THE ASHLAND TIDINGS

FRIDAY ..... JUNE 25, 1880.

EAGLE POINT.

The stranger who visits the growing village of the Little Butte country at this time of year will be pleased with the bright and thrifty appearance of the town, and if he has heard of the "awful stickiness" of the soil and expects to see houses and people and fences covered with an inerasable coating of adobe, will be very agreeably disappointed. On all hands are appearances of comfort and good taste on the part of the citizens. The houses are neat and well kept, the gardens in the central part of the village, irrigated from the mill race by an ingenious contrivance in the shape of large, picturesque water wheels, are green and flourishing, and, altogether, the town presents an inviting appearance. It is favorably situated, being in the midst of an extensive agricultural and grazing country, and with a continuance of the public spirit already exhibited by its leading citizens will steadily increase in business, population and prosperity. The most important business of the place is that of the flouring mill, built by Jno. Daley and sons, which has the reputation of turning out flour of the best quality. The proprietors are enterprising and energetic and deserve much credit for their influence in building up the village. Besides the mill, there are two stores, two blacksmith shops and two public houses, but no saloon—the red ribbon is seen on the coats of nearly all the young men in town.

The citizens of Eagle Point look forward to the future of their town with higher expectations, too, than to see it merely a little trading village for a secluded farming and pastoral region. Like the people of many other towns of the undeveloped portions of the state, they are hoping to hear the echoes of the locomotive whistle reverberating among the hills about them before many years. And, from what we can learn of the topography of the country, the chances appear very favorable for their valley being in the route of any road which may come in from the Lake country to strike Rogue river valley and connect with the O. & C. railroad.

It appears as though we have been mistaken about the position of the people of Ashland upon the liquor business. The saloon is now running with entire publicity, and the proprietor stalks about, master of the situation. A fine, which was imposed upon him several weeks ago by the Recorder, remains unpaid, and no move has been made to collect it. The Town Trustees tell us that they did not receive the promised support of the citizens in meeting the expenses attendant upon the legal action taken against the saloon, and concluded to let the matter drop. This is exceedingly unfortunate for the town, and if the saloon be allowed to continue as it is Ashland will in a very short time drop from its position as a refuge for rum-tempted victims, a home of security for youth, to the common plane of towns in which the liquor business is unrestricted. When this is accomplished our town will have lost a most important factor of its growth and prosperity, as will be conceded by all thinking and observant citizens who have noted the influences which have built it up. Already some of our neighbors, good citizens, who strive hard to let liquor alone, and succeed to a great extent when there is no saloon to tempt them with the pungent fumes from its doors, are seen staggering about the streets, and this is but the early fruit of the saloon. When the full harvest is gathered in, who shall count the blasted lives, who shall estimate the misery of ruined hopes and prospects. And the responsibilty cannot be charged alone upon the man who keeps the saloon. It is shared by the citizens who sustain him, or allow him to continue, in the business.

When, in the heat of the county campaign, the Jacksonville Times published the statement of a correspondent that W. H. Atkinson had made a certain attempt to defeat the building of the Odd Fellows' brick hall in Ashland, Mr. Atkinson sent a card to the Times, making a simple denial of the charge, over his own signature. The editor made a brief mention of Mr. Atkinson denying the charge, but did not do him the courtesy to publish his card. He probably thought some of his party friends would prefer to have the charge unrefuted, and no doubt the card was "crowded out by a press of more interesting matter," anyhow. We think this can hardly be called fair treatment, especially when the election was past before the card was sent for publication.

NOMINATION AT CINCINNATI.

The National Democratic convention met on Tuesday, and nominated Gen. W. S. Hancock for President on the second ballot, Thursday morning. Seymour had positively declared that he would not accept the nomination, and Tilden also announced that he did not wish to be the nominee.

Winfield Scott Hancock was born in Montgomery county, Pa., Feb. 14, 1824, and at the age of 16 entered West Point. He served as Lieutenant in the Mexican war, and was breveted for gallantry at the battles of Contreras and Cherubusco. He served in the Florida wars, and in 1859 came across the continent to California. When the Rebellion broke out he declared squarely for the Union, and did much to check the spirit of secession in California. He served all through the war, winning especial honor at South Mountain, Antietam and Gettysburg, being severely wounded at Gettysburg. He gained the rank of Major General, and was conspicuous among the military commanders of the reconstruction period. After occupying various positions in the West, he was assigned to the command of the department of the Atlantic.

CELEBRATION IN ASHLAND.

The committee of arrangements for the celebration in Ashland have decided to have it on Saturday, the 3d, instead of Monday, in order to allow those who wish to attend both the Ashland and Jacksonville celebrations. Instead of a formal oration, the Committee have decided to have short extemporaneous speeches from a number of well-known citizens, which will no doubt prove an agreeable departure from the old ruts. After the usual diversions of the day there will be a dance, commencing immediately after supper, and continuing until 12 o'clock.

SOCIETIES.

Ashland Lodge No. 189, I. O. G. T.

Meets at the new lodge room, Masonic Hall, every Friday evening at 8 o'clock P. M. Brothers and sisters in good standing are cordially invited to attend. The Temple meets every first and third Wednesday in each month.

T. O. ANDREWS, W. C. T.,
J. M. WAGNER, Secretary.

Ashland Lodge No. 23.
A. F. & A. M.,

Holds their stated communications Thursday evenings on or before the full moon. Brethren in good standing are cordially invited to attend.

W. H. ATKINSON, W. M.
J. S. EUBANKS, Sec'y.

Ashland Lodge No. 45,
I. O. O. F.,

Hold their regular meeting every Saturday evening at their hall in Ashland. Brothers in good standing are cordially invited to attend.

A. D. HELMAN, N. G.,
ED. DEPEATT, Secretary.

ALPHA CHAPTER NO. 1, O. E. S.

Will hold its stated meetings on the *First and Third Tuesday in each month,* at

MASONIC HALL, ASHLAND.

All members in good standing are invited to attend.

MRS. M. E. McCALL, W. M.
J. S. EUBANKS, SEC.