds and T. B. Kent, Trustees. The installation will take place on the evening of January 7th.

A RARE INDUCEMENT.—The November number of that most excellent periodical, the "California," is on our table, replete in readable articles, many of which are able and full of information. The subscription price is \$4; but we will furnish it in connection with the Times for \$3, payable in advance. Here is an opportunity for getting the two at a greatly reduced rate.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.—At a stated council of Oregonian-Bonadventur Tribe No. 1, Improved Order of Red Men, held on the sleep of the 20th sun, Beaver Moon, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: Sachem, Chas. Nickell; Senior Sagamore, T. T. McKenzie; Junior Sagamore, Jas. G. Birdsey; Trustees, E. C. Foudray, Henry Pape, Sr., David Condemiller.

ALMOST A FIRE.—Jacksonville had another escape from fire on night recently. It seems that some one struck a match at the bar of Madame Holt's hotel, evidently to light a candle, and had thrown the burning remnant into the match box, which was blazing high when Marshal Crosby came to the rescue sometime afterwards. As it was very late when the circumstance occurred, it will readily be seen that the town's escape was narrow. Had the Franco-American been consumed, many other buildings would have shared the same fate.

FROM ARIZONA.—John Q. Latta and Chas. H. Hagadone, who have just returned from a trip to Arizona, are satisfied that there are many worse places than Southern Oregon. They report mining resources of that Territory vast and rich, but only men of capital can develop them. The outlook for young men is anything but encouraging there, blacksmiths and carpenters alone finding anything like steady employment. In time this state of things will no doubt change and others besides mining speculators and sharp will then have a living show.

RETURNED.—We last week received a call from J. C. Whitaker and H. C. Perkins of Eugene City, who have just returned from Lake county. The latter gentleman has been surveying swamp and other lands for the State, while the former has been representing Oregon in the listing of lands belonging to us, in which transaction Gen. B. V. Ankeny, who returned from east of the mountains at the same time, appeared for the General Government. We learn that the negotiators were perfectly satisfactory, each party seeming to think that the best had been done for the people.

IMPRISONED.—James Hart, a young man who mined on Jackson creek not long since was sent to the penitentiary from Baker county, at the last term of the Circuit Court, for eight years. He was charged with and convicted of the crime of committing rape on his married sister during her husband's absence. Hart wrote to E. Manville, in whose employ he was while here, informing him that he was the victim of a "put-up job," and requesting that he lend his assistance in clearing the matter up. Mr. Manville accordingly went below, returning last week. He says that Hart is entirely innocent and hopes to secure his release in due time.

LEGION OF HONOR.—The Court House was packed to overflowing with people last Friday evening to witness the entertainment given by the Legion of Honor. The exercises, notwithstanding the short time in which they were prepared, proved quite interesting and of an excellent character. The address of Prof. Rogers was exhaustive, able and abounding in statistics. Quite a number of signatures were obtained, all of which bespeak a future productive of good for the organization. After the exercises, officers for the ensuing three months were elected, viz: Jas. A. Cardwell, President; G. A. Hubbell, Secretary; Miss Cora Linn, Treasurer. Mrs. Florence Shipley, Mrs. Issie McCally and R. H. Klippel were appointed a committee on programs, when the meeting adjourned without delay.

DIVERSITY OF OPINION.—Mount McLaughlin commanded much attention from the people of this section last Friday morning, many being of the opinion that smoke was issuing from its crater and that an eruption might be imminent. This plea seemed plausible enough, as, viewed from town, there was every appearance that a stream of smoke left the top of the mountain at regular intervals. This idea is accented by others, who maintain that that which looked like smoke was merely fog rising from some of the canyons in which the country adjacent to the mountain abounds; while still others hold that it was nothing but an over-hanging cloud. No definite conclusion was arrived at, and the matter remains shrouded in mystery. The phenomenon disappeared in the course of a few hours and little has been said about it since.

BRIEF REFERENCE.

Rain at last. Winter seems to be here. Ashland has a brass band. Read the new advertisements. Teaching has almost terminated. Local correspondence is solicited. Sick correspondents are asked to be patient. Buckwheat cakes are now at the front. The woods have adopted the winter styles. C. W. Savage is still improving his premises. Miners are now getting their picks sharpened.

Fancy printing of every description is our specialty. Improvements for the year 1890 are about at an end. Diphtheria has made its appearance in Siskiyou county. A. J. Cook of Applegate is constructing a commodious barn.

Considerable snow has fallen on the surrounding mountains. Circuit Court is still in session, several equity cases being on docket. J. N. Thomas and family have removed to Ashland from Linkville. E. Fittner of California proposes starting a skating rink at Ashland.

Miners and farmers are looking more cheerful since rain commenced. There is considerable sickness about Klamath Agency and Fort Klamath. County scrip is taken at par on old and new accounts with the Times office. J. P. Parker will start up the Big Butte steam saw-mill at an early day.

A. W. String is having this market with excellent sweet cider. P. Moore of Ashland has invented a sulky plow and will apply for a patent. The fair held at Yreka under the auspices of St. Joseph's Academy netted \$253.

Holiday advertisements, such as announcements of parties, etc., are in order. The A. O. U. W. meet this evening. So Jos. Adair Chapter No. 2, O. E. S. Dugan Bros. of Table Rock will build a handsome dwelling-house next Spring.

Mr. Kane has recently erected a neat dwelling-house in the southern portion of town. The roads were quite dusty up to last Tuesday night, something unusual in Oregon. Better than a letter to your friends in the East: A copy of the Times sent regularly. A fine assortment of toys will be sold at cost during the next thirty days by Messrs. Bros.

Daley & Co., the well-known Ashland architects, have been busily engaged during 1890. Wm. Chapman of Kerbyville was severely hurt by falling from his wagon the other day. Farmers are getting ready to speed the plow, as the ground is almost in the right condition. Inlow & Hill have opened a drug-store at Phoenix and J. B. Russell is clerking for them.

We have been placed under obligations by Jos. Rapp for another supply of excellent apples. The M. E. Church at Ashland is in receipt of a new organ of great power and excellent tone. Stages are falling behindhand on account of the late storms, but are still ahead of schedule time. The December term of the County Commissioners' and Probate Courts will be held next week.

The "Timings" says the Ashland woolen factory is unable to supply the demand for its goods. T. C. has several hundred dollars to loan on good security. Read his advertisement elsewhere. Vert Schutz has had his billiard table thoroughly renovated, and it is now one of the best in town. The new town hall has been enclosed and will be forwarded to completion as soon as possible.

The dry weather just ended has been favorable for building and carpenters have made the best of it. The New York Store is still in the field with heaps of new goods, which will be sold cheaper than ever. Small-pox continues unabated in San Francisco and vaccination would not be out of order even here.

North Eddings is visiting Canyonville and Milo Mathews is temporarily filling his place on the box. Squire L. Tinkham of Little Butte is quite ill, though his condition is not so precarious as it has been. There will be a total eclipse of the moon on the morning of December 16th, visible on the Pacific coast. Chas. C. Parker, formerly of Big Butte, has removed to Salem, where he recently committed matrimony. The Legion of Honor extends thanks to Prof. L. L. Rogers for his services in its behalf last Friday evening.

We still have a vivid recollection of the C. C. W. R., and hope our citizens will not let this enterprise fade from view. A child of Levi Miller of Missouri Flat has been seriously ill, but is now recovering under the treatment of Dr. Vrooman. Now is the time to advertise your holiday goods. The public wants information where it can get the best for the least.

Hampton Bros. of Lake county have sold 294 head of cattle to Dr. Patterson of Surprise Valley, Cal., for \$22 50 per head. An elegant lot of rewards of merit for teachers' use have just been received at the Times office, which will be sold reasonably. Owing to the exceedingly dry Fall grass has not begun to sprout well as yet, and more hay than usual will be needed for stock.

The Thanksgiving dinner and ball given at Ashland for the benefit of the district school was a success, about \$145 being cleared. John Friley will soon commence business in the store-room in the Masonic building adjoining Dr. Chitwood's place of business. Unusually cold weather for this time of the year prevails east of the Rocky Mountains, and much inconvenience and loss is reported.

Col. J. N. T. Miller has manufactured about 1,500 gallons of superior wine this season. He will also make a large quantity of brandy. The troubles in Ireland are of a serious nature, but they do not deter Plymouth from giving the utmost satisfaction to his numerous patrons. Holiday printing of every description at the Times office. Printing in colors and fancy work done in the best and up to date.

The Jacksonville Reading Room Association has given up the Club Room and is no more. The Archaean Literary Society collapses with it. Our imp of darkness has received the first invitation issued for the Leap year party and is making extensive preparations for the event. Howard took the time by the sun one day this week and found that the clocks and watches in town were fully a quarter of an hour slow.

Road Supervisors should commence making out their reports soon, as they must be in by the January term of the County Commissioners' Court. Dr. Danforth elsewhere calls on those indebted to him on account to settle by January 1, 1891. He means business, as his notice will testify.

The various Baptist churches of Jackson and Josephine counties will hold their regular monthly meetings to-morrow, continuing over Sunday. Farmers will find these order books at the Times office cheap and handy. They can be used at any time for drawing orders on stores, mills, etc.

Fat logs are now beginning to make their last wills and testaments. The morning air will soon be resonant with the screams of dying loggers. Deputy Sheriff McMenamy is now traveling over the county in quest of taxes. Money being rather scarce, he is not meeting with magnificent success. Wet weather has abated and there is a general rush to Matt. Dilba's for his unsurpassed hot drinks. He knows how to cater for the public taste.

The Leap-Year party on Christmas Eve promises to be a grand success. Everybody is going, especially their sisters, their cousins and their aunts. The Wagner creek district school will not open until after the holidays. The disease prevalent among the children of that section has abated, however. The footrace announced to take place at Phoenix, between R. S. Moore and Geo. Danlap, has been declared off, one of the parties failing to respond.

The Supreme Court, in accordance with an act of the last Legislature, will hereafter meet at Salem on the first Mondays of October and March of each year. L. M. Nickerson, U. S. Indian Agent, sold five horses, five mules and four oxen, condemned government property, at the Klamath Agency last Monday. Quite a number of students from Molok, Siskiyou and Lake counties entered Ashland College upon the commencement of the new term last week.

The most stock of visiting cards ever brought to Oregon—gold-edged, bevel-edged, plain white, snow-flake, chroma, etc.—has just been received at the Times office. Cardwell's teams have been thoroughly recruited, while his vehicles are among the best in the State, enabling him to furnish excellent turnouts on short notice. The son of the Earl of Airlie, who recently visited Jacksonville, got on a Tom Collins in San Francisco and challenged "Big Collins" to a fight a duel—the papers say.

Jim Stewart, who was wounded in the hand by the explosion of his pistol last week, is recovering. He will not suffer the loss of any of his fingers, as at first feared. Table Rock Encampment holds its election of officers next Tuesday evening. Both Rebekah Degree Lodge will elect officers one week from next Monday evening. Sheriff Byxte started another drove of fine hogs, numbering 120 head, for Happy Camp last Tuesday. This makes the third lot he has exported to that place this season.

More new goods have just been received by K. Kuhl, who can furnish hardware, etc., etc., agricultural implements, general merchandise, etc., of every description very cheap. Whenever your conscience begins to hurt you we will thankfully receive that little amount, as per statement of account rendered—and we hope it will soon begin to hurt. The San Francisco "Examiner" is now the best paper published on the Pacific coast. Every Democrat should lend his aid toward keeping up this first class daily and weekly. Bargains in good farms, stock, etc., will be found in the last column of the fourth page of the Times. Read the advertisements under "For Sale," and you can judge for yourselves. The preparatory department of Ashland College, under the efficient charge of Mrs. Rogers, is flourishing and occupies new quarters in the second story of the College building. Dr. Danforth last Sunday set Hugh Johnston's shoulder, which was dislocated by the accident that recently befell him. Johnston's injuries are severe than at first anticipated and it will be some time before he is able to attend to business.

The trial of the Covert case was delayed two days by the serious illness of the wife of one of the jurors (Mrs. Jas. McDonough), being postponed from Friday until Monday in consequence. The case of Thos. Smith vs. Caro & Fann, decided in favor of the plaintiff at a recent term of the Circuit Court for this county, will come up on appeal at the next term of the Supreme Court. Blanks of every description, such as deeds, mortgages and assessment schedules of all kinds, for sale at the Times office. Also a full line of Justice's and Constable's blanks after the best forms.

A correspondent of the "Sentinel" denies the sensational story floated by our coten, that two illegal Hancock ballots were cast at Grant's Pass, one of which bore the inscription: "Sic Semper Tyrannus." A surveying party is now in Lake county looking out the best route for the railroad from Winnenucca to the Willamette valley. It represents the Scotch company, now building the Oregonian railroad.

The report that a member of Isaac Skeeters' family, now residing near Waldo, had died, proves erroneous. Although some of them have been quite sick, they are now improving under the treatment of Dr. Spence. The various School Superintendents of the State met at Salem recently and adopted textbooks for our public schools. The result has not yet been definitely announced; but we learn that several new books were adopted.

We are in receipt of a pamphlet on "The Chinese and the Chinese Question," by Jas. A. Whitney, LL.D., of New York, in which that subject is thoroughly and ably discussed. We will give it further attention hereafter. For the finest wedding cards and invitations, programmes, ball tickets, business cards, teachers' certificates of excellence, rewards of merit, circulars, pamphlets and every description of plain and fancy printing, go to the Times office.

Leap year is nearing its close and all admirers of the fair sex hope to see the masculine attire many of the ladies have adopted disappear with it, unless they make the outfit complete and wear the pantaloons that seem to be missing. Snider's steam flouring mill at Willow Ranch, Molok county, Cal., was burned recently, together with a great portion of the wheat raised in Goose Lake valley this season. Loss, \$10,000. The property was partially insured.

Some of our saloons have put up new screens, which reminds us that Fall may a rose is born to blush unseen, and waste its fragrance on the desert air; full many a nip is taken behind the screen, and coffee, and coffee, too, are eaten there. A wagon-road is being built across the mountains between the L-use creek mines and the ranch of Joe Pollock on Jump-off-the-earth in Goose Lake valley this season. Loss, \$10,000. The property was partially insured.

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The assessment of property in this school district has been made by J. H. Inhofer, School Clerk, showing taxable property to the amount of \$321,531. The four-month tax will raise \$1,285 32, the collection of which will soon be commenced by Mr. Haifer. There are now 225 pupils in attendance on the Jacksonville district school, over 25 of whom are non-residents and pay tuition amounting to nearly \$200 per term. This is somewhat of an increase over the attendance of the corresponding time last year.

We have a supply of ironed and common note books, sporting interest at the rate of 12 per cent. As the new interest law goes into effect on the 23rd of January next, those who have money to loan and accounts to get in should invest in a book immediately. G. W. Holt has just returned from Yreka with the range for the new Jacksonville hotel, which was cast by Lawton & Skinner of that place, and is a fine piece of workmanship. They have received coal from Pennsylvania and are prepared to do any kind of casting.

Wm. Hoffman and Theo. Cameron, executors of the estate of U. S. Hayden, sold 20 shares in the Jackson County Land Association and seven Arizona goats at auction last Saturday. The former were bid in by C. C. Beckman for \$150 and the goats were purchased by Max Muller for \$16. We learn that the attendants of the M. E. Church press favoring the children with a Christmas tree, which will also be the occasion of appropriate exercises. It has been many years since the holidays have been celebrated in this manner, and we hope the matter will not fall through.

The Postmaster General, in his report, favors the plan to reduce the fee for money orders not exceeding \$5 to five cents and to extend the maximum limit of an order from \$50 to \$100, so that the increased commission received for large orders may offset the loss resulting from the reduced fees for small orders. Now is the time to publish settle-up notices and get your bill-heads, letter-heads, statements of account, envelopes, notes, receipts, and everything else in the commercial line at the Times office, for the time for yearly settlements is almost here. Encourage local industry by keeping your money at home.

Melanie Holt having discharged her Chinese employes, sent to San Francisco for two first-class cooks of the American persuasion, who arrived this week and have already commenced setting out the best of meals. The Madame is now prepared to furnish excellent accommodations and guarantees satisfaction. The Champions of Honor of Jackson and Josephine counties are flourishing. Victory Council of this place will make literary exercises one of the features of its semi-monthly meetings, which cannot fail of being popular. Other councils are making steps forward and a handsome increase in membership may be expected. Masseur Bros., opposite the Post Office, as will be seen by advertisement, have a complete and first-class stock of goods usually found in a variety store. Besides these they also have a nice assortment of dry-goods, groceries, boots and shoes and other articles of general merchandise. They sell very reasonably and only ask a trial to convince any one of this fact.

Thos. Collins of Table Rock, who went to Silver Lake last Spring with A. R. Chase, and subsequently to California with a band of cattle belonging to another buyer, returned home last week. Tom informed us that he is empowered to buy 500 head of yearlings for parties in Lake county, to be delivered in the Spring. He reports fair prices ruling in the California market. The Covert case proves to be one of the most important that has ever been tried in Southern Oregon. A multitude of witnesses were necessarily summoned, as the evidence was almost purely circumstantial. The attorneys—District Attorney Kent and Messrs. Prim and Jones—have combatted the ground inch by inch and managed their respective sides with ability and judgment. Much interest is manifested in the case.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Geo. Best of Roseburg has gone to the Cow creek mines. Gen. R. V. Ankeny of the Government service is in town. W. C. Myer has returned home from his trip to Washington Territory. Mr. Vance of California is in the valley at present looking for a farm.

Mrs. C. C. Beckman last week returned from a brief visit to Eugene City. Wm. Mansor has so far recovered from his recent illness as to be able to go about again. Frank Ennis has gone to Galice creek to look after the mines over which he is superintendent. Marion Arant of Lake county has returned from the north, accompanied by his newly wedded wife.

Corlies Merritt and N. A. Jacobs of Ashland passed through town this week for Waldo, Josephine county. D. S. K. Buick of Myrtle creek, who has been in Jacksonville for several days, returned home Saturday. Paul Schlen, the well-known piano-tuner, is in town and ready to attend to all orders in his line in a superior manner.

Chas. Deane, Chas. Trefethen and Mr. Redman of Josephine county were in the valley this week after supplies. J. W. Howard, a merchant of Lakeview, was in town this week, returning home with his family the day after his arrival. Wm. Jacoby, nephew of Postmaster Muller of this place, is expected from San Francisco to-morrow to take the position of deputy.

Mr. Tolon, a relative of the late Senator Tolon of Josephine county, arrived from the East last Sunday and took passage on Garrett's express next day. Dan Cawley, the veteran stage-driver, is quite ill with erysipelas, but is being carefully attended by Ika Tribe of Red Men, of which he is a member.

Mrs. Jas. McDonough of Willow Springs has been quite ill, but we are pleased to learn that she is now recovering. Dr. Geo. Kallier is in attendance. P. Feibly of Josephine county was in town the other day. He will probably return to Jacksonville next Spring and engage in the manufacture of brick.

N. DeLamatter, one of Josephine county's most enterprising merchants, is paying Jacksonville a visit. He will return in a few days, accompanied by his family. Geo. H. Peck has resumed his position in the Yreka telegraph office. He is a first class operator and has many friends who will always be pleased to learn of his success.

F. W. Sawyer has returned from Josephine county with this family and will spend a few weeks in photographing at Ashland. He takes a good picture and merits liberal patronage. Geo. T. Baldwin of Linkville passed through yesterday, en route for Applegate, accompanied by Miss Lola and Mary Layton. The latter is fast recovering from her recent serious attack of sickness.

Major Jas. T. Glenn, who has been spending several weeks among his many friends in Jackson county, returned to Oakland, Cal., the forepart of this week. We hope to see him soon again. F. Offenberg, brother-in-law of John Orth of this place, is expected to arrive in Jacksonville in a few days, accompanied by his family. He comes all the way from Germany, intending to purchase a farm and locate among us.

Gen. E. L. Applegate passed through town Saturday, en route for Salem, where the Presidential Electors for Oregon, of which he is one, met last Wednesday and cast their votes for President and Vice President, according to law. W. D. Corpe of Linkville passed through town the other day, en route for Roseburg, after freight. Since the new Constitution of California went into effect much freight for this end of Lake county comes via Portland, as that instrument allows no discrimination in favor of Oregon at Roseburg.

A delegation from Ashland's Rebekah degree lodge paid Rath Rebekah lodge of this place a fraternal visit last Monday evening. The visitors were A. D. Helman, E. J. Farlow, A. P. Ball and their wives, Mrs. Ab. Gil-dings, and last, but not least, our jovial friend J. D. Fountain. After lodge a sumptuous repast, spread at the Club Room by Grob & Ulrich, was partaken of. The occasion proved a pleasant one and was thoroughly enjoyed.

ABOUT INSANE PEOPLE.—The San Francisco "Chronicle," referring to the number of insane people sent to the asylum from Jackson county, makes this place the butt of one of its jokes. That very witty journal forgets to add that a majority of those lunatics are recent residents of California, often being spirited across the line to saddle the expense of keeping them out of the State. Jacksonville is also known as the place where the traveling agent of the "Chronicle," Col. Phillips, mistook salt for best sugar; but he was still running at large at last accounts.

MELON SYRUP.—M. H. Morrison of Saw's valley has our thanks for some excellent syrup, manufactured from melons on Geo. A. Jackson's place. It is a nice flavor and for ordinary purposes seems equal to the best imported syrup. Mr. Morrison informs us that the whole of the melon is utilized, being first run through a colar mill. The juice is then strained and bottled down to the proper consistency, and when done has all the appearance of molasses. Between sorghum and melon syrup the foreign article will in time be almost superseded. Arthur Pool, the popular hotel-keeper at Eagle Point, elsewhere gives notice that he will give a social party at his new hall on Christmas eve, to which everybody is invited. The best of music will be provided, while there will be no discount on the supper. Preceding the ball, there will be Christmas tree exercises. A good time may be anticipated at Eagle Point during the holidays.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.—The following deeds have been recorded in the County Clerk's office since the last issue of the Times: G. Karewski to Jephtha Hampton and Chas. Schultz, mining property in Jacksonville, Consideration, \$20. Jephtha Hampton to Chas. Schultz, mining property in Jacksonville. Consideration, \$25. Larkin and Lewis McDaniel to C. W. Taylor, property on Butte creek. Consideration, \$3,620.

R. F. Baldwin to W. L. Johnson, property in Ashland precinct. Consideration, \$300. J. A. Chastain to Mary J. Chastain, property in Phoenix. Consideration, \$250. Samuel Colver to Mary J. Chastain, property in Phoenix. Consideration, \$1. Eliza Dingman to Duretha Mayer, property in Ashland. Consideration, \$400.

Wm. Hoffman, executor of estate of S. Humphrey, deceased, to Jacob Ish, land in Willow Springs precinct. Consideration, \$1,500. L. Hubert to Frank Kaeffer, property in Jacksonville. Consideration, \$5. A PREMIUM FOR ALL.—We have made arrangements whereby we will furnish as a premium to every subscriber of the Times who pays a year in advance a copy of "Copp's American Sifters' Guide," a valuable work and standard authority on everything pertaining to our land system. It gives accurate information how to tell township and section corners, how to homestead and pre-empt land, how to enter land under the timber culture law, desert land law, etc. It is a meeting with a large sale and should be in the hands of everybody. Here is an opportunity to obtain a first-class publication free of charge. As this offer stands only until the first of January, parties desiring to avail themselves of this offer should do so at once.

RELIGIOUS APPOINTMENTS.—The following are Rev. M. C. Miller's appointments for December: First Sabbath—Manzanita, at 11 o'clock A. M.; Heber Grove, 3:30 P. M.; Jacksonville, 7 P. M. Second Sabbath—Sum's Valley, at 11 A. M.; Antioch, 3:30 P. M. Third Sabbath—Brownborough, at 11 A. M.; Eagle Point, 3:30 P. M. Fourth Sabbath—Nell's school house at 11 A. M. and also evening before, Ashland, 7 P. M.

RETURNED.—We learn that Willie Palmer, who disappeared from Williams creek rather mysteriously a few years ago, has turned up all right. It seems that the boy ran away from home and wended his way to the Willamette valley, where he has been living since, until last week, when he returned to Williams creek, none the worse for his experience. A long and thorough search was made for him at the time of his disappearance, and considerable excitement was occasioned by several vague rumors in connection with the affair. His father and mother are now living in Eastern Oregon, no doubt still oblivious of the whereabouts of their son.

MINES IN JOSEPHINE COUNTY.—Sheriff Byxte got back from Happy Camp last Saturday, but returned yesterday. He informs us that the mines near Waldo, in which he is interested, will soon be in running order. The old ditch, six miles in length, has been enlarged, while considerable new ditch has been dug. The giant and pipe used at the Centennial mine on Galice creek is now being set up by Wm. Fanning. These diggings are not far from those of Wm. & Co., and prospecting has given the prospectors high hopes of their richness.

INTEREST.—The act relating to interest passed by the last Legislature will not go into effect until the 23rd of January, 1891, and parties having money to loan or wishing to invest in county warrants should take advantage of the intervening time. After that date 10 per cent. will be the maximum rate of interest, while State and county scrip will draw only 8 per cent. Money belonging to the school fund can also be obtained at 8 per cent. This law in no way affects contracts made previous to the date above given.

S. F. WOOL MARKET.—There is a fair inquiry on Eastern account. Competition, however, is not lively. Transactions are generally confined to good lines. Defective parcels continue out of favor. We quote as follows: Eastern Oregon wools at 17¢ 21¢ for inferior, and 21¢ 27¢ for choice. Fine light fleece Lambs are nominally 25¢ 26¢. Oregon Grades are quotable at 25¢. S. F. B.

PROBATE COURT.—The following proceedings have transpired in this Court—Judge Day presiding—since our last report: In the matter of the estate of Salomon Hamphrey, deceased, petition to pay money to School Land Board and on subsisting liens. Granted. In the matter of the estate of Geo. McKnight, deceased. Final statement of Sarah McKnight, administratrix, filed and Tuesday, Feb. 28th, appointed as day for hearing same.

THE COVERT TRIAL.—The examination of witnesses in the Covert case closed Tuesday, and Wednesday was consumed by the attorneys in argument. Judge Hanna yesterday delivered his charge to the jurors (which was able and exhaustive), and they retired at about half past two o'clock P. M. to deliberate on a verdict. Up to the time of going to press yesterday evening they were still out.

NOTICE.—The members of Banner Lodge No. 23, A. O. U. W., are requested to be present at the meeting this evening, as business of importance will come up for transaction. By order of the M. W. S. Wiser, Recorder.

MARRIED.—TRIMBLE—CURRIER.—In Grave creek, November 22d, by Eld. E. G. Browning, Wm. Trimble and Miss Laura Currier.

FRANKS—McDANIEL.—Near Waldo, Josephine county, last week, Mr. Frankes and Miss McDaniel.

BORN.—CALDWELL.—In Manzanita precinct, November 23d, to the wife of Wm. S. Caldwell, a son. ROWE.—In Table Rock precinct, November 25th, to the wife of Marcellus Rowe, a daughter. BUNYARD.—Near Ashland, November 18th, to the wife of James Bunyard, a daughter.

DECEASED.—RACELL.—In Ashland, November 23d, to the wife of Richard Racell, a daughter. DIED.—ASKINS.—At Fort Klamath, November 9th, Agnes Askins, only child of Sergt. S. Askins; aged 9 months and 22 days.

BIRDIE bits, shirtings, shirts, handkerchiefs, hosiery, awls, needles and thread, hair brushes and curry combs at JOHN MILLER'S.

PIANO TUNING.—Paul Schlen, piano-tuner and repairer, will be in Jacksonville about the 20th of this month ready to attend to any business in his line. He is a first class tuner and guarantees satisfaction. Orders left at the Times office will be promptly attended to.

SEWING MACHINES.—Four different kinds of new sewing machines have just been received at E. C. Brooks' New Drug Store, viz: The Crown, Edridge, New Home and New American. They are of the latest and best improved patterns in the world. Price from \$40 to \$50.

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