

THE ASHLAND TIDINGS.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1876.

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ASHLAND P. O. REGISTER.

Stages leave Ashland as follows: The O. & C. Stage Co.'s Stage leave Ashland for Jacksonville, Rock Point and Roseburg every day at 6 a. m. Mail closes at 5:20 a. m. For Hely, Yreka and Reading at 6 p. m. Mail closes at 5:20 p. m. Helton & Garrett's Stages leave Ashland every Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings for Linkville, and return on every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Leave Linkville for Lake City, California, Wednesdays; arrive at Lake City Saturdays; leave Lake City Mondays; arrive at Linkville Thursdays, carrying mail and passengers. Regular passenger wagon leaves Ashland for Linkville every Monday morning, and returns every Saturday.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

ALDEN FRUIT.

While in Jacksonville, a few days since, we had the pleasure of a visit to the establishment of the Alden Fruit Preserving Company of that place. It is not necessary to enter into the details, but the whole progress seems simple and the evaporation is certainly turning out an article of preserved (not dried) fruit such as has never been seen in this county before. Indeed, it is in no sense dried fruit, but thoroughly preserved in its own juice and needing only the same amount of water expelled from it to bring it back to its original fresh state. The factory has only been in operation two weeks, and already there are piled up and ready for shipment nearly a ton and a half of choice preserved apples, that must command ready sale in any market. It is something new to see any Jacksonville product neatly boxed for exportation, and bearing evidence, that those who prepared are not by any means ashamed of it, but rather feel assured that it will command attention. We commend the worthy example of our neighboring town to this and all other fruit growing localities in this county, and believe that this may become one of the most valuable and important of our industries. Our fruit product cannot be excelled by any county on the coast, for size and flavor, and we should certainly avail ourselves of the means to turn our hitherto valueless fruit crops to some account. From all parts of the country we hear of the financial success of Alden preserving factories, and in every quarter of the eastern and western States, and even from Europe, their product is in extraordinary demand, at prices more than treble that of ordinary dried fruit. It is too soon to determine whether the company in Jacksonville will make a profit on their operations this Fall; they are laboring under the evident disadvantage of having only one evaporator, while much of the same labor would work two or even three, but we give them full credit for their enterprise in starting this new and important industry. We hope our neglected orchards will now be taken care of, new ones planted, and a general interest taken in a business that must be remunerative and a continual source of revenue to our people.

PRO AND CON.—A petition to the County Court is being circulated by Thomas Chavner, of the Dardanells, to have a new county road established from his bridge straight through to his residence, and so much of the old road as lays between his house and the road leading to Jacksonville, vacated. Citizens of the vicinity are also circulating a remonstrance, which is already numerously signed, protesting against so much of the petition as relates to vacating the old road. We believe that in justice to Mr. Chavner he should be granted the new road provided he would put it in good condition without expense to the county. But to vacate the old road would certainly work a great injustice to many citizens living on Foose's Creek and down Rogue River. The old road is a good one, being gravely and dry at all seasons, and requires no expense to keep it in repair, while the new road is over rich bottom land and will evidently be very muddy in winter.

W. C. MYER returned from the State Fair last Saturday. His celebrated Percheron horses were, as usual, the center of attraction among admirers of horse flesh, both at the Fair and on the way thither. Mr. Myer never fails to bear away the blue ribbon when he enters the field of competition with his powerful, and truly wonderful draft horses.

RETURNED.—We had forgotten to mention the return of our old friend, S. D. Van Dyke, who has been on a visit to eastern States and the Centennial. His many old time friends will congratulate him on his good fortune in bringing with him an accomplished bride to share the comforts of his Rogue River home.

THE NEW BRIDGE.—Mr. Thomas Chavner has recently completed his new patent Howe Truss bridge across Rogue River. This bridge is 380 feet long, a main span of 120 feet, with twelve feet in the clear between the floor and top timbers. It is one of the most substantial structures in Southern Oregon.

FINE PAINTING.—In the Post Office in this place may be seen a painting representing Crater Lake and drawn by J. M. Sutton, Esq., of this paper. The drawing is in oil, and for exquisite and life-like exactness it is pronounced by critics, who have viewed the sublime scene it represents, unequalled by any work of art ever produced in the State. The view is taken from the east end of the lake and from an elevation of a thousand feet above the placid surface of its waters. In the foreground, to the right, the gnarled trunk of a giant tree stands out in bold relief, while stretching from its base to the brink of the precipice which overlooks the lake are the remains of other forest trees, strewn among rocky declivities and volcanic debris. To the left and, also in the foreground, a somber forest of evergreen trees casts its shadow eastward, in the solitude of which a lordly antler stands, half concealed by the increasing shades of approaching night. The full length of the lake stretches out in view, with its western boundary of imposing walls and still grander mountain peaks, tinted with the rays of the declining sun. Mr. Sutton has been especially happy in the pure atmospheric coloring he has thrown over the whole picture. Nowhere but in Oregon can such a pure, delicately rosy, yet deeply transparent tint be seen, at the enchanting hour of sunset, upon the sky and clouds and landscape; and the artist must breathe our pure atmosphere before he can produce its effect upon the canvass.

HON. MR. CHEESMAN, member of the Legislature from Lake County, left this place for his home on last Tuesday morning. Mr. Cheesman has taken an active part in almost every question which has been presented to the Legislature during its late session, and established the reputation of a ready debater and acute parliamentarian.

THE TIDINGS.—We take pride in calling the attention of our readers to the solid printed matter in the columns of the TIDINGS this week. There is not a paper printed this side of Portland that contains as much. For this we are indebted chiefly to Mr. Ed. D. Crandall, our efficient and ever accommodating foreman.

ALDEN FRUIT.—We received from Wm. Turner, Esq., last week, a specimen of preserved fruit from the Alden Dryer, which showed in an eminent degree the perfection of this process. The fruit of Jackson County, if properly managed, is worth more than our rich gold mines.

FAIRM IN THE MOUNTAINS.—Mr. Edward Granbuer, living on the head of Sterling Creek, has one of the finest stock farms in the county. He has over one hundred acres of fine arable land under cultivation, surrounded on all sides by high, grassy mountains.

SPRING WAGONS.—Mr. Eubank is putting up a lot of two-horse spring wagons, which cannot be excelled anywhere. They are four springs with the Savern wheel and Concord axle tree, and constructed throughout of eastern timber of the best quality.

B. F. REESER, of the Ashland Stove and Hardware Store, has just received a fresh supply of all articles in his line direct from San Francisco. He has a number of fine Winchester rifles, just from the factory, which he offers at the very lowest figures.

A NEAT JOB.—Mr. W. W. Kentnor has constructed a light wagon for his little boy, which is about the completest job we have ever seen. It is a perfect miniature vehicle, having every attachment used in constructing a Mitchell or Bain wagon.

OUR old friend and townsman, Barney Miller, returned from a trip to the Willamette last Saturday. He brought a drove of three hundred fine sheep, which he has turned out to graze among the grass covered hills of Bateo Creek.

A SPECIMEN of Early Rose potato, from the garden of W. W. Kentnor, being of a second crop on the same piece of ground, this season, has been left at this office. It is well formed, and large as that variety usually grows.

MR. R. B. HARGADINE has gone to San Francisco, where he proposes to remain during the winter, to recuperate his failing health. We trust that he may realize his hopes and return with health and energies renewed.

THE LUCKY QUEEN.—Reports from the Lucky Queen mine are still favorable. Mr. Assell, the Superintendent, reports the size of the vein on which he is sinking increasing, and the ore growing richer as he goes down.

NEW STORE.—Messrs. Kurewaki & Cameron have begun the building for their new store at Chavner's Bridge. The building is 24x40 feet. They will, in a short time, bring on an entirely new stock of goods.

MR. SEXTON, special agent and adjuster for the Fireman's Fund Insurance Co., passed through town last Wednesday, on his way to San Francisco. Mr. Morris Baum, of this place, is local agent.

WE acknowledge the receipt of a basket of delicious grapes from the vineyard of Mrs. Welborn Beeson, of Wagoner Creek. Many of the clusters weighed over a pound and a half.

FINE VINEYARD.—The large vineyard belonging to Granville Sears, near Willow Springs, has produced an immense yield of grapes this season. He is now engaged in extracting the pure juice of the grape.

MR. W. W. KENTNOR, of Ashland, raises the "boss" sunflowers of the world. We have seen one from his garden which measured 49 inches in circumference. Now trot out your big blossoms.

VENISON, fat and delicious, has made its appearance in this market. Hunters say the deer are to be found in the foothills, among the oak timber, where they are attracted by the falling acorns.

MR. LOFTUS, of Lake County, informs us that home manufactured flour sells at \$2 50 per hundred in his section. Crops have generally yielded well in the Goose Lake country.

I. O. MILLER returned from Roseburg, last Wednesday, whither he had been to meet his family on their way home from a visit to friends in the Willamette Valley.

WILLOW SPRINGS.—The miners at this old camp anticipate a good yield this winter. We understand that several companies will work there during the winter.

MR. A. G. ROCKFELLOW has just received a Little Giant hydraulic apparatus, with pipe and nozzles, for his placer mine three miles below this place.

MISS ADDIE ELLEFF, daughter of Hardy Ellett, Esq., of Cow Creek, arrived in town last Monday and will attend the Academy during the winter.

REV. MR. MAYFIELD is canvassing for the sale of portraits of the Presidential candidates of both parties. The pictures are gotten up in good style.

HEALTH excellent in this vicinity. The few cases of fever which we reported a few weeks ago are either entirely recovered or convalescent.

THE California and Oregon stages arrive later than when roads were better. Hills becoming too moist for rapid locomotion.

LAST Monday night the first frost of the season whitened the house-tops and nipped the vegetation in this vicinity.

A LIGHT covering of snow gave the mountain tops a vestal appearance south of this place last Saturday morning.

REFRACTORY urethras are not punished in this section of the country. They are simply "reformed."

MR. R. E. FORD is now the most popular gentleman in political circles. Everybody supports him.

A LARGE number of heavy loaded wagons left this place for Fort Klamath during the week.

HON. HENRY LANGFELL, of Jacksonville, paid our town a visit last Wednesday.

POLITICIANS thick as flies about a barnyard.

MUSIC.

Read before the Jackson County Teachers' Institute at its last session, by Miss A. Weber, and Published by Unanimous Vote of the Members.

Music is, without doubt, the oldest as well as the youngest art. Oldest—we read in Genesis that Jubal was father to all them that handle the harp and organ; youngest—because it was the last of the arts which developed itself as such. The study of music and a knowledge of its beauty is not the amusement of a day, but the labor of years; the more we learn the more we find out how little we know, how much more there is to be learned; and is it not this from which we derive most pleasure? It is not the sediment but the quaffing of a cup that gives us delight.

In acquiring the art of music it opens such a fund of enjoyment to the student, by making him see the beauties in nature, that the task is never without recompense. Let him not be content with only a glimpse of its beauties but seek to participate in the best that is offered and only find pleasure in that which is noble and ennobling; the object of the study should not be merely for the pleasure it affords, but for the mental and moral improvement. Its study unseals a book in which are written the wonders of creation, animate and inanimate; it refines the taste, it improves the judgment. The pleasure we experience from music is taste; to pass upon its execution belongs to judgment, which compares the imitation with the original. It subdues the passions, it raises our thoughts. Can any one listening to it resist its influence and harbor other than pure thoughts? It smooths many a rough path in life; it inspires genius by giving it an element of action; it charms the ear of the savage as of the cultivated, only in a different degree, as a knowledge of any science gives us a keener relish for it.

Its influence is felt everywhere. There is no nation or people without their music, and, though the works of great masters may be compared to the ocean's folk's songs are like the pearls hid in its depth. It makes us feel more kindly towards our fellow-beings; and is there not music that

brings back the friends we loved and shall never see again?

Parents, in your endeavors to make home attractive, a place never to be forgotten, do not neglect the cultivation of music. It may be the means of saving a son when far away; a remembrance of pleasant evenings at home, when about to be led into temptation, may be his salvation. It expresses every sentiment; profound emotions, yearnings of the heart, may go up to God without being clothed in words. Who has not heard of John Gandel, the best organist in America, who, in answer to a friend, on prayer, said, "Oh, yes, I pray, but not like you. I pray on my piano." This friend, happening to hear him one night, writes, "Ah, I knew he was praying; it was the prayer of a soul going up to his Creator." Mendelssohn thought words were unnecessary, therefore his songs are without words, and could they be intelligible?

Music is the unfallen angel of the world. Before you can make an evil or even a doubtful thing of music you have to blend it with some evil element. To hear good music is always, for that reason, a means of grace. There is no such thing as profane music; there is only one kind of music; it is music—sacred music.

PERCHERON HORSES.

A correspondent writing from Philadelphia to the San Francisco Bulletin has the following in reference to the Percheron horses on exhibition at the Centennial:

The Horse Show has virtually closed. The chief attractions were the French Percheron horses and their French-Canadian groom, these being the originals of Rosa Bonheur's representations. The center of admiration was the white Arabian stallion *Jeffer*, age 12 years. This beautiful animal, in appearance, realized all one's preconceived ideas of the Arabian horse. General Garner, the South Carolina Commissioner, put to a practical test, on one of his fast trotting mares, a new style of single harness, which dispenses with traces and collar altogether. The horse is enclosed within the shafts by a steel bar running across his breast, padded on the inside. He pushes the buggy forward instead of pulling. One would hardly imagine that a contrivance of this description would work, but certainly it did in several trials about the track on the Fair grounds. One California mustang was on exhibition, and a placard at his stable door, in describing the origin and habits of the mustang, recommended them especially for their mild disposition.

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