THE ASHLAND TIDINGS
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## ASHLAND COLLEGE AND NORMAL SCHOOL.

Sometime ago it was announced through the TIDINGS that the Ashland Academy property was about to pass into the possession of the M. E. Conference and that school was to be opened in September. At that time the property had not been transferred to the Conference, but the friends of the movement to secure it for the M. E. Church had enough of the amount necessary to a purchase subscribed to place the matter beyond a peradventure, as they thought, and to warrant them in making the announcement mentioned. Since that time much apprehension has been felt that the Academy would be allowed to be idle during another season. Now, however, we can assure our readers that the opening of the school next September under able management is positively assured.

On Monday evening last, at a meeting of citizens held in the Academy building, it was made known that of the $3,700 to be raised before the building could be bought $900 was still wanting. Of this amount nearly $400 was raised before the meeting adjourned and the remainder by noon on Tuesday. The actual purchase of the property will be made as soon as one-third of the amount is collected, which may be done at any time without the slightest difficulty.

The management of the institution was placed by the last Quarterly Conference (which met on Tuesday) in the hands of a board of trustees consisting of the following named gentlemen: Prof. L. L. Rogers, (President, elect) Messrs. J. S. McCain, W. T. Chapman, A. G. Rocktellow, Clark Taylor, Jacob Wagner, John Walker, W. H. Atkinson and G. F. Billings. These names are sufficient to inspire confidence in the successful management of the school, and the business already transacted by the board is regarded with great satisfaction by all who are interested in its success.

The grade of the school will be raised to that of a college, and a normal department and a commercial department will be added. The board of trustees have succeeded in prevailing upon Professor L. L. Rogers, a graduate of one of the Eastern universities, and an educator well known in Oregon and California, to accept the position of President of the institution which is styled, "The Ashland College and Normal School," and will confer regular degrees in each of the courses, classical, normal and commercial. The Board are exceedingly fortunate in being able to secure for the Presidency of the college a gentleman whose ability, character and attainments render him so eminently qualified for the position, and we feel assured that success in this promising field for a young college would be attained by none more readily than by him. A full corps of competent assistants will support the President, and in due time the regular announcement of the opening of the college will appear, with such information as may be desired by those who may contemplate availing themselves of its advantages.

With the opening presented in this section for such an institution of learning, we have no doubt that an endowment fund may be raised which will place the college upon a firm foundation, and enable it to take rank with the highest on the Pacific coast.

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The New York Graphic gives some advice to Grant. It is this: "DEAR GENERAL—It is now generally reported that the politicians are trying to hoodoo you into becoming a mere figure head for them to hurrah over on the grand monster excursion contemplated as a welcome of your arrival in San Francisco. They only want to use you as a stone to grind their axe on. Now, just you make a landing at San Diego, scoot quietly across the continent by the Southern route and leave the Northern office seekers up North out in the cold. The people will see the point at once, and, if making popular capital is your lay, that ought to be your little game."

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Chief Joseph's success as a lecturer is not as flattering as he might desire. A special from La Salle, Ill., to the Chicago Tribune says: "Chief Joseph has been lecturing here in the interest of his people, but has not met with much encouragement."

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A Montana paper says next year's census will show a population in that territory exceeding 40,000. In 1870 the population was 20,595.

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William Lloyd Garrison, the famous anti-slavery agitator, died in New York on the 24th inst, at the age seventy-five years.

## A GLOOMY VIEW.

The Portland Standard of the 22d contains a leader upon the railroad prospects of Oregon, in which a dismal view is taken of the effect which the advent of Gould's enterprise and power will have upon the prosperity of our state. The writer fears that Gould will in a short time control the transportation business of the whole state, if not the whole Northwest, and crush the energies of our young commonwealth beneath the oppression of exorbitant charges. The dismal picture is presented as follows:

"We start off with the hypothesis expressed by the *Inland Empire*, that the O. S. N Co.'s chief owners are all rich, all getting old and tired of hard work, and are desirous of leading an easy and comfortable old age. They will not run a single boat in opposition to a railroad train if they can help it; and the day will surely come when Gould will control the Columbia trade unless the Northern Pacific gets ahead of him.

With Jay Gould in possession of the steamships plying between here and California, our river boats, and all the important railroads in our State, we fear, in fact almost know, that the "grinding monopoly" now complained of will be like the opposition days on the Sacramento river when a passenger got his dinner for nothing, compared with the high rates that will be demanded by Oregon's master. "Master" is a bitter word to write, but so surely as Jay Gould gets control of the O S N. Co. the State which boasts of flying with its own wings will find itself a close prisoner in the toils of a money making New Yorker. What will Jay Gould, far off in New York, care for our complaints, our indignation or crippled condition so long as money pours into his coffers? He will ride Oregon like the old man of the sea who bestrode Sinbad, and we doubt if he can be ever shaken off. The public press and the people may fight him till the crack of doom, but it will in no wise destroy the serenity of his smile nor loosen his hold at our throat. The fair State of Oregon will have been made a captive by a keen stock gambler, and must, perforce, pay the penalty of an annual tribute until time, the destroyer of all things, gives back our freedom."

With the possession of all the important railroads in the state, Jay Gould might be able to exact a heavy tariff from the industries of Oregon, and certainly no one thinks him capable of surrendering for the public welfare any advantage which will enable him to add to his vast wealth, but Oregon's fields "are not a spoil for him." There is a vast difference between a long stretch of desert land over which a railroad runs to make a highway between distant markets and a land which is fast opening an extensive and inviting field for a system of competing railroads. The Union Pacific is now a grand monopoly, but Jay Gould can not hope to find the monopoly business as good in Oregon as upon the plains between Omaha and Ogden; the conditions of the two sections are totally different. In northern Oregon he will find a formidable rival in the Northern Pacific railroad, and in Southern Oregon the interests of the Central Pacific will in all probability be sustained with resources and ability equal to his own, should he essay a contest. Even should the Central Pacific decline to enter the arena, the people of Southern Oregon can bid defiance to Jay Gould. There are good harbors on the coast of Oregon, and already there is discussed, with more than idle talk, the project of narrow gauge roads from the fertile valleys of the interior to the broad waters of the Pacific, where monopoly could not follow us. Not only does our position give us security and protection from the iron heel of any "grinding monopoly" in the hands of any railroad magnate; it does more. It gives us prospect of help from outside the state which will build us railroads sooner than we should be likely to build them for ourselves. Let narrow gauge roads be run from the Umpqua and Rogue river valleys to the coast, and our trade will be lost to both the U. P. and C. P. roads. It is presumable that the managers of these roads are able to see this, and that if they also see a determination upon our part to help ourselves in the matter, they will not be long in coming forward to protect their own interests. Oregon may have to wait a few years yet for railroad facilities, notwithstanding the recent stir within her borders, but she is not the field for any oppressive and lasting monopoly.

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The New York Sun has brought out the name of Hon. Stephen J. Field, of California, Justice of the United States Supreme Court, as the most available candidate among the Democracy for President of the United States.

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Portland papers are complaining of the arrival of numerous Celestials from California since the adoption of the new constitution, and are anticipating a rush when the new instrument goes into effect.

The Chicago Tribune puts it in this way: "Why, see here! It was the north that went out of the union, and we are still a horde of ununbdued rebels resisting the appeals of the union-loving south to come back."

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### Real Estate Transactions.

The following have been recorded in the County Clerk's office since our last report:

T. W Thompson to P J Ryan, same premises as above Consideration, $80

J. M. Hoxie to J. A. Crain, 200 acres in Eden precinct. Consideration $300

Enoch Gale to Mr. Pruitt, 160 acres in Mound precinct. Consideration, $800.

S. D. Van Dyke to Lair Patterson, premises in Ashland. Consideration, $160.

Wesley Mitchell to Lair Patterson, premises in Ashland. Consideration, $120.

C H Hoxie to E. E. Gore, his interest in above premises. Consideration, $1.

J. Elliott and wife to S. C. Taylor, 80 acres in Eden precinct Consideration, $160

S C. Taylor and wife to A. M. Elliott, 80 acres in Eden precinct. Consideration, $160.

G. W. Hoxie to E. E. Gore, his interest in premises in Eden precinct. Consideration, $1.

J A. Cardwell and wife to W. T. Thompson, parcel of land in Cardwell's addition. Consideration, $80.

Jas. A. Cardwell and wife to P. J Ryan, parcel of land in Cardwell's addition to Jacksonville. Consideration, $400

An administrator's deed from M. A. Houston to Alex. Martin and a Sheriff's deed from Wm Bybee to Wm. Huffman have been recorded; also U S. patents to John Cardwell, W. S Bybee, Dan Cardwell G. W. Fordyce and Wm. Wright.

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