

A MISTAKE.

Those who read the Jacksonville Times of last week doubtless saw the statement, founded on correspondence from Lake Co., that there is a plan on foot in that county to run an Independent ticket next year in the Mitchell interest, in the hope of overcoming the Democratic majority, and that "O. C. Applegate is understood to be foremost in the movement." There is not a particle of evidence in the possession of any man, friend or foe, that we are at the head, or at any part of this scheme or of any other political scheme. We know nothing of any such plan and are not interesting ourselves in political maneuverings. We propose to address our attention to the management of the ASHLAND TIDINGS, making it, to the best of our ability, a non-partizan paper, devoted to the best interests of Southern Oregon, and as such, equally acceptable to both political parties, and the people need not fear that we are a ravening wolf in the fleece of a lamb. That Lake Co. correspondent should be more careful hereafter.

DEFENSE OF CHINAMEN.

Information has reached Washington that San Francisco attorneys of the Chinese Companies have not only completed various printed documents in opposition to the proposed Congressional action on the Chinese question, but that numerous copies will soon be forwarded for use and distribution in Congress and other official circles.

WESTERN ENTERPRISE—"ARABIAN BOY" SOLD.—W. C. Myer, of Ashland, Jackson county, Oregon, the Pioneer Importer of Percherons on the Pacific Coast, and owner of a valuable stable of this stock at his rancho in Southern Oregon, visited Chester county recently and purchased of our neighbor, J. J. Parker, importer of Percheron horses, "Arabian Boy," son of imported Rosa Bonheur and Jenifer Arabian, and we believe the only cross between the pure desert horse and the pure Percheron, in America. Mr. Myer was induced to make this purchase on account of the many valuable qualities in the Percheron, being derived from the Arabian, and believing that a fresh infusion of the Arab blood would be a valuable acquisition to his stable and the horse stock of the North-west Pacific coast. Learning of him through the Centennial Commission from Oregon, who had seen "Arabian Boy" at the Centennial show, and the Jenifer Arabian, his sire, and seeing also a notice of them in the "American Agriculturist," he resolved to add this valuable colt to his stud, at "lost what it would," so he wrote to Mr. Parker, requesting him to telegraph to him immediately if "Arabian Boy" was alive and well, and that he would come and see him. Accordingly he made the journey of over 3,000 miles principally to get him. He succeeded in purchasing him of Mr. Parker, and we feel assured that Oregon farmers will in due time reap the benefit in the improvement of their stock by this expensive but creditable enterprise of Mr. Myer. "Arabian Boy" shows the Arab in a marked degree about the head, neck and shoulders, and in the body and quarters the pure Percheron. He is a yearling past and a perfect beauty. Mr. Myer visited the stable of Colin Cameron, Marietta, Pa., the present owner of the Jenifer Arabian, and purchased a pure Percheron filly, which he will also take West with him together with several imported Shetland ponies from the stable of A. J. Alexander & D. Swigert, Kentucky. He left Oakland on Friday last for Pittsburgh and will then take the steamer down the Ohio for Cincinnati, where he will take on the ponies. From thence, he goes direct to Omaha, then to Redding, California, the terminus of the Oregon Division of the Central Pacific. He will then make the remainder of his journey, 180 miles over land, over two ranges of the Siskiyou Mountains, the northern continuation of the Sierra Nevada, to Ashland, in Rogue River valley, his home.—From the Village Record, West Chester, Pa., Dec. 1st.

EN ROUTE.—We have just received a few lines from our enterprising horseman, W. C. Myer, dated at Base Station, Shasta Co., California, on Christmas day. He reports a big rain on hands, and says he cannot say how soon he will be at home, as that will depend on the roads and weather. He says the little ponies are the chief matter of interest in the outfit, as they are so extremely small and yet almost perfect in form. His horses are all in good fix.

INSTALLATION.—At a meeting of Ashland Lodge, No. 23, A. F. and A. M., held on Dec. 24, 1877, the following officers were installed for the ensuing Masonic year: W. H. Atkinson, W. M.; T. O. Andrews, S. W.; A. S. Jacobs, J. W.; J. M. McCall, T.; J. S. Edwards, Sec.; L. W. Robertson, Tyler; Daniel Gaby, S. D.; H. Fox, J. W.; J. Wells and O. C. Applegate, Stewards.

It would seem that England realizing the danger of a conflict with Russia, has been for a long time quietly preparing herself for any emergency. It is said that during the last 12 months ships have been constantly carrying stores to Gibraltar and Malta, where there is now a vast accumulation of war material. Orders have been received at Woolwich for the manufacture of 16-pounder field pieces, and it has also been determined that four eighty ton guns for the *Inflexible* are to be chambered at that place. It is also reported that considerable credit is given to the statement, in influential circles, that England contemplates the purchase of the Porte's suzerainty over Egypt, thus securing a more positive and substantial footing in the East. It is evident that England considers the danger of war imminent and that in such an event she will be found well prepared.

(From the Holton Recorder.) ASHLAND, OREGON.

November 19, 1877.

EDITOR RECORDER:—I thought, inasmuch as I had written to you before I had become acquainted with the people of Ashland and its surroundings that I would again address you a few lines.

I find the society out here, on this coast, better than I expected. Last Sunday, Rev. Hurlburt again appeared in the Academy, and preached an interesting sermon on "The Progress of the Gospel,"—text in the Song of Solomon, 6-10; after which they beat up for recruits, resulting in seven uniting with the M. E. Church by letter. In the evening Prof. Skidmore preached to a large congregation, an able and interesting sermon, on Luke 23:43-42. They have a fine organ in the Academy; choir meeting every Saturday evening. The school in the Academy is full this winter; about 200 students in attendance.

We now get the Holton Recorder regularly. It comes to us in seven days from the date of its publication, and is a welcome visitor in our family. I am much pleased to see the accounts of the large crops of corn and other farm products, spoken of in the Recorder. These are just such crops as Jackson county is able to perform, and those large potatoes placed on the editor's table are charming to all lovers of the potato family; but as I love the name of Jackson and to speak of its good qualities, I must give you a few items of what Jackson county on this coast, can do, and, as I have been speaking of the potato crop, I must give you facts on the subject, but I hope anything I may say will not hinder your worthy subscribers from bringing in their big potatoes and other farm products, and piling them on the editor's table till it groans again; but I hope my old friends will do better after this, than to take in their little one-pound-nine-ounce potatoes, for three-pound potatoes are an every day occurrence here—even four-pound potatoes are not looked upon with any great curiosity; but when they come to their five-pounders, they begin to find their way to the editor's sanctum; and those weighing five pounds and a half become of still more notice, and find a place in our county papers and county clerk's office and other public places. One of those large potatoes was given to one of my nearest neighbors, a few days ago, with the request that they should use it for their first meal, as they were just going to housekeeping. He told me that they dined from it, with six in the family, and had potato left. The onions, also, grow very large, here, three being placed on the scales, their weight was found to be seven and a half pounds. Cabbages weigh thirty-three pounds are not among the largest, and the pumpkin that took the premium at the State Fair is said to have weighed 300 pounds. The apples, peaches, pears, plums and grapes are very plentiful, and some of them are so large that I fear to give you the full dimensions lest you think I am exaggerating, but we have had apples in our house this fall, that measured fifteen inches in circumference; peaches, eleven and twelve inches; pears, fifteen to seventeen inches; grapes in abundance—a single bunch weighing three pounds. Some of them are on the vines yet, for we have had but little frost.

This is the busy season, here, among the farmers. They will plow and sow up to the first of April. I must close my letter; I did not intend to write so much, so you may do just as you choose with it. Respectfully yours, H. McBRIDE.

FOR FORT KLAMATH.—As per telegraphic instructions, so says the Oregonian, the commanding officers at Fort Vancouver will send all enlisted men at that post for Ft. Klamath, Oregon, to their station in Klamath of a suitable man of the party landed for the purpose. The post commander will report on the arrival of the men.

Ft. KLAMATH Oreg., Dec. 18, 77. EDITOR TIDINGS:—Having seen an article in the TIDINGS called "Incidents of the Modoc Campaign," in which the death of Lieut. Wright is mentioned, also the hiding and consequent loss of his gold watch, and as it is generally believed that the watch has never been found, I thought it would not be amiss to throw some light on this subject, stating that the watch was found, and who is the possessor of it.

At the time of the massacre, (as I cannot denominate it by any other term) I was a sergeant of Company G, 1st Cavalry then under Major Jackson's command; the morning after our arrival at the scene of the massacre, I was detailed with five men to search for dead and wounded. Amongst the men I had with me, was a man by the name of William Warner of Company G, 1st Cavalry. The first dead we found were Lieut. Wright and three other men, who were lying or rather sitting, as all of them were in a sitting posture in an inclosure surrounded by rocks; an oversight by which they all lost their lives, for if they had gone into the rocks instead of the inclosure, they could have kept off all of the Modoc tribe until reinforcement arrived; but I do not care to criticize the affair, as I cannot but feel badly whenever I think of it, for from forty to fifty valuable lives were lost by the imprudence of a commander. I will tell you what I know about the watch: As I was in the lead of my party, I was the first in discovering Lieut. Wright's body. It was in a sitting posture, his back towards the rock; his hands folded on his abdomen; his coat unbuttoned; his pistol lying across his legs; he was shot through both hands and through the body. On examination I saw that he had no watch on him. After I had the bodies carried over to camp, I was ordered by Major Green to take fifteen men and go back towards Gillem's camp, where I would meet Doctor McElderry with a pack train loaded with water and medicine, and escort them in.

In getting my men together I could not find that man Warner, so I went without him, I met the pack train about three miles from camp, and when I brought them in, it was near sundown; then I heard for the first time about the watch, that a party were looking for it, but could not find it. About dark, we retraced our steps to Gillem's camp, carrying the dead and wounded with us.

About four months after the Modoc war—I was then 1st Sergeant of Company G, 1st Cavalry—I noticed a gold watch and chain with private Warner; my suspicions arose as to whose it was, but on asking him, he told me that the watch was his; that before he enlisted he left it in San Francisco with a hotel keeper for board he owed, and showed me a letter and receipt from San Francisco. I was satisfied it was his, until the company moved to San Diego, where Warner was discharged. About two weeks afterwards, I got the appointment as Commissary Sergeant and was ordered to Arizona. The night before leaving the company, while together with several men of the command, one of them, a particular friend of Warner, and the only one who knew of the watch, in the course of conversation, unguardedly told me, that Warner had lost all his money and Lieut. Wright's watch to a gambler by the name of Kit Burns of San Diego, whom I well knew, but as I had to leave early the next morning I could do nothing towards the recovery of the watch, as I intended to do.

Arriving at Camp Mojave, Arizona Territory, I spoke to the Quartermaster, Lieut. Geo. S. Wilson 12th Infantry, who is well acquainted with Mrs. Wright, and told him the history of the watch, and as he went to San Francisco on business, I gave him a letter to Mrs. Wright, with the history of the watch, also describing the man who has it and where he lives. I also sent a letter to Col. Bernard with the circumstances, but unhappily the Col. was away on furlough. Lieut. Wilson told me on his return from San Francisco, that they tried to get the watch, but the gambler wanted sixty dollars, the amount he advanced on it, although the watch and chain is worth double the amount, but it seems that Mrs. Wright is very poor and has not the sixty dollars, and so the watch of Lieut. Wright adorns the person of a gambler at San Diego, California.

A SOLDIER. IN JACKSONVILLE.—We were one of a party of fourteen Ashlandites, who attended a ball given in Jacksonville on Christmas evening, by the Social Club of that place. Of course the affair could not help proving a success since the club, under the auspices of which it was given, includes among its members many of the most prominent citizens of Jacksonville. The supper at Mrs. Vining's was also a decided success. We were all favored with that kindly attention and courtesy which we never fail to receive at the hands of the citizens of the "old historic town of Southern Oregon."

The communication from a Linkville correspondent of the ASHLAND TIDINGS, that appeared in that paper some time ago, charging the officials of Lake county as composing a ring and robbing the Treasury to the tune of \$4,000, could only be begotten in malice. The Grand Jury in their report did not in the least brand the officers of Lake county with dishonesty. The comparatively small discrepancies found to exist in over-allowances does not in any way implicate the officials with corruption or justify any one in making such charges.

We would not for a moment believe that any of the officials would misappropriate a dollar, and we will further state in justice to those gentlemen and the people of Lake county that their general deportment as citizens and officers will compare favorably with any that can be found anywhere. The probate record we found complete, reflecting credit upon the County Judge, especially during his first term after the organization of the county, considering the inefficiency of the Clerk.

We, members of that Grand Jury, endeavoring to discharge our duties faithfully, were materially assisted by said officials, who freely manifested a willingness to uncover everything unreservedly. Let this forever put these charges at rest and stamp the character who is guilty of originating that false production.

It would be condescending indeed to give any notice to a character who seems so devoid of honest principles, were it not that the outside world cannot see these things as they really are. And it is also that justice be done in the premises that we make this statement. S. CAMPBELL, Foreman, I. O. ELDER, Juror, J. H. SUTCLIFF, Juror, JOHN A. SMITH, Juror.

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