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Public Examination.

Wm. Priest, county school superintendent, assisted by Profs. Watt and Morris, principals of the Jacksonville and Medford district schools, held the regular quarterly examination of applicants for teacher's certificates on Thursday and Friday of last week. After a thorough and strict examination, the following certificates were granted:

First grade—Phebe Kelley, Susie Turner, Mabel Baker, Genevieve Moore, Fanny Knowles, Gus. G. Newbury, John A. Jeffrey, Edwin Knowles, Sophia Wilson.

Second grade—Fred D. Wagner, Jennie Jackson, Jennie Ochs, Ida B. Curtis, Anna Jeffrey.

There were no failures and most of the applicants acquitted themselves creditably. Nearly all are pupils of the Jacksonville district school, and the successful examination they passed speaks well for them and their teachers.

Christmas at Center.

A large crowd assembled at Central Point on the day before Christmas and participated in the sports which had been advertised to take place there at that time. The last man's race proved the leading feature of the day's amusement and was won by Ed. Caton, after a close contest. Haskell Aby came out first in one heat and would have won the next if he had not fallen down a short distance from the goal. There also were horseracing, shooting-matches, etc. Baker & Atkinson's mare won the first race and Chas. Ripply's horse the second. The party at Aspinc hall was better attended than most of those which took place in southern Oregon that night, about 75 tickets having been sold. Thorough preparations had been made and nothing occurred to mar the enjoyment of the occasion. The managers are deserving of much credit for the enterprise they displayed.

Religious Items.

Rev. W. P. Williams preaches at Central Point Sunday.

Elder M. Peterson will preach at the Mound school-house on Sunday.

Rev. J. R. Roberts will hold services at the Neil creek school-house on Sunday next.

Prayer meeting will be held at the M. E. church in this place every Thursday evening at 7 o'clock.

Rev. F. X. Blanchet will hold services at the Catholic church in this place on Sunday at the usual time.

The Star Sunday-school and Bible class meets every Sunday at 11 o'clock A. M. at the U. M. L. Hall, Talent.

Mining Company Dissolved.

The company consisting of Gen. J. C. Tolman, E. P. Torrey, D. C. McKercher and others, who put up a quartz mill in the Pine creek district, has been dissolved. It appears that the machinery put in would not save the gold, and Mr. Tolman became discouraged and withdrew to his farm in southern Oregon. The whole concern has now passed into the hands of Mr. McKercher. Mr. Torry feels confident that with the addition of some pans he has procured from Rye valley he can save the gold, and has leased the mill for six months and will give the work another trial.—[Oregonian.

Grand Raffle.

On the 15th of January, 1887, P. Bonneville, the well-known sewing-machine agent, will raffle off four new machines—a Singer, a Wheeler & Wilson, a Household and a Home Shuttle—at the U. S Hotel in Jacksonville. The person throwing the highest number with the dice will be entitled to the first choice of the machines; the next highest the second choice; the third highest the next choice, the person throwing the lowest number taking the machine that is left. Tickets have been placed at $5 each, and there are 100 of them. The machines are warranted to be first-class in every respect.

Mysterious Proceedings.

A young man in the employ of Henry Blecher of this precinct suddenly became demented and left the ranche quite mysteriously one day last week. His horse was recovered on Griffin's creek, but he was not found until sometime afterward on Farmer's flat, which is several miles distant in another direction. He was brought to town and lodged in the county jail, but subsequently released. It is believed that his insanity was only temporary.

Cutting Affray.

H. E. Vaughn cut a young man named Beeler last Friday evening, at Gold Hill, inflicting painful though not serious injuries on his body. Vaughn was arrested next day, but as no one appeared against him he was discharged by the justice. There are different stories concerning the affray afloat, but as the next grand jury may investigate the matter, we will not make any comments at this time. Liquor had much to do with it, however.

Last Notice.

Those indebted to the S. F. Variety Store, which is conducted by Jas. R. Little, will find it to their advantage to call and settle at once. All accounts not settled by Jan. 15, 1887, will be placed in an officer's hands for collection. This means business. J. Beaver alone is authorized to receipt all such accounts.

Oregon Pacific Railroad Co.

About January 1st, 1887, the fine steamship "Santa Maria" will sail from San Francisco for Yaquina and thereafter will alternate with the steamship "Yaquina City." Sailings about every five days. For exact dates see subscription advertisements.

CHAS. C. HOGUE, G. F. & P. Agent.

Lost.

A pair of gold sleeve-buttons and a scarf-pin were lost on the streets of Jacksonville the day before Christmas. The finder will be suitably rewarded by leaving them at the TIMES office.

New Year's Cards.

A fine line of New Year's calling cards may be obtained at reasonable rates at the TIMES office in quantities to suit. Give us a call.

Courts.

The regular monthly term of the county and probate courts will be held here next week.

HERE AND THERE.

Oregon Kidney Tea.

Masquerade ball to-night.

Days are growing longer.

Read the new advertisements.

This is the last day in the year.

Handsome holiday goods at Brooks'.

Read our new clubbing inducements.

Old papers at the TIMES office very cheap.

Remember the masquerade ball this evening.

Holiday goods at cost at the S. F. Variety Store.

The "Sentinel" will don a new dress before long.

A large number of turkeys are still being sacrificed.

New Year's cards for sale at the S. F. Variety Store.

The Ashland Woolen Mills have stopped for the holidays.

Nature's remedy is what they say of Oregon Kidney Tea.

Phil. Stevens has returned from his trip to Josephine county.

The Ashland Irrigating Co. will extend its ditch in a short time

Chas. Stidham, formerly of this county, is now located at Linkville.

F. M. Lucavish and H. Leddy of Ashland were at Portland this week.

Health continues good and our doctors have plenty of leisure time.

The legislature meets one week from next Monday, or Jan. 10th.

Grass has been growing finely and stock of all kinds doing well, so far.

J. D. Shearer and J. E. Coffee of Applegate were in town this week.

Handsome new-year's cards at the TIMES office. Call and see samples.

Pay your arrearages at the TIMES office and get one of our premiums.

It rained most of yesterday, and more of the aqueous fluid is promised.

Fancy handkerchiefs of all kinds and prices at the S. F. Variety Store.

We want correspondence from every portion of the First Judicial District.

Great reduction in prices in every line at the S. F. Variety Store, Jacksonville.

Tramps have been numerous in the valley, despite the inclement weather.

Ashland lodge No. 45, I. O. O. F., will install their officers January 4th, 1887.

Send your best girl one of those elegant Christmas cards at the S. F. Variety Store.

John Bellinger offers two fine, fresh milch cows for sale at a reasonable figure.

Why don't you take advantage of the TIMES' unparalleled clubbing inducements?

Jas. Drum has a lot of superior bacon, manufactured by Elder M Peterson, for sale.

Claus Kleinhammer of Medford precinct made our town a visit one day during the week.

Accordeons, harps, harmonicas and other musical instruments at the S. F. Variety Store.

Circuit court commences one week from next Monday. The docket is not a heavy one.

Several glass-ball shooting-matches are announced to take place in the near future.

The masquerade ball here is the only social event announced to take place to-night.

A fine line of fancy stationery, in boxes, is being sold AT COST at the S. F. Variety Store.

A large amount of rain has fallen during the past week and the roads are very muddy.

The bark of Ashland has just received and placed in position a new iron coping railing.

Go to Newman Fisher's for bargains in every line. He is bound to sell out, and soon, too.

J. W. Merritt received a lot of new goods one day this week. He is selling cheaper than ever.

Owing to heavy storms during the past week the wires were down in many places for awhile.

There will be many maskers at the ball to-night, and a number of elegant costumes will be worn.

A private telegraph line has been constructed between the residences of several of our citizens.

C. C. Ragsdale of Tolo postoffice has been furnishing this market with fine fish caught in Rogue river.

A party of ten miners left this place on Monday for the Gold Hill district on a prospecting tour.

Fred. Tice is now managing Jos. A. Crain's place in Medford precinct and will put in a large crop.

The schools of this place will resume their studies next Monday, after a vacation of two weeks.

The TIMES wished its many patrons a merry Christmas, and now it wishes them a happy new year.

Road supervisors should have their reports ready by next Wednesday, when the county court meets.

The flume of the Ashland Woolen Mills has been overhauled and lined on the inside with new lumber.

A large quantity of superior hay is now being hauled to town from M. Bellinger's farm near Jacksonville.

The best of meals furnished at the Slover House in Jacksonville for 25 cents each. Satisfaction guaranteed.

Holiday goods sold without reserve at the S. F. Variety Store, at any price. The stock must be closed out.

Reames & White have a conspicuous new sign, which was painted by T. J. Cress, the scientific painter.

A very nice line of vases, moustache cups, saucers and other fancy crockery for sale at the S. F. Variety Store.

A fine music box, playing eight favorite tunes, will be raffled off at the City Drug Store in this place to-morrow.

A large and handsome monument will mark the last rest-ing place of Squire Hoffman. J. C. Whipp will erect it.

J. Nunan keeps his store well supplied with general merchandise of every description and will not be undersold.

Gilmore's Neuralgia Cure is a positive cure for Neuralgia in the face, side and stomach. Sold at City Drug Store.

Great is the rush to Newman Fisher's store in Jacksonville to take advantage of the great bargains he is offering.

For lame back, side or chest, use Shiloh's Porous Plasters. Price, 25 cents. For sale by Dr. Robinson, City Drug Store.

G. H. Jones, a new-comer, has purchased what is known as the Kendricks place in Sam's valley, paying $600 for it.

An Odd Fellows' pin was picked up on our streets on Christmas, which can be recovered at the S. F Variety Store.

We want a holiday present from every subscriber who has not paid his subscription to the TIMES for the past year.

Surprise parties are quite popular in this place, a number having taken place during the week. More are on the tapis.

Hood's Sarsaparilla has cured thousands of cases of rheumatism. This is abundant reason why it will cure you. Try it.

Uncle Billy Robinson of Sprague river valley arrived from Klamath county a few days since and is now on Applegate.

For the freshest and best candies, nuts, figs and other delicacies, especially for the holidays, go to the S. F. Variety Store.

Fountain & Holmes of Ashland have appropriately named their store the "Beehive." They keep a large and first-class line of goods and will not be undersold.

Shiloh's Catarrh Remedy—a positive cure for Catarrh, Diphtheria and Canker Mouth. Sold by Dr. Robinson, City Drug Store.

Geo. Barron of the Mountain House drove down a lot of fine, fat steers for Johnny Orth, our butcher, on Wednesday.

Willis L. Culver of Pavilion, N. Y., says that Gilmore's Magnetic Elixir cured him of a long-standing throat and lung trouble.

We are sorry to learn of the death of the amiable wife of M. Mansfield of Talent. She was well respected by all who knew her.

The building used by L. Buensow as a paint-shop is offered for sale cheap. For further particulars enquire at the TIMES office.

Marshal Curtis is temporarily acting as engineer for the Rogue river flouring mills, and Geo. W. Brown is on duty as policeman.

Miss Kittie Thornton, who has been attending the Sister's school, has returned to her home in Grant's Pass, to spend the holidays

Business is increasing in Jacksonville, and no mistake. When we get our branch railroad the town will flourish like a green bay tree.

Harris & Co., of the Wagner creek sawmill have 320 acres of good timber land and will build a long chute to carry logs directly to the mill.

Muller & Cook intend moving their mill from Forest creek to some other locality where there is plenty of timber—perhaps Griffin's creek.

The stages on the Ashland and Linkville route have been taken off, and the mail is carried through on buckboards until the roads get better.

The entertainment at Gold Hill, as also the dancing party which followed, were successful affairs. A large attendance was noticeable.

Justices of the peace, notaries public and real-estate agents will find the best, cheapest and most complete stock of blanks at the TIMES office.

A number of marriages were announced as having been consummated by some of our young folks, but Dame Rumor was again mistaken.

The Rev. Geo. H. Thayer of Bourbon, Ind., says: "Both myself and wife owe our lives to Shiloh's Consumption Cure." Sold at the City Drug Store.

The new telegraph poles are set through Ashland. They are very large and are set seven feet deep. There are two wires stretched on the poles.

New goods have just been received by T. J. Clopton of Brownsboro, who sells at astonishingly low rates for cash. Give him a call and see his fine stock.

Rev. H. B. Ewell, of Pavilion, N. Y., says of Gilmore's Aromatic Wine: "I believe it to be a most desirable remedy to be placed in every family.

Oregonian-Pocahontas Tribe No. 1, I. O. R. M., proposes organizing a branch of that order to which ladies are admissible. It will no doubt prove popular.

St. Jacobs Oil deadens pain and makes the lame walk. Major Arnold, of the Occidental Hotel, San Francisco, Cal., was completely cured by its use.

Pay your subscription to the TIMES one year in advance and you will get the New York "Star," Detroit "Free Press" or "San Francisco Examiner" FREE.

District Attorney Colvig was made quite a substantial Christmas present by his amiable wife, in the shape of a pair of pretty girl babies. All are doing well.

J. H. Williams, M. F. Hull and Samuel Duffield of Foots creek were in town yesterday. They report an abundance of water in that district and miners busy.

The New York "Star," under its present management, is fast becoming the leading paper in the east. Send in your subscriptions to the TIMES office; only $1 a year.

J. C. Whipp is building a coping for the Chambers and Love enclosures in the Jacksonville cemetery, which will be a handsome specimen of stonework.

Newman Fisher means business and is slaughtering goods on every hand. He wants to close out as soon as possible and everything must be sold, without regard to price.

Salmon have been running up Rogue river and Bear creek in large numbers and many have been captured with nothing but a pitchfork. They are of an excellent quality.

At no place in southern Oregon can better livery turnouts be obtained than at Plymale's. Horses boarded at reasonable terms and satisfaction guaranteed in every instance.

Ex-Sheriff Jacobs is making many improvements on his residence property in Ashland, and will soon have one of the neatest and most comfortable places in that place.

Last Wednesday was the birthday of Miss Birdie Schmitt and a party was given at the residence of her parents in honor of the event. Many of her friends were in attendance.

Great preparations have been made for the mask ball to-night, and it will no doubt be the event of the season. The best of music and supper have been provided for the occasion.

Mrs. Lizzie F. Allen, wife of Chas. W. Allen, of Portland, died at the residence of her father, Rev. C. H. Hoxie, near Medford, Tuesday, and was buried at Phœnix Wednesday afternoon.

No offensive characters will be admitted to the masquerade ball to-night. Everything will be conducted in the most approved style, and the best order will be maintained at any price.

Revs. Jones and Sails, the evangelists, have ceased their labors at Ashland, but will probably spend some time in Medford and Central Point. They are said to be effective preachers.

The party given at Eagle Point on Christmas evening was well attended and proved a highly enjoyable affair. The supper and music were excellent and the management of the best.

If you want a large, first-class paper, subscribe for either the San Francisco "Examiner" or New York "Star." Price only $1 50 and $1 respectively. Subscriptions taken at the TIMES office.

A large crowd attended the Christmas party at Orlando Rose's residence on Applegate. The music was good and the supper only such as Mrs. Rose can prepare. All those present had a fine time.

A shooting-match for $20 a side took place near town on Monday between Johnny Ross and Ernest Benz, which was won by the former. Ross killed ten pigeons in succession and Benz eight out ten.

Our efficient county clerk is continually employed in making improvements in his office and is now engaged in revising many of the old records in order to make them more convenient and serviceable.

The Ashland schools only had a holiday vacation of one week. The college building is now being occupied by some of the pupils of the district schools, there not being enough room in the old quarters.

Logan, the Ashland photographer, continues to add the latest improvements in the art and is taking pictures that give the fullest satisfaction. Every imaginable style of photographs furnished at low rates.

Geo. H. Chick is down at Redding proposing to put up one of his patent furnaces for the working of rebellious ores. The "Press" says: He doesn't seem to plant his words very firmly in any one locality.

The interest of the heirs of Reuben Saltmarsh, deceased, in certain mining property in Sterlingville precinct will be sold at guardians sale on the 29th of next month. For further particulars see advertisement elsewhere.

The railroad commissioners, consisting of W. H. Effinger of Portland and two other gentlemen from the East, are in the valley inspecting the O. & C. R. R. between Riddle and Ashland, upon the part of the government.

W. H. Wickham, the well-known real-estate agent, has removed his office to the building on Mrs. Houck's lot, Ashland, where he is always ready to execute all orders in his line. Prompt and careful attention given to business.

The railroad company only pays $1 to $1.14 per 100 lbs., for chopped barley from below, and won't pay any more in Siskiyou county, as freight is not counted anything to the company at present, or while running construction trains.

Every subscriber to the TIMES who pays his arrearages will be awarded a year's subscription to the "Western Plowman," a first-class agricultural publication, and a copy of Dr. Kendall's celebrated treatise on the horse, free of charge.

Cardwell Bros. have lately added several fine horses and new vehicles to their already large number of turnouts and spare no pains to give satisfaction. They mean to keep a livery stable second to none south of Portland. Give them a call.

Our merchants generally did a good holiday business. Those stores in Jacksonville which made a specialty of holiday goods even sold more than they did last year, notwithstanding the fact that money is much scarcer now than it was then.

High mass was held at the Catholic church in this place on Christmas day. Rev. F. X. Blanchet officiating. The ceremonies were impressive and witnessed by a large congregation. The singing by the choir was of an unusually high order.

A sheet and pillow-case party took place at the residence of Judge Prim on Christmas night, which proved a very sociable affair. Another pleasant surprise party was held at the residence of Jas. A. Cardwell the following Wednesday evening.

When irritation of the throat causes a tickling cough, use Red Star Cough Cure, which will effect immediate and permanent relief. One of Brooklyn's Board of Health officers recommends it as purely vegetable and perfectly harmless. Price 25 cents.

"An Afflicted Family," a serio-comic drama, will be presented at Ashland tomorrow night under the auspices of Granite Hall Association. The best of local talent is in the cast and the entertainment will no doubt prove a success in every way.

It is proposed to raise as much as possible for our branch railroad by subscription and bond the town for the balance. We deem this a feasible scheme, and one that will not fall heavily on anybody. Our charter must first be amended to allow this to be done.

The Masonic fraternity of Ashland installed their officers on the 27th—St. John's day. Ashland lodge No 23, A. F. & A. M., Siskiyou Chapter No. 21, R. A. M., and Alphia Chapter No. 1, O. E. S., were represented. There was a grand banquet after the installation.

The price of grain is improving and the following prices are offered for the different kinds for export: Wheat, 56 cents a bushel; barley, 50 cents, and oats 50 cents. There is not a great deal of the first-named left, and much less of the others is being offered for sale.

Prof. J. N. Hall of Central Point, on his return from the East, brought with him a fine picture of the survivors of the 13th Ohio regiment—of which he was a member during the civil war—taken during the recent reunion of those veterans. They numbered 120.

Emery, the enterprising furniture dealer of Ashland, has moved into his new building opposite the plaza, where he will keep on hand a larger and better stock of goods than ever before. As he keeps the best and sells at the lowest rates, he is enjoying a liberal patronage.

Now that the time for settling-up is approaching, business men will find it to their advantage to order their billheads, statements, letterheads, envelopes, receipt and note books, etc., at the TIMES office. The best work done at the lowest prices, and competition defied. Give us a trial.

John H. Yates, of Batavia, N. Y., says: "I cheerfully commend
Your AROMATIC WINE;
It did new life and vigor send
Through this weak frame of mine.
It did for all my stomach ills
More than the doctor and his pills."

Supt. Priest has visited very nearly all of the schools which have been in session since July last, having traveled about 1,000 miles in doing so. Mr. Priest is a zealous and efficient officer and educator, and we expect to see quite an improvement in our school system by the time his term expires.

The McGibney family performed at Ashland on Wednesday of last week, for the benefit of Granite Hall Association, and to a large audience. The "Tidings" does not seem to appreciate the entertainment, as it says that local artists have often furnished just as good music at an admittance fee of 25 cents.

It is reported that there is considerable commotion in Ashland over many defective land titles to town property. As it is believed that the law has not been complied with in a number of instances a great deal of trouble and expense is likely to result. We hope that such may not be the case.

Sooner or later the codlin moth will attack our apple orchards, as they have done in California and the Willamette valley, and now is the time to prepare against them. The revenue from apples in southern Oregon will soon become quite important, and especially if these pests are prevented from doing much damage.

Some ignoble wretch robbed the smokehouse of Wm. Eaton, in the southern portion of town, one night last week, stealing all the meat it contained. As Mr. Eaton has been confined to his room with a broken leg for several weeks, and the articles stolen were presented to him by sympathetic citizens of this place, the crime is all the more contemptible.

R. M. Shely, a first-class marble-cutter has resumed business at Medford, where he is prepared to fill orders in his line in the best style and at the lowest living rates. He can furnish monuments, tombstones, etc., of every description and at any price. Copings, bases, and all kinds of stonework well done. Satisfaction guaranteed. Give him a trial.

Eugene Shelby, who has been connected with Wells, Fargo & Co. for the past thirteen years, and who has been agent for the company at Portland for the past three years, was presented on Christmas day by the employes of the company with a very handsome gold-headed cane, as a token of their appreciation of the courtesy and kindness they have received from him.

Quite a number attended the Christmas festiv ties at Woodville. Both the festival and party were well patronized and a fair sum was realized for the furniture fund of the district school. Forty-nine tickets were sold for the party, the supper set by Mrs. Stanley being first-class and the music excellent. The shooting-match during the day was won by Mr. McCallister.

The Masonic fraternity of Jacksonville, comprising Warren Lodge No. 10, A. F. & A. M., Oregon Chapter No. 4, R. A. M., and Adarel Chapter No. 3, O. E. S., held an installation of officers last Monday. A fine supper followed. Adarel Chapter No. 3, O. E. S., elected officers for the ensuing term on the evening of the 23 (owit: Mrs. B. A. Miller, W. M.; David Linn, W. P.; Mrs. H. Jackson, Asst. M.; Miss Lesie McCully, Secy.; Mrs. Mary Miller, Treas.; Miss Maggie Linn, Cond.; Miss Kate Miller, Asst. Cond.

Can't Sleep Nights is the complaint of thousands suffering from Asthma, Consumption, Coughs, etc. Did you ever try Acker's English Remedy? It is the best preparation known for all Lung Troubles, sold on a positive guarantee at 10c., 50c. and $1. For sale at City Drug Store.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Gen. Tolman has returned to Ashland.

F. Kepner of Manzanita precinct paid us a visit this week.

Sol. Abraham of Rossburg was in the valley last week.

A. J. Walls and family are now residents of Jacksonville.

J. H. Martin of Ashland made our town a visit this week.

Mrs. Geo. M. Love has returned from a visit to Portland.

B. F. Miller and son of Sardine creek were in town Wednesday.

F. S. Biwer of Manzanita precinct made us a pleasant call this week.

Thomp. Wright of Scott valley, Cal., has been paying Ashland a visit.

J. W. Wiley of Eden precinct made us a pleasant call a few days since.

J. A. Applegate, who has been at Ashland, returned to Salem last week.

S. B. Galey and M. L. McCall of Ashland have been at the county-seat lately.

Lee Jacobs of Ashland has been spending a few days in town during the week.

Frank Huffer is engaged at the express office during the absence of Mr. Beekman.

P. B. Whitney, traveling agent for the O. & C. R. R. Co., is in the Willamette valley.

Wm. Wiley and I. B. Williams of Little Butte precinct were here again this week.

Hon. A. F. Campbell of Portland, the new U. S. Gauger, is here on an official visit.

Sheriff Dean is engaged in summonsing jurors for the January term of the circuit court.

G. S. Butler and Ab. Giddings of Ashland were at the county-seat one day this week.

A. A. Wimer of Murphy precinct, Josephine county, was in Jacksonville on Wednesday.

Rev. F. X. Blanchet will leave for Josephine county Sunday evening on a pastoral tour.

Postal Inspector Reames has returned from an official visit to the Willamette valley.

Wm. Otto and C. S. Graves of Ashland are spending the holidays in Siskiyou county.

John Clemmens and Mr. Cox of Butte creek valley, Cal., are spending the holidays here.

B. F. Dowell left Portland last week for Washington city, where he will remain until spring.

Gen. John E. Ross, was very sick a few nights since, but is now considerably improved in health.

S. Call, Will. York, Willie Lewman and other residents of Applegate were here during the week.

J. H. Huffer went to Grant's Pass Wednesday evening on business, and will be gone several days.

Mrs. Holman Peter of Josephine county has been paying relatives and friends residing here a visit.

Max Jacoby, of the popular firm of Jacoby Bros. of Gold Hill, was at the county-seat on Christmas.

E. D. Foudray, an experienced salesman is assisting in the sale of the goods remaining in the N. Y. Store.

Vin. Cook of Clifton, the well-known exporter of Columbia river salmon, is paying the Sterling mines a visit.

John Bolt of Applegate was here one day last week, his daughters returning with him, to spend the holidays.

Bud Lacy, who is employed at Naylor's station on the Linkville road, paid this section a visit on Christmas.

Lindsay Applegate of Ashland, the well-known pioneer, is able to be about again, after a serious spell of sickness.

C. C. Beckman and wife started on a trip to New York State on Monday evening and will be gone several weeks. Bon voyage.

Senator Stanley and Representatives Miller and Bowditch will leave for Salem to-night, to get ready for their legislative duties.

Hon. J. D. Whitman of Medford made our town a visit on Christmas, being the guest of his son, J. H. Whitman, deputy county clerk.

Hon. W. R. Andrews has gone to Olympia to look after a case before the supreme court of Washington territory, in which he is interested.

We are glad to learn that Newt. Beggs, who left this place for California in poor health, has almost entirely recovered. He is now in Colusa county, Cal.

John Sisemore and E. P. Pickens were over from Table Rock precinct Wednesday. The former will return to his ranch in Crook county in a short time.

Fletcher Linn and Johnny Love, who are attending the State University and the Monmouth Normal School, respectively, are spending the holidays at home.

J. C. Hannah of Rogue river made us a visit one day this week, from whom we learned that the manufacture of superior pottery will be commenced at his place soon.

Fred. Wagner, lately job printer in the office of the Ashland Tidings, made us a call one day last week. He will soon become a student of the State University at Eugene city.

Shooting Matches.

A large crowd congregated at this place on Christmas to witness and participate in the shooting-matches. Much interest was taken and some very good shooting was done. The rifle-match, distance 80 yards, was won by Wm. Smith of Sam's valley, Dr. DeBar proving the best rifle-shot at 500 yards. Ernest Benz and Henry Pape, Jr., divided the $20 purse offered in the shotgun match, each breaking ten glass balls in succession. Upon shooting five balls more, to decide outside betting, Benz hit all of them, while Pape missed one. The $10 match was won by K. Kubli, Jr., who broke nine glass balls out ten.

Clearing Out Sale.

Read the new advertisement of the S. F. Variety Store, where holiday goods are being sold AT COST IN SAN FRANCISCO, no freight being charged on them. These goods are new and of the best quality, so that great inducements are offered purchasers. The sale will continue ONLY ten days, so that those wishing bargains will do well to call soon.

Notice.

P. Bonneville, agent for the Wheeler & Wilson sewing-machine company, has returned and will remain at the U. S. Hotel for the next three weeks. All those indebted to said company are requested to call and settle without delay.

Brisk Business.

H. Judge of the Linkville saddle and harness emporium is doing a brisk business, notwithstanding the dull times.

CORRESPONDENT.

Hotel Furniture for Sale.

The furniture of the Slover Hotel, Jacksonville, is offered for sale at a bargain Enquire at the hotel.

Piles

Are one of the most disagreeable and painful disorders. The disease is of common occurrence, and to effect a cure should be promptly treated by proper remedies. There is nothing more suitable by its wonderful curative action than POND'S EXTRACT OINTMENT, in which the medicinal virtues of Pond's Extract, which are very valuable in the above complaint, are in a state of great concentration. It is advisable in every instance, however, to use both the Extract and Ointment. Ask your druggist and be sure you get the right articles.

THAT HACKING COUGH can be so quickly cured by Shiloh's Cure. We guarantee it. Sold by Dr. Robinson, City Drug Store.

MASQUERADE BALL.

The mask ball given by the Knights of Pythias of Ashland, on New Year's eve, was no doubt one of the most successful affairs of the kind which has ever taken place in southern Oregon. There was a very large attendance and everything passed off very nicely and according to the latest rules governing masquerades. Superior music was furnished by Niles' well-known string band and a splendid supper was set in the dining-hall of the Knights' spacious building. No public event ever passed off more smoothly, which adds still more to the enviable reputation already possessed by the order. The following is a list of the maskers and the characters each sustained, as nearly as could be obtained, for which we are under obligations to Geo. F. McConnell:

GENTLEMEN.

C. C. Walker, British Soldier.
Mr. Mills, Count of Monte Christo.
M. Alford, Colonial Gentleman.
Geo. Veale, British Officer.
Cal. Eubanks, Irish Lad.
Geo. Willard, Claude Melnotte.
H. Bragdon, Base Ball.
M. Wagner, Irish Gentleman.
Mr. Lawson, Spanish Cavalier.
Mr. Abbott, British Officer.
C. Veghte, Domino.
Mr. Kyle, Dude.
J. C. Tolman, Domino.
A. Eubanks, Simple Simon.
P. Windom, Dude.
C. N. High, Clown.
A. Sears, Venetian Noble.
Mr. Diner, Turk.
Geo. Eubanks, Domino.
Chas. Johnson " "
Geo. McConnell, " "
C. Ayers, " "
Mr. Tanner, " "
Mr. Landers, " "
Mr. Whitney, " "
A. Hammond, " "
F. Newman, Rip Van Winkle.
H. Evans, Highland Chief.
Mr. Curry, Clown.
C. Roper, Continental Soldier.
Mr. Mayer, Pullman Car Porter.
H. T. Chitwood, Humpty Dumpty.
L. Merrick, Spanish Vaquero.

LADIES.

Mrs. Alford, Sleigh Bells.
" Red, Red, White and Blue.
" Ayers, " " "
" Kyle, Shepherdess.
" Willard, Yum, Yum. (Mikado.)
" Neal, Night.
" Landers, Domino.
" Tolman, Night.
" Tanner, Havana Cigar.
" Mayer, Lady's Maid.
Miss Anna Anderson, Patchwork.
" Gracie Houck, Peasant Girl.
" Irene Chitwood, Popcorn Girl.
" Ida Beach, Games.
" Cliff Harris, Court Lady.
" Belle Anderson, Morning.
" Emma Howard, Morning Star.
" Ida Tolman, Mother Goose's Melody.
" Kate Applegate, Fairy Queen.
" Effie Sutton, " "
" Kate Hand, School Girl.
" Flymale, unknown.
" Roper, Fantastic.
" Georgie Miller, Swiss Girl.
" Ada Stiller, Tambourine Girl.
" Potter, Swiss Girl.
" Nerva Naylor, Swiss Girl.
" Martha Ober, Country School Girl.
" Jessie Slocum, Queen of Spades.
" Lottie Stevenson, Popcorn.
" Emma Stevenson, Daughter of the Regiment.
" Sadie Ober, Pocahontas.
" Mary Ober, Ballet Girl.
" Florence Kilgore, Peasant Girl.
" Susie Martin, Red Riding Hood.
" Susie Chapman, Ash and "Tidings."
" Nettie Tice, School Girl.
" Allie Parlow, Swiss Girl.
" Omega Applegate, Ballet Girl.

MEDFORD SQUIBS.

Miss Melle Wrisley is now a compositor in the "Monitor" office.

R. F. High, the tonsorial artist, has returned to Ashland, where he has re-opened his shop.

Medford is still furnished with pure, fresh milk, from Jos. A. Crain's farm by Fred. Tice.

W. G. Kenney has sold his interest in the Medford livery stable to his partner, E. Warman.

Mrs. A. Merriman, who is now a resident of this place, was at the county-seat during the week.

For sale at a bargain—a cosy dwelling-house not far from the center of the town of Medford. For particulars enquire of R. T. Lawton, real-estate agent.

This place had a Christmas-tree entertainment at Walton's hall, which was well attended and passed off smoothly. An excellent programme was presented.

Mass was held at the residence of John Noland by Rev. F. X. Blanchet one day this week, which was attended by a number of residents of this place and vicinity.

H. H. Wolters has sold his interest in the Gem saloon to his partner, J. B. Riddle, who will hereafter conduct the business. What Ham proposes engaging in is not known.

John W. Curry, who has been clerking for Argle & Plymale for the past two years, has retired to his father's farm in Table Rock precinct. He will be missed here, especially by the fair sex.

There were two parties in Medford on Christmas eve, and as a consequence neither one was patronized as well as it ought to have been. We learn that the band boys sold forty tickets and their opponents half as many. Still everybody enjoyed themselves.

Christmas Festival.

The entertainment given at the U. S Hall on Christmas eve under the auspices of the Presbyterian Sunday-school was a well-managed affair and gave the greatest of satisfaction. The spacious room was filled to overflowing. A huge mass of evergreens, brilliantly lighted up and filled with presents, enlivened the spectacle, which was a handsome one. The following excellent programme was presented and cleverly performed:

1. Invocation by Rev. J. A. Sievey.
2. Song—By S. S., Ring the Merry Bells.
3. Recitation—First Christmas Carol, by Jessie Jackson.
4. Recitation—Christmas Hymn, Amelia Muller.
5. Dialogue.—The Fairy School, fourteen little girls and one boy.
6. Song—Christmas Bells, Carrie Crenemiller, Mamie Linn and Mollie Miller.
7. Recitation—Christmas Carol, Phœbe Kelley.
8. Recitation—Santa Claus and Christ Child, Mamie Day.
9. Song—Glory to God in the Highest, by Sunday-school.
10. Santa Claus—Henry Pape, Jr.—comes down the chimney and distributes the presents.

Looks Like Business.

A surveying party belonging to the C. P. R. R. Co. is now on this side of the Siski you mountains and camped near the scene of former operations by the O. & C. Co. This is full of significance, and looks like the C. P. folks expect to get control of the Oregon road and that operations may be resumed at any time north of the State line.

The business of the Jacksonville Marble Works will continue right along under the management of the assignee, A. H. Magly. Anybody desiring a tombstone, monument, stone coping, etc., will find it to their advantage to call soon, as prices have been reduced considerably. First-class mechanics are employed there and the best of work turned out. Satisfaction guaranteed.

The Latest and Greatest Discovery.

DR J. DEPRATT'S HAMBURG FIGS. A cry-tallized fruit cathartic. A discovery of the greatest interest to the Medical Profession. A boon to every household. A most delicious laxative or purgative, prepared from fruits and vegetables. So perfectly harmless that they might be administered with entire safety to an infant. So efficacious to adults that a single dose will prove their value, and so elegant a preparation that it needs only to be presented to the public to become a necessity in every household throughout the land. For liver complaints, habitual constipation, indigestion, dyspepsia and piles, they are a specific. To travelers by sea and land they will be found invaluable; they are positively unfailing in their action, and this is the only medicine ever offered to the public that is acceptable to the taste, and so pleasant that children will eat the figs as eagerly as candy. For sale by every druggist throughout the world. Price, 25 cents a box. J. J. Mack & Co., proprietors, 9 and 11 Front Street, S. F., Cal.

Wonderful Cures.

W. D. Hoyt & Co., Wholesale and Retail Druggists of Rome, Ga., say: We have been selling Dr. King's New Discovery, Electric Bitters and Bucklen's Arnica Salve for two years. Have never handled remedies that sell as well, or give such universal satisfaction. There have been some wonderful cures effected by these medicines in this city. Several cases of pronounced Consumption have been entirely cured by use of a few bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery, taken in connection with Electric Bitters. We guarantee them always. Sold at Drug Stores.

A Success.

The mask ball given at Grant's Pass last Friday night under the auspices of the cornet band proved much of a success, both in point of numbers and the enjoyment it afforded. The music was of a first-class order and the supper has never been excelled in Josephine county. The names of several maskers and a number of characters represented could not be obtained, hence the annexed list is not as full as it otherwise would have been. Jas. T. Tuff's was awarded the prize offered for the richest costume, while it was decided that Miss Addie Smith sustained her character the best:

Addie Smith, Old Woman.
Jas. T. Tuffs, George Washington.
Maud Tuffs, Letter Carrier.
Miss Mayer, Rogue River "Courier."
Wallie Trimble, Snow Bake.
Ella Dixon, Servant Girl.
Alex Mensor, Negro.
Minnie Loomis, Flower Girl.
C. F. Messerve, Sausage Vender.
Emma Rines, Anna Williams, Twins.
Dora Bland, Red Riding Hood.
Mattie Clemmens, Servant.
Annie Kistler, Bo-Peep.
Bittie Faith, Night and