ASHLAND TIDINGS.

Friday, ... *December 6, 1889*

A. Ball.

At the corner room in Mrs. Gillette's block, corner Main and Church streets, this week.

Ladies.

D. R. and E. V. Mills are prepared to make buttons to match any dress in sizes 24, 30 and 36—Price 25c a dozen.

Lost.

Three pigeons, a Magpie, Turbit and Tumbler. Anyone returning them to the undersigned, the owner, will be liberally rewarded.

G. F. McCONNELL.

Money to Loan.

We will make loans on approved real estate security on one, two or three years time at 10 per cent interest. No commission charged.

BANK OF ASHLAND.

Lumber.

We have on hand a large supply of lumber and saw-logs and can fill orders for lumber promptly. Send in your orders.

SUGAR PINE DOOR & LUMBER CO., Grant's Pass, Or.

Revival Meetings.

Are being held in the Baptist church every evening. They open auspiciously, and promise abundant success. Rev. H. A. Barden, of Medford is assisting Pastor Van Tassel in these meetings.

The Jinglers To-Night.

The Jingler Concert Co. who are to appear in our city this eve. Dec. 6, were gulled to the Coast by the management of the Pacific Grove and Long Beach Assemblies and were the great attraction at those Resorts.

Material for Sidewalks.

All material for sidewalk can be furnished at short notice, cut in proper lengths all ready for nailing together; and also lumber of all kinds for building purposes; all at lowest rates. Lumber delivered either on the cars at Ashland depot or on grounds of purchaser. Address at Grant's Pass, or leave orders at Billing's real estate office. RUMMAGE, GILBERT & Co.

The City Election.

Either everybody is afraid to begin, or nobody cares. Which is it? The annual election of municipal officers of Ashland will occur one week from next Tuesday—on the 17th inst., and as yet there have been no nominations, nor any call for a convention to nominate, perhaps all our prominent citizens are afraid to speak, lest they should be nominated themselves. The office of Mayor or councilman is no attractive sinecure now-a-days.

Worse than a Horsethief.

As a promoter of industry, Wade, the young horsethief, was lively. Without a fly on him, he rode up to Mr. Marsh's on Cherry creek, announced himself as a cattle-buyer and said: "Build me a good stout corral quick, mind, to accommodate a herd of cattle. I am coming from Fort Klamath in a few days and I'll fix it all right." Then he flew, and Marsh and his men hustled off their coats, rolled up their sleeves, spat on their palms and soon the sweet sounds of industry "assimilating" went up to the heavens." By and-by it was learned that the promoter of the cattle-corral enterprise was under arrest as a horse-thief, having been caught at Altoras and hoisted into the stage for Jacksonville by the sons of industry. Thoughtful Marsh wiped the sweat from their brows, rolled down the sleeves, put on their coats and said—"Dog bust him, he's not only a horsethief but he's worse. Just to throw just us off the scent he'd rob men of time and labor."

—[Klamath Star.

An Interesting Lecture.

Rev. Dr. M. M. Gibson, of the U. P. Church, San Francisco, who recently returned from a six months' tour to Europe, will deliver a lecture at Ashland Presbyterian Church next Tuesday evening, Dec. 10th. The lecturer will give an entertaining review of scenes and experiences in England, Ireland and Scotland, including an account of a visit to the House of Commons during a debate on the home rule question when Mr. Gladstone led the opposition—visit to the tower of London, St. Paul's Cathedral, Spurgeon's Tabernacle, Windsor Castle, and various scenes of interest in Ireland and Scotland.

Dr. Gibson is on his way to lecture at Portland and the Sound cities, and at the solicitation of Col. Jas. Scobie, who attends his church, he consented to stop in Ashland. Dr. Gibson is an able and interesting speaker, and the people of Ashland will find his lecture a genuine treat.

The price of admission has been fixed at 25 cts; children 15 cts—no reserved seats. Lecture to begin at 7:30 P. M.

Train Wrecked—Engineer Killed.

The south-bound freight on the O. & C. R. R. was wrecked by a big slide of rocks two miles north of Middle Creek in Shasta county, Cal., last Sunday morning at 3:45 o'clock. The slide piled up a big mass of rocks on the "inside" of a sharp curve, and the engineer could not see it till directly upon it. The engine and tender were thrown off and turned over three times, rolling down the grade, finally landing bottom side up. The engineer, Charles Baxter, was instantly killed by wounds about the head. The fireman, Walter Dudley, was bruised badly, but not seriously hurt, and a brakeman, Wm. Boyd, who was in the cab, was badly scalded. The fireman and brakeman were caught fast in the wreck, but the settling of the tender released the former and the latter was taken out quickly, or he would have been scalded to death by the steam. Three box cars rolled down with the engine nearly to the river. Baxter, the engineer killed, and Dudley, the fireman, are both well known in Ashland, having been for a time on an engine, run terminus ting here. Baxter leaves a wife, who is living in Sacramento.

ANOTHER DELAY.

A trestle five miles north of Redding was washed out by high water Tuesday night, and delayed all trains. A crib was soon put in, however, so that trains could cross, and the train due in Ashland Wednesday evening reached here at 8:30 yesterday morning.

A Fine Orchard Tract Sold.

S. B. Galey has sold to Henry Oliver of Ellensburg Wash., twenty acres of land within the limits of the city of Ashland for $12,000—$600 an acre. This is the fine orchard tract on which is Mr Galey's residence—one of the best young peach orchards of its size in Southern Oregon—and that means the best in America, or any other continent. Twelve acres are in four-year-old trees, five acres in three-year old trees, and two acres unplanted. The price, $600 per acre, is just a tribe stand of any other sale yet made of a tract of that size, the same distance from the business center of the city, and shows a continued steady appreciation of values of well located choice fruit land in this neighborhood.

Mr. Oliver, the purchaser, arrived in Ashland last week, looking for a pleasant place in which to make for himself a comfortable home. He was already pretty well informed concerning the general climate, and the productive soil of our valley, and the healthful and attractive city of Ashland. His favorable impressions of the city and its prospects were confirmed by his visit, and he at once concluded to invest. Mr. Oliver will take possession of the property April 1st next.

Mr. Galey has a thirty-acre tract higher on the hill immediately south of this he has sold, and is planting it with trees this season. He will begin building upon it in the spring. Mr. Galey was the pioneer in planting peach orchards upon the granite hills here which had no water privileges, and the difference between $5 an acre and $600 an acre shows the value of his demonstration of the fact that these lands will produce the finest fruits without irrigation.

Bargains in Overcoats at Blount's. *

BREVITIES.

Medford public school has 238 pupils enrolled.

The people of Big Applegate want a new school district.

J. Noonan Phillips, of Ashland, has been appointed a notary public.

Our merchants are already displaying large quantities of handsome holiday goods.

A lady liberal lecturer has been secured to deliver a lecture in Ashland Jan. 5th.

Dr. A. C. Hirst, Pres. of the University of the Pacific says the Jinglers are immense.

There will be services in the Catholic church in Ashland next Sunday morning at 10 a. m.

A new stock of ladies underwear is expected to arrive at Hunsaker's Saturday or Monday. *

The songs, choruses, plantation melodies and imitations of the Jinglers are simply unapproachable.

Charley have you been shopping? Yes; I got my wife a Xmas present, a silk-lined wrap at Moral Bros. for $4.

The new residence house of J. J. Fryer, at Eagle Point, is said to be one of the handsomest in the county.

Harry what are you going to give your wife for Xmas? I am going to buy her a nice new carpet at Moral Bros. x

The ladies of the Baptist Church will give a social next Tuesday evening, Dec. 10. Supper from 5 to 8. Price 15 cts.

Hear the Jingler's at Granite Hall this (Friday) Eve., Dec. 6. Admission 50 cts., reserved seats 75 cts. Seats at Plaza Corner Store.

Capt G. F. McConnell shipped eight or ten pairs of fancy pigeons to purchasers at Beaumont and Santa Barbarba, Cal., this week.

The Junior band is persevering and progressing and have gotten so far along that they attempt a tune once in a while during their practice now.

C. W. Ayers, while in the Willamette this week, will stop at Cottage Grove, to order seasoned lumber for the finishing of Gammard's opera house block.

Robt. Taylor and Cole Skinner went to Roseburg Monday, to give evidence in the case of the Roseburg hotel burglars, arrested in Ashland last week.

J. S. Herrin has sent one band of his sheep to Rees creek, over on Rogue river, for winter range, the remainder being on their usual range east of Bear creek.

You may go through the town but twill be very slow if you listen to all that is said as you go, about the nice dress goods and fancy goods at Hunsaker's. *

A carload of Medford flour was shipped to Eugene last week. Supplying the Willamette valley with Rogue River valley is wheat from a new depart-ure.

County Stock Inspector W. F. Songer has appointed J. W. Coatney his deputy for the Butte creek section, and Mr. Coatney will look out for the enforcement of the sheep laws in that part of the county.

Miss Fannie Knowles, of Jacksonville, is in Ashland, gaining pointers on the Laundry Queen Washer from the general agent, W. I. Zuill, preparatory to introducing the machine at Grant's Pass.

The Ashland churches held union Thanksgiving services at the Baptist church last Tuesday, which were attended by a large audience. Rev. F. G. Strange delivered an interesting and fitting discourse.

Mr. J. F. Ragsdale, of Tolo, died on Thursday afternoon of last week, after an illness of only five hours, from heart disease. His funeral was on Sunday. Deceased, leaves a wife and four children.

The reports of the Secretary and Treasurer at the annual meeting of the Southern Oregon Board of Agriculture showed that there was left from the receipts of the fair of Central Point, a surplus of $1800.

In making your selection for a Christmas present this year you can find nothing more satisfactory for either mother, wife, sister, or sweetheart than one of those nice dress patterns or Sealette jackets to be found at Hunsakers. x

Mr. Van Aelstyr, the gentleman who rented the Helman White Sulphur baths, is still making improvements. He is building an addition to the bath house, and has en route a steam engine and pump to replace the old pump in the baths.

The *Mail* says Orra E. Angle, of Medford, is responsible for a new puzzle, which knocks the "13—14—15," or the "Pigs in Clover" in the shade. The puzzle is how to get out of his store without buying a portion of the nice things he offers for sale.

A short municipal campaign this time. Wonder if it will be as "sharp and decisive," also, as was that of one year ago, when the dodgers and placards embellished with such choice characterizations as "Fiends!" "Sharks." "Liars," etc., were the sensation?

C. B. Kingsbury has been down at Tolo during the past week, and reports the following sales of land in the Whiting tract, platted about a year ago by the owners, Kingsbury & Allen: Blocks A and B to Charles Altman, $250; blocks E and F to C. C. Ragsdale, $200; block H to Alex. Walker, $175.

Rev. F. K. Van Tassel, of the Baptist Church, is greatly distressed over a typographical blunder in his notice concerning revival meetings published last week. The notice as printed invites all Christian ministers and "lady" members of the churches to participate. Of course, it should have read "lay" members.

Raspberries in December. Some of the Willamette papers think it is a wonderful thing to have a second crop of berries at this time of the year in their climate. Common thing up this way. John VanHorn brought in a branch of a raspberry vine the other day, loaded with ripe berries, and says he has more of the same kind in his garden.

Concerning the painter, "Curtis," who was sent from Ashland to be cared for at the Insane asylum, the *Times* says: "Alphonso Kerr, alias Curtis, resided in Jacksonville with his parents about twenty years ago, and is well known to several of our citizens, although, for evident reasons, he seeks to conceal his identity. He has been examined on the same charge before.

Some kind friend of the TIDINGS added materially to the ability of the editor to render thanks last Thursday, by presenting anonymously one of the biggest and finest gobblers that grew in all Southern Oregon this year. It was all the more appreciated because entirely unlooked for, the TIDINGS household having concluded to do the best thanks act it could over a meal of plebeian ducks.

The newspaper man who penned the following knew what he was talking about: "The prosperity of a town is not gauged by the wealth of its inhabitants, but uniformity with which they pull together when any important undertaking is to be accomplished. A man with a thousand dollars at his command and a love for his town in his heart can do more for the building up and improving of it than the millionaire who locks up his capital and soaps his fingers at home progress.

The barn of Thos. Curry, of Table Rock precinct, was burned to the ground on Tuesday morning of last week. The coal-oil lamp in a lantern used by Mr. Curry exploded, scattering the burning oil about in the hay, and setting the barn ablaze in a few moments. So rapidly did the fire spread that Mr. Curry could scarcely get his horses out for the heat. Nothing else except the animals was saved—thirty tons of timothy hay, wagon, buggy, farm implements, tools, and a large quantity of grain were consumed. No insurance.

There is nothing that equals Broadhead dress goods for the money and Hunsaker sells them.

THE OTHER SIDE.

Letter from the Mayor of Portland on the Gibbs Matter.

The following letter from Mayor DeLashmutt, of Portland, was elicted by the publication of Clarkson's dissatisfaction at the amount of money he received for the capture and delivery of Gibbs.

Portland, Or., Dec. 3d, 1889.

EDITOR ASHLAND TIDINGS: The Gibbs reward of $1300 was contingent upon the capture and conviction of Gibbs. The presence of deputy-sheriff Clarkson would be essential to the latter condition. However, he was anxious to get the money at once, and insisted that I should send out and try to collect it for him that he might start home the same evening and he would pay the expense of collecting. A collector was sent out, but most of the subscription was in small sums and a number could not be found and some objected to paying till after the conviction as stated above. $850 of the subscription had been collected and two men were out working in it when he insisted that I should make him an offer for the claim and I pay the collectors and of course run the risk of not getting all the money till after the conviction of Gibbs, if at all. I gave him $1170 and he collected of the O. R. & N. Co. $140 more, making the whole amount, less $30, which was only a reasonable fee for the collectors, not to mention the risk as above. No one went back on their subscription. I paid personally $100 toward the reward. While here he spoke slightingly of the paucity of the reward as if his valuable time and service were being frittered away—second puffed up with the big head over the capture of a foot-sore and half-starved criminal already bent upon surrender, and altogether acted like he would have shown off to better advantage back in the obscurity from which he accidentally emerged plying his old vocation at the probable salary of a dollar and a half a day and board. Asking your pardon for so much space for so small a subject, I remain,

VAN B. DELASHMUTT.

This gives a somewhat different view of the matter from that gleaned from Clarkson's friends, and Mayor DeLashmutt states his case very well, but he allows his dignity to relax considerably when he permits himself to sneer at Clarkson's "obscurity." It seemed to be Gibbs's "obscurity" that troubled Portland most when her fine corps of police officers and her astute "professional" detectives were let loose after the $1300 prize. No doubt it is rather humiliating to have a country boy emerge from "obscurity" and bring in the fugitive, but it is rumored that the Mayor of Portland was away from home one day when an important adjustment of police affairs was in progress, and he can hardly be held responsible for the inefficiency of the force.

Circuit Court Notes.

Circuit Court for Jackson County convened at Jacksonville Dec. 2d, Judge L. R. Webster presiding; Max Muller, clerk; Jas. G. Birdsey, sheriff.

Up to date the grand jury, George Brown, foreman, has reported upon cases as follows:

State vs. Frank Wade. Indicted for forgery.

State vs. Enos M. Rotan. Indictment for highway robbery.

State vs. F. Shultz, of Sterling, held for assault to commit rape. Not a true bill.

State vs. A. J. Barlow. Indictment for mayhem.

Wade plead guilty to the charge of forgery, and will do the same to charge of horse stealing it is presumed.

Roten, who is charged with robbing an Indian on the highway, failed to appear before the grand jury, and his bonds were forfeited. He was arrested Tuesday night by Sheriff Birdsey.

Barlow was in Astoria at last report, it was said Wednesday.

Schiappen, the chief witness for the state in the case of Townsend, held for Mayhem, returned to Jacksonville from Portland yesterday morning.

The case of Abner Kent, held for stabbing officer Leabo, was to come before the grand jury yesterday afternoon.

While Mr. W. W. Willits and Miss Lizzie Phipps were crossing Rogue river above W. Freer's place the fore part of last week, both their horses fell at nearly the same time, throwing them both from their saddles into the river, which was quite high. Miss Phipps had on a long riding skirt which made her almost helpless in the water. She kept floating down stream, and it was with the utmost effort that Mr. Willits succeeded in getting hold of her before she got into where the water was so swift and deep that both would no doubt have been drowned.

Robert Gilham, of the "Tom Paine" mining claim on the blue lead, came over from Henley last Monday, and reported that holders of blue claims are much encouraged by the fine prospects which W. H. Smith is opening on what is believed to be the eastern rim of the blue gravel channel. Jillson & Co., at the Klamath river cut of the channel, are cutting the ground with their little giants as rapidly as their present limited water supply will permit. Barr & Co. are again at work in prospect shaft on the west rim of the blue gravel deposit, having put in a blowing machine to purify the air.

Tramps have been unusually numerous in town this week. On Tuesday evening's train from the south nearly a dozen came in, riding brake beams, and made themselves a nuisance to people at the depot by their bold and persistent demands for alms. Tuesday morning, one of three who had called at the house of C. W. Ayers asking food stole a silk umbrella at the hall door, and concealed it under his clothing. Mr. Ayers happened to come home in time to see the theft, and he promptly collared the tramp and marched him down town, and then he and the city police as promptly concluded to let the fellow go. Well—to be sure, if all the people who steal umbrellas were locked up we would need many new jails.

Mr. J. N. Fanning, owner of the Clarendon Hotel at Medford, has completely renovated the house, since resuming possession about two weeks ago, and is prepared to entertain guests in better style than ever before. The Clarendon is a fine building, recently constructed and newly furnished—his comfortable lodging rooms, neatly and handsomely furnished, and the table fare is first-class under the present management. The Clarendon is immediately west of the Medford depot.

The residents on south side of Main street, from the place of Mayor Mills to the school house have moved their front fences back ten feet. When widened and improved all the way from The Oregon to the Boulevard, Main street will be a magnificent avenue.

The sidewalk in front of the new office block of Thompson & Billings on Oak street is being cut down to grade, and the building is nearly ready for occupancy. Dr. Walker will occupy one office and A. S. Hammond another.

John Andrew, special agent of the Columbia Fire and Marine Insurance Co. of Portland, has been in the valley this week, adjusting recent losses as follows: Barn of J. Stevens, near Jacksonville, $200; S. S. Smith's mill, near Talent, supposed to be about $100; dwelling of S. A. Carleton, near Eagle Point, $15.

Mrs. T. H. Cone offers for sale her household furniture, including fine heating stove, parlor set of walnut, cherry bedroom set, oil paintings, etc. Apply at residence on Spring street, opp. Chas. Hosley's.

Close Bros. started with their engine and boiler to Talent, and the boiler upset and rolled off the new bridge across Wright creek yesterday.

No! that is a mistake; they have *not* quit the business—Atkinson at the Woolen Mill Office or Carter at the Bank will insure your property in the best and most reliable companies, and at the lowest rates. 24

New styles of Ruching at D. R. and E. V. Mills.

HERE AND THERE.

The first large shipment of raisins from Shasta county, Cala., was made last week, 15,000 lbs. being delivered at Anderson for shipment Wednesday.

The Lassen, Cala., *Mail* says: Over 30,000 head of cattle have passed through Susanville within the last few months, on their way to the lower country.

The Oregon penitentiary will soon be supplied with a camera, and photographs will be taken and preserved of each convict, establishing a rogue's gallery for Oregon.

Edward Jones was shot and killed by Hiram Harper in a saloon at Hepner Thanksgiving night. A game of cards caused the trouble, and the killing is claimed to have been "justifiable."

Dr. W. E. Morand, of Portland, was convicted of criminal malpractice last Saturday. Dr. O'Donnell, late candidate for Mayor of San Francisco, was indicated in that city for the same crime last week.

The *Star* reports that "Several people are locating on unsurveyed land in the region of Pelican bay, waiting for a survey in the spring, and full of confidence in the advantages of settling in Klamath."

At Henderson, who was over from Warner first of the week, informs us that one of McConnaughy's barb wire fences was cut at every other post for a mile and a half, by some unknown person, last week.—[Examiner.

Says the Mott *Star*: The new railroad superintendent, Mr. Lindberg, has made several important changes on the Shasta division, and the men are well pleased with the new management. Business has increased, so that a number who were formerly idle are now employed.

The total number of buildings commenced and erected in Seattle since the great fire of June 6 is 1167, their estimate cost is over $5,000,000. It is estimated that fully twice this number of buildings will be built between now and June 6 1890, one year from the fire, says a Seattle dispatch.

A gentleman who keeps posted on such matters tells Dallas *Hemizer* that within the past year fully 100 draft stallions have been imported into this state, and that the grades of horses are being rapidly improved. In a few years such a thing as a scrub animal will not be known in Oregon.

Baker City announces that it means to have rail connection with Albany, and if the Oregon Pacific line isn't built to Baker City, a branch line will be laid by local enterprise to connect with the main line. A committee of five from Baker City visited Albany last week, to secure the co-operation of citizens of Albany.

Examine our stockinet English walking jackets. D. R. and E. V. Mills.

The Lakeview *Examiner* reports that M. T. Walters has sold the thoroughbred racer, "Al Farrow" to a California sporting man called Smith. "Al Farrow" has been barred from the tracks of the racing "trust" of the county on account of the foul riding done by his manager some months ago. His record last year was the best in America, but has since been beaten.

100 pair men's B. of R. boots reduced to $3 pr. at O. H. Blounts. *

A California exchange reports that a number of small towns have been victimized by a smooth-tongued young man purporting to represent the "Electric Carburated Week Company." He says that the wicks possess untold merit to save oil. The wicks are but ordinary lamp wicks dyed a pinkish tint, and have not any better quality than those in general use.

Our $1.00 kid gloves are now selling like hot cakes, at 75c. D. R. and E. V. Mills. *

The balloonist eaten by sharks near Honolulu recently was not Van Tassel, but his assistant, Joe Lawrence. Lawrence was to have dropped inside the reef, but it appears that he could not get his parachute loose in time, and when he did descend he fell outside. The harbor is known to be infested with sharks, and there is no doubt that the daring aeronaut fell a prey to them.

Fine line of Ladies Jersey underwear in six shades at D. R. and E. V. Mills.

A Washington dispatch says: Representative Hermann has secured for Oregon a postoffice on the Willamette river, below Portland, at Linnton, with Mrs. Eva V. Alcorn as postmistress; the appointment of Jesse G. Walker as postmaster at Kono, in Klamath county; the change of postoffice site of Stewart, in Grant county, and the appointment of Samuel D. Laughlin as postmaster; the re-establishment of the postoffice in Crook county, and the appointment of J. M. Montgomery as postmaster.

Hot cakes for breakfast! Get your Buckwheat flour at D. L. Minkler & Son's. x

Roseburg seems confident that the next annual fair of the Southern Oregon District Agricultural Association will be held in Douglas county. The county association has secured track grounds 1½ miles from Roseburg on the railroad, and D. S. K. Buick has been down in the Willamette valley hunting for a "track pattern." Mr. Buick reports that the county association has made its capital stock $20,000, some of which has been pledged. The grounds selected are to cost $5,000.

Smoked herring, smoked halibut, smoked salmon and Eastern cod at Minkler & Son's. *

Congressman Hermann has appointed to the West Point cadetship W. B. Lodue of Salem, Or. He nominated as alternates Harold B. Fiske of Salem and Hayward H. Reddell of The Dalles, Or. Mr. Hermann reported to the War Department that these selections were based on the result of the competitive examination had before a committee of eminent gentlemen named by him and held in Portland, Or., on the 9th, 11th and 12th inst. The nominations were made in the above order to correspond with the ratings of the examination, the one named first having obtained a percentage of 98.

A new stock of cigars has just been received at the Soda Works—all the leading and best brands. Call in and try one. *

It is remarkable what a similarity of style appears in the weekly correspondence of the numerous members of the Klamath county *Star's* staff of writers located respectively at Ashland, Jacksonville, Lakeview, Pelican Bay and other large centers of news and intelligence. Can it be possible that Peter's eye, "in fine phrenzy rolling," has a glance keen enough to scan the whole horizon of the *Star's* special service, and that each member of this large staff of correspondent's writes up his weekly budget of wit, wisdom and what-not at the editorial table in the *Star* office? Or are the various contributions simply run through Peter's quill for polish and spice?

Smith & Dodge carry a full line of wall paper, ceiling's and decorations, also window shades in all colors, special sizes made to order. *

The lone highwayman held up the Redding and Weaverville stage a few miles out from Redding on Tuesday night of last week. He was armed with a shotgun and pistol, and had a handkerchief over the upper part of his face. L. Dow, proprietor of the stage line, was driving, and the driver was sitting beside him. After halting the stage, the highwayman asked if they had an ax or hatchet aboard. Dow replied sometimes they had, sometimes not. The robber then made the driver get the ax and stood over him with a shotgun and directed him how to break Wells, Fargo & Co.'s box open. The driver asked the highwayman if he should cut the iron strap that bound the box, he answered: No; just break the ends in." The highwayman cut the straps of the mail pouches.

The old established hardware and tinware business of B. F. Reeser in Ashland for sale at cost price of stock, or less if sold at once. *

MURDER NEAR RIDDLE'S.

F. Cain, the O. & C. track-walker on the section between Salt creek and the mouth of Cow creek canyon, was murdered at his cabin three miles south of the latter place on the night of Nov. 27th. Full particulars of the crime are given by a correspondent of the *Oregonian*, as follows:

It was Cain's duty to go north ahead of the north-bound passenger to the canyon, then to go back again south in front of the south-bound train, to see if the track was clear of obstructions. For this journey he used one of the track velocipedes provided for the purpose. He lived at the section house three miles south of the mouth of Cow creek canyon. At the latter place he had a little shed erected for his shelter during the winter months, and it was as he emerged from this place that the murderer fired the fatal shot.

The night selected by the assassin for his crime was of pitchy darkness. Cain had reached the northern extremity of his beat on his velocipede, to which, hanging on its forward end, was attached the lantern that showed him the track. After taking the velocipede off the track, he went into the shed and waited for the train to pass him. When he came out the position of the lantern was such that its rays lit up the form with sufficient clearness for the murderer, concealed in the darkness, to draw his Winchester, take deliberate aim at his victim's head, and with a single ball drop him dead in his tracks. Cain fell dead in the half-open door. But the job was only half done, as yet. The murderer then found the bunch of keys which he wanted in Cain's pocket, and, wrenching the lantern from the velocipede, walked the three miles south to the section house where Cain lived, entered unseen, passed up the stairs to Cain's room and opened it. Once inside, he spent some time in the room, and was plainly heard by the people in the house, who supposed it to be Cain in his own room. After rifling the trunk, which he opened by its rightful key, he took his departure and disappeared into the night.

As to his identity, or the object of the crime, everything is the merest speculation. The theory of tramps has been discarded. A gentleman who came from there yesterday says that that idea is ridiculous. The man who would go to that lonely cabin, and wait patiently till 3 o'clock in the morning, knowing that Cain would come out, and then go with such accuracy and method about his work of obtaining papers, etc., must have known Cain and his habits and business. Ten to one he wanted to obtain possession of some papers that Cain had in his trunk. A tramp would scarcely have owned a Winchester rifle, and the probability is that the murderer was one who was familiar with its use and felt he could trust it to do his work, rather than the more popular revolver.

The opinion prevailed that Cain had some secret enemy, who wished to rid himself of his presence, or obtain possession of papers in his possession. The thoroughness of his plot shows further that he must have known Cain's habits.

The Southern Pacific officials have promptly interested themselves in the matter, and are leaving no stone unturned to develop the circumstances which may offer a clue to the perpetrators. Their offer of $500 reward will have a tendency to put officers on the scent.

HERE AND THERE.

Received at Hunsaker's this week, Dec 4th, a large stock of staple dry goods and quite a number of new dress goods, just the thing for the time of year. Come and take a look. x

The citizens of Callahan's in Siskiyou county have formed a game protection club with the object of enforcing the law in regard to fish and game.

Johnson & Co. are still getting large quantities of apples ready for shipment from Yreka and the *Journal* says they have about 12 car loads on hand.

The grand ball at Sisson Thanksgiving given by the Brotherhood of Engineers and Firemen was a success in every respect. From 80 to 100 couples were in attendance.

The handsome monument to the late Master Mechanic of the S. P. shops at Sacramento, A. J. Stevens, was unveiled at that place last Tuesday with appropriate ceremonies—a tribute from his fellow workmen.

"I use Ayer's Cherry Pectoral freely in my practice, and recommend it in cases of Whooping Cough among children, having found it more certain to cure that troublesome disease than any other medicine I know of." So says Dr. Bartlett of Concord, Mass.

Ex-Senator Dorsey is apparently in financial straits. His entire herd of cattle, supposed to number 15,000 head, was advertised to be sold Dec. 2d to satisfy a note for $65,000, but a payment of $17,000 on the note has secured a year's extension of time.

Dom Pedro has arrived safely in Portugal. An exchange remarks that his fate is a hard one for a man whose wisdom and goodness delivered his country from the curse of slavery; but he has at least escaped assassination, as those two other great emancipators, President Lincoln and Czar Alexander, did not.

One of the State Fish Commissioners has visited the Klamath river dam at Klamath City lately, and was satisfied with the new fish ladder constructed. He examined the river with a view of establishing a salmon hatchery, and also took a look at the Big Spring east of this place in Shasta Valley for the same purpose.—[Journal.

The Red Cross Company of Mott, are now building a large saw mill near Bartles, on McCloud river, capable of cutting upwards of 50,000 feet of lumber per day. Supt. Wheeler has been making the necessary arrangements for its construction, and will soon have the machinery hauled, besides taking some from the Red Cross saw mill at Mott.—[Yreka Journal.

The fountain of perpetual youth was one of the dreams of antiquity. It has been well-nigh realized in Ayer's Sarsaparilla, which purifies the blood, gives vitality to all the bodily functions, and thus restores to age much of the vigor and freshness of youth.

A Very Absurd Story.

The *Oregonian* recently had the following from Case, the partner of Bassett in which the latter was killed:

Portland, Nov. 19.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE OREGONIAN:

I see by the remarks made in your paper that you put me down as a good for-nothing scoundrel, and may be I am; at all events, I have seven years to repent in, and if I live I can fulfill the promise I made to Myron Lockwood when I left him on that fatal night. As I knelt by his side and saw him bleeding and dying, I placed a cocked revolver at my head and said to him: Myron you are dying and I am bleeding from a cut on the head, but I will soon end my days. He said to me: "John, don't do that, for I am dying and cannot do what I want to and I will leave it to your care. Here is a letter that will tell where it is. Now go and leave me, and he fainted away and I thought he was dead. When I got to my room and stopped the blood that was flowing from my head, I read the contents of that letter. It told me of a place in Northern California where he had buried $10,000 in gold and silver coin, a buckskin sack with eight pounds of gold and some valuable papers. I have studied the contents of that letter and map and destroyed them. The honorable people of Portland can send me to the penitentiary, but they cannot find out where Charles Bassett's money is buried. JOHN CASE.

[The honorable people of Portland will try and get along without that $10,000, should there be any such sum buried in Northern California, but no one will believe Case's story, as if it ever had been buried, it would have been dug up and drank up long ago. Mr. Case is in a hurry to say ta, ta. He is yet to be tried for endeavoring to slash young Kallish's jugular with a razor.]

PERSONAL.

Mrs. J. H. Barnum has been at Medford this week.

D. C. Herrin came in from Lakeview last week.

Mrs. H. J. Black has been quite ill for a number of weeks.

Mr. C. Cuningham came in from Fort Klamoth yesterday.

Filix Kahn, of Fort Klamath, went down to Portland Tuesday.

J. R. Wilson and family, of Glendale, will spend the winter in Medford.

L. D. Fuller, is at Seattle having gone on an important business mission.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Downing are spending the week with relatives at Central Point.

Mrs. Wm. Patterson and children are expected home from Woodland, Cala., by this evening's train.

Newell Harlan, one of the publishers of the Medford *Mail*, is in Nebraska, to remain till sometime in January.

John Butterworth, who has been teaching a term of school on Applegate, has been in town the past week.

J. E. Fenton, Esq., special attorney for Staver & Walker, has been in Ashland several days during the past week.

Albert Close has gone to Seattle, to look for an opening in the brick-making business. Mrs. Close is visiting at Talent.

Miss Mary Porter, sister of Mrs. Adin Spencer, left last Saturday for her home in Kansas, after a visit of two months here.

H. C. Dollarhide, having rented the Houck ranch, five miles south of Ashland, will reside thereon with his family this winter.

John McHenry and daughter, of Virginia, Ill., arrived in Ashland yesterday, and are visiting Recorder Berry and family.

M. M. Obenchain, of Sprague River, came in over the mountains Tuesday, on a business trip, and went on to Jacksonville Wednesday.

Mr. P. Lyttleton was at Jacksonville Tuesday, making a final settlement of his administration of the Parham and Patton estate.

Messrs. Watson, Phillips and Burtenshaw, Hammond and Bowditch, of the Ashland bar, are all in Jacksonville this week, in attendance at court.

Prof. C. F. Nesse left Wednesday morning for northern California on his annual professional trip in that country. Professor Nesse has few equals as a penman.

Ed. Herrin started last Friday for San Francisco, having been sent for by his brother, W. F. Herrin, who had for him a fine opening with a mining company in El Dorado county.

W. M. Gilroy arrived Wednesday morning from Port Townsend, Wash., where he has been employed for some time. He reports everything rustling up there and expects to return.

Mrs. M. H. Vining, H. C. Myer and wife and F. H. Vining and wife and son were over at Colestin last Saturday. F. H. Vining and family have been visiting Jacksonville this week.

Sheriff Wm. Carll has been in town a day or two this week. He had just returned from a trip to Coos Bay, and considers the country in that section a good field for real estate investments.

Mrs. A. F. Squires, of East Portland, who has been here at the bedside of her mother, Mrs. Jas. Kilgore, for the past three weeks expects to return home this week on account of the illness of Mr. Squires, though her mother's condition is not much improved.

Chas. Miller, of Marion county, is visiting his brother, I. O. Miller, in this place this week, on his way home from attendance at the National Grange meeting at Sacramento. He says the delegates were still having a good time traveling and enjoying the hospitality of California cities when he left them.

Mrs. C. B. Stone arrived from Gervais Tuesday morning, bringing her daughter, Miss Ollie Freeland, who is in very poor health, as far as Medford, to be placed in the care of Dr. Pryce. Miss Freeland expects to spend most of the winter in Ashland. After spending a day or two in Ashland Mrs. Stone returned home Wednesday evening.

Gen. E. L. Applegate is at Portland this week. A fine illustration of the wonderful government red tape run to seed is given in the case of the General's bonds as Indian Agent. The bonds were made out to cover the case of his appointment dated Sept. 30th, but it was found that records showed the appointment to have been made Sept. 13th, and so the bonds had to be sent back to Oregon, and be replaced with new bonds just the same in all respects, except that the date is to be Sept. 13th, instead of Sept. 30th.

Lieut. C. W. Ayers, chief of the commissary department, 24 regiment, O. N. G., was ordered to report at Salem this week in his official capacity, and went north Tuesday evening. The TIDINGS announced a few weeks ago that Mr. Ayers had been appointed commissary sergeant of the regiment, but when his commission arrived, Mr. Ayers found that it headquartered the commissary department here and gave him the rank of 1st Lieutenant, better than he expected.

The Jinglers Here To-Night.

The Jingler Concert Company of jubilee singers who came out from Chicago to this coast under special engagement of the Long Beach and Pacific Grove association resorts in California and since the completion of their engagement have been making a tour of the coast, will appear at Granite Hall this (Friday) evening Dec. 6th. Here is an extract from the Los Angeles *Tribune* after their performance in that city:

A large and select audience filled the hall of the Temperance Temple last night to witness the farewell performance of the "Jinglers." This troupe is entirely of colored people, and is decidedly the best troupe of the kind that ever performed in this city. G. W. Walley, the second bass, is especially fine, and brought down the house in his "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" and "Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep." Geo. L. Conley is decidedly the best man of the company, and was encored every time he appeared. His songs, "Bake that Chicken Pie" and "Is Maud In?" must be heard to be appreciated. The feature of the evening was the song of the quartette. The imitation of Barnum's steam calliope and the Chinese quartette were rendered in their own inimitable style.

Indian Veterans.

The following names are now on the roll of Indian war veterans, camp No. 11, headquarters Grant's Pass: Abram Cole, D. S. Holton, A. M. Jess, Henry Kelly, D. W. Kerth, W. N. Saunders, Henry Thornton, J. P. Tuffs, J. M. Furman, J. T. Layton and Geo. B. Currey, Grant's Pass; Wm. Griffin and James Hoxie, Wilderville; J. McDaniel, John Swindon, Henry York and W. Stringer, Murphy; James McGarvey, Alex. Watts and Chas. Goldwin, Williams; Wm. Grow, McAllister; David Sexton, Lucky Queen; David Dunlap, Big Butte; John E. Ross, Jacksonville; W. B. Reynolds, Central Point; J. B. Wrisley, Medford; A. W. Presley, Tacoma, Wash.; Jas. M. Hunt, Pomeroy, Wash.; Joseph A. Vincent, Lewiston, Idaho; James Woody, deceased.

Wreck of the Idaho.

The O. R. & N. Co.'s steamer, Idaho, on the way out from Port Townsend to Portland with a cargo of lime and general merchandise, struck on a rock in the straits of Fuca in a dense fog last Friday morning, and was wrecked. Only one passenger was aboard, and he and the officers and crew had no difficulty in getting safely to land in the ship's boats. The Idaho is the last of the fleet of old wooden steamers that have run up and down the coast from San Francisco for many years.

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Finest line Neckwear in Southern Oregon at O. H. Blount's. *

We notice that D. L. Minkler & Son are receiving large invoices of staple and fancy groceries. *

City Council Proceedings.

Regular monthly meeting city council held Monday evening, Dec. 2. Present, councilmen Walter, Cotton, Thornton, Hunsaker, Sutton. Petition of Thompson & Billings for permission to cut down the sidewalk in front of their property to correspond with established grade granted.

Following bills were presented and ordered paid.

Eugene Walrad, Salary and expenses	$63.75
J. K. Lesley, police, Nov.	50.00
Milton Berry, recorder's fees	21.85
Gregory & Hicks, hay.	3.85
Electric Light Co., Nov.	32.00
Wm. Patterson, salary on water works labor and lumber	116.39
S. F. Morine, blacksmith