

LOCAL BREVITIES.

About half the county taxes have been collected.

Some one has been poisoning valuable dogs in Jacksonville.

A good part of the town tax levied last week has been collected.

Mr. Guin Butler was in town last Friday visiting his Ashland friend.

Read the notice to stockholders of the West Ashland Ditch Company.

The *Plaintiff* and *Star*, of Roseburg, both issue daily editions now.

Read what Brown & Harris have to say under "specials," about how to save costs.

Mr. Jesse Parker, of the Halfway House, on the Linkville road, was in town this week.

Dr. Jackson will be in Ashland in a short time to attend to the dental work that may be awaiting him.

Notice the advertisement of Mr. L. Applegate in another column, offering for sale 400 acres of land near Ashland.

A concert will be given by Jacksonville young ladies on the 7th of March to raise money for an organ for the M. E. Church.

The late rise in the streams has brought the salmon up Bear creek and the boys are having fine sport shooting and spearing them.

A Chitman was robbed of a pair of blankets and \$2.50 in money by two highwaymen within a half mile of Jacksonville last week.

The census of Jacksonville school district, taken last week, gives the number of children between the ages of four and twenty at 397.

School clerks should remember that the new school law requires them to send their reports to the County Superintendent by the first Monday in March.

Our California exchanges bring the intelligence that nearly all parts of the state have had enough rain to make the crop prospects good for the coming season.

A number of fishing parties were out Tuesday night with torches and gigs ranging along Bear creek and spearing lockless salmon as they would try to "make the riffles."

The stage drivers complain of "Sticky" down by the Eagle mills. For the last few days they have been compelled to scrape the wheels when coming up the hill.

The Ashland barber shop is much improved in appearance since it changed hands, and the new proprietor has a good stock of all the appliances for conducting the business.

The trial of Indian Steve who was indicted with Rath for the murder of Seabring, took place last Monday, and resulted in a verdict of not guilty. He was defended by Messrs. Jones and Anteriori.

Mr. W. S. Moss, representing the Salem Mercury, was in Ashland on Tuesday last, succeeded in obtaining a good list of subscribers. He left on the northward-bound stage on Wednesday.

Mr. Brown, of the late firm of Brown & Harris, will go to Fort Klamath next week to look after the butchering business he is conducting there. He will probably take his family out during the summer.

Wednesday morning's dawn ushered in as fine a day as mortal could ask for. The balmy air, singing birds and stinging bees carried us away ahead of the calendar, and it seemed as though February had borrowed a day from June.

We learn from the Shasta County Record that an extensive vein of coal has been discovered on Oliver creek, fourteen miles above Millville. Parties are now busied developing the mine and are much flattered with the prospects.

Mr. A. D. Helman intends building a new residence for himself on a fine site on his property northeast of Tezer & Daley's mill. He has some lumber already upon the ground, and the building will be begun early in the spring.

Mr. D. C. Courtnay of Soda Springs who has found a quartz ledge near Brownsville in Linn county, which he thinks prospects well, has sent for his partner, Mr. Stone, to join him, and the latter left on Wednesday morning's stage.

The stage that passed through here going northward last Sunday morning had a rough trip. It was upset twice, first on the Gravo Creek hill and again in the canyon beyond. The second accident broke an axle, but, fortunately no one was hurt.

The Roseburg *Star* says the wild hogs are making it troublesome for the sheep-raisers in the neighborhood of Round Prairie. The other day the people organized for resistance, and succeeded in capturing twenty-one of the rapacious swine.

The street which runs from Main street past the woolen factory is soon to be opened by Mr. A. D. Helman through his property east of town. It will be continued beyond the planing mill of Tezer & Daley to the spot selected by Mr. Helman for his new dwelling.

See the *Seaside*. Tom Kahler brought to town on Saturday a lump of quartz rich with gold, which was found in the Fort Lane diggings of Kahler, McDonough & Co. It was estimated to contain about \$200, and was found in the bank at least two feet above the bedrock.

A LIBERAL SERMON.

A fair indication of the advancement of our ideas of freedom of thought and speech may be found in the difference between the utterances of the pulpit to-day and those of fifty years ago.

In the name of the Prince of Peace, the dissenters in England were burned at the stake; in the name of true religion, the persecuted Puritan, when he had made his creed the "established church" of the New World, burned the Quaker in Massachusetts, for daring to believe differently about the matter and manner of worshipping his God, and since the sword and lagot have gone out of fashion, it has been thought to be the duty of Christians to make it as cold (socially) as possible here, and as warm as possible hereafter for those who do not believe as they do.

That such a spirit is being sup- planted by one more worthy the Christian character, we see evidence every day. On Thursday evening of last week, Rev. W. T. Chapman preached a sermon upon Thomas Paine, which was commendable alike for ability, candor and liberality. He had announced on the previous evening that he would take his text from the "Age of Reason," provided he could obtain the book in town, and the audience which greeted him was evidently possessed with much curiosity to know how he would treat the subject.

Instead of a tirade of abuse, which has dishonored too many pulpits already, and which, no doubt, many in the audience expected, Mr. Chapman proceeded in a calm dispassionate manner to portray the character of Paine, his religious belief and disbelief and his purpose in writing the "Age of Reason." He paid a high tribute to Paine's character as a patriot, and asserted his belief that he was an honest man, and conscientious in his life and writings. He read from the "Age of Reason" the articles of Paine's belief which were as follows: "I believe in one God, and only one. I believe that the duties, in true religion consist in doing justice, loving mercy and endeavoring to make our fellow creatures happy." Mr. C. said that so far he agreed with Paine, and read parallel sentiments from the Bible. He believed that Paine made a great mistake in attacking the Bible; that he meant to direct his attack against the iniquities that were being committed at the time the "Age of Reason" was written by the Romish church, in the name of religion. Paine saw the danger that threatened his country in the union of church and state, and sought avert the evil, but did not discriminate between the true and false in the practice of the religion of the Bible. He said the arguments which Paine had written against the Bible had been successfully refuted a hundred times, and that he would not take up time by referring to them, and closed by appealing to the audience to accept the testimony of the living witnesses of the truth of the religion of Christ.

GRAND JURY REPORT.

The following is the report of the Grand Jury discharged last week:

We, your Grand Jury empaneled as above, respectfully report that we have examined the offices and public buildings of the county, and have found them in as good condition as the use and wear thereof will permit, the records being kept in a neat and business like manner according to our best judgment. P. DUNN, Foreman.

OFFICERS, I. O. G. T.

The following is the list of officers of Lonsa Oak Lodge, organized last week at Henderson School House: W. C. T., E. W. Gale; W. V. T., Florence Mace; W. C. D. S. McCollins; W. S. C., J. L. Curry; W. F. S. J. W. Pymire; W. M., J. E. Sly; W. D. M., Olive Hershey; W. I. G., Sarah Skeeters; W. O. G., G. H. H. H. R. H. S., Anna Sly; L. H. S., Julia Stimpson; P. W. C. T., Sarah Stimpson; L. D., J. L. Curry.

BAD SIDEWALKS.

The muddy condition of the sidewalks in some portions of town have been the subject of much comment and discussion for some time past, and it is evident that some repairing will have to be done before long. Many seem to be of the opinion that the best way to make decent walks is to lay plank on over the worst places, and it is asserted that it would be no more costly than the graveling which should be renewed every year in the wet spots in order to keep the walks passable.

WINTER WORK.

A visit to the wood working establishment of Tezer & Daley the other day convinced us that they have no intention of allowing their business to be confined to the summer trade. They are manufacturing considerable furniture for the home demand, and are just about finishing up a number of book cases, toilet stands, etc., which are very neat and pretty in design and workmanship. They have facilities for manufacturing furniture of nearly every description and are thus enabled to use the machinery which during the building season is kept busy in turning out home finishing material. They will begin making up doors, sash, mouldings, etc., for next summer's trade, in a few weeks.

GOING TO LAKE COUNTY.

Mr. O. Olney, who, with his family, spent the winter in Ashland, went out to Lake county a week or two since to look for a location for a ranch. He returned last week, and informed us that he had found land that suited him near the upper gap of Lost river, about seven miles from Linkville, and last Monday morning he started with his family and effects for their new home, aiming to make the journey before the frost should be out of the ground sufficient to make the mud deep. Mr. O. says the snow had nearly all disappeared in that section, excepting upon the northern hillsides and in sheltered spots. He thinks there is considerable government land open to settlement in that neighborhood which is either intentionally or through ignorance represented by the people of the region as being beyond the reach of settlers.

LUCKY ESCAPE.

On Tuesday of last week Mr. O. W. Goodale was on his way home from Scott Bar, and when at the base of the other side of Scott Bar mountain, he came to a very icy place in the road and attempted to alight, in tending to walk over it. The horse at the time was standing on a little ice, and as Mr. Goodale threw himself from the saddle, the weight pulled the animal from off his feet, and he fell, his right foot remaining in the stirrup. Before he was able to extricate it, the horse recovered his feet, and started down the mountain on the run, dragging him along. At the foot of the mountain is a creek in which there is considerable water, and as the horse reached this Mr. Goodale's foot came out of the stirrup. Had not his foot come out just as it did, results might have been serious, as in the creek and on the other side were large rocks against which he would probably have been hurled. As it was, that gentleman was merely bruised and a little shaken. Scott Valley News.

WEATHER REPORT.

The following is the weather report of February, at 6 A. M. and 12 M.

Table with columns: DATE, WEATHER, THERMOMETER. Rows for Feb 12-18.

Circuit Court Proceedings.

State of Oregon vs. John F. Smith; indictment for assault with a dangerous weapon. Defendant pleaded guilty of simple assault and was fined \$90 and costs. Fine and costs paid and defendant discharged.

State of Oregon vs. Samuel Rath and John Steve (Indian); indictment for murder in the first degree. Defendant demanded separate trials, which was granted by the court. Defendant Rath placed upon trial first. Jury returned verdict of guilty of murder in second degree. Defendant Steve then pleaded on trial. Defendant acquitted.

State of Oregon vs. W. H. Odoms; indictment for assault with dangerous weapon. Defendant acquitted.

State of Oregon vs. Andrew Elliott, Frank Williams and J. Elliott; indictment for larceny. Trial set for Tuesday at 9 o'clock.

State of Oregon vs. A. J. Walls; indictment for assault with intent to kill. Grand Jury returned "not a true bill" and defendant was discharged.

State of Oregon vs. O. Harbough; indictment for larceny. Trial postponed until next term of court.

State of Oregon vs. William Parker; indictment for larceny. Grand Jury returned "a true bill." Defendant arrested and discharged on bail, C. C. Deekman and Pat McMahon as sureties.

Thomas Smith vs. J. H. Skidmore and H. C. Hill; action at law to recover money. Judgement for plaintiff by default for \$845 25 gold coin, and costs.

Distinguished attorneys present, Judge John H. Kelsay and Hon. J. F. Gately.

Jas. D. Fay vs. P. J. Maloche; action to recover money. Dismissed at plaintiff's cost for want of prosecution.

Haymond & Magruder vs. George Megeley; to recover money. Dismissed.

White & Haymond vs. George Megeley; to recover money. Dismissed.

Real Estate Transactions.

The following have been recorded since our last report:

J. K. Moore to H. H. Magruder, his interest in a certain mining ditch carrying water from Middle creek Down Sam's creek. Consideration, \$500.

Trustees of Jacksonville to Peter Britt, three town lots in this place. Consideration, \$15.

Two U. S. Patents to Franklin Wertz.

S. Arrowmith to G. Karowsky, premises on Jackson creek. Consideration, \$200.

I. D. and L. B. Applegate to Jos. Swingle, 2 1/2 acres in Ashland precinct. Consideration, \$2,000.

W. C. Field to J. W. Goff, 130 acres in Table Rock precinct. Consideration, \$900.

W. T. Lecke to J. Q. Willis, premises in Ashland. Consideration, \$500.

Elber Emery and John Daley to H. T. Sovereign, lot in Eagle Point. Consideration, \$60.

G. W. Stephenson to Dan Chapman and L. A. Nell. The Ashland stable property. Consideration, \$3,000.

John Conway to Daniel Chapman, premises in Ashland. Consideration, \$250.

Henry Noland to J. W. Simpson, 100 acres in Little Butte precinct. Consideration, \$800.

J. R. Helman to Daniel Chapman, lot in Ashland. Consideration \$90.

J. H. Neil to Daniel Chapman, 80 acres in Ashland precinct. Consideration, \$103.

TRIAL FOR MURDER.

The trial of Samuel Rath for the murder of Evi Seabring came up on Wednesday of last week. The case was presented by District Attorney Neil, and the defense conducted by A. C. Jones and E. H. Anteroeth. The trial occupied two days and the case was submitted to the jury on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. There was doubt in their minds as to malice or premeditation in the murder, and after a deliberation of thirteen hours they brought a verdict of murder in the second degree.

Judge Hanna pronounced the sentence, imprisonment for life, on Friday. When asked by the judge if he had anything to say why judgement should not be pronounced, the prisoner replied that he had done the killing, but was forced to do it; that he was innocent of murder, and the jury did not get at the facts of the case, but that he was willing to accept the decision. The sentence was:

"The judgement of this court is, that you be confined to the Penitentiary of this state during your natural life, and that you pay the costs and expenses of this trial."

IMPROVING.—Prof. Lecke has been suffering from a severe attack of rheumatic fever, such an one, although hardly so serious, as he experienced a few years ago. For a few days he was scarcely able to use a muscle but he is now, we are glad to say, much better, and steadily improving.

TRIPLES.—One day last week a two-year-old heifer belonging to Mr. H. Fox gave birth to three calves, all apparently perfect in organization. Only one was alive, and it lived but about half a day. The heifer is three quarters Jersey, not large for her age or breed, and is now doing very well.

PIANOS AND ORGANS.—In another column will be found the advertisement of Jas. A. Smith, manufacturer and dealer in pianos and organs. The enormous amount of instruments of this make sold within the last few years attests their popularity, and is proof of their superiority.

"SPRING POETRY."

Our poetry crop of the last few months is quite copious, and while some of these children of the "frenzied imaginations" of the inspired singers are doomed to the fate of the lamented rose of the desert—"born to blish unseen"—there is one effusion which we cannot with a clear conscience allow to sink beneath the waves of oblivion which roll over our waste basket. It was sent us by a Waldo correspondent, who came by it in a way he does not explain. He merely says: "You will at once appreciate the richness of this." We give the first four lines and the two closing stanzas, *serbatim et literalim*.

Carry my dear
You are not untrue
I do not fear
There is none like you.

Your eyes so clear and glistening
And your melodious voice
To which I am often listening
Makes you my choice.

My thoughts are of you daily,
Be us attentions you do merit
As you trip along so gaily
Like an angel spirit.

Is it no wonder then
Your beauty oft destroys
And steals away the hearts of men
And fair haired boys;

Now I will conclude
Express my desire
And to marriage will allude
And tell what I require

Will you marry me honey
Answer your beau
You are better than money
But never say no
Before the coming year
Shall ever end
If you say yes my dear
I will wed my love and girl friend

Answer quick
W. M.

Our District School.

It is a pity—a shame—that our district, our free school, should receive such neglect from citizens claiming patriotism: I hold that if there had been half the spirit manifested toward the district school that there should have been by the fathers and mothers, we to-day would have been right in our school matters. We need an academy, too, but our free school should receive the first consideration over everything else. Why? Because it enlightens the masses, enabling them to resist priestcraft and to know their rights as free citizens. Don't we see with alarm the daily encroachment upon our free institutions by that grand monopoly, the Holy Catholic Church? If it had the power it would make this nation dependent upon its holy will. I am not in favor of burdening the district with a tax beyond the present wants, and it is unnecessary.

Phoenix Items.

Feb. 16, 1879.

Mr. Vandiver will preach in Colver's Hall on the evening of the first Saturday in March, and on the morning of the Sunday following. It is expected a Society of United Brethren in Christ will be organized after the preaching.

There is a lively interest manifested by our citizens in the Debating Club which meets—according to the by laws—every Saturday evening. Ladies, as well as gentlemen, take an active part.

The Presbyterian brethren object to their church being used as a tobacco-spirit receptacle, consequently that class of worshippers (?) are respectfully requested to use more decorum when in the house of God. SQUIDS.

A great many new buildings are being erected in Baker City.

Over twenty conversions are reported as a result of meetings in progress at Albany.

J. D. Post of Clayo creek Douglas county, will apply for a patent for a hydraulic nozzle he has recently invented.

BORN.

SMITH.—In Ashland, Feb. 11, 1879, to the wife of F. Smith, a daughter.

New To-day.

NOTICE TO THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE WEST ASHLAND DITCH COMPANY.

The annual meeting of said company will be held at their office in the town of Ashland, on Saturday, March 1st, 1879, at 2 o'clock P. M. of said day for the purpose of electing three directors for the ensuing year. Also for the transaction of any other business that may come before the meeting.

By order of Board of Directors, A. V. GILLET, Sec.

ASHLAND, Feb. 17, 1879.

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Religious Notices.

Baptist services at Miller's Hall, at eleven o'clock in the morning, and at half past six in the evening. Sunday School at half past two in the afternoon. CHRISTIANS AT WORK.

M. E. Church—Services every Sunday at 11 A. M. and 6:30 P. M. Sunday School at 2:30 with Bible classes for old and young. Prayer meeting every Thursday evening at 6:30. A general invitation and a cordial welcome to all. W. T. CHAPMAN, Pastor.

In the Presbyterian Church—Services every Sunday morning at eleven o'clock, until further notice.

Special Notices.

[Local notices under this head will be inserted at the rate of 50 cts. for five lines or less, and 10 cts. for each additional line. Special rates will be made with liberal advertisers.]

Notice.

Those knowing themselves indebted to the late firm of Brown & Harris, butchers, are hereby notified that we have placed our books in the hands of E. DePaat for immediate collection. Save costs by paying promptly.

Brown & Harris, ASHLAND, Feb. 17th, 1879. 37 2

Look Here!

All persons indebted to B. F. Resner must pay up immediately or I will be compelled to enforce collections. I must have money. B. F. RESNER, no 85 ft.

Produce Market.

We note to-day eggs, butter and dried plums scarce, and in demand.

CORRECTED WEEKLY BY J. M. MCCALL, \$40.

Table with columns: Commodity, Price. Includes Wheat, Oats, Corn, Flour, Bran, Mixed feed, etc.

—Twenty five large sized Perfumed Chromo Motto Cards, no two alike, with names in gold, post-paid, ten cents each. Address G. B. Litchfield, Litchfield, Ill. Please state what paper you saw this advertisement in.

—"WEIGHT'S BEAN," SCALP AND DANDRUFF CURE! "forces heavy Mustache or Beard on the smoothest face in from twenty to thirty days. It never fails. No poisonous injury to the skin. Easily applied and certain in effect. It will also remove dandruff and prevent Baldness. I am the sole agent for this compound. Per package, post paid, 25 cents. Two packages 40 cents. Address G. B. Litchfield, Litchfield, Ill. Please state what paper you saw this advertisement in.

—"OUR NEW AND EVERLASTING PERFUME" is the best and cheapest perfume ever offered to the public for perfuming wearing apparel, letter paper, etc. It is long lasting and gives to linen, letter paper, and whatever else you may wish, a most refined and pleasant odor. If placed in a drawer, no matter what be the contents, it will become redolent in less than twenty minutes. Mailed postage free. 15 cent address on receipt of the price, 25 cents. Address G. B. Litchfield, Illinois, and please state what paper you saw this notice in.

—They all take it.—When the system is run down to that extent that you pass sleepless nights, are nervous and irritable, have a heavy forehead, sour stomach, sick headache and coated tongue, do not enroll yourself as high priced in the rear rank, under General Debility, but cheer up and try White's Prairie Flower, the Great Liver Panacea, now for sale in every city and town on the Continent. No medicine ever compounded, is half the cost for the cure of DYSPEPSIA and LIVER COMPLAINT. It has a specific power over the liver, and by acting on the system, it cures all the diseases arising from it, such as indigestion, flatulence, and all other ailments of the stomach and bowels. Sample bottles are sold at the small price of 25 cents, that will convince you of its merits. Large size bottles, 75 cents; for sale by CHITWOOD & ATKINSON.

—From all parts of the country reports come of the immense sales and increasing demand for that deservingly popular Sewing Machine, The Old and Reliable "STANDARD," the price of which the proprietors wisely reduced to \$30 including all the attachments, and at once secured for them a popularity among the people far beyond that ever yet attained by any other machine at any price, the consequence of which is, agents are leaving the old high priced machines, and seeking territory for the "STANDARD." Knowing from experience that with the best goods at the lowest price they can be sold, and that the "STANDARD" is of superior quality and low price is made known. This splendid Machine combines all the improvements. It is far ahead of all others in beauty and durability of its work, and its management, light running and certainty of operation, is sensibly made plain and simple, with positive working parts all added, and can be safely put down as the very perfection of a Sewing Machine. The Double Thread Sewing Machine, in every particular, that will outlast any Machine, and at a price far below any other. It is thoroughly warranted for five years. Kept in order free of charge. And sent by any part of the Country for examination by the customer before payment of the bill. We can predict equally as large a demand for them in this section as in others. Families desiring the best Machine manufactured should write direct to the Factory, and enterprising persons wishing to seize the chance should apply for so desirable an agency. See advertisement in another part of this paper. Address Standard Machine Co., Cor. Broadway and Clinton Place, New York.

New To-day.

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