

THE ASHLAND TIDINGS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1877

AN IMPORTANT DISCOVERY.

After nearly twelve months of anxious suspense the news has been received, under date of Aug. 10th, in a dispatch to the New York Herald from Emboma, Congo River on the West coast of Africa, from that indefatigable explorer Henry M. Stanley, to the effect that he arrived there on Aug. 8, with 115 men, the entire party in awful condition after a long and arduous journey through the wilds of the African continent. The important achievement of the campaign was the discovery that the Lualaba of Livingstone and the Zaire or Congo are the same river. This is the greatest geographical discovery of many years, and effectually settles the question as to the Lualaba being a tributary of the Nile, a belief held until disproved by this discovery. The whole course of the magnificent river lies through a fertile, beautiful and thickly inhabited country, which will doubtless ere long be opened to commerce. The cannibal natives were hostile and opposed the explorers at almost every step. They filled the almost impenetrable forests and day and night poured their poisoned arrows upon the party, killing and wounding many of Stanley's men. From every tree and rock along the route the deadly missiles winged their fatal course, and the heavily laden bearers fell dead in their course through the dark forest. The native escort was much reduced by desertion, but still the remnant struggled on, almost without hope, fighting thirty-two battles and finally reached the friendly settlements on the lower Congo river. If the narrative be in every respect true the campaign was one of the severest tests of courage and endurance on record, and adds no little to the fame of the enterprising and resolute Stanley.

"GOOD BYE DIPPER."

A number of our exchanges join in a pathetic farewell to the Big Dipper, which Prof. Richard H. Proctor prophesies will eventually fade from the view of terrestrial beings. It will be sad indeed to lose this old wonder of the heavens upon which we have all looked from childhood with delight, reverence and awe. Prof. Proctor finds reason for his belief in the motions of the stars composing the constellation, five of which he ascertains belong to one family traveling together, and the other two to another family having peculiar motions of their own and traveling in another direction through the "trackless void." Consequently the two families are gradually changing their relative positions in the Big Dipper. As it is understood that the handle of the Dipper is the tail of the Bear, this breaking up of the old familiar constellation will materially interfere with the symmetry of the sidereal brain. The great canopy of "blue and gold" will thus lose one of its great attractions to those who swing on the gates, through the long moonlit evenings, alternately gazing into the eyes of a congenial companion and out through the illimitable regions of space at the blinking orbs of the grand old constellation. But we can afford to bear this affliction with fortitude since a hundred thousand years will scarcely make a perceptible change in the position of the aforesaid stars.

THE REVIVAL OF TRADE.

It seems that there are many encouraging signs of a revival of business in the East. An impetus is felt in almost all branches of trade which is far greater than that realized during the corresponding months of 1876. In many departments of commerce last year, the standard of prices was fixed by extensive auction sales, but this year wholesale dealers fix the prices. The dry-goods trade which is first to be effected by depression or revival, is now more prosperous than it has been for years, and business is generally assuming a healthier and more vigorous tone. Lately the demand for staple goods in the centres of trade in the East has been enormous, and customers buy "easy" and are less "chary and timorous" than for some time past. This indicates a radical restoration of confidence, in which all departments of trade participate, thus pointing to a healthy, wholesome and vigorous revival of trade this fall which will have its effect in all parts of the land.

The initial number of the Le Grand Gazette is at hand. The typographical appearance is first class, and the possession of considerable "cranial fibre" on the part of the editor manifest. We predict a useful and successful career for the Gazette.

POSTAL CHANGES IN OREGON.—Draws Valley, Lake Co., J. H. Phelps, P. M. Post masters appointed—Martha A. Barron, Barron, Jackson Co.; Peter Morgan, Kilchis, Tillamook Co.; Andrew McAllen, Lakeview, Lake Co.; J. P. Shuck, Monitor, Marion Co.

WE MUST HAVE A GOOD WAGON ROAD TO NAVIGABLE WATER.

FOURTH LETTER.

WILLIAMSBURG, Sept. 21st, 1877.

EDITOR TIDINGS:—There is now the new route to Crescent City for our consideration in order to find the nearest and best road to the ocean. We all know about the present road to that place; its terrible rocks, high mountains and Redwood mud, which makes that route out of the question, but there is another way to go from Waldo through Elk valley, down the middle fork of Smith river by which the mountain is much lower and the material for a road bed much better. By this route the principal mountains would be avoided, leaving the ridge about the same altitude as that on the Chetco survey and it is claimed by the friends of this line that its cost will not exceed \$20,000, which will be mostly made up at Crescent City, but probably the sum named will not finish more than half the road as it should be, but that is only conjecture as I have never traveled the route with the exception of that portion between Gasquet's and Crescent City.

I understand that the Wharf Co., at Crescent City, propose to invest \$10,000 in the building and \$1,000 additional to explore and survey the road and Mr. Gasquet proposes to invest \$5,000 in the same enterprise.

The distances from Jacksonville to Crescent City and Ellensburg are about equal (by air line,) but by way of present travel would, most likely, be farther to Crescent City, with business and freight charges in favor of the latter, but without any great advantage either way. I am assured that 1,000 tons of flour are imported annually at Crescent City from San Francisco, which looks unreasonable but there certainly is a market in that direction for all the flour we may be able to send and with a good road we could be able to send our teams down loaded with flour, bringing back merchandise and groceries as cheaply as now from Roseburg, giving the teamster the down freight for a profit over the Roseburg road, while the merchant makes a similar saving by having no railroad charges, which seems to me to be inducement enough for us to try and build a good road to either Crescent City, Ellensburg or Chetco, which would open a cash market to us at San Francisco prices if not at a slight advance.

My plan for building the road is this: to organize a company of those who are known as men of ability in our part of the country, who will take stock in the enterprise and open a correspondence with responsible parties at Ellensburg, Chetco and Crescent City; also, opening books for subscription to the stock here, finding out by this means which of the three places will subscribe most. Then if there should be stock taken to the amount, say of \$20,000 to call an assessment of at least 5 per cent. for exploration and survey of either route that may be decided upon by a majority of the stockholders, unless the stock should be taken by some single party at one or more of the places named when of course the route would be decided in favor of that point.

In case that route should prove to be unsuitable to our wants after examination, we then could try the one of the others giving us the most encouragement and assistance. If anything is done this Fall towards examination of any route it must be done quickly otherwise we should begin as early as possible in the Spring and get the road ready for the next crop.

ALEX. WATTS.

PLEVNA. No other point at the seat of war in the East has become so conspicuous of late as Plevna, the "horse-shoe city" of the Turks. It is situated on a branch of the river Griviza two miles east of the river Vid. It contains a population of about 17,000, two churches, nineteen mosques and two minarets. Before the war, 1427 houses were occupied by Christians and 1727 by Moslems, so that the population is more evenly divided in religious faith than commonly supposed. The Call remarks that if the Turks have carried out their usual policy at Plevna, it would be safer to look for the bones of the Christians scattered promiscuously abroad, than to hope to find them living tenants of unrazed houses. Certain it is that the terrific struggles which have of late occurred in and around the little city, have made it a veritable Hades for the inhabitants. Radesavo, the place captured by Gen. Skobeloff, is about four miles east of Plevna, on one of the roads leading to Servats. It is evident, from the movements of troops, that Plevna is yet to be the scene of terrific collisions between the contending armies.

Thanks to our correspondents for their many excellent communications, some of which have been crowded out this week.

LATEST WAR NEWS.

(Condensed from Oregonian and Call Dispatches.)

London, Sept. 26.—A correspondent of Segalence telegraphs that discontent and discouragement are rampant in the Russian army. The officers regard success as hopeless. While the head quarters staff remains unchanged, no improvements seem likely. Half the army will be invalidated soon after bad weather.

Tgalinee Sept. 26th.—The Turkish losses at Plevna seem to have been as heavy as the Russian. It is stated that 14,000 wounded remain in Plevna, which they are unable to remove.

London, Sept. 27.—A Russian dispatch states that 10,000 Turkish infantry from Sofia, supported by artillery, forced their way through the cavalry posted to intercept them and entered Plevna.

Vienna, Sept. 27.—Newspapers announce that in consequence of the large concentration of Russian troops and the difficulty of obtaining supplies on account of bad weather, Mehemet Ali, on the 24th, commenced retreating to his former positions on the Hara Lom.

London, Sept. 28.—The Russian staff officers, in front of Plevna, express the utmost confidence that the place will fall at their hands. There is an abundance of wheat and barley in Bulgaria, and a very large crop of Indian corn. If the Russians can secure fuel they can winter in Bulgaria comfortably.

Belgrade, Sept. 28.—Russia demands that the Serbian army shall enter the field when success at Plevna is obtained.

London, Sept. 29.—The design of the Turkish sympathizers in Transylvania was the formation of a Hungarian Legion, numbering 5,000 men, who, acting in conjunction with a Turkish corps, were to destroy Roumanian railways. It is rumored that the Hungarian General, Klappa, was one of the leaders.

Bucharest, Sept. 30th.—It is understood that Gen. Todleben reports to the Grand Duke Nicholas that siege operations on the most extensive scale will be required to capture Plevna.

Pittsburg, Sept. 27th.—This morning Major General A. S. Pearson, commander of the State troops, during the late riots, was arrested for murder. His accuser states that when Gen. Pearson gave orders to his regiment to fire, his father, Nicholas Stoffel, who was sitting in his own doorway, was mortally wounded. Gen. Pearson waived a hearing and was committed to jail.

STATE NEWS.

G. W. Quivey has been appointed night watchman at Corvallis.

The editor of the Yamhill Reporter has been presented with a horned owl measuring five feet from tip to tip.

J. B. Comley killed a conger near the Comstock mill lately measuring 9 feet in length.

The deck hands on the steamer A. A. McCully killed a large black bear, swimming in the river near Oswego. They hewed out his life with an axe.

Hernden Frazer was thrown from an obstreperous mule, at Oregon City the other day, breaking his arm.

The Albany Democrat says that John Creel raised this year, over 60,000 lbs. of hops. Mr. Creel thinks raising hops will pay better on many farms in Oregon than wheat raising.

The State Journal gives an account of a serious accident on Long Tom, through the falling of a bridge, in which the Wilkins brothers and another man were quite severely injured. It is feared that one of the Wilkins brothers cannot survive.

The Sentinel says the total amount of taxable property in Jackson county as returned by assessor goldard is \$1,397,519. This is \$150,000 more than last year.

The body of Dr. Going, of the first cavalry, who was drowned, in May last while attempting to swim the Grande Ronde river, was found some days ago, 75 miles below the place where the accident occurred.

Rev. P. S. Knight will start in a few days for Detroit, Michigan, to attend the general Congregational Association at that place.

The Bee states that the German colony at Aurora, Marion Co., received an accession of thirty immigrants last week. They were welcomed with music and flying flags by the members of the colony.

Mart J. Chamberlin, of Salem, has accepted a situation in Cunningham's Agricultural House. So says the Bee. Mart is a splendid business man and Cunningham could not possibly have made a better selection.

There will be at the coming State Fair the usual big ox. He will come from Wasco county this year, is nineteen hands high and weighs 3,500 pounds. Since the death of the "Modoc Ranger" this is the best that Oregon stock raisers have been able to do.

An Indian at Muskiltoe, we are informed, caught 7000 salmon last week. He sold them to Jackson & Myers, of the cannery there, for five cents a fish, and thus realized for his week's work \$350. Is there a white man on the coast who has done a better week's work than this at any time in the past ten years?—Bee.

T. B. Kent arrived Wednesday with the Eneine Company's pack train, bringing ten flasks of quicksilver. Over three flasks, weighing 76 pounds each, are now turned out daily, with an increase noticeable as operations progress. We learn that about fifty flasks are now on hand.—Times.

The Grant County Times says that A. Venator of Harney valley, sold 1,000 head of cattle recently to Todd Hunter and Devine for \$15,000. It is the design of this firm to stock Harney valley with 15,000 head of cattle. They are now trying the experiment of shipping beehives from Winnemucca to Chicago and New York in refrigerator cars and if the experiment proves satisfactory Delmonico's guests can call for "another one of those Grant County steaks." The southern portion of this county is especially doing a heavy business in stock.

GENERAL NEWS.

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New Orleans, Sept. 29th.—A Galveston special says: Lieut. Bullis with one hundred men has crossed into Mexico, near Saragossa, in pursuit of horse thieves.

Auburn, N. Y., Sept. 27th.—The single scull race on Owosco lake, one and a half miles and return was won easily by Courtney. Time, 21 minutes and 29 1/2 seconds.

New York, Sept. 28th.—The most Rev. James Roosevelt Bailey, Archbishop of Volta and Primate of the Roman Catholic Church in America, was slowly dying last evening.

Whiteville, Sept. 27th.—A fire at Point Fairmount, opposite Ticonderoga destroyed a large amount of goods and coal. Five tons of powder exploded, causing great havoc. Loss, \$100,000.

St. Louis, Sept. 29th.—Col. David H. Armstrong, an old Democratic wheel-horse, has been appointed by Gov. Phelps, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Lewis V. Bogy in the U. S. Senate.

Chicago, Sept. 28th.—The Tribune's special says: The Cabinet to day considered the character of the President's message. It will be short, consisting mainly of the reason for calling an extra session and reference to the required special appropriations.

Camp Taylor, Mussel Shell River, Sept. 20th.—Gen. Howard and Sturgis joined forces to day under Howard, and agreed to chase the Nez Perces to British Columbia, or make them fight in the Judith Basin. Then the campaign will close. A winter campaign is not probable.

Dates from Ft. Benton up to Sept. 26th, state that the Nez Perces attacked Cow Island on the 23d at dark. Twelve soldiers and four citizens fought from ridge-pits; two soldiers wounded. The Indians burned 30 tons of Government freight and about five tons of private freight.

Cheyenne, Sept. 27th.—The Cheyenne regular weekly treasure coach from Deadwood was stopped by two masked men near Cheyenne. Scott Davis, a passenger, was wounded in the leg. The robbers got possession of the arms in the coach but were unable to force the iron safe.

Denver, Sept. 27th.—Two of the highwaymen who robbed the express car on the Union Pacific R. R., were overtaken yesterday near Wallace, Kansas, by a posse under the Rocky Mountain Detective association. The robbers made a stand and were both killed and \$16,000 in gold coin recovered.

THE ASHLAND WOOLEN MILLS. We take pleasure in announcing that this old and substantial institution is in active operation, manufacturing from the VERY BEST OF NATIVE WOOL. BLANKETS, FLANNELS, CASIMERES, DOESKINS. And all other fabrics usually manufactured in a FIRST CLASS WOOLEN FACTORY.— NO SHODDY, Nothing but Genuine Wool. ALSO SOCKS and STOCKING YARN, colored or uncolored, in quantities to suit purchasers.

WHEAT, OATS, BACON. And all kinds of Merchantable Produce.

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INTERESTING TO FARMERS!

THE UNDERSIGNED, BELIEVING IT to be to the mutual advantage of

Millers and Farmers, Have made arrangements whereby the

Ashland and Phoenix Mills, Will be under the management of Jacob Wagner, who will have charge of both Mills for the Company during the ensuing year, ending July 1st, 1878.

We will pay the highest market price for good merchantable wheat, and are prepared to contract flour sacked and branded at the Mills, at \$18 00 per thousand pounds, Cash.

Office of the Company at the Ashland Mills. Address, WAGNER, ANDERSON & FARMER'S CO., no 12th, Ashland, Oregon.

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AT THE PIONEER STORE. One Hundred Pairs Pants Fifty Pairs Boots, Must be sold inside of Forty Days.

Pants Worth \$7 for \$4 00 Boots Worth \$7 50 for \$3 50 And other goods exceedingly low. Call and secure bargains. MRS. M. W. HARGADINE, Ashland Sept 4, 1877.

JUST RECEIVED AT REESER'S A NEW STOCK

Dry Good, Groceries, Clothing, CIGARS AND TOBACCO, Fancy Goods, Ladies and Gents FURNISHING GOODS, A full line of Boots and Shoes of all sorts and sizes.

CROCKERY AND GLASS WARE GRANITE AND IRON WARE. A Full Stock of STOVES, Hardware, Cutlery Etc.

Always on hand and made to order, the best of Tin Sheet Iron and Copperware Cheap For Cash. Or Exchange for WHEAT, OATS, BACON

And all kinds of Merchantable Produce. Please give me a call and convince yourself before purchasing elsewhere. B. F. REESER. Ashland September 12th 1877.

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House, Sign and Ornamental Painting and Graining done to order in the Mill, or in the country. Canvasing ceiling, Paper-hanging, Calomining, Whitewash, &c. on shortest possible notice.

The undersigned takes this opportunity of tendering our thanks to our many friends and patrons for liberal favors during the last two years, and are happy to say that we have, during the last winter and spring, erected additional machinery, and improved our facilities for manufacturing in the above line of business. MARCH & VALPEY, Ashland, June 17th, 1876. no 12.

D. CHAPMAN, L. A. NEIL. ASHLAND FEED AND LIVERY STABLE! MAIN STREET.

THE UNDERSIGNED WOULD respectfully inform their friends and the public generally that they have purchased the above establishment, and having thoroughly cleared the livery hay from the premises, they can assure their patrons that stock entrusted to their care will be well and safely cared for.

GOOD TURNOUTS Of carriages and buggies supplied at any time. BALED HAY FOR SALE! In quantities to suit purchasers. They will also, in connection with their stable, run a TRUCK-WAGON At reasonable rates. D. CHAPMAN & NEIL, 31st

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BOOTS and SHOES, Ashland, Oregon.

GEORGE NUTLEY HAS THE PLEASURE to announce to the inhabitants of Ashland and its surroundings his readiness to supply all who need with a good custom-made boot or shoe, made of the best material. Call and see him. Shop on Main Street, over creek, near bridge. Ashland, June 17th, 1876. no 12.

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