ASHLAND TIDINGS.

Friday.....December 20, 1889

A. Ball.

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

Winter Pasturage.

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

Christmas Dinner.

A fine Christmas dinner will be served at the Ashland House—from 12 M. to 2 P. M., at which will be served up for the sacrifice a number of big, fat turkeys, with all the fixin's and accessories to make a choice feast.*

Elocutionary Contests.

The first of a series of elocutionary contests will be given at the normal school building this (Friday) evening. The contestants will be Misses Oliver, Devlin, and Andrews, and Messrs. Sutton, Helms, and Hunter. Everybody invited. Admission free.

A. F. & A. M.

Special communication of Ashland Lodge No. 23, A. F. & A. M., Friday, Dec. 20th, at 1:30 p. m. Work in F. C. degree. All brethern in good standing are cordially invited.

By order of W. M.,
WM. LAWSON, Sec.

Card of Thanks.

To the many friends and neighbors who generously gave their kind assistance in the recent fatal illness of our father and grandfather, Julius Boehme, and especially to the members of Burnside Post No. 23, G. A. R., we wish to publicly express our heartfelt thanks.

MRS. MARY M. JEFFERS.
E. F. JEFFERS.
Ashland, Or., Dec. 14, 1889.

Look Out!

For the arrival of a general line of Notions, Jewelry and fine line of holiday goods; consisting of Albums, Musical Instruments, Dolls, etc., etc. These goods come from a large Portland commission house, and will be disposed of at auction, as well as at private sale, at bedrock prices. The sale will commence on Saturday, Dec. 21st, at the old restaurant building, east side of Main street, next to the livery stable. Continue through Christmas week.

BENNETT & DECASHIE.
Auctioneers.

A Fine Lecture.

The lecture at Presbyterian church Wednesday evening by Dr. M. M. Gibson, of San Francisco, was well attended, and is reported as most interesting and entertaining throughout. The Doctor has an easy and attractive style, which holds the attention of his audience without any apparent effort on his part, and all who heard him were well pleased. It is to be hoped some arrangements may be made for the organization of a local lecture bureau through which may be given our people more opportunities to hear able lecturers of local and national celebrity.

An Excellent Dramatic Company.

The Elleford & Brophy Dramatic and Comedy Company, now playing a week's engagement at Granite hall, have given excellent satisfaction in the performances thus far, and the company is recognized as being far above the average of those of the better class that have visited Southern Oregon. The management is good, the plays selected are among the most popular of the emotional drama of the day, and the players do excellent work. Monday night "A Planter's Wife" was produced; Tuesday, "Hazel Kirke;" Wednesday, "Lady Audley's Secret;" last evening "Fun in a Boarding School." This evening (Friday) "East Lynne" will be produced, and to-morrow evening the popular play "A Big Bonanza," will wind up the engagement. For a pleasant evening at a first-class performance in the legimate drama, see this company this evening and to-morrow evening.

The Trains.

The extraordinary high water in the Sacramento valley last week caused an interruption in the regular running of trains for several days, but since the damages to bridges and track were repaired the trains came in about on time until Tuesday evening, when a delay was encountered in the Siskiyous—the first of the season. A large mass of earth and rocks had covered the track in the first cut south of Clawson, and the north-bound express ran into it just as it rounded a curve in the track. The front engine was derailed, and the cow-catcher broken, but no other damage done. Conductor Kearney and engineer McCarthy, with a flat car and two crews of section hands went up from Ashland, and all the other available force within reach was put at work, but it took all night to clear the track and put the engine on the rails, so that it was 8:30 the next morning before the train reached Ashland. The delayed trains from California reached here in two sections Saturday morning, and went north from here as two trains, Conductor Jamison taking the extra, with Wait as engineer.

Tenth Wedding Anniversary.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Billings, just north of the city, was the scene of a pleasant social event last Monday evening. The day, Dec. 16th, marked the 10th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Billings, and their friends, to the number of about forty, surprised them by calling to spend the evening in an informal celebration of the event. It was a genuine surprise, and altogether a most enjoyable affair. The guests were not satisfied till the bride and groom of the occasion were presented in character, and the bride in costume, as they stood before the company that witnessed their union a decade before, and were informed that their friends would not be cheated of an opportunity to offer congratulations which meant more and were just as hearty as a upon the former occasion. During the evening choice refreshments were served by the ladies of the company, and each guest was given a tin plate and cup for use, and to carry away as a souvenir of the occasion, while Mr. Colton, on behalf of the guests, presented Mr. and Mrs. Billings with a set of silver table knives, forks and spoons, as the nearest approach to tinware that could be found that was satisfactory. Never did the same number of guests pass a more pleasant social evening upon such an occasion, and it is needless to say that all who were there will long have pleasant recollections of the event.

The Spelling Bee.

The spelling bee social at the M. E. Church last Tuesday evening attracted a good audience, notwithstanding the other events of the evening that divided the public attention. Prof. P. A. Getz was chosen to pronounce the words to be spelled and Col. Norris and I. M. Wagner were chosen judges. There didn't happen to be any bad words in the TIDINGS, and after the majority of the spellers had gone down there still remained a number who could only be slaughtered by proper names, and after all that sort of ammunition was about exhausted there were four persons still standing, Mrs. Alice M. Jackway, Mrs. W. H. Leeds, Mr. H. C. Faber and Mr. Jno. Butterworth. The two gentlemen next went down under protest (not being entirely satisfied about the spelling of the names of certain persons) and the ladies were left. Then Mrs. Leeds, to avoid suspicion of having been a member of a conspiracy to save the TIDINGS the subscription it had offered, withdrew from the contest and Mrs. Jackway was declared winner. [She afterwards announced her opinion that Mr. Faber and Mr. Butterworth were entitled to the same as much as she, and requested that the paper be sent to each for four months.

[If the TIDINGS had been shrewd it would have barred its own household, anyhow, in that match, for this gives it away, and the public knows now who is the speller of the family.

Fleece-lined hose at Dean's. x

CITY ELECTION.

Nominating Conventions—The Verdict at the Polls. The Total Vote Larger than Ever Before.

The mass convention called to nominate candidates for the city election met in the council room Saturday afternoon, Dec. 14th.

An organization was effected by electing A. P. Hammond chairman and W. H. Leeds, secretary.

S. B. Galey announced that he understood there would be no contest over the council, and therefor he moved that a committee of five be named by the chair to present to the convention six names for councilmen. After some argument the motion was lost.

The room being too small, the convention then adjourned to McCall's hall. Here nominations for mayor were declared in order. J. M. McCall placed the name of D. R. Mills in nomination. C. W. Logan nominated H. C. Hill. Balloting was begun and the first ballot resulted as follows: Mills, 50, Hill 63. Hill was declared the nominee of the convention.

Nominations for councilmen being in order, Mr. Galey moved that the members of the old council be placed in nomination, urging the inadvisability of a change until after the new water works should be completed. The motion was lost.

Motion was then made that the convention adjourn. Motion was lost. Ayes 46; noes 58.

Mr. Galey then called upon those in favor of renominating the old council to adjourn to the city council room, when a part of the convention withdrew.

Nominations for councilmen were then proceeded with, by ballot, in pursuance of a motion that each person should vote for six at one time and that the six nominees receiving the highest number of votes should be the choice of the convention. The ballot resulted: James Thornton 54, G. C. Eddings, 74, W. B. Colton, 63, L. D. Fuller 30, E. B. Hunsaker 65, R. K. Sutton 78, Geo. Crowson 40, J. S. Walter 29, I. W. Burriss 21, A. Bish 41, F. Hansen 12, J. Thompson 38, M. N. Long 11, J. Wagner 46, J. R. Tozer 11, Dr. Stanfield 4, O. H. Blount 4, Col. Norris 2, Kyle, Logan, Roper, Brightman, each one. Thornton, Eddings, Colton, Hunsaker, Sutton, Wagner were declared the nominees.

For Recorder, Milton Berry was renominated by acclamation.

For Treasurer, E. V. Carter was nominated by acclamation.

For Marshal the vote was as follows, the highest number to be a nomination: W. R. Mayfield 40, J. L. Pennington 10, R. M. Garrett 21, G. W. Smith 24, J. W. O. Gregory 10, Eugene Walrad 5, J. J. Strait 4.

For Street Commissioner, two ballots were taken, William Patterson being re-nominated as follows, on the second: Patterson 29, Strait 17, Gregory 11.

For City Surveyor, C. W. Root was nominated by acclamation.

The convention then adjourned.

The balting convention met in the city council room with J. T. Rogers as chairman and S. B. Galey, secretary, and re-nominated the old city officers throughout.

Messrs. Wagner and Eddings refused to run for councilmen, and the names of Geo. W. Crowson and W. W. Kentnor were substituted for them on the first ticket.

The two tickets were printed as follows:

CITIZEN'S REGULAR TICKET.

For Mayor—H. C. Hill.
For Councilmen—W. B. Colton, James Thornton, R. K. Sutton, Geo. Crowson, W. W. Kentnor, E. B. Hunsaker.
For Recorder—Milton Berry.
For Treasurer—E. V. Carter.
For Street Commissioner — Wm. Patterson.
For Marshal—Wm. Mayfield.
For Surveyor—C. W. Root.

CITIZEN'S TICKET.

For Mayor—D. R. Mills.
For Councilmen—W. B. Colton, James Thornton, R. K. Sutton, J. S. Walter, J. Thompson, E. B. Hunsaker.
For Recorder—Milton Berry.
For Treasurer—E. V. Carter.
For Street Commissioner — Wm. Patterson.
For Marshal—Eugene Walrad.
For Surveyor—C. W. Root.

The result of the election was as follows, the successful candidates being named first:

FOR MAYOR.

H. C. Hill	215
D. R. Mills	170

FOR COUNCILMEN.

E. B. Hunsaker	378
R. K. Sutton	291
W. B. Colton	214
George Crowson	214
W. W. Kentnor	212
James Thornton	210
J. R. Tozer	184
W. W. Stanfield	171
J. Thompson	161
J. S. Walter	158
A. Bish	111

FOR RECORDER.

Milton Berry	382

FOR TREASURER.

E. V. Carter	371

FOR MARSHAL.

Wm. Mayfield	152
Eugene Walrad	146
G. W. Smith	89

FOR STREET COMMISSIONER.

Wm. Patterson	266
J. J. Strait	142

FOR SURVEYOR.

C. W. Root	386

Peter the Poet.

The good natured poet and editor of the *Klamath Star* replied last week to several bantering queries put to him by his neighbors of the press, and of course, had a good answer for each query. Concerning the TIDINGS's speculation as to whether "each member of the large staff of the paper's correspondence writes up his weekly budget at the editorial table in the *Star* office, or whether the various contributions are simply run through Peter's quill for polish and spice," he says:

The fact of the matter is, it is a clear case of literary individuation, Peter having, after great and patient effort, succeeded in making his style identical with that of his brilliant correspondents, who had themselves individuated in their best mode of expressing thought. As Dryden says of the temple,

"This temple, less in form, with equal grace,
Was imitative of the first in Thrace."

So Peter in an humbler strain, may say of his style:

My quill though not so sharp by half,
Is like the style of all the staff.

The Myrtle Creek Mines.

Parties from California interested in placer mining, have inspected these mines and are satisfied that by proper means with a comparatively small expense, these mines may be made to pay. They have made preliminary surveys of the mines and the practicability of conducting a sufficient supply of water upon them to profitably work them. They find that a ditch not to exceed sixteen miles long, five feet wide at the bottom, eight feet at the top and two and a half feet deep, can be obtained from the East Umpqua river above the falls. They also find that by cutting two tunnels the distance can be shortened five miles. These mines have been worked for years at remunerative wages when the seasons were favorable. There is no doubt that, by a plentiful supply of water, they can be made to pay richly for the investment. The East Umpqua river will afford an inexhaustible supply of water by the proposed ditch, and we learn from parties, in a position to know, that this California company mean business, for, should the mines not pay as largely as desired the company can utilize the water for conveying the vast quantities of timber along the line of their ditch to Myrtle Creek station on the Southern Pacific railroad, and there find a ready market.—[Plaindealer.

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

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

BREVITIES.

Medford's city election occurs Jan. 7th.

Car load of all kinds of feed down at old homely W. P. Benn's *

The miners have had plenty of water during the past ten days.

Mrs. T. K. Bolton has been elected organist of the M. E. Church.

Merry Christmas! to the readers of the TIDINGS before another issue.

About three feet of snow now on the summit of the Dead Indian road.

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

The new city officials will assume their duties with the new year, under the present charter.

Geo. M. Parkinson has moved into the old butcher shop building, by the bridge on Main street.

Shows of all kinds are crowding the dates available at Granite hall during the next week or two.

The Ashland Mills have been shipping a large quantity of wheat from Baker's warehouse at Medford.

The Presbyterian Church will have an entertainment for the children of the Sunday School at the church on Christmas Eve.

That homely man, Benn, will have lots of fat turkeys, geese and chickens Christmas, and is fool enough to part with them for cash. *

There will be a Christmas tree and entertainment at the Congregational church on Christmas eve, Dec. 24th. All are cordially invited.

Abner Kent was convicted of assault with a dangerous weapon upon J. K. Leabo. A motion for a new trial was to be heard yesterday.

The lead for filling the joints of pipes for the new water works arrived last week, and some of the iron material is beginning to arrive.

Still it rains in the valley, and snows on the mountains—a model winter thus far, considering the needs of the country in a weather sense.

The homeliest man and the biggest fool has settled in this town. He'll sell you beef and pork; so sheep—if you'll plank the cash right down. Dot vas Benn, aint it? *

Anyone wishing sewing of any kind done to order, please call on Mrs. Tedham. Dressmaking, tailoring, or family sewing. Residence opposite Sulphur Springs Hotel. [28

Oscar Lucas has bought out his partner's interest in the confectionery, cigar and peanut store, and Geo. M. Parkinson gives his whole time to the soda water mfg. business.

E. B. Myer has a pair of $25 turkeys—a big bronze gobbler and hen which he received from Illinois by express last Saturday. The gobbler is eight months old and weighs 24 lbs.

The dwelling house of Mrs. M. H. Vining on Spring street is having a front addition built to it this week, the old building having been turned around and placed upon a new foundation.

There are still three butcher shops in Ashland. W. P. Benn has opened a new shop in the Gillette block, west side of Main street, and the shop of Nichols & Rader, in front of the bridge, has been closed.

Plenty of excitement in the late city election, and lots of very ridiculous personal and other little "issues" debated on the streets, but the florid and rancid placard literature of a year ago wasn't seen.

No loans were made at the regular meeting of the Ashland Building and Loan Association last Monday evening. At the next meeting, third Monday evening in January, there will be about $1000 to loan.

The Dodd and Walker stage robbery case was to come up for trial in the U. S. court at Portland yesterday. A large number of witnesses have passed through Ashland from Klamath county this week.

The total number of votes cast at the city election Tuesday was 387, the largest ever cast at a municipal election. Last year the total vote was 364, and no trouble was spared to get out every vote at that time.

The people of La Grande, Union county, consider themselves lucky in selling their bond issue of $23,000 at par. The bonds are to build water works, and are identical with the Ashland bonds—run twenty years at six per cent. Ashland did a little better than La Grande, having obtained a small premium on its bonds.

Rummage, Gilbert & Co. have shut down their mill near Grant's Pass for the present, as the continued rains have made the ground so soft that they cannot work to advantage. They will start up again as soon as the weather permits.

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

G. W. Morris Comedy Co. at Granite Hall next Monday eve. By special request, Mr. J. W. Walch, the great eastern tenor of the company, will sing the "Wreck of the 25." Don't fail to hear him. Secure your tickets in advance at the usual place.

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

It is reported that if the offered bonus of $20,000 for a railroad from Jacksonville to Medford shall not be taken by the 28th of this month by the company who asked for it, another party is ready to take up the enterprise at once if the bonus be still offered.

Red House to the front—read the advertisement. *

Ardley Fox's delivery team took the wagon a lively spin through the streets and around the plaza, and narrowly missed striking other teams, last Monday, but were finally stopped without having done any serious damage, after the wagon had been dragged some distance on its side.

Andrew M. Crawford, of Coos county, has been appointed receiver of the land office at Roseburg, to succeed A. C. Jones, who sent in his resignation some time ago. A new receiver would have been appointed some months ago but for the sharp contest for the place between Simon Caro and others.

U. S. Deputy Marshal Cochran, of Eugene, passed through Ashland Sunday evening with the young man, Plutarch Lewis, last week charged with robbery of the Roseburg-Coos Bay stage. Lewis, who has a wife and children at Corvallis, says he can easily prove his innocence. Cochran thinks differently.

Invitations and tickets are out for the Phantom Party at Granite Hall, Christmas night, and no doubt it will prove one of the most pleasant events of the season. The management wish it understood that no one will be admitted to the hall masked—masks must be arranged after entering the hall.

The ladies of the Congregational church, still have a few articles left from the fair, at the church. Any one desiring to purchase can do so by speaking to any of the ladies, or by calling at the church on any of our regular Friday afternoon meetings. They will also be for sale at our monthly sociables. *

The case of B. L. Messenger and Jas. E. Smith, appellants, vs. Watson, Hume & Watson, Jas. G. Birdsey and H. C. Messenger, respondents, appealed from Jackson county, was argued and submitted in the supreme court Monday. A. S. Hammond representing the appellants, and E. B. Watson the respondents.

A gentleman named R. Mace, riding in one of the tourist cars, was shaken up in the sudden stop at the slide south of Clawson Tuesday evening, and was considerably alarmed lest he had received serious injuries in the back. He sent to town for the company's surgeon to meet the train at the depot, and as Dr. Newman was away, Dr. Parson went down to the depot. He could not discover that the man was seriously hurt.

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

Prof. W. J. Dean, of Talent, delivered an able and interesting lecture at Granite hall last Sunday afternoon to a fair audience. Prof. Dean is a well read, well equipped speaker in the field of religious controversies, and has a fair and courteous style which gains for him the respect of opponents and the esteem of his audience whether his opinions are accepted or not.

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

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

The Medford papers tell the following story, this wording being chipped from the *News*: T. P——, who lately arrived here from Wisconsin, went across Bear creek hunting geese. He found a nice bunch and opened fire on them, killing one. The geese stood fire without flying whereupon he "took a tumble to himself" and called on the owner and made a deposit of six bits and returned to the city with his goose. This is all right as Tom is one of the boys and we won't give him away.

Scrap albums, 10cts up at Blount's

Men's Hats, 50c up, at O. H. Blount's

A gentleman of this place who was somewhat interested in the fate of Dr. C. Leupert, whose mysterious disappearance some two years ago was a nine-days wonder, recently sent a detailed description of the man to Baker City, where Prof. Kugler of Portland reported him to be, and the answer came back from reputable parties that the man is undoubtedly there, practicing under the name of Dr. Kohler. His ways are certainly past finding out, for he did not have much occasion to leave Jacksonville.—[Times.

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.

G. W. Morris N. Y. Comedy Co. will give one of their splendid entertainments at Granite Hall on Monday evening, Dec. 23d. This is one of the finest companies that is booked here this season. We clip this from the Roseburg paper: "The celebrated Morris N. Y. Co. gave an entertainment at Slocum's hall, this city, last Tuesday evening to a large and well pleased audience. This company is fine as silk and gave one of the best entertainments that we have ever witnessed in the city." *

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

Mr. T. Shattuck, of Josephine county, the principal truck farmer of Southern Oregon, has rented Patton's farm and 45 acres of the Dimick place adjacent, on Rogue River below Grant's Pass, and will prosecute his business on a larger scale next year than ever before. He will put in 75 acres of melons, intending to ship only the first-class ones, and feed the rest to the hogs. He intends, also, to raise a great quantity of onions, and contemplates shipping them to Ashland for storage, as they keep better here than in the more damp atmosphere along the Rogue river bottom.

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 these nice dress patterns or Scarlette jackets to be found at Hunsakers. x

E. J. Kaiser, of the *Record*, had an unpleasant experience in attempting to drive from Medford to Ashland with a livery team last Monday evening. He was overtaken by Stygian darkness and got off the road at the railroad crossing opposite A. P. Hammond's place this side of Talent. One of his horses got down and broke the buggy tongue, and finally Kaiser left the team in despair and made for a light in a house near, which he found to be that of Ernest Carter. Taking a lantern they went to the scene of the trouble and found that both horses had kicked loose from the vehicle and gone off somewhere. Kaiser hoofed it to Ashland and Mr. Carter took a saddle horse and went to Medford to report, finding one of the horses on the way down. The other horse was taken in in good condition the next morning.

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

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

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

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

PERSONAL.

Mrs. Stores and son started Monday morning for San Francisco.

James Tobin, of Klamath county, has been in Ashland this week.

John Van Sant left Ashland last Monday for Tehama county, Cal.

Judge Webster and wife were visiting friends in Ashland last Sunday.

I. G. Moon and wife, of Grant's Pass, were visiting Ashland this week.

Max. Jacoby, of Klamath City, has been at Gold Hill and Jacksonville this week.

Ed. Miner came up from San Francisco for a visit with his parents in Ashland.

Miss Powell, of Seattle, started for San Francisco Friday, after a visit of several days here.

A. S. Hammond, Esq., has been at Salem this week, on professional business in the supreme court.

Messrs. T. Shattuck and W. T. S Patton, of Grant's Pass, were in Ashland last Friday on a business visit.

Jim Lotan, one of the faction chiefs in local politics at Portland, was on Tuesday's train en route for San Francisco.

Mrs. M. Slater, of Scott Valley, Siskiyou county, has been visiting her brother, L. L. Merrick, in Ashland this week.

Charley Graves came in from his Butte creek, (Cal.) ranch last Saturday and will spend most of the winter in Ashland.

Mrs. Jane White went to Rock Point Friday evening, to visit her son, Charles, who is ill with inflammatory rheumatism.

Miss Carrie and Master Fordy Roper arrived from San Francisco Sunday evening, to spend their holiday vacation at home.

Dr. C. E. Loomis, special agent of the Interior department upon fraudulent land entries, came in from Lakeview to Roseburg the first of the week.

Charley Stacy will leave Ashland soon after the holidays for Tacoma, where he will take a position in F. H. Vining's hardware and tinware establishment.

Mrs. O. Coolidge will start next Sunday for Sacramento, to spend the holidays with her daughter, Mrs. Ogg, and other relatives in and near that city.

W. B. Gress and son made a trip out into the timbered country between Redding and the coast last week, inspecting the timber for a report to Eastern parties.

T. B. Merry was in Ashland again this week. He is looking for much general activity in large business enterprises in this valley during the coming year.

Wallace Calkins and family arrived in Ashland from Denver last week, and will probably become residents of Ashland. Mr. Calkins is an old friend of Mr. A. J. Weeks, of this place.

Gen. Applegate received this week his orders from Washington placing him in charge of affairs at Klamath Agency, and will start for the Agency to-day, going as far as Linkville by Grubb's stage.

Rummel Bros. were over from Antelope last Monday and reported about 18 inches of snow on the summit of the mountain road. They loaded several pack horses with provisions to take back with them.

Dr. J. B. Newman, wife and daughter, left last Friday morning for San Francisco. Mrs. Newman and daughter will spend sometime visiting relatives in the city. The Doctor is expected home within a few days.

HERE AND THERE.

Pendleton reported the snow three inches deep in its streets last Friday.

The weevil is causing much damage to wheat stored in warehouses in the Willamette valley.

Eight inches of rain fell at Cottonwood, Shasta county, Cal., in 24 hours on the 11th inst.

Salem is trying to raise $200,000 for a railroad to Astoria. She has gone as far as $20,000.

Sandy Olds, the Portland gambler convicted of murder, has been granted a new trial by order of the supreme court.

C. W. Riggs was accidentally shot and killed by a boy named Oran Hammond at Sublimity, Marion county, last Sunday.

The S. P. D. & L. Co., of Grant's Pass, has filed supplemental articles of incorporation, increasing its capital stock to $125,000.

Next spring the A. O. U. W. will begin the erection of a $60,000 building on the corner of Second and Taylor streets in Portland.

Not half the doctors of Oregon who are entitled by diploma have complied with the law by taking out the necessary license to practice.

John F. Flynn, the real estate agent, has lost his suit for $18,000 against the Southwest Portland Real Estate Co., for services in handling the property of the company.

A man named Ballou, said to be a noted Massachusetts confidence man and horse thief, was arrested in Yreka last week, and Sheriff Moxley telegraphed to Worchester, Mass., to see if he is wanted there.

Mr. Chapman, of Williams creek, received a new saw mill last week, direct from the manufactory. It will not be long before Williams creek will have another first class mill in operation.—[Courier.

Articles of incorporation of the Riddle Improvement Company of Riddle were filed last Friday. J. B. Riddle, G. W. Riddle and W. O. Brown are incorporators, capital stock, $10,000.

Three of the most prominent citizens of Seattle, Dr. Minor, Louis Haller and Louis Box, were drowned last week by the upsetting of their canoes in a hunting trip across rough water on the sound. Their bodies had not been recovered at last report.

John Gilman, the fiend who murdered Mrs. Elonhower and child, and attempted to murder the husband and father, just to get them off a farm which they had leased of him, and would not leave till the lease expired, was hanged at Empire City, Coos county, last Friday.

The latest report from a gentleman who has a rain gauge at Delta, on the Sacramento river, in Shasta county, announces that the rainfall so far has reached 54 inches in that village. It is good for the country that such surplus of rain falls where it can do no great harm.—[Journal.

A meeting of the citizens and property holders of Grant's Pass was held last Friday afternoon in the City Hall, for the purpose of organizing a joint stock company to build a brick hotel on lots 7, 8 and 9 of block 67, on the east side of Sixth street, opposite the shingle factory. The hotel to cost not less than $10,000 nor more than $15,000. (But it was decided to build, after the meeting adjourned, a $15,000 building.)—*Courier.*

Harry R. Smith is wanted at Grant's Pass for forgery, by which he obtained from citizens of that town $300 and two gold watches. E. E. Moore, constable of Grant's Pass, sends out the following description of him: "Age about 26 years, height about five feet six inches, weight about 145 pounds, round face, florid complexion, light brown hair and mustache of same color, blue eyes and has gold filling in some of his front teeth, has a somewhat pleasant manner. He left Grant's Pass about Dec. 6, 1889, going north. He had been employed in a sawmill about one year. He writes a poor hand."

Says the Albany *Herald*; The speculative tendencies of the past has concentrated on Washington property chiefly, until the past few months, since which time property in good Oregon towns has attracted much attention. When it is considered that mature agricultural, stock and mining interests constitute the foundation for future permanent growth in these Oregon towns, it is only surprising that money has not long since found lodgment in these growing states. In less than six months the real activity of the northwest will be almost wholly in Oregon, and men with means will then wonder why they had not anticipated the future.

The co-operative colony of Scotch and Irish who located on the banks of the Nehalem, about five miles above Mist post-office, numbers about forty and is in a prosperous condition. They have about 1400 acres of fine land in one body, and have considerable of it cleared, and are getting teams, sheep, etc. They are going to have a good sawmill, with a planer, and the machinery is ordered and the dam built. They intend to saw a lot of ties for the railroad which is to run up the Nehalem, and can raft these down the river to points whence they can be easily placed on the grade. In a few years the members of this colony will all be comfortably fixed, and the railroad will give them connection with the outside world.—[Oregonian.

At Lake City, Modoc county, Cal., one day last week, William Travers killed James Daley. He went to the latter's cabin after dark and accused him of stealing some money. Daley denied it. Then Travers beat him, braking some of his ribs, his skull and his nose, then dragging him along the road 300 feet, he left him lying in the mud. Neighbors heard the disturbance and went to the scene, Travers accompanied them, saying: "He robbed me and I fixed him." Daley died two hours later without recovering consciousness. Travers was taken to North Bloomfield to have his examination. Both men were old residents of that locality and unmarried, and have bad reputations. They were sober when the quarrel occurred.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

Following is the programme of the county teachers' institute to be held at Medford, beginning Thursday, Dec. 26th, at 1 o'clock P. M., and continuing till Saturday evening, Dec. 28th:

Afternoon Session, Thursday.

I.—1 to 1:30 p. m.—Opening Exercises—Music by the Medford Choir.
II.—1:30 to 2:30 P. M.—"Means and Expedients found Helpful in School Work." Prof. A. L. Hazleton, of Eagle Point.
III.—2:30 to 3:30 P. M.—"A Discussion of Geography." Prof. Geo. H. Watt, Principal of the Jacksonville Public Schools.
IV.—3:30 to 4:00 P. M.—Question Box.

Evening Entertainment.

I.—Music by the Choir.
II.—Address of Welcome.—Prof. W. J. Crawford, Principal of the Medford Public Schools.
III.—Lecture by Rev. Eneas McLean, of Medford.—"A Course of Study; Its Means, Aims and Methods."

Morning Session, Friday.

I.—9:00 to 9:30 A. M.—Opening Exercises. Music by the Choir.
II.—9:30 to 10:15 A. M.—"Irregular Work." Prof. C. S. Price, of Ashland.
III.—10:15 to 11:00 A. M.—"Illustration of the Phonic Method of Teaching." Prof. P. A. Getz, Principal of the Ashland Public Schools.
IV.—11:00 A. M. to 12 M.—"Penmanship." Prof. C. F. Nesse, of the Ashland State Normal.

Afternoon Session.

I.—1:00 to 1:30 P. M.—Music.
II.—1:30 to 2:15 P. M.—"Orthography." Prof. L. V. Wells, of the Ashland Public Schools.
III.—2:15 to 3:15 P. M.—"Grammar."—Prof. W. J. Crawford, of Medford.
IV.—3:15 to 4:00 P. M.—"Geography"—continued. Prof. G. H. Watt, of Jacksonville.

Evening Entertainment.

I.—Music by the Choir.
II.—Lecture by Prof. H. L. Benson, Principal of the Grant's Pass Public Schools.—"The Aims of Life."

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Cited to Answer for Contempt of Court.

The "Valley Record" of last week, for its leading editorial, had a somewhat surprising philippic against the "jurisprudence" of Southern Oregon, in which the statement was made that the circuit judge had ordered an investigation into the facts of the suspicions disappearance of a material witness for the state in a certain criminal case, and then the court is recommended to "investigate itself and everybody "connected with the management and "manipulation of the jurisprudence "of Southern Oregon." The editor then goes on to give a picture of outraged justice that makes Oregon tremble for her liberties. He wants to know why one man can be convicted of murder on circumstantial evidence and hanged by the neck till he is dead, dead, dead, and another man can escape when the evidence is just as "convicting in its circumstantialness;" why attorneys can offer bribes to grand jurors; and why other things "just as queer, irregular and delicate, "and 'too numerous to mention'" are occuring. The statement is made that: "The practicing condition of "jurisprudence in this section of the "world is as corrupt and criminal in "its methods (in proportion to population, amount and magnitude of crime "and purse of criminals) as it is in the "cities where these cases are regularly "'handled,' by the political boss who "'makes' the officials, 'fixes' the juries, "and attends to the case for a large "sum." Following this, the editor takes a shy at the "polttical methods in vogue in Jackson county" and the "shameless way in which its representative officials are allowed to sell "out their constituency for a beggarly "sum."

When the paper was read in court, Judge Webster promptly ordered a citation to issue to the publishers of the Record, Jacobs and Kaiser, to appear Monday, Dec. 16th, and show cause why they should not be punished for contempt of court. Mr. Jacobs is away from home, and Mr. Kaiser appeared in court and asked time to procure counsel. Time was granted, and on Tuesday his attorney, H. K. Hanna, filed his answer to the citation, and 9 o'clock a. m. this morning is the time set for hearing.

The answer first sets up that the court has no jurisdiction either of the case or the person of the defendant, and then claims that there was no intent to commit contempt and denies that the article in question is in anywise in contempt of court or any of the officials thereof, because of its general and sweeping terms.

At the present status of the case the TIDINGS will not attempt to discuss the merits of the case further than to remark that, if the *Record* has information that will substantiate its charges against the court it will do the public a great service by making a plain statement of the facts. If there is so bad a state of affairs existing in Jackson county as the *Record* states, we want to know all about it, and "let no guilty man escape." If the *Record* has the facts, it need be in no fear of any court. If it hasn't the facts to back its charges it has placed itself in a bad position with regard to the public, whether it has with regard to the court or not. If its editor did not mean what he said, he should study the meaning of common words in the English language before attempting such heavy editorial work. To attack and expose corruption in official life is part of the duty of journalism, and the freedom of the press in this respect should never be surrendered. To lightly or maliciously impugn the integrity of our courts of justice is unwise, to say the least, and a good defense of solid facts is desirable to fall back upon when an issue is made.

Real Estate Transactions.

N. A. Young to H. C. Lewis, the right of way for an irrigating ditch through and across the W. portion of donation claim No. 47, and across donation claim 48 in tp. 36 of R. 1 W. con. $1.

E. E Miner to Sarah Ann Rodgers, lots no. 9 and 10 in Miner's add. to Ashland. Consideration, $500.

Angle, Plymale & Short, to W. H. Simmons, lots 1 and 2 in block 3, in the Cottage add. to Medford. Consideration, $500.

James G. Birdsey to Chas. Nickell, E. ½ of S. W. ¼ and N. W. ¼ of S. E. 4 sec. 30, tp. 38, S R. 1 W. Con. $450.

E. L. Applegate to Marietta Dollarhide, the N. W. ¼ of sec. 21 tp. 40 S. of R. 2. Con. $1. Q. C. D.

T. J. Clopton to H. R. Brann, 2 acres of land in tp. 36 sec. 4. Con. $65.

Spencer Childers, sr. to Spencer Childers, jr., S. W. ¼ of the N. E. ¼ and the N. W. ¼ of S. E. ¼ and lots 4, 5, 6 sec. 5 tp. 35 S. of R. 1 W. containing 160.8 acres. Con. $10.

W. H. Barr to Wm. Slinger undivided 1-5 of lots 5 and 6 in block 19, Medford. Consideration $100.

U. S. Patent to William Wilkens 160 acres in tp. 38 S. R. 2 W.

U. S. Patent, to Claus Kleinhammer, 120 acres in tp. 38 S. R. 2 W.

U. S. Patent to Edward Graupner, 80 acres it tp. 38, S. R. 2 W.

Same, to Edward Graupner, 200 acres in tp. 38, S. R. 2 W.

Same, to Edward Graupner, 160 acres in tp. 38, S. R. 2 W.

Probate Court.

The following has been transacted in probate court for Jackson county, J. R. Nell, Judge, since last report in TIDINGS:

Order of final settlement estates of J. G. Parham, Wm. Patton, Sarah A. Farnham, A. Chometon and R. J. McBride.

Estate Leroy Martin. Inventory and appraisement filed.

Estate Max Brentano. Petition for leave to pay chattel mortage and rent granted.

Estate F. McHatton. Sale of realty confirmed.

Estate J. F. Ragsdale. C. C. Ragsdale appointed administrator; bond $24,000.

Estate Gee Toy. Gin Lin appointed Adms. *de Bonis non.* Toy Yin's letters of administration revoked.

Estate Hiram Cooksey. Inventory and appraisement approved.

Circuit Court.

State of Oregon vs. Enos Roten, indicted for robbery. Guilty as charged, and recommended to the mercy of the Court.

Fleischner, Mayer & Co. vs. Kubli & Bolt—action to recover money. Judgment in favor of deft's.

State of Oregon vs. C. W. Savage—suffering and permitting unlawful gaming. Not guilty.

State of Oregon vs. A. J. Barlow—indictment for mayhem.

Estate of Wm. Gilroy vs. Times Publishing Co.—suit for settlement. Acct. of Times Pub. Co. allowed.

Estate of Wm. M. Gilroy vs. Jeffry—claim allowed.

Estate of Wm. M. Gilroy vs. Sylvester Patterson—objection to claim, motion overruled.

State of Oregon vs. Abner Kent—indictment for an assault with a dangerous weapon. Guilty as charged.

State of Oregon vs. Enos Roten—robbery, motion for arrest of judgment, overruled.

Medford's Water Bonds.

[Medford Mail Dec. 12.]

The city council held a meeting Monday evening, which was adjourned to Wednesday evening, to consider a proposition for the purpose of the water works bonds. They have been offered nearly the par value of the bonds, but some difference concerning the rate of interest to be paid has kept the matter from being consummated.

The council has now made the party another offer, which will probably be accepted, whereby the bonds are to bring the face value and run at 8 per cent. At the next meeting the bonds will probably be negotiated.

Nearly all colds are slight, at first, but their tendency is to so lower the system that the sufferer becomes a ready victim to any prevalent disease. The use of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, in the beginning of a cold, would guard against this danger.

City Council Proceedings.

Ashland City Council met Dec. 17th, present