THE ASHLAND TIDINGS.

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TO OUR PATRONS.

With the issue of June 7, will end the 2d volume of the TIDINGS. We are pleased to be able to report to our friends that the past year has been a very prosperous one for the paper. Notwithstanding the scarcity of money in the country the subscription list and advertising business have steadily increased, and we think we are justified in expecting a still greater increase of business during the coming year. It has been our endeavor to furnish our subscribers with a good local paper, and we accept the generous support given us by the people as an evidence of their approval. While we remain in charge of the paper we shall earnestly endeavor to merit a continuance of their patronage. By the close of the volume we wish if possible to settle all our accounts so as to enter upon the third year with a "clean slate." This we hope our friends will assist us in doing, as the balance due us will make the financial situation much easier and perhaps enable us to enlarge the paper in the near future.

THE CHINESE QUESTION.

It is reported that, on May 4th, the Senate sub committe on the Chinese question unanimously reported in favor of returning Sargent's resolution to the main committee and asking an immediate report to the Senate. It is thought this action greatly increases the probability of some action being taken on this perplexing question at the present session. If it can be brought before the Senate without too great delay, it will probably pass that body and go at once to the house, when it can be acted on without being delayed by having to go into the calendar and follow a multitude of other measures. The resolution requests the President to open correspondence with the Chinese and British governments, with a view of securing a change or abrogation of all stipulations in existing treaties which permit the unlimited immigration of Chinese into the United States.

THE LION AND BEAR.

The Eastern question still remains an enigma. It is apparent however that the situation is extremely precarious and that even the most careful and adroit management may not prevent one of the most stupendous wars of the age. Notwithstanding the hopeful news of Russian concessions, it would seem that no material change has occurred in the principal questions in dispute. It appears that England demands the placing of the treaty of San Stefano before the peace congress, while Russia refuses to yield on that point. As long as this difference remains undecided, there is doubtless danger. A petition in the interest of peace, and representing that no material obstacle exists to prevent the assembling of the congress has been presented to the Queen. It bears the signatures of 17,000 persons, including a number of prominent noblemen, and may have some influence upon the action of the British cabinet. In the mean time, war preparations continue upon an immense scale, and very soon England will be well prepared for any emergency.

SHALL WE?

Shall we ever be blessed with a railroad? This is the great question of the hour to the inhabitants of our rich but isolated country. How soon would our valley, favored as it is in climate, soil and all the natural elements of wealth and power, "bloom and blossom as the rose" in such an event. How soon would our great rich and half tilled farms commence to yield such a surplus as the careless scratching of the past decade has given little indication of; how soon would the upland pastoral lands be covered with a vast acreage of "golden grain" and even thousands of acres of forest yield to the might of the agriculturist; how soon would capital flow into our mountain fastnesses to bring forth the vast mineral wealth, as yet a sealed book to us. We are still too poor to do much ourselves towards securing such a great artery of trade and commence through our valley, and our hope must lie in the action of some one of the great corporations to which such an enterprise would be an easy achievement. But these great companies act only where self interest suggests. Will not the Central Pacific in order to secure the already great and vast developing trade of Oregon and Washington close up the gap which remains between Reading and Roseburg, and thus "steal a march" upon the Northern Pacific? It seems to us that the outlook in this respect is rather encouraging, and in common with a multitude of other isolated Rogue Rivers, we anxously await the result hoping that the improved prospects of the Northern Pacific will cause the great Central to reach out an arm for the valuable tribute which we would willingly yield. X.

STATE NEWS.

[Condensed from State Exchanges]

Total amount of taxable property in the city of Albany, for the year 1878, $997,552—only $2,478 less than a million.

A man from Harrisburg, while on a bender at Gervais, was knocked down and robbed of about $85 in coin and his baggage check.

Two boys, one fourteen and the other sixteen years of age, robbed a peddler at La Grande lately, of 5 or 6 hundred dollars worth of goods. One confessed, and they were held to answer in the sum of $1,200 each.

The Jacksonville TIMES learns that Klippel & Co's ditch on Big Applegate is almost completed. It is expected that piping will be in progress in the course of a few weeks.

It is reported that Gov. D. P. Thompson, offers to build the Albany and Brownsville railroad, provided the citizens of Linn county refuse to make up the necessary amount.

Geo. E Watkins, of Wasco county had his leg broken a short time ago by being thrown from his horse.

It is reported that Col. T B. Rickey and his son Bliss have purchased 4,000 head of cattle in Eastern Oregon for a California stock men.

Two physicians of Baker city have treated 125 cases of diphtheria since last November.

Richard Horton, carpenter of the BARRACOUTA while the vessel was lying at a Port and wharf, fell overboard on Saturday night, while partially intoxicated, and was drowned.

GENERAL NEWS.

[Condensed from Oregonian and Chronicle Dispatches.]

New Orleans, May 1.—Gen. Escobedo disappeared from here yesterday, and is believed to be in San Antonio taking the first steps towards revolution.

Gettysburg, May 1.—Extensive preparations are being made here to observe Decoration Day. The oration will be delivered by Gen. Ben. F. Butler. President Hayes and Postmaster General Key will be present.

Saratoga, May 1.—John Morrissey died at half past 7 this evening. Morrissey's business partners are here, but nothing is known by them as to how he left his business.

Washington, May 1.—The public debt statement for April shows a decrease for the month of $3,015,865.

Washington, May 2.—The bills granting additional homested rights to settlers within the limits of railroad or military road grants was to-day reported from the senate public lands committee, with recommendations for passage, and placed on the calendar.

Washington, May 3.—Real Admiral C. B. P. Rogers, about July 1st will be assigned to the command of the Pacific station, a consolidation of the North and South Pacific stations.

Washington, May 3.—There is abundant evidence that Lerdo's friends on the American side, are making a strong movement to cross the Rio Grande to make trouble with Diaz.

Washington, May 3.—Switzerland and Holland have accepted the invitation to participate in the silver congress.

Galvaston, May 3.—Nothing of interest transpired on the Rio Grande to-day. The civil and military authorities are taking measures to prevent a violation of neutrality laws.

Hornellsville, N. Y. May 4.—A person in full Russian uniform passed through here on the Erie train this morning. He has a through ticket to San Francisco.

Omaha, May 5.—Charles Menzie committed suicide last night by shooting himself; disappointed love.

St. Petersburg, May 5.—The AGENCE RUSSE says a much better impression prevails respecting the prospect of negotiations.