

ASHLAND TIDINGS.

FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 1898.

Big Drive in Real Estate. Several big bargains in real estate...

Paint Your Buildings. Nothing else of the same cost adds so much to the attractiveness of a town...

Getwell & Miller have not yet arrived here to make preparations for the coming season...

Ashtland School Children. Ashtland's proportion of the public school money...

Orange Blossoms. On Wednesday evening last, at the home of the bride's parents...

A Handmade Piece of Oregon Furniture. One of the finest pieces of furniture ever manufactured in Oregon...

An Old Landmark. The old Ashland House, now being moved from its site to make room for a brick structure...

Death of Father Benson. John Benson died at the home of his son, Nelson Benson...

Go to cover Main and Grand streets for paving materials and wall building papers...

On the first page of the Times this week is to be found an ability written article on the Rogue river valley...

The Young People's Alliance will meet Friday evening April 27. The program will be as follows:

The electionary entertainment by Miss Hinds at the M. E. church last Friday evening was one of the best given in Ashland...

Rooms to Rent. Three good rooms to rent in the Meyer house on Higgins street...

BREVITIES.

The Ashland Board of Trade has 50 members already. Elegant embroidered suits at cost at M. L. Alford's.

Immense stock of clothing at cost at M. L. Alford's.

Smiley School every Sunday now at the New school house.

Latest fashions in Henrietta cloth at cost at M. L. Alford's.

Planet Jr., cultivator and garden tools at Ashland Mills.

Low Wimer is building a dwelling for himself on 6th street.

Beaton brood at the U. S. Bureau of Agriculture.

P. Grady is painting the fine new cottage of O. G. Gifford on First Avenue.

Everything at cost at M. L. Alford's. At Alford's this means exactly what it says.

Grain hay for sale at Eagle Mills. Delivered anywhere in Ashland at \$10 per ton.

I'm happy. I give of course an evening pair of Mills' \$3 call shoes.

W. B. Grubb and Alex Zevoly are the drivers on the Ashland Livestock show.

Jackson county has paid \$250 bounty on coyote scalps during the past six months.

The eagle on your 8 screens to be given to the Mills for their \$5 call shoes.

E. E. Miner has had one of the new stone walls laid in the front yard of his residence on Main street.

Many farmers in the valley are irrigating their first crop of alfalfa this season—something unnecessary in ordinary seasons.

Capt. Williamson & Co. are talking of building a quartz mill to crush rock from their ledge near Anderson on the Klaskan river.

A spruce tract is to be put in for the Dollarside saw mill on the south side of the Klaskan, and engineer Graham laid the stakes for it yesterday.

J. B. Hirtch, the Grant's Pass hotel man, who has sold out at that place, was in town Tuesday, and left yesterday morning for Moss, where he may go into business.

Geo. H. Curry has sold his interest in the billiard hall and variety business of Paulson & Curry to M. Long, and after May 1st the firm will be Paulson & Long.

The Ashland company of militia would probably attend the Washington centennial celebration in Portland if they were provided with uniforms, but, as it is, they will not go.

A young people's social will be given at the Congregational church, in Ashland, on the evening of May 14th. This will be something novel, and will be awaited with interest.

Mr. P. Powell, of Emigrant creek, had a valuable two-year-old Gambetta gelding which he would not have sold for less than \$250. It died from the effects of a kick.

Customer to real estate agent. What is the best investment you know of today? E. E. Miner (thinking of family matters). Those Bradley & Metcalf places on D. R. & E. V. Mills' street.

J. J. Fryer has sold his fine place near Eagle Point to his son-in-law, George Green, now in California. It is reported that the place is worth about 300 acres of land, and the price is about \$75,000.

Smith & Dodge have just received a fine line of children's dresses. Prices and styles to suit everybody. Also the largest and best selected stock of wall paper, border and decorations ever shown in Ashland.

Nutley & Son bought 25 head of fine cattle at the ranch of O. G. Gifford on Rogue river last week for their ranch in the mountains east of Ashland. The cattle are of the best quality.

Street Commissioner Patterson has been grading and improving Wenden street in the western part of town. The projectors of the proposed avenue around the hill from Wenden street just as Mr. Emery built it. Mr. Emery in 1829 bought of A. D. Helman four lots of 7 1/2 feet each on Main street, taking in the corner and present better shop lot, and running north to Oak street, where Dr. Townsend's house now stands. For those four lots Mr. Emery paid the ex-toratory price of \$80. The Ashland House has served the public as a tavern for many years, and travelers in the old stage days used to say they found there the best service between Sacramento and Portland. It now steps back to give room for a modern brick house which will be a vast improvement to the street at that point.

John Benson died at the home of his son, Nelson Benson, near Talent, last Saturday morning from the effects of a heavy cold settling upon his lungs. His funeral occurred Monday at 11 A. M., and was taken in charge by the First Presbyterian Society of Stoker, Oregon, of which he was a member.

John Benson was born at Stoker, Oregon, in 1828, and was the fourth of a family of sixteen children. He learned the trade of confectioner and baker, and in 1850 married Ann Welch with whom he emigrated in 1852 to New York, where he did a good business in his trade. In 1857 he and his wife moved to La Salle county, Ill., and in 1858 they and their one son came across the plains to Eugene River valley in Southern Oregon.

John Benson was in many respects an exceptional character. He possessed remarkable mental ability, and had the temperament of the mental power and reformer. He was first Methodist, then a Universalist, and then a Spiritualist. He was well informed in general history and theology, had great moral courage and followed his convictions conscientiously, even, as was often the case, when they led him into antagonism with the vast majority of his friends and the public generally. He conceived the opinion that the Indians in Southern Oregon were not treated justly by the pioneers, and undertook to right the wrongs in a way which aroused the hostility of nearly, if not quite, every other settler of the region. Ever since then he has been writing and lecturing upon the wrongs of the Indians, and several times in the past few years he has been in council with prominent philanthropists and with members of the Indian bureau at Washington. For some time, as his mind lost its vigor from age, this subject of the Indian question has been a harmless matter of his, and he has been thinking, talking and writing upon that subject constantly. Father Benson was urgent in presenting his views to the public, and, as stated, often ran counter to public opinion, but he will be remembered by all who knew him as one who tried to live by the Golden Rule, and who was always quick to respond to the appeals of the unfortunate or the afflicted.

The Helman firm in the city of Ashland has been subdivided and is now offered in small tracts at very reasonable prices. If you want a pleasant home or a good investment in a good part of Ashland, don't fail to see this tract. For sale by G. F. Billings or A. B. Helman.

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