

ASHLAND TIDINGS.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 3, 1886.

EDITORIAL NOTES AND NEWS

O'Donovan Kossa has been expelled from the Fenian Brotherhood in New York. Too treacherous.

The Chicago anarchists were to be hanged today, but have succeeded in obtaining a stay of execution until the supreme court can pass upon their motion for a new trial.

The Union Iron Works of San Francisco will probably obtain the contract to build one of the new iron cruisers to be built for the U. S. navy. The price will be over a million dollars.

The Seattle Daily Press is actively urging the admission to Statehood of Washington Territory, on the ground that it now has 200,000 people, and is therefore entitled to the blessings of local self-government.

Carlied is understood to have a majority that is safe enough, but nevertheless his seat is to be contested by Thebe, the labor candidate who opposed him. Much curiosity is expressed as to the effect the contest will have upon his chance for reelection to the speakership.

Friends of Judge Walter Graham of New York are basing him for the presidential nomination on the Republican ticket, and claim that he can beat New York in favor of De La that will defeat any other Republican. Graham's political and personal integrity have never been questioned.

A terrible collision occurred at the Canyonham shaft near Wilkesbarre, Pa., last Friday an explosion of gas caused by a miner stepping into an old work-shaft chamber, a lighted lamp. Fifty-two men were injured, two fatally, and many of the rest disfigured or maimed for life.

A design for the new two-cent postage stamp to be put into circulation in January next has been selected. It is said to be one of the handsomest specimens issued by the department. The design represents the head of George Washington, in profile, on a blue tinted background.

A sensational press dispatch says John W. Young, son of Brigham, has organized a scheme to sell all the Mormon possessions in Utah and move his people to Mexico, where they can found a new state. It is reported that Young has been in New York trying to induce some one to form a syndicate and buy Utah.

A license has been issued at Chicago for a corporation to be known as the Chicago Cooperative Packing and Provision Company. The incorporators are all Knights of Labor, and it is claimed that \$50,000 has already been subscribed, with only a total of \$50,000 needed. It is expected to employ twelve hundred men.

Many people in Utah county are anxiously awaiting the sale of lands now embraced in the Unsettled Indian reservation. The state of the finest farming land in the state. The Indians having agreed to accept an allotment of their lands in severalty, the surplus will soon be disposed of by the government to settlers, it is supposed.

The Henry George progressive Democratic party in Boston and New Haven to make an iron clad oath in support of the organization, to assist in securing the polls, use all legitimate means to secure voters, and report all treachery in the ranks. The same formula will be used in all cities where the party has an organization.

Blind Tom, the phenomenal musical performer, has been legally declared of unsound mind and incapable of managing his affairs. The legal step was taken at the request of his mother, Mrs. Tom, to prevent designing managers from making a virtual slave of Tom, and enjoying all the profit of his public appearances. A guardian will now look after his interests.

The German Gazette, in an exhaustive article on Russia's financial condition, compares it to that of France before the great revolution. The Russian debt is \$5,000,000,000, and the interest has risen in a decade from 10,000,000 to 250,000,000. Its paper currency is worth only 10 cents for every 100 rubles, and is covered by bills convertible into currency. The Gazette warns Germany not to aid the new Russian loan.

Says a Portland exchange: Quite a number of papers are advertising the three cent rate per mile on railroads. If the parties advocating this rate were stockholders in railroads in Oregon, they would want to raise the rate. There is not travel enough to pay at the present rate. Besides that it is more expensive to build railroads in Oregon than in most States East, as the face of the country is rough and grades heavy. An one of our most important lines of railroad is now in the hands of a speculator.

The polled American Angus and Hereford cattle are entering off the blue ribbons on the sweepstakes contests at the 1st stock show in the Middle-West this season. At Kansas City, two prize full-blooded polled Angus bull took the grand sweepstakes prize, and at Chicago an Angus-Hereford carried off the prize. In the latter case the winner was a black, hornless bull with a white face, a line having been a full-blood Aberdeen Angus and its mother a full-blood Hereford.

A deliberate attempt was made last Thursday night to assassinate Harry Gilroy, a witness who gave evidence at the recent trial of the anarchist directly implicating Spies and Schwaab in the throwing of the Haymarket bomb. Gilroy was shot at while on the threshold of his home, and the bullet entered between his legs, lodging in the bottom of the door. The shot was fired at a distance of less than ten feet from the living target, and the assassin's haste was the only thing that saved the citizen's life.

The United States postal service was reduced to two cents per ounce from three cents per half-ounce. Since the Congress has been obliged to provide for a deficiency, but the Postmaster General in his annual report, expresses the opinion that with a prosperous condition in the business of the country to favorably influence the revenues, and with continued exercise of care in regulating expenditures, the postal service will again at no distant time become a self-supporting institution.

The Portland News thinks a fruit committee would do more good for Oregon than a dairy commission, especially at the national law against bogus butter has taken the matter out of the hands of the state police. The fruit interests in Oregon are undoubtedly assuming a position of great importance, and the dangers from tree pests hitherto unknown in the state now threaten. The change may well be deemed a matter of sufficient public weight to demand careful investigation by the state through some agency qualified to undertake the work.

The Executive Committee of the American Protective Tariff League has decided to offer to students the senior classes in all American colleges a series of prizes for approved essays on the subject. The advantages of the Protective Tariff to the Labor and Industries of United States, each essay not to exceed ten thousand words, will be sent to the office of the League on or before May 1, 1887. The award will be to June 15, 1886, as follows: For essays essay, \$250; for second best \$100; for the third best, \$50; and for other essays deemed especially meritorious handsome silver medals.

A Queer Phenomenon.

Brownsville, Or., Informant. Mr. Amos B. Smith of Nevada, who passed through Brownsville during the past week, on his way home, related the particulars of a queer phenomenon of which he was an eye witness, during his trip through the southern portion of Grant county, Oregon, with a drove of cattle. "Myself and hired man had been doing some hard riding and were anxious to make good time. On Saturday night we arrived at a lake at the head of a stream. Ever since I have been told, was called the Alford, at which place we camped for the night. The next morning, Sunday, the horses seemed to be pretty well used up, so we concluded to let them rest a portion of the day, and make up for lost time by riding during the night. After breakfast we wandered around trying to pass time, which was "killing" slow business and I finally went down and sat by the side of the lake. I had been there for some time and was about half asleep when something woke me up. I didn't know what it was at first and thought Joe my hired man was shaking me, but when I looked around, he was standing twenty yards away, watching the horses who were snorting and jumping, trying to break the ropes with which they were picketed out. As I stood up I felt another shake but it seemed to be under my feet, and as I looked I saw that the water in the lake was rising up and falling back, and I looked something like water does when boiling in a camp kettle, but two or three feet lower on the bank. I don't know how long this lasted, and I felt like going to see what it was, but I would do. The water seemed to be sinking in out in the middle of the lake, and it couldn't have been over a minute or two before the lake was almost entirely dry. I could see the bottom and lots of little fish hopping about in the mud. Joe got up and said: "Look out, Amos, the bottom of this blasted country is falling out!" and started on a run toward the camp. Just as he spoke something that looked like a big lot of steam coming pouring back in quick time in the middle of the lake, and all the difference I could see was, lots of fish were dead and floating around on top of the water. We walked up our horses and got out of that place as quick as we could, and every little noise made me jump for the next two days.

According to this account given by Mr. Smith, this queer phenomenon must have happened on Sunday Nov. 18th. Perhaps some of our scientific men can explain its cause.

Railroad Items.

(Weekly Journal.)

The committee sent below to interview the directors in regard to securing the main road through town, report that it will be impossible to get the main line through town for any consideration. To run the line to Baker Hill, a mile and a half from town, is also considered doubtful, although Stanford has ordered a survey to be made to that point, with a strong desire to favor our citizens as possible, provided the company can do so without any great disadvantage in operating the road. Chief Engineer Hood wants to run the line on a 32-foot grade to the mile through Shasta Valley, and says he will be easy enough to reach Baker Hill from there on that grade, but has great doubt about keeping that grade going northward without taking a bend eastward in direction of Little Shasta bridge. Probably a survey may develop the feasibility of running the line so as to cross Shasta river at or below the stage road crossing. Mr. Hood will set up a new survey party to commence work immediately on this survey to Baker Hill, as the other party cannot be taken away from work under way, without handicapping the graders now following the road so rapidly. This new party after surveying Baker Hill, will be sent to Shikony mountain, where a great amount of engineering is required to map out the easiest and shortest route to the Oregon boundary. The company intend to have about the best section of road through Shasta Valley, on the whole line, with heavy engines at Baker Hill, and trains below that point, over the summit, and the same assistance no doubt by the Shasta river to the Oregon line, on Shikony mountain.

If there is no possibility of getting the railroad to Baker Hill, the next best thing will be a branch road or side track, to bring freight and passengers to that place, the railroad company being willing to establish the location of a line at such point in connection with the desired, and furnishing extra cars at any time needed for running over to town. Several large towns in Southern California are thus accommodated, and it might be here, with great benefit to other places now making their most central point.

Umpqua River Railroad.

(Daily Press.)

W. R. Whipple, engineer in charge of the Umpqua River railroad, completed the field work last week and has been working on the profile and other papers this week. The distance on the line to Elkton is sixteen and a half miles; to Old Seaside, the terminus, thirty-eight and a quarter miles. The elevation at Drains above tide-water is 201 feet. This is the lowest place on the U. & C. road in Southern Oregon. The elevation of Elkton is 100 feet; the elevation of the river at Elkton is sixty feet, making the fall of the river from Elkton to Seaside only 3.15 feet to the mile. The roadbed does not reach a point 100 feet above the level of the creek or river in any place on the line. There is no grade of more than one foot to a half mile, fifty-two and eight-tenths feet to the mile. The tunnel at Elk ridge, the only one on the route, is as now located, 1000 feet long. Mr. Whipple is convinced that by moving the tunnel a short distance down the ridge, the distance through can be shortened to 800 feet. He has been instructed to relocate it. The road can be built without the tunnel, but would be nearly six miles longer. The engineer expresses the opinion that the road would be a very easy one to build. There will be no heavy rock work except in the tunnel. The rock point that a geologist at Seaside did not present any serious obstacle.

Mr. Whipple estimates the cost of building a broad gauge road over the profile of the U. & C. road, at \$1,000,000. The profile is now complete and any one wishing to inspect it may have that pleasure by calling on the office. We are informed that it is the intention to extend the survey eastward next spring, over the Cascade mountains, and westward to Gresham. This company is young, but business. Hurrah for the Umpqua River railroad!

Inland is again in a state of desperate political excitement in consequence of a revival of the execution policy on the part of the government. What this means is told as follows by a London correspondent of the New York Post: Inland is in its simplest form. The government's procedure, which is precisely that which was formerly taken against Henry and David, amounts to offering Dillon the choice of holding his tongue or going to prison. He will, of course, promptly accept the latter alternative. Then O'Brien will denounce the government in Ireland, which will be suppressed. By this time Parnell will be compelled to appear upon the scene in defense of his lieutenant, and take the leadership of the struggle. If the government ventures to treat him thus he will be war. Indeed, it is difficult to see how they can avoid it. Such is the generally accepted forecast.

Captain Mitchell of the bark Antonio Sala, New York and Havana trade, came ashore in May, entirely helpless with rheumatism. He went to the mountains, but received no benefit at his wife's request began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla. He immediately began to improve; in two months his rheumatism was all gone, and he sailed in command of his vessel a well man. Hood's Sarsaparilla will help you. Sold by all druggists.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

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Railroad Weather Service.

(The Union Pacific railroad has completed arrangements to establish a weather service over its entire system similar to that in use by the federal government. There are to be thirty-two stations. Nine will be first-class, equipped with a full set of observing instruments. There will be nine second-class stations. Two observations will be made each day at 8 a. m. and 4 p. m., and reported to headquarters at Omaha. Trains will be equipped and operated according to the weather reports. These reports will aid materially in safe shipment of live stock and perishable goods. The office to be put in charge is Lieut. Joseph W. Taylor, of the government signal service, whose salary is to be paid by the government. All other expenses will be borne by the railroad company. The Chicago & Northwestern and the Central Pacific have been invited to cooperate with the Union Pacific, so as to make a through weather service between San Francisco and Chicago.

The Fish Ladder.

(A gentleman just from Oregon City in a report that he had secured a large quantity of fish ladders for the falls which was constructed over a year ago at a modest cost of \$10000 in the great community of Woodport. By passing the structure has been borne away by the rushing waters until scarce. A fragment remains to tell the story of its existence. Only at the very first stage of water can a portion of the foundation be seen. While it is a source of much dissatisfaction to taxpayers, it is peculiarly said to be a great disappointment to the many tribes that desire to ply an annual visit to their kindred dwelling along the Upper Willamette and its tributaries. (Telegram.)

Geo. H. Curry carries the finest assortment of staple and fancy groceries, and the largest assortment of glassware, China-ware and crockery in Ashland.

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