

THE ASHLAND TIDINGS.

FRIDAY, JAN. 2, 1880.

Lines of Travel.

The O. & C. stages leave Ashland as follows: Going north, at 7 A. M.; going south, at 6 P. M.

WEATHER REPORT.

The following is the weather report furnished us by H. C. Hill, for the week ending Dec. 31st. Thermometer recorded at 6 A. M. and 12 M.

Table with 3 columns: DATE, WEATHER, THERMETER. Rows show weather conditions (Clear, Cloudy) and temperatures for Dec 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31.

FOR SALE OR TO LET.—The building now occupied by Dr. Chitwood as a drug store, on Main street, Ashland. For particulars see C. K. KLUM.

NOTICE.—All persons indebted to B. F. Reeser by note or account must settle by January 1st, 1880. I must have money. [27-4] B. F. REESER.

NOTICE.—Those having accounts with Butler & Rockefeller are hereby notified that a settlement must be made by January 1st, 1880.

BUTLER & ROCKEFELLOW.

HORSE AND BUGGY FOR SALE.—A good horse and buggy will be sold upon reasonable terms for cash or upon credit with good security. For particulars apply at this office.

HOMESTEAD NOTICES.—Settlers can have their notices of final proof published in the TIDINGS at the lowest rates by simply requesting the officers of the Land Office to send them to us.

COATES—CARSON.—Miss Nora Carson, who formerly resided in Ashland, was last week married to Mr. L. O. Coates, of Fort Jones. Her many friends here wish her joy and long-continued happiness and prosperity. We acknowledge compliments.

NOTICE TO SHEEP MEN.—From 1,000 to 3,000 head of sheep will be wintered with feed and shelter until May, if required, for one-half. No band of scabby or diseased sheep will be taken. For particulars apply to Jasper Houck, at the Ashland House, Ashland, O. n.

SEND IN THE BOOKS.—Those who have offered to give books to the Ashland Library and Reading Room Association, are requested to leave them at the room of the Association in Masonic Hall, as the Library Committee have prepared shelves for them, and the room is now open for use.

ORDER OF EASTERN STAR.—The members of the Masonic order living in this neighborhood, with their wives and daughters, and all those eligible to membership, who are interested in the organization of an Eastern Star lodge in Ashland, are requested to meet in the lodge room of Masonic Hall to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

TEMPER LAW PENALTY.—The Douglas county Independent says: "Joseph Reiser, taken below last week for cutting timber on railroad lands, was fined \$100 by Judge Deady. It must be said of him that he had performed all that was in his power to comply with the law prior to his arrest, and if he committed an offense against the laws it was because he was wrongfully informed as to his duty in the premises."

NEW MUSIC.—We have received from the popular music emporium of M. Gray, 117 Post Street, San Francisco, the latest instrumental piece on the catalogue, "Christmas Bells," by F. B. Soviez; price 50 cents. Mr. Gray has just published a special list of new compositions for the piano, which is selected and graded with particular reference to the wants of teachers and pupils. The list will be sent to anyone upon application.

OFFICERS ELECTED.—At a meeting of Oregon Chapter, No. 14, R. A. M., at Jacksonville last week the following officers were elected: T. G. Reeser, H. P. M. Hanley, King, A. M. Berry, Scribe; D. Linn, Captain of the Host; W. Jackson, Sojourner; C. C. Beckman, Royal Arch Captain; T. T. McKenzie, Master 3d Veil; H. C. Hill, Master 2d Veil; N. Fisher, Master 1st Veil; Max Miller, Secretary; Conrad Mingus, Treasurer.

TURKEYS AND DUCKS.—Bro. Bird, of the Yreka Union, has his last paper filled up with acknowledgments of turkeys, ducks and geese sent in to his office as Christmas presents. We had left room for such matter in our columns, but had to fill up with items upon the weather. Well, Christmas will come around again. By the way, these ninnyards who have been shooting so many wild ducks may have slaughtered all they report, but we will never believe it until we see some of them.

COMPARATIVE OPPORTUNITIES.—A gentleman who recently came to Ashland to live after having spent several winters upon a farm in the Willamette valley, speaking of want of market and other disadvantages urged against our valley, says that the farmers here receive a higher price for almost every kind of produce than the Willamette farmers can get. Grain alone is an exception to the rule, and he thinks a judicious business manager could make more profit upon the average farm here than in the Willamette.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Date your letters "1880." St. Valentine's Day next. Chas. Hagaline started last Monday for Lakeview.

Entertainment at Good Templars lodge to-night. Supreme Court of Oregon convenes next Wednesday.

Change your school readers and spellers before the 7th. Mr. L. F. Willits and wife were visiting Ashland this week.

A law department has been added to the Willamette University. Eggs sell at 50 cents per dozen at Fort Jones; butter, 35 to 40 cents.

An exchange says that it is an infallible remedy for scab on sheep. John Mack has lost a number of his Angora goats on Little Applegate.

The ice crop is bountiful. There should be no scarcity next summer. Link Helman, left Ashland last Saturday for a visit to Sasts valley, Cal.

The 13th, 14th and 15th of May are the days set for the Jacksonville races. Mr. W. F. Songer has missed about fifty sheep from his band since the storm.

Mr. C. H. Schoff, of Big Butte, has been spending the holidays in Ashland. A number of months are seen without their accustomed cigar stum, a this morning.

Good skating has been furnishing sport for the young folks of the Willamette valley. About forty hogs were slaughtered at the Eagle Mill on Tuesday, one of which weighed 424.

Miss Ella M. Cloud, who has been visiting friends in this valley, returned home this week.

B. R. Willits and wife came in from Kean creek last week, and spent the holidays in Ashland.

Prof. W. T. Lecke has an evening writing class at his residence, holding two meetings a week.

On December 1st there were 266 inmates at the Oregon Insane Asylum, 192 males and 74 females.

The Wells boys have as yet failed to find their lost sheep, but John Walker's band proves to be safe.

Mrs. Jas. Thornton, who has been quite ill, has, we are pleased to note, regained her usual health.

There is talk of a leap year ball in Ashland on St. Valentine's Day, or at some time not very far distant.

For sale at a bargain—a good Taylor & Farley organ. For particulars inquire of J. D. Fountain, Ashland.

Thatcher & Worden are ready to wait upon customers in the new store with an excellent assortment of goods.

Three Douglas county horse-thieves, McCormick, Shafer, and Cobb, have been sentenced to the penitentiary.

The officers of Ashland Lodge, F. & A. M. elected for the ensuing year, were installed last Saturday evening.

Begin the new year by sending the TIDINGS to your eastern friends who are interested in you and your locality.

We are indebted to Times, the printer, of Portland, for a handsome calendar, bearing a fine engraving of himself.

W. S. Moore, the new postmaster at Linkville, will put up a number of new lock boxes in the postoffice at that place.

B. F. Myer is recovering as rapidly as could be expected from the injuries received from his fall from the barn roof.

The Yreka Journal says that one herder on Butte Creek, Cal., has lost over 800 head of sheep since the severe storm set in.

Notice the new advertisement of B. F. Reeser and remember that he offers to sell goods to cash customers for cost and freight.

If any of our subscribers should chance to drop in upon us and remind us that a new year has begun, we would take it kindly.

The citizens of Ashland of the vicinity propose building an academy at Jerome Prairie, Josephine county, next season.

The water has been against the Old Fellows' building. First rain, then frost has kept the brick-masons from finishing their work.

Madame Holt, of the Franco-American Hotel, at Jacksonville, kept an open house for the entertainment of her friends on New Year's day.

The Yreka Union says Maurice Renner has been made treasurer of so many societies and corporations, that he is now called "Old Stability."

The Board of Commissioners of Lake county offer a reward of \$250 for the apprehension and surrender of John Purdy, the desperado.

A fire at Monmouth on the 19th destroyed nearly all the business houses of the town. The loss is estimated at \$10,000, with no insurance.

O. Coolidge brought in nineteen quails from a hunt on Christmas day. This is the best score we have heard of among the Ashland crack shots.

Andy Davidson started for Yreka this week with a load of hams, shoulders, corn meal, and other Regue River products from Jacksonville.

The chicken pox has made its appearance in Ashland. All the children in B. F. Reeser's family have had it, and we hear of one or two other cases.

For next job printing of all descriptions send your orders to the Tidings office, where they will receive prompt and satisfactory attention.

Sixty-seven marriage licenses were issued by the County Clerk of Jackson county during 1879; and 332 deeds and 92 mortgages have been recorded.

Don't let the Crescent City wagon road project fail for lack of what aid it may be in your power to give. The road would be of great value to this valley.

It is reported that the thermometer marked 26° below zero at Fort Klamath last week. The snow is four or five feet deep, and about three feet at the Agency.

A man named Swinger while out hunting in the mountains near Canyonville one day recently, lost his way, and spent two days and nights wandering about in the snow.

Patterson & Co., have saved about 90,000 feet of lumber at the Butte creek mill since they took possession. Their Ashland mill cannot be run on account of ice.

Many sheep are dying in some portions of Jackson county, and if the severe weather continue, the loss to sheep owners of the county will amount to thousands of dollars.

The Sentinel says there are at least three opium dens in Jacksonville, frequented almost nightly by the young men of that place, and calls upon the authorities to close them up.

If the icy pavements have cut your shoe leather to such an extent as to make repairs or a renewal necessary, call at Nutley's shoe shop and be made happy by new soles or new boots.

R. M. Garrett brought to Jacksonville, one day recently, a nugget of gold mixed with quartz worth about \$106. It was taken from the claim of John Meldrum on the Garberry Fork of Applegate.

A very pleasant social dance was enjoyed by a select party in the large room of the Masonic building last Saturday evening. An excellent oyster supper was furnished at the Ashland House by Mr. Houck.

The New Year's Eve ball in Hick's Hall was not as well attended as was anticipated, but the merry party danced till morning, and were well satisfied with the night's enjoyment. The supper was one of Houck's best.

A warm south wind began to blow over the mountains Thursday morning and this morning the snow has so far disappeared that the bare ground is seen upon all the hillsides facing the valley. Stock men are rejoicing.

The Mercury at Lakeview went down to 14° below zero last week, and the snow in Goose Lake valley was about 12 inches deep. The (local) says many bands of cattle have been driven to "the desert," where there are bushes for browse.

The champion eater regarded his reliable appetite at the Masonic supper upon 27 biscuits, half a pound of butter, a plateful of boiled turkey, a two-pound cream pie, six cups of coffee and an unrecorded amount of pastry and confections.

Intense cold weather is reported from Eastern Oregon and Washington territory. At Umatilla, on the Upper Columbia, the thermometer reported 11° below zero; Celib, 3° below, Casades, 9° below; Wallula, 19° below, and The Dalles 5° below.

The holidays have taken their place among the days that have been and are not, and people are beginning to settle down to regular business again with a feeling of relief at the thought that they are not compelled to be always engaged in public merriment.

At the regular meeting last Sunday morning the Union Sunday School elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Superintendent, Prof. W. I. Nichols; Assistant Superintendent, J. Q. Willits; Treasurer, W. W. Kentner; Organist, Miss Susie Hill.

The cold nights have caused the water to freeze so in the flans of the woolen factory that power enough could be had to run the machinery. This makes Bro. Andrews mad. He has to skip along the flume like a water spider and clean out the ice with his little shovel.

One of our young merchants received a leather necklace and charm from Linkville yesterday with the explanation that it was awarded him by the Lake County Lying Club for being the champion liar of Southern Oregon. The prize came by mail, and there was twenty-four cents due.

The Enterprise says that over two and a half million of salmon eggs have been hatched at the hatching establishment on the Clackamas River, near Oregon City. Unusually good luck has attended the efforts of Mr. Hubbard this year. Several lots of young fish have already been turned into the river.

H. F. Phillips had two sleighs made at Linkville, which will be used upon the mail route between Ashland and that place, instead of the buckboards. Until a thaw comes, the sleighs will be run the entire distance, and the snow on the mountains will allow of their use on part of the route for a long time.

Since the Good Templars of Ashland secured the use of the handsome and comfortable Masonic lodge room for their meetings, they have been receiving many accessions to their numbers, and the lodge has bright prospects. Arrangements have been made for literary and musical as well as social entertainment every Friday evening.

The Best Shoe for December has reached us, and we find it a very interesting number. The publisher promises important improvements in the prospectus for 1880, one of which is the increase in size of the journal, which will contain one-third more reading matter than at present.

People who make the trip from this place to Linkville in their own conveyances and take two or three days for it, don't understand how the stage can be driven through in a day. A look at the broken axles, whippletrees, etc., when the mail comes in would throw some light on the matter.

The cold wave that sent the mercury down to zero here has been felt all over the continent. The people of the Bay City have been wrapping their ears and making fun of each other's red noses, and in the east the cold has been intense, northern Iowa and Minnesota shivering to the tune of 56° and 58° below zero.

Gen. Jas. H. Turner, editor of the Best Oregonian, killed a sheep herder named Strobe in a saloon at Pendleton one day last week. A dispatch says General Turner bears a good reputation all through the country as a talented lawyer and an honest, upright man, and is respected by every one. Strobe was not of good character.

D. W. Prentice & Co., of Portland, send out a Christmas greeting to dealers in sheet music and musical instruments, in which special mention is made of the favorite Mansfield & Notni upright pianos and their rapid gain upon popular favor in Oregon. The handsome instrument of Prof. Kugler, of Jacksonville, which has attracted much notice, is of this make.

Rev. W. H. Klyce, pastor of Jacksonville circuit, M. E. Church, South, announces the following as his appointments for the ensuing conference year: First Sunday in each month, at Jacksonville in the morning, Heber Grove in the afternoon at three o'clock; second Sunday, at Phoenix (Colver's Hall) at 11 A. M.; third Sunday, at Brownsborough at 11 A. M.; and Antelope at 3 in the afternoon; fourth Sunday at Antioch at 11 A. M.

NEW YEAR CALLS.—A number of the Ashland young ladies were prepared to receive callers yesterday, and several of their gentlemen friends went the round to exchange the compliments of the day. A general good time is reported, and the objection which is urged with good reason in large cities against the wining excesses indulged in by New Year callers cannot be charged against the Ashlandites.

READY FOR BUSINESS.—In another column will be found the card of Dr. J. M. Taylor, who has his handsome dental rooms in Masonic Hall furnished and ready for use, and he may be found at his office ready to attend to patients at business hours. The Doctor has not all of his furniture yet, but when his arrangements are completed he will have as handsome and comfortable a suite of rooms as any dentist in Southern Oregon.

THE YREKA CREEK.—Mr. Cranston, one of the projectors of the new Yreka Creek enterprise, has been in town this week endeavoring to effect arrangements by which the new corporation, the Yreka Ditch Company, can go on with the enterprise. Where he cannot buy on account of price he is trying to purchase the rights of way for flumes, etc., through the lands, as soon as he can effect the necessary arrangements, he will report to the company, and if they consider it satisfactory, work will probably be commenced at once, by setting men to work enlarging the big ditch.

METEOROLOGICAL.—The annual issue of Prof. Tice's "Weather Forecasts and an American Almanac for 1880," is out, and we learn that the first edition of over 20,000 copies was called for within eight days of its publication, and a second larger one put to press. It is fuller and more specific in its weather prognostications for 1880 than formerly, and a variety of subjects of interest, such as plagues and the astronomical relations thereto, heat and sunspots, cyclones, facts for foretelling the weather, etc., are discussed. Copy can be obtained by enclosing 20 cents to Thompson, Tice & Livingston, St. Louis, Mo.

FALLING ROOFS.—Reports come from various sections of the roofs of buildings being broken by the heavy weight of snow last week, but we have heard of no serious accidents. At Jacksonville S. Booth's barn fell with a large quantity of hay, and five horses were under it, but fortunately escaped injury. The Scott Valley News says: "The stock barn of Michael Lighthill came down with all his cattle and horses under it. They were extricated and found to be all safe except one horse, which was crippled, though not permanently. The stock sheds of David Horn, on the Island, also succumbed to the tremendous weight and fell upon a large band of cattle, killing one steer outright and injuring another so badly that it had to be slaughtered."

A LEAP FOR LIBERTY.—One day last week Mr. Billings shut his dog up in the Eagle mill, and the consequences were of a startling character. The dog resented the indignity of being imprisoned without due process of law, and doubtless determined in his cranium that he would have "liberty or death." He ran to the lot of the mill and deliberately jumped through the glass window, taking a portion of the sash with him as he went. As M. Tustin said about a similar experience of his, "he didn't want the sash run off, but he found it most convenient to take it." After he left the mill, he had about fifty feet of clear sailing, then he struck ice on the mill race, and, breaking through that, ended off his ar in the icy water of the race. Kill the dog! No; only dunk one leg, and he has three left to walk on.

FLATTERING.—The Ashland College and Normal school is prospering grandly with about one hundred and thirty students in attendance. Some very necessary improvements have been made in the building, which contribute largely to the comfort and success of the school. The Faculty are laboring earnestly, and meeting with great success. With a little more help from the Catholic Seminary, they will make it a first-class institution.

OREGON WOOL.—A circular from the heaviest wool dealers in New York, informs us that Oregon wool rates higher in that market than any on this coast or in Texas, California, Texas and territory wool runs in price from 17 to 35 cents, while our wool is quoted along with the Southern States at from 34 to 40 cents. This speaks well for our state, and we hope our sheep raisers will pay such attention to the preparation of their wool for market that we may always excel other parts of this coast and soon equal the eastern states.

COASTING.—A number of the fun-loving boys of Ashland have been coasting upon the steep hillsides about town with Norwegian snow shoes. These dangerous looking shoes are made of boards about four inches wide and ten or twelve feet long, turned up at the front. About the middle of each is a strap for the toe and block for the heel of the boot. The coaster guides himself with a long pole, and with a little experience can walk up hill quite easily. The descent, upon a steep incline, is swift as the wind, and, the boys say, "takes the wind all out of a fellow."

VETERAN OF 1812 GONE.—The Roseburg Independent reports the death in that place last Saturday week of Father Alan Day. Mr. Day was 84 years of age. In the war of 1812 he was a sergeant and fought against the British. He was in the service when Perry fought and won his memorable victory upon the lakes, and so close was he to the scene of the battle that he heard the guns and saw the smoke of the contending fleets. He was on the pension list of veterans of the war of 1812, when living, and an object of veneration and respect by every one who loves his country.

REPORTED LOST.—On the 15th ult., says the Oregonian, Mr. Henry Coleman, a partner of Col. Joseph Teal in the stock business, left Eugene, taking the old military road to Prineville, Wasco county. Since that time not a word has been heard of him directly or indirectly, and fears for his safety are entertained. Colonel Teal sent a messenger to the ranch one day last week to ascertain his whereabouts and nothing has been heard of him at that point. Alarmed by his continued absence a large party of citizens from Prineville started to hunt for him last Saturday with what success has not been announced.

FROZEN TO DEATH.—A German named E. Penning was frozen to death in the woods about thirteen miles from East Portland on Christmas Eve. He worked in Portland and his family lived in the woods about fifteen miles distant. On Wednesday morning he started for home with a bundle of toys and presents for his little ones, and eager to reach home, thought to shorten the distance by taking a "cut-off" through the woods. He lost his way, and after wandering about till night, and when within two miles of home, sank exhausted and was frozen to death. On Christmas morning his family went out to meet him on the road, and found him with the toys for his little ones still in his bag.

TERRIBLE TRAGEDY AT ORLEANS BAR.—Report reached Etna yesterday, says the Journal, of a terrible tragedy at Orleans Bar, the county seat of old Klamath county, and now belonging to Humboldt. It appears that an Indian had some trouble with a man named Henry Scott, a man of a family, whom he was cutting savagely with a knife when Jas. Osborne, a young man, attempting to interfere, was cut in the lower part of the neck, causing his instant death. Scott is also believed to be dangerously wounded and liable to die. The citizens immediately seized the Indian, hung him up, and rattled his body with bullets. Scott, we believe, was formerly District Attorney of Klamath county, and a worthy citizen. Osborne is a brother-in-law of S. H. Birdsall, the Sawyer's Bar merchant, aged about 25, and a highly respected young man, who follows the occupation of packing. We have been unable to gain any particulars as to the cause or reason of the Indian committing the deadly assault.

DREADFUL CATASTROPHE.—It is reported that the schooner Mary D. Pomeroy, owned at Crescent City, and which has been engaged in the trade between that port and San Francisco for a short time, while on the way down the coast was capsized off Point Reyes last Sunday, and all on board lost. There were two officers, six sailors and twelve passengers. The crew consisted of A. Scott, master; Nelson, mate; Janz Francis, Andrew Anderson, Edward Hansen, Anton Olsen and John Hansen, seamen. Frances, the cook, was the only married man. He leaves a wife and one child. The cook and all of the seamen were Norwegians. This was Captain Scott's first trip to the Pomeroy. He lost the schooner May Queen at Crescent City on the 13th of last month. The names of only three of the passengers are known, David Pomeroy, of Hobbs & Pomeroy, of San Francisco, one-half owners of the schooner, and two men named E. S. Wood and Wm. Tucker, of Crescent City. Mr. Pomeroy leaves a wife and four children in San Francisco. The Pomeroy was a new vessel, built last June for the coast trade. She was insured for \$3,500.

Realistic Romance at Linkville.

A correspondent sent us the following one day last week: The sublime serenity of Linkville was disturbed to-day by an amusing episode in "the course of true love" between a romantic young couple, who, in the unconquerable resolve to plunge into the "seas of matrimony," have been waiting impatiently for the arrival of the license, which had been sent for sometime previously.

The delay in the arrival of the license was galling in the extreme to the impatient lovers, but proved of great benefit to the many boarders at the hotel, who, when having business at the postoffice or at Forbes' saloon, always found a good path, no matter how deeply the snow may have fallen the evening before. So, everybody was satisfied, except the postmaster, who was constantly haunted by the apparition of the anxious face of the impatient young man at the window.

Finally, both the postmaster and lover were relieved by the receipt of a letter which answered the description of the long-lost-for-missive. Beside himself with joy, the young man rushed across to the hotel to tell her it had come. On opening the envelope, the lovers found a license, indeed, but their bright anticipations suddenly fled, upon the discovery that it was one of Forbes' old liquor licenses, which "the boys" had sent them, instead of the document so ardently hoped for. It was a terrible blow to the youthful heart of the enamored swain, but, being possessed of great determination of character, he at once formed a plan for carrying the mad off to California, where they could be married without a license.

So, this fine morning, in company with another party, he drove up to the hotel, in a sleigh, and leaving his companion to hold the horses, went in and inquired for the damsel's mother. She appeared, and with a bold heart he told her that he intended to carry her daughter away. He had hoped for a mild acquiescence in his plans, but he had reckoned without his host. The prospective mother-in-law remonstrated with her daughter, but, failing to make any impression upon her constant heart, directed her efforts toward making an impression on the young man's head, after the most approved pugilistic fashion. She pummeled him thoroughly, notwithstanding his cries of "Help! Help! Take her off," etc., and finished up with a "beer tapper" on the end of his nose. Then she let him go, and he made for the sleigh, whither the young lady had preceded him, and drove off, thankful that there was enough of him left to exorcise all mother-in-law. He was conqueror in the main chance, but his reputation as a warrior is on the decline, and it is the general opinion that he will not attempt to vindicate his courage in another encounter with the mother-in-law.

Entertainment at the M. E. church. A large audience assembled at the Methodist church last evening, and the entertainment was enjoyable throughout. It consisted largely of vocal music, and a care and labor which must have been bestowed upon the preparation of the many excellent pieces reflects great credit upon the zeal of those who thus expended much of the precious time of the holidays.

Owing to the absence of some of the intended participants in the exercises, some changes were made in the programme as printed. The exercises began with an impressive anthem, "Father, O Hear us," by Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. J. Q. Willits, Misses Kate Thornton and Lou Willits, and Messrs. Rush Willits and Charles Carey. Prof. Rogers next offered a short prayer, and the following excellent programme was then presented: Duette, "Music and the Sister Song," by Misses Lou Willits and Kate Thornton; reading, "Wounded," by Prof. Lecke; Medley Quartette, by Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. Billings, Prof. Rogers and J. S. Eubanks, Jr.; recitation, "The Wedding Fee," by Maggie Brown; solo, "The King and the Miller," by B. Rush Willits; charade, "Curel," by Mrs. Laura Anderson, and Messrs. A. T. Wright, C. C. Walker, D. Herzen and Earl Rogers; solo, "Milk Maid's Marriage Song," by Miss Lou Willits; recitation, "The Quack Doctor," by D. C. Earhart; quartette, "Poor Old Joe," by Prof. Rogers, J. Q. and Rush Willits and Chas. Carey; recitation, "The Ladies," by Miss Nettie Wagner; duette, "Auntie's Bow," by Miss Lou and J. Q. Willits; Canticle Lecture, by Miss Maggie Howell and John Stanley; trio, "Further On," by Prof. Rogers, J. Q. and B. R. Willits; recitation, "To-morrow," by Miss Ada Horton; quartette, "Profession at Home," by Prof. Rogers, J. Q. Willits, Mrs. Rogers and Miss Lou Willits; Miss Susie Hill presiding at the organ concert recitation, "The Closing Year," by Messrs Ella Ritter and Lena Anderson; solo, "If I were a Voice," by Prof. Rogers.

The supper both before and after the entertainment was prepared and served in the very best style, and was well patronized. The total receipts foot up to about \$117, which will leave over \$100 net proceeds.

HENO HIMSELF.—Mr. Geo. S. Downing, under date of December 23d, sends to the Statesman the following in regard to the murderer of Sam, the hog Chinaman: "White Mr. W. W. Hunt and Charles Fry were out hunting to-day on the farm of Mr. A. Drpe, they discovered a strange object hanging to a tree, and on examination it proved to be the dead body of Chung Lien, the murderer of Sam. He was found about one mile from where the murder was committed. It is supposed that he hung himself the next day after committing the deed, not knowing the fate that was his should he fall into the hands of his countrymen. A small cord was used for the purpose which was fastened to a limb about ten feet from the ground. To accomplish his purpose it was necessary for him to climb the tree, fasten the cord, slip down the trunk and strangle himself to death. Death in this way must have been very slow in coming to his relief. The county is assessed a big bill of costs in trying a murderer."

ROUTER READING.—Some writer has said that one hour's judicious reading every day for ten years would make any ordinary person well informed and intelligent. Of course, the kind of information gained will depend upon the books chosen, and the hours may be spent in absorbing the idle dreams of light, trashy literature without bringing much benefit to the reader; but the standard works of literature will give culture as well as pleasure to the careful reader, will enlarge his scope of thought and raise his aspirations. The reliable newspapers of the day will repay perusal not only with a knowledge of the important events that transpire in every quarter of the globe, but with a glimmering of every science, every theory, belief, doctrine, tradition, hope and ambition of nations and the leaders and masses of their people. A first-class news journal if regularly read is an education in itself, and while not giving a thorough mastery of any special branch of human knowledge or thought, opens the door and beckons the way to the heights of learning and culture. Nearly everyone could find at least one spare hour for reading in every twenty-four, and many who have more spare hours than they can while away agreeably never think of sitting down with a book or paper if they can find anything else to do. Young men should cultivate a taste for good reading and form a habit of spending some time each day if possible in thus improving the mind. The reading room about to be opened in our town offers the greatest inducements and excellent opportunities for mental culture, and we hope to see our boys patronize it regularly.

ACCIDENTAL HOMICIDE.—Joseph Hess, a stock raiser of Little Butte precinct, was killed on Yankee creek on Monday, the 28th inst., under very singular circumstances, the details of which were related to us by W. K. Reeves, who was the innocent cause of the homicide. It appears that Hess and Reeves, who are brothers-in-law, were felling timber on the range for browse for cattle. Both men were chopping at the same tree, Hess on the lower side, and the latter becoming tired a change of position was made. The first blow made by Reeves struck Hess' eye, causing him to stagger forward, and the snow being slippery he could not recover himself, but received the full force of Reeves' second blow, the bit of the axe striking him just above the temple and entering deeply into the brain. The unfortunate man died almost instantly, and Reeves started at once for Jacksonville to summon the coroner. Hess was formerly from Yavhill county, was about 75 years of age, but in vigorous health. He leaves a large family.—Sentinel.

A social dance will be given in the Masonic lodge room to-night. Supper will be served in the lower part of the building by the ladies of the M. E. church.

Real Estate Transactions. The following have been recorded in the County Clerk's office since our last report: Wagner, Anderson & Co. to McCall & Baum, property in Ashland. Consideration, \$45.

E. J. Farlow to H. T. Inlow, land in Ashland. Consideration, \$100.

Religious Notices. UNION SABBATH SCHOOLS.—Every Sunday morning at 10 o'clock in the Presbyterian church. A cordial invitation extended to all.

MARRIED. BAR—HEARD.—At the residence of bride's parents, Dec. 24th, 1879, in Yreka, A. H. Bar of Callahans, to Miss Nellie Heard.

ROE—McDONOUGH.—Dec. 25, 1879, at the residence of bride's parents, by Judge S. J. Day, Mr. Marcellus Roe and Miss Helen McDonough, all of Jackson county.

BORN. SAAGS.—To the wife of G. W. Isaacs, of Little Butte, Dec. 8th, 1879, a son, NICO. EPHSON.—At Walds, Dec. 28th, 1879, to the wife of F. M. Nickerson, a son.

SPECIAL NOTICES. Duo and I mely Notice! All persons knowing themselves indebted to the undersigned are notified that their accounts must be settled, by note or otherwise, by January, 1880. J. M. McCALL & CO. ASHLAND, Dec. 16th, 1879. [27-3]

SUMMONS. In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Jackson. Susan N. Modisette, Plaintiff, vs. Benjamin N. Modisette, Defendant; suit in equity for a divorce. To Benjamin N. Modisette, the above named defendant: In the name of the state of Oregon: You are hereby required to appear in said court and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit, in which Susan N. Modisette is plaintiff and Benjamin N. Modisette is defendant, on the first day of the next term of the above entitled court, to-wit: On the second Monday, the 9th day, of February, 1880. And if you fail so to answer, for want thereof, the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief prayed for in the complaint, which is: That the marriage contract between the plaintiff and defendant be dissolved, and that the care and custody of the children of said marriage be awarded to the plaintiff, and that the defendant pay the costs and disbursements of this suit.

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