THE ASHLAND TIDINGS.

SATURDAY..... OCTOBER 7, 1876.

Our Indian Policy.

When we say that the present policy of the Indian Department, in regard to the Indians of this coast, is a total failure, we believe that we but speak the sentiments of nine tenths of the hardy men and women who have, in long years of toil, hardships and peril, opened up to civilization the vast wealth of the Pacific Coast. It is evident that our Indian Department has been captured by a class of well meaning philanthropists who have never seen an Indian, or who have not the least conception of Indian character. Men who have set themselves up as a jury to decide matters between the frontiersmen on the one side and the Indians on the other, knowing nothing of the relations existing between them. They seem to have assumed that the white American citizens who have settled on our borders are semi-barbarians, not superior in any way to the native Digger whose cause they have espoused. On the other hand they have formed a kind of Cooperian idea of our Diggers, which would certainly be dispelled by a few months' contact with real Indian character. When they had seen the aged father and mother, who had become a burden to their progeny, fall beneath the tomahawk of a noble son, or left alone to die on the desert, we would probably hear no more of the absurd sentimentalism of "noble chieftains" weeping over their fathers' graves. When they have seen, as we have, women and children butchered by Indians who had been taken into their families when but mere boys, and taught, dressed and every way treated as one of their own family, we will hear no more from them of the nobility of Indian character. It is those misguided and misinformed people who compose our Eastern peace societies, induced the Government to turn over the Indian Department to them, and they have transformed it into one vast sectarian missionary society.

We do not wish to be understood that we have any word of fault to find with these good people who are anxious to reclaim this vast desert of human degradation; but what we do wish to have understood is that every unbiased man and woman who has had an opportunity to become acquainted with Indian habits and instincts, and the present working policy, is anxious to see a separation of Church and State in our reservations. It has many bad phases to it. In the first place, as experience has taught, it is calculated to generate sectarian jealousies, the like of which has already furnished dark chapters in the history of Oregon. A combination of Church and State defeats the ends of both, as the duties of Indian agent and Christian missionary are totally incompatible, as is proved by the facts shown in the management of the reservation almost in our midst. We find that the agent has but little control over the Indians in matters of government or influence on their moral status. This is just what might be expected; that strict, firm discipline, necessary to govern these savages, will counteract that mild persuasive course necessary to turn even a savage from his barbarisms; or, *vice versa*. Thus we hold that the present Indian policy is a failure, for, as we have said, the duties of an Indian agent and a missionary in the same person are wholly incompatible.

It may be said that many good men on this coast who have had an opportunity to investigate these matters, including the Commanding General, advocate this Church and State system. In reply we will say that a very little investigation of the facts will show that most of the men who speak favorably are either men chosen by these peace societies for their favorable opinions on this subject or those holding places of emolument under them.

Sioux Treaty Concluded.

We learn from the dispatches this week, that the Indian Commission concluded a treaty with the Sioux Indians on the 20th inst. The treaty provides for their removal to a new reservation. The telegraph gives much detail of chieftains' tears and fathers' graves, and is considered to be a triumph for Peace Societies; but we opine that a regiment of Bishop Whittle's would not have succeeded in obtaining a treaty, had not these crafty Siwash smelt powder from the muzzles of Gen. Crook's rifles.

The Caledonian coal mine bids fair to be as good as any yet opened on Coos Bay. It is only 1,300 feet from navigable water on Isthmus slough, where any vessel that crosses Coos Bay bar can come. About half this distance is graded and wooden rails laid, and the balance of the way is graded. Mr. Hutchinson has the wooden rails and strap iron on the ground to complete the road, which will be done by Dec. 1st.

A large number of immigrants have taken up land on Coquille River in the past year.

Mouth of Rogue River.

A correspondent of the *Statesman*, writing from Port Orford, under date of Sept. 17th, says: The entrance at the mouth of Rogue River is easy, for vessels of 12 feet draft on tide. The steamer *Continental* has taken several cargoes of lumber this season to San Francisco. The bar is usually smooth, the channel plain and, since the mill company started, the steamer has made quite regular trips. The fall run of salmon at the mouth of Rogue River is good. Messrs. Riley, Stewart & Co. have taken as high as 2,200 at one haul, which they put in barrels for the San Francisco markets.

In the interior everybody goes and freight is taken on horseback. But few roads on the coast, as yet.

As most of the country is unsurveyed government land the no-fence law is the one the stock men prefer for Curry County, especially on exclusively pasturage districts.

Since the steamer has opened a trade between Ellensburg and San Francisco quite an interest is taken by the citizens along the Rogue River Valley for a better outlet of the growing products thereof. Rogue River is now navigable from Ellensburg to the mouth of Illinois River, 35 miles, at all seasons, by freight barges or small steamboats; thence there is a feasible route for a wagon road to Galice Creek, and thus become connected with the wagon road at Galice Creek and thence with the roads to Jacksonville and the producing valleys to the seaboard in the shortest and most direct line, and one that would be cheapest freight line of any. Freight from San Francisco could be landed at the mouth of Illinois River at $10 per ton, and with a road, through freights to Jacksonville, Galice, Kirbyville or Ashland, be reduced to one-fourth the present rates.

State News.

Grasshoppers numerous near Boise City.

Ninety-two degrees in the shade on the 28th at Salem.

Some fifty new residences have been added to Albany this year.

There are four Siwash patients in the Port Townsend smallpox hospital.

The hop yield of Yakima Valley is nearly a ton and a half per acre.

In some parts of Washington Territory the rains have ruined the hops.

The barn of Mr. Warren Cranston, in the Waldo Hills, was burned on the 23d inst.

Five hundred tons of railroad iron are on the wharf at Seattle for the S. & W. W. R. R.

Nearly five hundred families have settled in the Palouse and Snake River country this year.

Henry Dwight, of Union County, has been appointed U. S. Land Register at La Grande.

Fifteen vessles were built in the Puget Sound district during the year ending June 30th, 1876.

John Taylor, an old resident of Salem, died on the 22d and was buried to-day with Masonic ceremonies.

John Mettman, employed in Dean & Co.'s mill, Marshfield, sawed the thumb of his right hand badly.

The Eagle Mining Company, Coos County, commenced washing sand on the 16th, with encouraging prospects.

The editor of the *Dallas Itemizer* announces himself as "seargent" at-arms of the Dallas literary society. A spelling class would help that society we opine.

Between Harrisburg and Halsey, the harvesting is about all finished up. South of the former point there are several crowds, that have from eight to sixteen days' work yet to do.

There is a handsome butterfly on board the *Michael Angelo*, in Portland, which the captain states alighted on the deck of the vessel when she was 1,800 miles from land. Where did the gaudy wanderer come from, across the trackless waste of waters?

Johnny Williams, depot agent and telegraph operator for the O. & C. R. R. Co., at Roseburg, while switching some cars at that place on the 28th, slipped and fell, the car passing over one foot, mashing it in a terrible manner. The foot was literally mashed to a jelly and a number of bones protruded from the flesh.

A correspondent writing to the *Farmer*, Sept. 9th, says: The wheat crop of Coos County, so far as we have yet been able to learn, will not, we think, average half a crop; and in some instances, late sown wheat is not worth harvesting. Rust striking the wheat in the latter part of June, is, beyond a doubt, the cause of the almost entire failure of the late sown wheat. On the Coquille fall wheat falls but little short of an average crop. But, owing to the small amount of fall wheat sown, Coos County, we think, will not produce enough wheat to support one-fourth its present population. The yield of oats is comparatively good, while hay is above an average yield. Potatoes are in some localities very poor.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

[From the Daily Oregonian.]

BELGRADE, Sept. 20.—It is said that Prince Milan will leave for Paratchin early next week. This is regarded as proof of the improbability of any peace arrangements being concluded. It is said to be highly probable that Prince Milan will be crowned king as soon as he is removed from the restraint of Belgrade. Three hundred and sixty Cossacks arrived in Belgrade Friday, 200 more are expected on Saturday and 500 on Sunday.

There was a serious dispute yesterday between Prince Milan and Ristics, Servian Minister of Foreign Affairs. Ristics insisted on an armistice, but the Prince would not listen to the proposition. Ultimately the war party prevailed, and Ristics tendered his resignation, which the Prince declined. With difficulty Ristics was persuaded to remain in office. England and Italy are greatly excited at Servia rejecting the armistice. The British Representative, speaking on behalf of Earl Derby, said Servia must no longer rely on England for sympathy, which she no longer deserves.

A dispatch from Belgrade says Gen. Sumarokoff, the Russian envoy, is coming to Belgrade as was expected. The Russian inundation is steadily crowding out the Servian element. Preparations that are making in Belgrade and on the border of Russia are inconsistent with pacific declaration of the cabinet at St. Petersburg. There are good grounds for supposing that Russia will soon openly take the responsibility of war which she has been waging under the flimsy cover of Servian flags.

The *Standard's* dispatch from Belgrade states that the Servians have furiously attacked the Turks and have been again repulsed with a loss of 1,500 men. Another battle is imminent.

MARRIED.

GOER—JACKS.—At the residence of the bride's foster father, near Phœnix, Sept. 28th, 1876, by Rev. M. A. Williams, Mr. Walter S. Goer and Miss Carolita Jacks.

FOX—PEEL.—At the residence of Wilson Potter, on Butte Creek, Oct. 1st, by Rev. J. R. N. Bell, Mr. Heaton Fox, of Ashland, and Mrs. Morietta Peel, of Butte Creek.

BURRILL—STEVENS.—At the residence of the bride's parents, Big Valley, Lassen County, Sept. 14th, 1876, by Rev. W. Pratt, Mr. Wm. H. Burrill to Miss Mary E. Stevens.

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No. 17; tf.

Dissolution of Co-partnership.

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O. C. APPLEGATE,
L. B. APPLEGATE,
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SWAN LAKE, Lake County, Oregon, September 30th, 1876. 17; 4w.

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Ashland, June 17th, 1876. no11tf.

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Ashland, Sep. 28th, 1876. no16tf

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