ASHLAND TIDINGS.

Friday..... December 13, 1889.

Winter Pasturage.

Good winter pastue near Ashland. Inquire of Wm. N. Hill on Garrett place east of Bear creek, or of H. C. Hill in Ashland. [26-1m.

Money to Loan.

We will make loans in sums of $500 and upward on approved real estate security on one, two or three years time at 10 per cent interest. No commission charged.

BANK OF ASHLAND.

Lecture Postponed.

Dr. M. M. Gibson will lecture in the Presbyterian church next Wednesday, the 18th inst. at 7:30 p. m. Hold your tickets and use them then. Half the proceeds go to the church. A land slide prevented the lecturer's arrival last Tuesday. The Dr. lectures this week at Portland and elsewhere.

Liberal Meeting.

On Sunday next, Dec. 15th, at 2 o'clock p. m., Prof. W. J. Dean, of Talent, will deliver an address at Granite Hall, Ashland, upon the subject of the purpose of the "Secular Unions" of the country, and an effort will be made to organize a local union. Everybody cordially invited. **

Sheet and Pillow Case party.

An invitation sheet and pillow case party will be given at Granite Hall, Ashland, on Christmas night. Invitations will be out in a few days. The management will endeaver to make it a most pleasant event, and none but those having invitations will be admitted as maskers. Tickets will be $1; ladies, 50 cts. Spectators 25c.

Fire at Medford.

Medford had a small loss by fire last Sunday night. The two harness shops and Hubbard's machinery warehouse on south side of the main business street were burned, together with a considerable part of the contents of the buildings. Losses are reported as follows: W. G. Cooper, $2500; F. Hubbard, $600; B. F. Adkins, $100. The buildings were of wood. It took hard work to save the livery stable property adjacent.

Trains Delayed.

Up to last evening there had been no train here from the south since Tuesday, and all southbound trains were still held at Redding. The trouble was caused by a great freshet at Deer creek, three miles north of Red Bluff, where both ends of a long bridge were washed out, leaving the bridge standing on its iron piers out over the stream. A local train left Redding for the north yesterday noon, and was expected to reach Ashland last night at 10, and a through train may be here to-night.

Sheriff's Convention.

Sheriff Birdsey has been in Portland this week, in attendance at the first annual convention of the sheriffs of the various counties of Oregon. Half the counties were represented in the convention, and important measures were adopted to facilitate more efficient co-operation among the sheriffs in all parts of the state. The institution of a "rogues gallery" at the state penitentiary will help the officers, and arrangements will probably be made to supply every sheriff with pictures of all the chief criminals of the Pacific coast.

Sale of Jerseys.

Charles Miller, of Marion county, this week bought of W. C. Myer ten head of Jerseys—nine heifers, all beauties, of uniform, solid color, and a fine bull calf, and they were shipped yesterday morning by car to Mr. Miller's farm near Jefferson. Mr. Myer says he never saw, on his own place or anywhere else, a finer lot of heifers of the same number. They are all full-blood, of course, and eligible to registry. A herd sold by Mr. Myer to Mr. Looney, near Jefferson, has taken premiums at the state fair every year for three years.

"The Jinglers."

The colored jubilee singers who have adopted the company name of "The Jinglers," gave two performances in Ashland last week—Friday and Saturday evenings. They are by far the best jubilee singers that ever visited their specialties they have certainly this part of the United States, and in never been surpassed by any jubilee singers who have ever visited the coast. They were brought to California from the East by the managers of the Pacific Grove Chautaqua assembly, and since the close of the season they have been singing to crowded houses in the large cities of California.

Spelling School.

The old-time entertainment,a spelling school, in which the contest is to be free for all in the audience, will be revived at Ashland M. E. Church next Tuesday evening, Dec. 17th. The words to be spelled will be taken from this week's issue of the TIDINGS. Those who want to spell will stand in line, and "step down" upon the first word missed. The last person left—the winner—will receive a year's subscription to the ASHLAND TIDINGS free. Admission to the church 10 cts; spelling to begin at 8 o'clock.

Supper will be served by the Ladies' Aid Society from 6 to 8 o'clock, at 15 c.

Elleford & Brophy—One Week.

Th fact that a theatrical company comes into a place the size of Ashland expecting to draw a crowd each evening for a week is in itself a pretty good recommendation of the ability and strength of the company. This is what the Elleford & Brophy Co. expect to do. They begin next Monday evening, Dec. 16th, and a new play will adorn the boards each evening during the week. By putting the admission at popular prices—25c and 50c—they expect to strike another responsive chord in the hearts of the ordinary theatre-goers, and help swell the throng that will be in attendance. Read the repertoire of plays in another column and then go and secure your reserved seats without extra charge.

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. *

Grand Jury Report.

We, the Grand Jury empaneled for said court and term do most respectfully submit this our final report. We have diligently inquired into and investigated all charges brought to our notice, and passed upon them as we thought right and proper under the law. We have examined the public buildings and the records of the county, and find as follows: We have made a careful examination of records kept by the County Clerk, we find the county records kept in a splendid condition and believe they are kept in a thoroughly business like manner, we would respectfully say the same of the other offices belonging to the county. The County Hospital seems to be under excellent management. The inmates express themselves as being well pleased with their treatment, and have no complaints to offer. We find the house and everything about clean and in order, with twelve inmates.

Having no further business, we would respectfully ask your honor to discharge us.

GEORGE BROWN, foreman.
A. POOL, W. H. BARR.
J. N. WOODY, FRANK CARDWELL.
T. J. NEFF, MART HURST.

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

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

A bigger lot of tinware than ever at Dean's. x

BREVITIES.

Streets are decidedly sloppy.

Spelling School. See notice.

The trial of Kent began yesterday.

Scrap albums, 10cts up at Blount's.

Spelling school Tuesday evening next.

Cups and saucers for 5cts. at Blount's. x

The Talent Grange numbers thirty members already.

Popular prices of admission at Granite Hall next week.

Christmas cards in endless variety, at Minkler & Son's

Buy an $85 organ or a fine piano of C. F. Shepherd for Christmas. x

Citizens nominating convention at council room to-morrow afternoon.

Elleford & Brophy one week at Granite Hall, beginning Monday, 16th.

Have you seen those fine white blankets at the Ashland Woolen Mills office? x

A large amount of interesting matter is crowded out of the TIDINGS this week.

An entertainment at Granite hall every night next week—Sunday excepted.

Red House has more Christmas goods than all others—hence a better selection. *

The Jacksonville Silver Cornet Band will give a grand mask ball on New Year's night.

Report of the last meeting of the Ashland teachers association will appear in next issue.

Don't overlook the fact, that its Ashland that's putting on airs with an electric motor road project now.

J. W. Hockersmith is still butchering hogs. He will make bacon of 300 head before he quits this winter.

Get prices and examine our complete line of albums, before purchasing. D. L. MINKLER & SON.

Nothing could be nicer for a useful Christmas present than a pair of those fine white blankets for sale at the Woolen Mills office.

The bills about town look as if Ashland people would see an old-fashioned, "back East" Christmas—plenty of snow on the ground.

Don't miss the fun at the old-fashioned spelling bee at Ashland M. E. Church next Tuesday evening. Admission only 10 cts.

Why send East for organs or pianos—C. F. Shepherd will sell you an organ from $85 up to $1000 and keep it in repair for five years. x

Elleford & Brophy Co. have had full houses and given splendid satisfaction wherever they have been, and they will undoubtedly have good houses in Ashland.

"Kleptomania," a new serio-comedy that has been running in San Francisco for a week or two, is booked for Granite Hall, Jan. 1—New Year's night.

All parties in debt to Evans & Brunk will save cost by paying up before Dec 25, 1889. It's not excuses we want, but money.

EVANS & BRUNK.

In the case of the State vs. W. M. Townsend (charged with mayhem) the grand jury last Thursday returned "not a true bill," and the defendant was discharged.

The weather prophet who was trying to ruin the country with the prediction of another dry winter crawled into his hole this week, but has since been drowned out.

Geo. W. Edwards is shipping a car load of apples each week from his fruit storage warehouse at Talent. Benj Eggleston shipped a carload from Ashland to San Francisco this week.

Medford comes to the front with a gun club and proposes to shoot any other club in this part of the state that will come to Medford on Christmas Day. To Arms! Ashland Rod and Gun Club.

Among the land contests in the Roseburg district recently decided at Washington is that of Raphael Morat vs. Joseph Goldsworthy—decided in favor of Goldsworthy.

Israel Patton has leased the placer mines of Capt. Thos. Smith and G. H. Lynch on Wagner creek, and is beginning preparations for the season's hydraulic work. The mines have shown rich prespects.

The pupils of the Ganiard school district, under the guidance of the teacher, L. A. Simons, are working Saturdays in clearing up and beautyfying the Sam's Valley cemetery, which had been badly neglected.

W. N. Luckey reports the following property sales in Ashland: Mrs. E. A. Matheny to M. N. Long, house and lot on 1st street; con., $1000. * * * * E. E. Miner to Mrs. Sarah Rogers, lots 9 and 10, Miner's addition, $500.

The advance agent of the "Helen Blythe" dramatic company was in Ashland this week, and wanted to play here, but as Granite hall was already engaged for every night next week, he was compelled to skip Ashland.

The first snow of the season fell in Ashland last Tuesday afternoon—big, wet, flakes, that melted almost before they touched the ground. Tuesday morning the snow was reported 18 inches deep at the Siskiyou summit of the S. P. R. R.

The report that Thos. Curry, of Table Rock, had no insurance on his barn, recently burned, was an error. There was a policy of $500 in the the Farmers & Merchants, which was promptly paid, and thus a part of the loss was made good.

The Grant's Pass city council publish the new city ordinances in the newspaper. It is presumed they have no town post for the edification of the public according to the plan pursued in more enlightened communities where the people like to call themselves "progressive."

The *Journal* reports that Miss Lena Bisbee, of Yreka, shot the two birds that have been snapping off the heads of canaries in that place. Miss Bisbee caught them after her canary and shot them one at a time with a little Ballard rifle. They looked something like blue jays.

Your wasted cheeks may have all the plumpness and bloom of health through your use of Ayer's Sarsaparilla. This time-honored remedy still leads the van. It improves digestion, purifies the blood, and invigorates the system. Give it a trial.

The harsh, drastic purgatives, once deemed so indispensable, have given place to milder and more skillfully prepared laxatives; hence the great and growing demand for Ayer's pills. Physicians everywhere recommend them for costiveness, indigestion, and liver complaints.

Chas. Kahn has been buying a number of beef cattle in this valley, to be fed through the winter, and delivered to him in the spring, fat and juicy for the Portland market. Mr. Kahn thinks winter feeding of beeves will be a prominent and paying industry in this valley among the farmers who can grow alfalfa.

Mr. M. O. Warner, the piano tuner, is in town and will remain a few days, only, so that those who have pianos in need of attention should not delay in seeing him. Mr. Warner was in Ashland last summer and his work seems to have given universal satisfaction; besides he bears recommendations from the leading music houses of this coast as to his superior workmanship.*

Large motto mugs, 10cts, at O. H. Blount's. *

Mr. O. B. Pickett, a breeder of fine horses and cattle in North Dakota, stopped in Ashland this week with four valuable stallions and eight head of Shorthorn cattle, en route for California. The horses were brought out from Montreal, and were Clyde, English Draft and Norman. He values them at $2900 to $3500 each. They are at the feed stables near depot.

Sets of dishes for children, 5cts, at Blount's. *

California papers report that Frank Cimbusky shot and killed a woman named Josephine Smith, alias Mollie Johnson, and then shot and killed himself at Corning, Cal., last Sunday. It is believed to be Frank Cimbusky, formerly of this county.

Among the new incorporations reported is that of the Southern Oregon Lumber and Mfg. Company, of Central Point; capital stock, $12,000; incorporators, C. Magruder, J. B. Williams, H. C. Lewis, J. W. Merritt and David Linn. The company has purchased the planing mill at that place, and will carry on the business on as large a scale as the field will permit.

Sometime ago Isaac Simpkins, of Woodville, who was totally blind, had a cataract removed from one of his eyes by Dr. E. P. Geary, of Medford. This restored the sight of one eye, and Mr. Simpkins liked the result so well that he had Dr. Geary remove the cataract from the other eye last week, and now has two good eyes again.

People in from Dead Indian last week reported that a certain individual has been entering and pilfering the cabins of settlers in that region, and supplying his larder with household luxuries in the shape of soft-soap, flour, sugar, bacon, etc. Some of the settlers are sure they know who the thief is, and as they are "laying" for him he will no doubt be apprehended if he undertakes to continue the business.

Along the lower valley of Jenny creek, and about the source of Fall creek, on the southeastern slope of the Cascades, the Grieve brothers have several good stock and dairy ranches. The place of the late John A. Grieve, at head of Fall creek, besides being an ideal dairy farm, is a good location for fruit, as well—as the TIDINGS can testify from samples of very choice apples received the other day from its orchard.

Finely bound books worth $1.25 for 40cts at Blount's. *

Fred H. Rowe found it more difficult to run logs down Rogue river than he had anticipated, and has left his first drive in a slough about half way down from the starting point to Tolo. In the late summer the water is too low, and in the winter the water is too high, he says. So he will postpone further attempts to run the logs down till next spring. It is likely that the river channel will need to be considerably improved in many places to make log-driving a complete success.

Wire baskets, 10cts, at Blount's. *

That's the way to do it. Albany has a quarter page display ad of her local advantages in the *Oregonian* of the 2d, and Grant's Pass has a three column advertisement of her peculiar local attractions and claims to be the most prosperous city of its age in the Northwest, a second Spokane Falls. J. T. Flynn the general agent offers to guarantee 50 per cent per annum on sums invested in real estate in that city. Roseburg can beat that. We can guarantee 100 per cent for investments.—[Plaindealer. [That's nothing. The sale of Galey's 20-acre orchard in Ashland, reported last week, shows an advance of more than ten thousand per cent in the value of the land in the last four years. How will that do? From $5 an acre to $600 an acre.]

A B C blocks from 10cts up at Blount's. *

A. H. Carson, of the popular Redland Nurseries of Josephine county, brought up 3000 trees for Ashland parties last week, and also delivered a large number at other places on the way hither. Mr. Carson also took back with him orders for about 5000 more trees for Ashland people. Trees from the Redland Nurseries stood the test of the dry year so well that it was a great card for the nurseries. Of 1600 trees set out last year by G. F. Billings, only six trees were lost. This, it will be remembered, was the most unfavorable year for young orchards in the whole history of Southern Oregon. The Redland nurseries are upon a fine soil that has considerable clay in its composition, and as the trees are required to send their roots through it without any assistance from irrigation, they are well prepared to "go it alone" in any soil after transplanting.

Big nigger dolls, 10cts, at Blount's.*

Somebody has said of fame: "It is to be killed in battle, and have your name spelled wrong in the dispatch." The Frenchman who was the chief witness in a case before the grand jury last week has even a worse experience. He had his nose bitten off in battle, but still lives to see his name horribly and perpetually mutilated in the county papers. The TIDINGS spells it "Schnappen," the *Times* prints it "Scheipper" and the *News* has it "Schefer," and we each propose to stick to our own style, if we have to have it copyrighted. To make it worse, the poor Frenchman found that his case was named "Denis," as it were. After being filled up on whiskey at Medford and sent to Portland, he applied to the sheriff of Multnomah to find out who he was and why he was there. He was sent back to Jacksonville, only to find that every other witness for the state had dodged his subpoena, and the grand jury therefore found "not a true bill." Mr. "Schnappen" still feels sure of one fact, as he testified in the preliminary hearing: "He went into a saloon one Saturday night with $65 and a fine revolver in his possession. He came out early Sunday morning with his money all gone, his revolver gone, and part of his nose."

DEATHS.

At 8 o'clock Monday morning last, Robert Garrett suddenly departed this life, in his 87th year. Deceased was born in the state of Georgia, March 31st, 1803. His father moved to Illinois when Robert was four years old, and raised his family in that state. In 1850 Mr. Garrett came to California prospecting, thence in 1851 to Northern Oregon, thence back to Illinois for his family, which he moved to Willamette valley in 1853. He afterward came to Rogue River valley, and settled in Ashland in 1864. He lived with the wife of his youth, who still survives him, 62 years. He was the father of eleven children, who are either scattered over the states or gone over death's river. Only one, his father's namesake, lives in Ashland. Father Garrett was a faithful Christian and a member of the Baptist church for more than 61 years. His pastor, Rev. F. K. Van Tassel conducted the funeral services on Tuesday afternoon, and the earthly remains were laid to their last rest in Hargadine cemetery. **

W. G. Mills, proprietor of the Delmonico restaurant near the depot, died last Saturday morning, after a long illness. Deceased was taken down about a year ago with pneumonia and never recovered. He leaves a wife and large family of children. The funeral was on Sunday; interment at Hargadine cemetery.

Julius Boehme, who with his daughter, Mrs. Jeffreys, has resided in Ashland for several years past, died last Wednesday morning at an advanced age. Mr. Boehme had been in feeble health for a long time. He was an old war veteran and a member of the G. A. R., and Burnside Post, of this place took the funeral in charge. His death is mourned by all who knew him.

Petaluma Theater.

The Elleford-Brophy Dramatic and Comedy Company have had a rainy week so far in their Petaluma engagement. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather we are glad to hear that they have a little more than paid expenses. It is a really good troup and it is a pleasure to attend a performance where each member of the company is "letter perfect" in the part. It was our good fortune to witness the play of Hazel Kirke, on Thursday night and were really glad to see a full house, which the merit of the play itself and of the actors—one and all—richly deserved. Every father who has a family of daughters ought to be forced to listen to the lessons in Hazel Kirke at least once a year. It is full of human nature, is moral, high-toned and thrillingly interesting. Parents need not fear to take their children to see these plays. No language is used that would offend the ear of an old maid. East Lynne will be put on this, Friday, evening, and Fun in a Boarding School, Saturday night. They deserve good houses.—[Daily News.

Fleece-lined hose at Dean's. x

THE "MOTOR" LINE.

Ashland's Turn Again—Keep your Eye on Ashland, to see the First Electric car line in Southern Oregon.

The project of an electric motor street car line from the Ashland plaza to the Tolman sulphur springs, three miles out the Boulevard, took a fresh impetus this week from the visit here of a gentleman representing an Eastern syndicate who are putting in and operating electric motor roads in many places. The gentleman stated that he believed a bonus of $75.00 would induce the company to build and operate the line. In a conference with a few prominent citizens and owners of real estate along the Boulevard, he was assured that such a bonus could be easily raised, and that a definite proposition from the company would be gladly received. After obtaining from Ashland Electric Power & Light Co., a proposition of terms for a supply of power from their plant, he expressed himself as much pleased with the outlook, and confident that a satisfactory proposition would shortly be presented to the people of Ashland from the Eastern syndicate.

There is no claim that Jay Gould or the S. P. R. R. or the Chicago and Northwestern or the A. T. and S. F. is behind this scheme, seeking an outlet to the coast or a route from Omaha to San Francisco.

HERE AND THERE.

The trial of Gibbs ended yesterday with a verdict, guilty of manslaughter.

Cement sidewalks are being laid in the business part of Roseburg.

Peter Olesen has turned up again—capture at Garfield, W. T., last Tuesday.

Linkville parties propose to make a mile race and training track near that town.

Wm. Smith has sold his mining property near Grant's Pass to Messrs. Beck and Hull of Gold Hill.

Red House has Christmas goods like which you have never seen. Consult the advertisement. *

Scrap albums, photograph albums, plush papeterie, and Xmas cards until further orders, at Minkler & Son's. *

A Portland commission dealer has paid out $2500 for Iowa eggs within the past sixty days, says the *Welcome*.

The tax roll of Klamath county, filed with state secretary, shows total takable property of $109,708; polls 569.

Floods in the Sacramento valley, and 10 ft. to 12 ft. of snow at the C. P. summit of the Sierra Nevadas this week.

The Umpqua has a poet. "Lyrics of the Umpqua" is the title of a volume of verses by H. H. Woodward, recently published.

A project is on foot to supply both Monmouth and Independence, Polk county, with electric light and join them by electric railroad.

T. L. Davidson, of Salem, and R. E. Bybee, of Portland, have been appointed members of the state board of agriculture, by the governor.

The District Temperance Alliance, for Jackson, Josephine, Douglas, Coos, Curry, Klamath and Lake counties, convened at Roseburg Wednesday.

Oakland, Or., shipped 2600 lbs., and Montague, Cal., 1400 lbs. of dressed turkeys to San Francisco for Thanksgiving. The market there seemed to be over-supplied at that time, and the price went down to 12 cts. per pound.

Mrs. Smith, wife of ex-Judge Seneca Smith, and a Mrs. Roach, of Portland, were out driving in that city last Friday afternoon when their horse ran away and the ladies were thrown violently out of the buggy. Mrs. Smith's neck was broken, and she died instantly. Mrs. Roach was seriously hurt, but will recover.

The Grangers of the Willamette valley, in a representative council at Tangent last Saturday, called on account of an urgent appeal for aid from the farmers of Eastern Oregon, in the district that has suffered from drouth, decided to aid them by sending the seed wheat and oats asked for, and to ask the transportation companies to forward the same free of charge.

Red House ahead with a fine line of Christmas goods. *

The Grant's Pass *Courier* of last week tells of an accident which befell John Winders, of this place, who has been working at his trade (carpentering) at the Pass. He fell from the singing in Layton & Co.'s new brick building, a distance of eight or ten feet to the floor, cutting an ugly gash over his right eye and sustaining painful bruises about the shoulders, which will disable him for a short time.

Red House to the front—read the advertisement. *

Says the Portland *Journal* of last Friday: Samuel Walker and James Dodd, the indicted stage robbers, were arraigned yesterday and pleaded not guilty. Judge Mallory, for the defense, prayed the court to grant him as much time as possible in which to prepare himself, the request being taken into consideration by Judge Deady appointing December 18 as the day for trial.

Join the band! Sales at the Red House are steadily growing. *

At Dallas last Friday, the first of the suits brought by the farmers of Polk county against the railroad company for loss sustained by fire in the grain fields, started, the plaintiffs allege, by sparks from locomotives, resulted in an award of $160 to plaintiff, who had claimed $190. It is thought this case will be made a test, letting the others be governed by the decision in the one case. In all there are sixteen suits, claiming in the aggregate damages in the sum of about $20,000.

Just received, a splendid assortment of fancy groceries at Minkler & Son's.

Says the "Montague Herald," Lehners Bros' advertising journal: "Ida Lee, the female horse-trainer, has been breaking horses for Lehners Bros. & Co. the past few days. She is a wonder, accomplishing in two days what other horse trainers cannot in a month. She took a wild, vicious horse, which could scarcely be approached within feeding distance, and in two days was driving him single and double. She astonished lookers-on by picking up the animal's hind feet within a minute after entering the stable for the first time."

All kinds of Christmas candies at Minkler & Son's. *

The Klamath *Star* had the following goose story last week: Last week Houston, of the meat-market, fooled twenty-five geese most appallingly. On Judge Smith's ranch, where the "great gooses" are wont to assemble Mr. Houston lay hid in a beef-hide so cunningly that a wolf in sheep's clothing would have turned red, white and blue with envy. The great, fat geese gathered confidently around, all oblivious of the awful fact that something wickeder than a sick cow lay there. At the first discharge of his gun Houston killed seventeen geese and at the second discharge, eight. He had to get a wagon to carry his game home.

A fine line of Christmas stationery, at Minkler & Son's. *

The Salvation Army is enjoying a lively battle with the devil and the municipal authorities at Portland. A new ordinance, prohibiting the playing of brass bands on the streets—directed at the "army"—was passed the other day, and vetoed by Mayor DeLashmutt. The "army" had heard of the coming veto, and just as the mayor finished reading the veto message, pandemonium was raised just outside the council chambers by the Salvation Army, who made such a din with the drums and cymbalis that the council couldn't proceed with business for ten minutes. As soon as it could, however, it promptly and unanimously passed the ordinance over the veto. Next day the "army," numbering 12 men and 6 women, was arrested and placed in jail, and promptly "bailed out" by Mrs. Dr. Charlton. The Salvation Army will thrive on this sort of treatment. The generals and captains will call it "persecution for righteousness sake."

PERSONAL.

Mrs. Fitch returned from Portland Wednesday.

John F. Givans went down to Portland this week.

Gen. E. L. Applegate returned last Monday from Portland.

Robert Bonner and party visited Sisson one day last week.

A. H. Case is studying for the ministry under Rev. W. H. Wickham.

Chas. Cole, of Klamath City, was in town several days during the past week.

E. Sturgeon, the barber, left Ashland Monday with his family, for Spokane Falls.

Dr. A. C. Caldwell made a trip down to Merlin and Grant's Pass last Saturday and Sunday.

P. B. Whitney of the Passenger Dept., S. P. R. R., has been in town several days this week.

Mrs. Dr. Songer and Miss Eva Dean have been visiting relatives at Grant's Pass during the past week.

J. P. True and wife, of Jacksonville precinct, returned home last Thursday from their trip to Indiana.

Joe Poor, fireman for McDonald on the Ashland-Dunsmuir run, has been promoted, and is now an engineer.

Mrs. Nimrod Charley, and Miss Charley, of Little Butte precinct, were in Ashland last Thursday and Friday.

Miss Edith Crouch, of Linkville, has come to Ashland to remain during the winter in attendance at school.

R. S. Dunlap has served as Tyler of Warren Ledge, No. 10, A. F. & A. M. of Jacksonville, for thirty consecutive years.

Geo. W. Dunn, of Ashland, and Saml. Vandyke, of Eden, have been serving the county as jurors in circuit court.

Thos. E. and Geo. W. Nichols came over from Butte creek with beef cattle this week, and Jas. Pelton brought a bunch up from Sam's valley, also.

E. F. Everitt, the artistic photographer of Grant's Pass, was visiting his daughter, Mrs. Geo. Hargadine, (and new granddaughter) this week.

J. T. Briner returned to Cole's from Talent this week. He is working for a company who are prospecting for the blue gravel lead near Rufus Cole's.

Messrs. J. O. C. Wimer, Los Wimer and E. C. Payne, who have been at work in the new mill at Klamath City, returned to Ashland last Saturday.

Mr. M. B. Stanford, of Portland, has been in town this week, endeavoring to organize a branch of the Guaranty Building and Loan Association of Minneapolis.

Silas Obenchain, of Langell Valley, who had taken a band of sheep to Montague for Gerber Bros., was visiting friends in this valley last week, before returning home.

Messrs. J. W. Coatney and Joseph Randles, of Lake Creek, were in Ashland Monday, on the way home from Jacksonville, where they had been on land business Saturday.

Miss M. Powell, of Seattle, daughter of the late Prof. L. J. Powell, at one time Supt. of Pub. Instruction in Oregon, is visiting Ashland, and may spend the winter here.

T. B. Merry the well known journalist, who recently returned to Portland from Montana, has been in the valley this week, in the interest of local and street railway projects.

Henry Laffius arrived Sunday from Warner valley, to spend the winter months with his family in Ashland, leaving the other boys to look after his stock interests on the ranch.

Mrs. John Wells is convalescent from her recent illness at Linkville. Her daughter, Miss Camilla Walker, has returned to Ashland. Miss Minnie will remain in Klamath county all winter.

Albert Doney, of Etna, Cal., who attended the Ashland Academy in 1876-'77, visited old friends here last Monday evening. He had been settling the partnership accounts of Horn & Jones at Hornbrook.

Prof. J. H. Hall, one of the veteran teachers of Southern Oregon, who has been conducting the Myrtle Creek school, has been visiting Central Point, Ashland and other places in the county during the past week.

Mrs. Max Pracht left Ashland last Thursday, on her return to Alaska. It is understood that a party of Ashland ladies and gentlemen will make an excursion to Alaska next summer. The fare from Portland or Port Townsend to the extreme northern limit of the steamer's route, and return, has been about $100, which includes, of course, berths and table board for the mouth's trip. This is becoming the most popular summer excursion trip in America, and last season the steamer berths were all engaged long before starting time each trip.

The County Jail.

Jackson county now has public buildings equal or superior to those of any other county of Oregon with no more taxable property upon its assessment roll. The fine brick court house is a credit and an ornament to the county, and now the jail has been placed upon a modern footing of decency, cleanliness and humanity. The old, noisome den which was burned reminded the visitor of some of the prison pens that are supposed to exist only in history, or the benighted despotisms of the old world, and the contrast between it and the jail in its present transformed condition is so sharp as to astonish every one who is made personally a witness of it. All inflammable material was removed from the interior of the brick building. A solid concrete floor was laid, and a ceiling constructed of corrugated iron. The four walls of the jail simply enclose one big room. In the middle of this is placed the "cage." It is like nothing so much as a great bird or squirrel cage, made of steel, large enough for a corridor on one side, from which are entered four separate cells ranged in a row along the other side. Floor, sides, top of this great cage are of steel bars, and the whole cage, cells and all can be looked into, and through, from any part of the room, and of course those outside the cage can walk entirely around it. Each cell has a door which opens into the corridor, and the cell doors are all locked or unlocked in an instant from outside the cage by a lever controled by a combination lock on the outside. Separate from this is the lock of the outer door of the corridor and the cage. The best appliances for cleanliness are in use in the cells, and the well ventilated, well lighted and comfortable condition of the jail is a remarkable change from the condition of the close, dark, damp and unwholesome cells of the old jail. It is a great pity the change had not been made before it was rendered necessary by the fire. That the improvement was so long delayed is due chiefly to the unfortunate county debt that has greatly retarded public improvement on the part of the county.

Circuit Court.

Following has been transacted the (December) term:

Newman Fisher vs. J. S. Cooksey. Judgment for plaintiff for $285 and costs.

Frances O'Connor vs. Andrew O'Connor—for divorce. Dismissed.

W. N. Luckey and J. W. Alnutt (assignee of W. H. Wickham) vs. O. Ganiard—to recover money. Judgment for defendant for costs and disbursements.

W. A. Hitch Co. vs. F. Roper. Dismissed.

H. C. Dollarhide vs. W. M. Gilroy. Dismissed.

C. Mingus vs. Lieut. Jas. A. Swift—to recover money. Judgment for $400 and costs.

Frank Amy vs. A. T. Kyle—to recover money. Dismissed without prejudice.

S. P. R. R. Co. vs. Jackson county—appeal from county court. Dismissed at pltf's cost.

W. R. Jones, vs. France and Davis—to recover money. Verdict for deffts.

C. C. Beekman and T. G. Reames vs. J. A. Hanley, Geo. M. Love et al.—suit to foreclose mortgage. Judgment for pltffs. for $3170, interest and costs.

I. R. Dawson, resp., vs. Chas. Nickell and M. E. Fogue. Judgment for pltf.

J. S. Sweet vs. School District No. 5.—to recover money. Dismissed.

State vs A. J. Barlow—mayhem. Deft. allowed time to plead.

State vs. Abner Kent—indictment for assault with a dangerous weapon. Deft. plead guilty.

State vs. C. W. Savage—Indictment for permitting unlawful gaming. Deft. allowed time to plead.

State vs Knox Roten—robbery.

OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

In Ashland's Progress, the Improvement of the Public Schools is not Neglected.

In company with Prof. Getz, Principal of the Ashland public schools, the TIDINGS editor made a brief inspection of each department of the schools, in both the north and south buildings one day this week. No other institution of the city is of so great interest directly to so many households as are the public schools—none other is of greater interest to people abroad who may contemplate moving hither to live, and it is therefore desirable that a report of the condition, character and progress of our schools be made from time to time.

In each building one room is devoted to the Primary Department. In the north school Miss Eva Price is the teacher and has 44 pupils enrolled; in the south school Mrs. Della Gilroy has this department with 55 enrolled. The little folks who are introduced to school work in this department at five years of age, or older, have advantages not heretofore afforded in our public schools. Methods adapted from the Kindergarten system have been introduced to as great an extent as possible without conflicting with the general plan and field of the public schools, and the result is altogether beneficial. Parker's arithmetical charts, the finest and most successful method yet devised for teaching the first lessons in numbers, have been introduced at the instance of the Principal. In this department the pupils are expected to become familiar with the combinations of numbers as high as 10 the first year, and up to 50 the second year; to finish the work laid down in First Reader, and be able to reproduce orally brief stories or statements given to them by the teacher, and to gain sufficient use of fingers and pencil to begin the simplest work of industrial drawing.

In the Secondary Department, Miss Bertha Colton has 44 pupils enrolled at the north school and Mrs. L. V. Wells has 61 at the south school. This grade is divided into two classes—A and B—in each room. The ages of pupils range from 8 to 10 years. Number work is pursued upon the Grube method (the same general plan as introduced in Primary Department) through to 100; penmanship is practiced; language lessons and primary geography are taught, but no text books are used by the pupils in either the primary or secondary grade.

In the Intermediate grade, Miss Emma Ewan has 53 pupils enrolled at the north school, and Mr. N. H. Clayton has 44 at the south school. The ages will average between 12 and 13 years. In this grade the pupils first begin the use of text books. The studies are primary geography and history, reading and spelling, a course of language lessons and the elements of Physiology, natural history and natural philosophy.

Next above the Intermediate comes the Grammar grade, in which the pupils enrolled number 66, all of whom attend at the large room of the south building, in charge of Prof. L. V. Wells. Prof. Wells has the grade divided into three classes, and is doing excellent work (as may be said of the whole corps of teachers.) In the Grammar department pupils are expected to pursue language lessons far enough to be able to write a good letter or a creditable original composition—which requires a knowledge of the rules of syntax and punctuation; to complete the text books course of geography and of U. S. History; to go through the greater part of Fish's Arithmetic No. 2; to acquire a fair skill in drawing original designs and neat copy work; and pursue an oral course in physiology, natural history and natural science.

In the High school grade there are 51 pupils enrolled, the average age being about 17 years. They are all under the personal tuition of Prof. P. A. Getz, in his room at the north school, and there is throughout the room an air of earnestness and interest which augur the best possible progress. The high school room is crowded, and, from the number of students, the variety of studies and the necessary calls upon the Principal for some attention from time to time to the other departments, it seems as if an assistant teacher will be required in this grade. There is given here a broad course in mathematics, natural science, English literature and book keeping.

A visit to the schools will convince anyone that there is intelligent, well-informed management exerting its influence throughout every department, and the directors are to be congratulated upon their fortunate choice of a principal and assistant teachers. The schools are improving, and the improvement should be kept up. Of course, a fine new school building would be nice, but if that can't be had now, there are a few things that can be which would help the teachers much. The High School needs some physical apparatus; the north school is in need of outline maps. The teachers are preparing now to make pulp maps, something of much value in geographical studies.

The semi-monthly teachers institutes are an excellent feature of this school year, and pupils of the High School who purpose teaching should by all means attend them.

A school exhibition will be given at Granite hall some evening soon, at wich samples of actual work by pupils and an idea of methods in use will be shown, in order that the patrons of the schools may know what is being done.

[Monday evening, *Dec. 23d*, is the time fixed for this exhibition.]

Probate Court.

The following has been transacted in probate court since last report in TIDINGS:

Estate and guardianship of Michael Ganey, an insane person. Jeremiah Nunan appointed guardian, with bonds fixed at $400.

Will of George Yandes, admitted to probate.

Estate of Sarah A. Farnham. Order of continuance.

Estate of J. H. Chitwood. Same as above.

Estate of S. P. Hanna; same.

Estate of Frank Krause; same.

Estate of Thos. Chavner; same.

Estate of F. McHatton: same.

Estate of Peter Keil. Order of final settlement.

Estate of John A. Grieve. W. H. Parker appointed administrator, with bonds fixed at $3000. Finlander Powell, Dan Chapman and Jacob Wagner, appraisors.

Estate of Samuel Center. First annual account approved.

Estate and guardianship of Solon Colver, an insane person. Abel D. Helman appointed guardian, with bonds fixed at $3000.

Estate of Mary A. Chambers. Tuesday, Jan. 7, 1890, appointed for hearing and final settlement.

Estate of William Turnham. Order for sale of real property.

Estate of Wm. Simpson. Tuesday, Jan 7, 1890, set for hearing and settlement of final account.

Estate of Jasper Houck. Tuesday, Jan. 7, 1890, set for final hearing.

Fatal Accident on Yreka R. R.

Six men engaged in ballasting the track of the Yreka railroad met with an accident last Friday evening which was fatal to two of them. They were returning to town, on a hand car, and had wedged the brake loose from the wheels and were running down grade at the rate of 20 to 30 miles an hour, when they struck a flat car that had been left standing in an open cut east of Miner street on the main track. Wm. Gordon and Frank Joseph were standing with their backs to the front of car, and both receive fatal injuries about the head. Gordon died within six hours and Joseph lived three days. One other man had his arm broken, but the other three escaped without serious injuries. A red lantern had been placed on the track 80 feet in front of the flat car, and a man beside the track shouted to warn them, but the men on the flying hand car paid no heed, and the responsibility rests entirely with themselves. They had no right to turn their car loose down a 116-ft. grade with the brake tied, and endanger the lives of people crossing the track, as well as their own lives.

Citizens' Convention.

A mass convention of citizens and voters of the City of Ashland is hereby called, to meet in the City Council chamber in Masonic Hall,

Saturday, Dec. 14, 1889,

at 2 o'clock p. m., to nominate a ticket for the municipal election, to take place Tuesday, Dec. 17th, 1889.

All citizens who favor the line of progress followed by the city government in the past two years are invited to attend and take part in the proceedings.

MANY CITIZENS.

Ashland, Or., Dec. 10, 1889.

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.

A. Ball.

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

BORN.

PARSONS.—In Ashland, Dec. 10, 1889, to Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Parsons, a daughter.

HARGADINE.—In Ashland, Dec. 8th, to Mr. and