

A PROMINENT PORTLAND MAN returned home from a trip to Southern Oregon recently and reported that he was informed in this valley that Ashland was losing its grip—that it had been booming too much and was suffering a reaction—had lost five hundred people within a year, and much more to the same effect. He said that he had heard of the same kind from more than one source. The old saw: "Go away from home to learn the news" applies very well in this case. Here are the people of Ashland tranquilly pursuing the even tenor of their way, all unconscious of such a terrible state of affairs. Indeed, as the school census, recently taken, showed a larger number of children of school age than at any time before, and here are the people congratulating themselves upon a gradual but steady increase of population; and as there are more buildings in course of construction than in any other town in the county, and two other districts in the county—they were congratulating themselves upon a gradual but steady increase of population; and as there are more buildings in course of construction than in any other town in the county, and two other districts in the county—they were congratulating themselves upon a gradual but steady increase of population.

The fire broke out in the rear of Forb's saloon at 2:30 p. m., Sept. 6th, (last Friday) and in a few minutes the whole building and the wooden row of which it is a part, were in flames. The fire spread in the direction of the street to the end of the thickly built section eastward, and burning to the river westward. On the opposite side of the street was the immense Linkville hotel pile of goods. This soon caught, and burned like tinder and from the river to the telegraph office. Baldwin's and Forb's stone hardware building, just west of where the fire caught, was supposed to be fire proof, but it crumbled before the fierce heat, and the large brick store of Beames, Martin & Co., adjacent to the Baldwin's building, was also destroyed. The loss of these three parties in that immediate neighborhood—Baldwin's and Forb's, Beames, Martin & Co., and Judge G. W. Smith—aggregates \$100,000, on which there is not \$30,000 in insurance.

There were no lives lost. Ben Monroe, barkeeper at Forb's saloon, was badly burned. He went back into his burning building after some valuables, and the ceiling fell in on him, setting his clothing on fire. Fortunately he was carried out of the building before he was by some one who dashed a bucket of water over him. He is doing well to-night, and will recover.

LOSSES AND INSURANCE. Following is a partial list of the losses and insurance:
 Beames, Martin & Co., hardware, \$40,000; insurance, \$12,000.
 Baldwin & Forb's, hardware, \$30,000; insurance, \$9,000.
 Beames, Martin & Co., general merchandise, \$100,000; insurance, \$15,000.
 G. W. Smith, hardware, \$20,000; insurance, \$6,000.
 E. L. Kessler, \$2,500; insurance, \$750.
 H. Eger, \$200; insurance, \$60.
 The following are insured:
 Forb's saloon, \$10,000.
 R. H. Hatton, \$2,000.
 J. F. Frazee, \$1,000.
 J. W. Hamaker, \$1,500.
 R. W. Roberts, \$2,000.
 Dr. Sumner, \$2,000.
 Paul Breitenstein, \$500.
 John Keiffel, \$150.
 Mrs. Heilink, \$400.
 W. A. Wright, \$250.
 Parker & Cranston, \$1,500.
 R. E. Baldwin, \$150.
 I. Leebard, \$150.
 Klammath Store, \$600.
 Kessler, \$250.
 J. H. Hosson, \$150.
 J. Seimens, \$500.
 R. Shimoda, \$200.
 Thomas Greener, \$400.
 Mrs. McVyre, \$200.
 Alex. Martin, Jr., \$300.

The fire was a heavy one to the people of Klammath county, and they have the genuine sympathy of the public everywhere, and especially of their neighbors and friends in the River Valley. It is too early to determine just how much re-building will be done this fall, but our estimate is that it will be considerable. It is too early to determine just how much re-building will be done this fall, but our estimate is that it will be considerable. It is too early to determine just how much re-building will be done this fall, but our estimate is that it will be considerable.

GRANTS PASS NOTES. Building still going on at a rapid rate. Weather very much cooler the last few nights. Several new families from Nebraska and Missouri, apples and peaches go out by freight.

Arthur Conkin is receiving applications and making many loans on real estate property. Side-walks on the new established grades are being rapidly ahead. Frost street is still in a mob.

The new Methodist church will probably be the finest church edifice ever in the building of Grants Pass. Work is progressing very rapidly.

On Tuesday there arrived in town a party which is the forerunner of a colony from the north coast. They are highly pleased with Grants Pass, and have written for their party.

CONCENTRATING THE TROOPS. The policy of abandoning the small military posts on the frontier in order to concentrate the army at large garrisons near the cities, where the officers and men may have an easy and pleasant time, seems to be so well under way that there is little likelihood of the present and exposed to danger having any effect in staying its consummation. This policy, which leaves people in regions like that just east of us in Klammath county, in peril of almost certain trouble from the conflicts of Indians and whites, is set forth in the following Washington dispatch:

WASHINGTON, September 8th.—The Sunday Herald to-day says: "The plan adopted by the military authorities and acquiesced in by Congress in 1882 of building large military posts at central points, where the concentration of troops and the abolition of small outlying posts is rapidly making plain to what its promoters nowhere is there more apparent than in the West, where with large posts at Fort Logan, Colorado; Fort Sheridan, Illinois; and Fort Riley, Kansas, rapidly undergoing construction, and with Fort D. Russell in Wyoming and Fort Robinson and Niobrara in Nebraska practically complete, it is necessary to make changes in the plan. Posts vacated by troops of the Second, Thirtieth and Eighteenth Regiments of infantry will be abandoned and turned over to the Interior Department."

It will not be a long time before the Grand Army of the Republic will cease to be a cause for contention or to worry the fearful-hearted that the old soldiers are going to absorb the treasury. In the year 1888 alone they received \$20,000,000 in pension money. In the year 1889 they received \$20,000,000 more. At the rate of \$20,000,000 a year, and it is not likely that they will stop receiving money in the future.

The merchants of San Francisco have shown their generosity in tendering offers of relief to the unemployed. These offers are cheering to all. Ben Mousley, the only person injured, is resting quietly to-day.

Medford Items. S. A. Owings sold his livery stable to Mr. Jake Wisley. Mrs. Merriman is having a new addition to her house and will soon take up her residence in town.

California Comb Honey. D. L. Minkler & Son's. Secretary Whitney, under the Cleveland Democratic Administration, paid an English architect \$2,000 for a plan for the building of the iron war-vegas, now being built at the Norfolk navy yard. Now, after \$2,500,000 have been spent on the huge vessel, it is ascertained that she will not float but sink with her own weight, and work has been suspended. [State Journal.]

Concerning the announced candidacy of the Hon. John L. Sullivan for Congress, many democrats interviewed at Washington last Monday say it may not prove a laughing matter. Sullivan is located in what is known as "Pat Collins'" district. It has a reliable democratic majority of 700 and is controlled by Irish voters. Those who know the district well say that if Sullivan would only keep sober except the Mississippi penitentiary and cultivate popularity, he might capture a nomination next year.

THE GREAT HIT EVER MADE!
Free! Free! Free!

A Genuine Crayon Portrait given away without any charges. Commencing Saturday, Aug 17th, we will give free, to all persons buying goods to the amount of Fifty Dollars, an order for one of our genuine Crayon Portraits of yourself or any friend.

\$100 Reward! We will give \$100 to any charitable institution of Ashland on sufficient proof that the portraits we give away are not made with genuine crayons, or that they are not equal in every respect in artistic merit and execution to any crayon made.

WE CHALLENGE COMPARISON.

As to the perfection of these portraits in likeness to the photograph from which they are made. We invite a comparison with the best crayons made by the best artist.

A THING OF BEAUTY IS A JOY FOREVER.

What could be nicer than one of these elegant crayons! We have also made arrangements with a large frame manufactory to mount and frame these portraits for our patrons in the best style at one fourth the usual cost of such frames. You can have either gilt or bronze frames with first-class French picture glass already to hang on the wall. You are, however, not obliged to purchase a frame at all or you can purchase it at some other store; this does not matter to us, we give you the picture and sell you the frame at cost if you wish it.

WE DO THIS TO ADVERTISE OUR BUSINESS.

Many people wonder how we can afford to give away a work of fine art like this with so small a purchase of goods. We answer that it is done as a big advertisement. No such inducement can or will be offered by any other house in the city.

STRIKE WHILE THE IRON IS HOT!

Come now and avoid rush that will be sure to take place for these crayon Portraits. Remember that you need not purchase \$100 worth of goods at one time, but at different times aggregating the amount.

THE BROWNS-SQUARD DISTRICT FAIR. That wards off old age, like Ponce de Leon's fabled spring in which one could bathe and be young again, has enthused and filled with hope many who long for better days, but, alas, such hopes may never be realized; but there is an elixir that is making better and brighter days, lifting debt from the shoulders of the oppressed, putting new life into the discouraged. It is

THE CASH SYSTEM AT DEAN'S. Where you can buy one-half cheaper than under the old credit system. We have the cash, the hard, cold cash, and a thousand will buy double the value that can be gotten by credit; then a small margin and a quick sale and you can buy and go home with money in your pocket, owing nobody. The birds will sing sweeter, the wild winds whistle over the hills and far away.

THE BANK OF ASHLAND. ASHLAND OGN. Paid Up Capital, \$50,000.00. Does a General Banking Business.

THE ASHLAND HOTEL. HEADQUARTERS. Tourists & Commercial Men.

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