ASHLAND TIDINGS.

Friday,..... January 3, 1890.

For Sale.

A second hand organ in good condition—inquire of E. L. Freeland at the bank. *

A. Ball.

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

Catholic Services.

There will be services held at the Catholic church, on Sunday, Jan. 5th, 10 o'clock, A. M. F. S. NOEL, Pastor.

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.

All Members Co. D.

Members of Co. D, 2d Reg., O. N. G., will take notice that the regular business meeting of the Company for January will be held at the armory next Monday evening, Jan. 6. Full attendance desired. By order of

G. F. MCCONNELL, Capt.

By F. D. Wagner, Clerk.

A. F. & A. M. Installation.

The following officers were installed Dec. 27th by Ashland Lodge No. 53, A. F. & A. M., to serve for the ensuing year: E. V. Mills, W. M; E. V. Carter, L. W; J. M. McCall, Treas; A. C. Caldwell, Sec; C. H. Vaupel, S. D; P. Grady, J. D; Thos Smith, L. S; L. E. Payne, J. S; H. Fox, T.

For Sale at a Bargain.

A dwelling house and large lot containing 1½ acres, on street in choice residence part of Ashland for sale at a bargain. Fine lot of fruit on the place; comfortable small house and stable.

For further information inquire at TIDINGS office or Address D. Payne, Phoenix, Or.

W. A. Ditch Co. Meeting.

A special meeting of the stockholders of the West Ashland Ditch Company is called to consider business of importance at the city council room, Ashland, Or., on Monday, Jan. 6, 1890, at 2 o'clock, p. m.

By order of the president.

C. H. GILLETTE, Sec.

Hyers Sisters' Big Company.

The Hyers sisters, the world-famed singers, assisted by their company of 18 people, sent out to this coast under the management of Thearle & Cooper, the leading theatrical managers of Chicago and the west, are booked for Granite Hall, Monday evening, January 13. Look for the big bills now up and wait for the fine military band on the streets the day of the performance.

A Stray Steer.

The undersigned has at his place south of Ashland a red and white pied steer 3 or 4 years old that he has been obliged to take care of, and would like the owner to come and prove property, pay expenses and take the animal. The steer has smooth crop off left ear, and a small crop and two slits on right; branded on left hip, but can't see what the brand is. Steer was out in Dead Indian all summer. AUSTIN W. BISH.

The "Ripened Sheaves."

Daniel Lavenburg, one of the old settlers of the valley, died at his home in Phoenix last Monday night, aged 85 years. He had been suffering for many months with a malignant cancer, and death came to him as a welcome release from suffering. "Uncle Dan.," was a worthy and respected citizen, who came to the valley across the plains in 1860 or 1861 with the Furry's and Barneburg's, all of them settling in or near Phoenix.

John S. Cummons, who has been a resident of Ashland for a year or more past, died yesterday morning at an advanced age, from general debility.

Room at All Points.

Among the 116 newspapers in Oregon are the *Oregonian*, the *East Oregonian*, of Pendleton, and the *West Oregonian*, of Coos county. The editor of the last named says: "The reason we call our paper the *West Oregonian* is very easily understood. Why, we want to become a chip of the old block. Surely there is room for a *North Oregonian* and a *South Oregonian*.

Plenty of room, certainly, at all points of the compass. After the cardinal points are covered then let us have a *N. E. Oregonian*, a *S. W. Oregonian*, etc., and then a *N. E. by E. Oregonian* and an *East by Southeast Oregonian*, and then stick the pegs in the intermediate degree marks, if necessary. Meantime the *Oregonian* seems to be covering the entire compass pretty well.

Property Sales.

Close Bros. have sold their brickyard property, south of Ashland including 16 acres of land and the brick-making machinery, to C. H. Veghte; consideration $1740. Mr. Veghte has secured a valuable property, and has an opening for a profitable brick and tile making business. He will begin operation in the manufacture of brick and tile as soon as the weather will permit in the spring.

Mrs. T. W. Lynch came out from Portland this week, and has made a trade of her house and lot in railroad addition to Mr. N. W. Bonney for a barber shop property in Portland. Mr. Bonney is a barber, who is talking of going into business here.

S. F. Morine has sold to the Bank of Ashland a strip off north end of his lot, adjacent to the bank, 20 feet frontage; consideration, $400. F. Roper has sold to S. F. Morine a narrow strip of land between Morine's lot and Wagner's meadow lot; con., $60. In thus putting his lot into better shape by increasing its depth, Morine is making ready for the new brick building which he will put up early next season.

Two Were From Ashland.

Two former residents of Ashland were among the sixteen miners entombed in the Angel mine in Calevaras county, Cal., by the terrible disaster on the 23d of December—George Williams and C. A. Pollard. Williams, who was one of the foremen of the tunnel timber men employed in the S. P. R. R. work in the Siskiyou mountains, was the foreman of the ill-fated timber gang of eighteen men, of whom all but two were destroyed. Williams leaves a wife and four children. Learning on the fatal morning that a cave was imtiment in one place in the mine, Williams told his wife he must go down and try to prevent it, as he might be charged with not having done the best work possible in placing the timbers in the first place. He was uneasy about the danger, but felt that his reputation required him to take the risk. The superintendent of the mine says the disaster was not due to any any defective work in the timbering, but to so thorough a soaking of the ground above the 330-foot level that there was a great slip and so heavy a pressure that the roof of the tunnel was crushed like an egg shell. Pollard was a carpenter who went with Williams, to find work down in California.

Cured His Little Boy.

My little boy had impurities of the blood that were of a scrofulous nature, which resulted in the breaking out of an abcess on the hip. I gave him Swift's Specific (S. S. S.) It purified his blood and restored his health. As a blood purifier it certainly has no equal.

FELIX SINK, Salem, N. C.

Treatise on Blood and Skin Diseases mailed free.

SWIFT SPECIFIC CO., Atlanta, Ga.

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. *

BREVITIES.

See the "Last Loaf."

Clearance sale at Moral Bros.

The "Last Loaf" at Granite Hall Jan. 22d.

Grain hay, baled, is quoted at $15 a ton at Medford.

Circuit court opens again at Jacksonville next Monday.

There was no formal New Years calling in Ashland this time.

Everybody knows that Moral Bros. is the cheapest place to buy dry goods.

Hosley and Kahn are shipping a lot of beef cattle from Central Point to Portland this week.

No cloaks or jackets to be summered over at Hunsaker's if prices will make them go. See his ad. *

Grant's Pass has the only post of Sons of Veterans in the state. The post is in a flourishing condition.

The funeral of the late Miss Cunningham took place last Sunday, and the body was taken to Jacksonville for burial.

A blessing to men with big feet. E. B. Hunsaker has a good stock of heavy boots, sizes 9, 10 and 11, that will be closed at cost and less. Come and see.

The red letter prices on cloaks, jackets and that line of goods commences Saturday Jan. 4th. Don't fail to inspect the goods and prices at Hunsaker's.

The case of Beekman vs. Hamlin, and Kane vs. Amy & Rippey tried in the circuit court at the September term, will be appealed to the supreme court.

The petit jury empaneled in circuit court at Jacksonville last month will be called into service again on Jan. 20, 1890, there being several cases which demand their attention.

John B. Griffin, who came in from Dead Indian, reported more than two feet of snow on the prairie. T. O. Andrews reported 2½ feet at his ranch north of the summit Monday.

The platform of the Ashland railroad depot has about 15,000 square feet of surface, and to clear it of snow after a fall several inches deep is no small job, but it is kept clear, nevertheless.

Fred Barneburg, of Eden precinct, raises some of the finest large cattle in Oregon. He recently sold a steer that weighed 1,808 pounds, and a two-year-old that tipped the beam at 1,378 pounds.—[Times.

One of the witty paragraphers of an eastern paper says this is the time to renew your friendships and forgive your enemies, and if you haven't any, to resolve to show more character during the next year.

Among the medical examiners recently appointed for the pension department are Doctors E. P. Geary, R. Pryce and J. B. Wait, of Medford; Dr. S. T. Songer, of Ashland and Dr. F. W. VanDyke, of Grant's Pass.

The Ashland cornet band (senior band) serenaded the town from the stand in the public plaza New Year's day, and everybody remarked that the music was the best heard on the streets of Ashland for many a day.

C. W. Avers has just finished the design and plans for a handsome stone building for the Bank of Oregon at Albany. It is a three-story structure, and will be undoubtedly the handsomest business house in Albany.

There was snow enough the first of the week to make fair coasting about Ashland, and the young folks made the best of it. A few sleighs were improvised, too, and made the streets lively with the "music of the bells" Monday evening.

The fountain of perpetual youth was one of the dreams of antiquity. It has been partly 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.

"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 I know of."—So says Dr. Bartlett, of Concord, Mass.

Says the Roseburg *Review*: John McRoberts, who has superintended the laying of the water works system, completed his work and left for Portland Sunday night. After the holidays he will go to Ashland to put in the new water works there, for which Barrett & Co. have the contract. Johnny made many friends during his stay here.

Ashland's new city surveyor, C. W. Root, having come home to Ashland to stay this time, announces in his professional card in this issue that he is ready to do all kinds of surveying in town or anywhere in the country. Mr. Root is well qualified by long experience as a land surveyor and railroad civil engineer to do accurate work in any branch of surveying.

A team belonging to A. T. Kyle, left standing in front of his stable Wednesday morning, were started with no one in the buggy behind them. They trotted down to the Warm Sulphur Springs hotel, turned west into Oak street, went up Oak to Spring and turned down Spring and doubtless would finally have gone back to the stable had not some one stopped them.

Ashland sent the largest delegation of teachers to the institute at Medford, last week. The following attended the session as participants in the discussion and as auditors and spectators: P. A. Gets, L. V. Wells, Mrs. L. V. Wells, N. H. Clayton, C. S. Price, J. S. Sweet, H. C. Faber, Misses. Julia Goodyear, Bertha Colton, Emma and Nellie Ewan, Etta Wells and Mrs. Gilroy.

Ward Douglas, the life insurance man who wrote up many policies in this county and was for a time in the real estate business at Ashland, Medford and Central Point, is in serious trouble at Walla Walla, having been arrested for criminal assault upon a young lady. He has figured on the edge of social or domestic trouble almost everywhere he has been in the Northwest.

G. H. Wilson of the U. S. Signal Service, recently stationed in Ashland, writes to C. B. Watson that he finds his new quarters in Shreveport, Louisiana, a very pleasant place. The town has a population of about 17,000, and the signal office is fitted up in fine style. Shreveport is a great shipping point and a trainload of cotton leaves almost every hour at this season of the year, Mr. Wilson reports. Mr. Wilson and wife find the people very social and hospitable in their new home.

Last Thursday's north-bound express was delayed at Redding some twelve hours or more by a cave in the first tunnel north of that place. The trouble was caused by an unusual accident to a freight train. A car in the middle of the freight had a snow plow on top of it, and the plow stuck up high enough to catch the timbers in the middle of the short tunnel and tear them out in such a way as to wedge the train fast, with the caboose outside the tunnel at one end and the engine just outside at the other end. The long delay in clearing the obstruction was caused by the difficulty of getting at work with any force of men. Nobody was hurt in the accident.

M. B. Ranklin, of the Klamath lumber and milling company, came out from Portland to Klamath City Tuesday. Mr. Ranklin said to the TIDINGS reporter that the work of setting up the machinery and furnishing the mammoth new saw mill is pretty well along, and operations will probably be suspended till spring opens, as it is impossible to do any outside work now to the best advantage. The announcement is made that the deferred payments for work done on the mill will be made next Monday. The workmen have felt easy about the security for their wages due, knowing that they could file mechanics lien's on the mill if necessary. There are several Ashland carpenters, however, who find that the time within which they can file a lien after quitting work expires next Monday, and they are uneasy about this time.

RECORD OF THE YEAR.

A Test Year for Southern Oregon, Progress Uninterrupted.

ASHLAND HAS INVESTED MORE THAN $100,000 IN NEW BUILDINGS.

The year 1889 has been one of rapid development for the Pacific Northwest. For Southern Oregon it has been a test year, and the results of the test are entirely satisfactory. For weather and crops it has been the hardest year in the history of this part of the state since the first settlement of the Rogue River Valley, thirty-five yeyrs ago. The summer last past brought the nearest approach to a drouth ever experienced here—the nearest that it seems possible to occur here with the favoring conditions of several winters preceding in which the rainfall was far below the average for the twenty years of record. This we may well call the worst kind of a season possible for the Rogue River Valley, so far as can be judged by comparison with the past, and yet a stranger would suppose from the general prosperity and peace and plenty in the valley that we had experienced at least an average season. The TIDINGS claims that the year just past is one of the best ever known here, in the light of a showing of the good qualities and the resources of our country. To come through a "poor season" in such excellent condition is the best showing a country can possibly make—and it is of value in the record of Southern Oregon—for it is a difficult thing to find a poor crop year in the record. In the valley the aggregate of grain, hay and fruit grown during the year was large—very little below the average, in fact, taking the whole valley—and we have learned that during the very driest season there are fields and meadows and orchards that will yield the very largest crops. This is a very different condition from that in which a drouth leaves large sections in other states when it visits them. So we must consider 1889 a year that has made a good showing for Rogue River Valley.

Ashland people have called the year a "quiet" one, but we find that it has a record of more than $100,000 worth of building improvements "quietly" made by private parties, to say nothing of the public improvements inaugurated and in progress.

During the year there were built in Ashland 34 new dwelling houses, and eleven were remodeled and rebuilt or had additions made to them exceeding in cost in each instance the average cost of the thirty-four. This makes us in reality forty-five new dwelling houses erected in Ashland during 1887. The aggregate cost, learned from careful statement or estimate in each case, was $69,800.

Of other buildings, there were built the Ashland House brick hotel, $6,500; the Thompson & Billings office block, $2,500; the Catholic church, $2500; improvements on public school house, $1500; and last but not least, the fine brick opera house block of Mr. Ganiard, still unfinished, $20,000.

Altogether the improvements aggregate about fifty new dwellings and business houses, at a total cost of $102,800. To this should be added a large sum for minor improvements, which have been numerous in all parts of town.

During the year the electric lights have been introduced, and the finest hotel in this part of the state, (built during the last months of 1888, at a cost of more than $20,000) was opened to the public in February, 1889. This year adds to it a companion piece of architecture in the Ganiard opera house, on opposite corner of 1st Avenue—one of the finest opera houses in the state.

There have been noticeable improvements in widening the streets, opening and grading new streets, building sidewalks, etc., and a large quantity of new plank sidewalks on Main street and the Boulevard has been ordered, and is now in progress of construction.

For the coming year the prospects are bright for a larger number of new brick buildings in the business part of town than has been constructed in any year in the past; and the structures projected are such as will make a wonderful improvement in the appearance in the business quarter of the city.

The planting of orchards in and near the city has steadily progressed during the fall, and by next summer the acreage will have been very largely increased. Without doubt the coming season will see the inauguration of the fruit and vegetable canning industry here on a large scale.

The new water works projected for the city, for which the fifty thousand dollars issue of bonds has been sold at a premium, will be an important improvement of the coming year, and will give the city the best supply of pure water of any town on the coast.

The population of the city has kept up its solid and steady growth, as is demonstrated by the comparison of the votes cast at the annual elections for several years past, and the city makes rapid improvement every year as an attractive and desirable place for home-seekers. It is eminently entitled to the name of the young "City of Homes" of Southern Oregon, for many people have, and more will have their homes here, even when business interests are located elsewhere.

Ashland has made good progress in 1889, and will make greater progress in 1890.

The Big Holiday Newspapers.

The leading daily newspapers of the coast came out this year with greater holiday editions than ever before. The San Francisco *Chronicle* edition included forty pages of nine columns each, extensively illustrated and filled with interesting and valuable historical sketches, an industrial and commercial review and fac's and statistics which make the paper invaluable for reference. The *Examiner* had fifty-four pages of seven columns each, and was profusely illustrated and contained numerous articles of unique and sensational interest. It devoted a number of of pages to maps and description of the late floods along the Sacramento river, and had several pages giving views of the city in 1829, with flying machines galore.

The *Oregonian* had 32 pages crowded with interesting matter—a splendid review of the year's progress of the Pacific Northwest and a strong showing of the wonderful, undeveloped resources of the country. It is a valuable paper to send to eastern friends, and will be mailed direct from the *Oregonian* office in Portland at five cents a copy.

The Salem *Statesman*, which is rapidly forging ahead under the present management into the ranks of the first-class daily newspapers of the coast, has a twenty page New Year's edition devoted to the interests of the city and the surrounding country. On and after Feb. 1st the *Statesman* will receive direct associated press dispatches—a great step forward.

Special School Meeting.

At a special school meeting called for Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock to vote upon the levy of a tax for the free schools of Ashland there was a small attendance. The total vote was only 43, and the no-tax men were out in respectable force in proportion to the whole number.

The senior director, W. W. Kentnor, called the meeting to order and had the clerk, W. A. Patrick, read the call, after which a motion for the levy of a five-mill tax was presented to the meeting, and the clerk was then called upon to give an itemized statement of the receipts and expenditures of the school board for the past year, and an itemized statement of the estimates for the coming year. This was done, then the balloting was proceeded with, J. R. Tozer and L. V. Mills acting as tellers and C. H. Gillette assisting the clerk in the tally. The vote was announced: For tax, 25; against tax, 18, and the chairman announced a decision for the five-mill tax, after which the meeting adjourned.

The following items of interest are taken from the clerk's statement to the meeting:

During the school year past there has been expended for purchase of lot at north school house from Catholic church, $900; for finishing upper rooms of south school house, $1465; for moving school house $400; for painting and repairing school house, putting up new furniture, etc., $338.70; for salaries of teachers dismissed by former board before expiration of contract, and expenses of lawsuits in resisting payments of same, $675.62, making a total of $2879.32, for what might be called extraordinary expenses—that is expenses not a part of the ordinary annual cost of maintaining the schools. The district was behind in its payments at the beginning of last January, and the five-mill tax of one year ago was not enough to maintain the schools and pay for the building, the new lot, &c. There are therefore unpaid warrants now outstanding amounting to $2280. To pay these and meet the expenses of the schools for the current school year, the clerk estimated that about $6000 would be required. The district's proportion of the state school fund and a five-mill tax upon the property of the district will about make this sum.

PERSONAL.

Mrs. H. Ralph is at Phoenix this week.

Geo. T. Hershberger came up from Central Point on a business visit Monday.

C. B. Stone came out from Linn county by yesterday's train, for a brief visit in Ashland.

M. A. Abbey has been seriously ill from weakness consequent upon hemorrhages from the lungs, but is improving.

Mr. L. E. Payne returned to Klamath City Tuesday, after spending a fortnight at home. He will return to Ashland soon.

Morris M. Harkness, Esq., of Grant's Pass, was in Ashland Saturday evening, en route to Siskiyou county, Cala., on legal business.

"Billy" Meade, the "irrepressible," as the railroad boys call him—the rustling Chicago & Northwestern ticket agent, was on Monday's train, from Portland to San Francisco.

W. E. Greene, of Linkville, the wide awake young merchant and part owner of the *Star*, was on Monday evening's train, going to Portland on a business trip.

Charley Stacy left Saturday evening for Tacoma. His young friends in Ashland gave him a surprise party at his home on Oak street, as a farewell meeting.

W. G. Cooper, the Keno saw mill man, is visiting this valley this week. Snow was about 18 inches deep at the mill, on the river below Keno, when he left.

Judge Willard Crawford, of Athena, Umatilla county, formerly of Medford, is very ill from blood poisoning, and is at the Walla Walla hospital for treatment.

Mr. A. Radcliff, who has been employed as spinner in the Ashland Woolen Mills for several years, left Monday evening for Albany to take a place in the new woolen mill there.

Miss Jennie Jackson, of Jacksonville, returned home last Monday evening, after a week's visit in Ashland. Misses Mabel Wagner and Lydia McCall accompanied her, for a short visit in Jacksonville.

D. S. K. Buick and daughter, Miss Jennie, of Roseburg, went south last Friday to meet at San Francisco Mr. B's son Will, from the Sandwich Islands, who has come over to wed a San Jose young lady.

G. C. Eddings started Monday morning for San Francisco, in the interest of his hardware business, and while there will look after the shipment of the pipe which he has the contract to furnish for the new city water works.

Col. Jas. Scobie, the genial and popular masonry contractor of railroad construction times, was in Ashland last Friday and Saturday, and while here made arrangements for a large amount of new fencing at his ranch on Clayton creek.

A. F. George, ex-division superintendent S. P. R. R., was in Ashland a day or two this week, looking after property interests here. He intends to set out a lot of fruit trees on his twenty-acre tract in the eastern part of town, the coming season.

A. E. Andrews, a prominent business man and large real estate owner of Lansing, Mich., is in Ashland this week, visiting his brother, T. O. Andrews, whom he had not seen for more than 20 years till Wednesday morning. Mr. Andrews is making a general tour of the Pacific coast.

The *Oregonian* says Prof. M. G. Royal, of Pendleton (formerly of Ashland) is one of the applicants for the position of principal of the Portland High School. His many friends here would be pleased to see him successful in the application. Prof. Royal has been mentioned, also, as a possible candidate from Eastern Oregon for State Superintendent of Schools, in the event of Prof. McElroy being out of the field.

The State University department of the *Oregon State Journal* is now edited by Kaspar Kubli, Jr., of Jacksonville, who is one of the brightest students in the university. In his correspondence heretofore with Jackson county friends upon political and other topics the young gentleman has given evidence of genuine literary talent and ambition, and the editorial work he takes up now will greatly assist the development of his skill as a writer. The Jackson county delegation is keeping up its record in the university.

Scrofula in Children.

The following is taken from a letter written under date of July 1, 1889, by Mrs. Ruth Berkley, a most charitable and Christian lady, of Salina, Kan.: "In the early part of 1887 scrotula appeared on the head of my little grandchild, then only eighteen months old. Shortly after breaking out it spread rapidly all over her body. The scabs on the sores would peal off on the slighest touch, and the odor that would arise would make the atmosphere of the room sickening and unbearable. The disease next attacked the eyes and we feared she would lose her sight. Eminent physicians from the surrounding country were consulted, but could do nothing to relieve the little innocent, and gave it as their opinion, 'that the case was hopeless and impossible to save the child's eyesight.' It was then that we decided to try Swift's Specific (S. S. S.) That medicine at once made a speedy and complete cure. For more than a year past she has been as healthy as any child in the land."

Swindler Neustadt Released.

San Francisco, Dec. 30.—Walter Neustadt, the half-interest swindler, convicted a year ago for swindling an Oregon farmer named Parker, and sentenced to one year's imprisonment and fined $2249, was this morning released by the supreme court on a writ of habeas corpus. The supreme court hold that the lower court did not in such cases have authority to impose a fine and sentence to imprisonment and compel the prisoner to serve out the fine at a day for every dollar.

HERE AND THERE.

Save your money for the "Last Loaf."

Redding will have its new electric lights shining within a few weeks.

At Walla Walla 250,000 bushels of wheat were sold during the week ending about Dec. 25th.

The stock inspector of Lake county says there are something more than 180,000 sheep in that county.

The first national bank in Southern Oregon begins business at Grant's Pass with the beginning of the year 1890.

Jacksonville, Roseburg and Grant's Pass are all after that Presbyterian school that is to be located in the southern part of the state.

Judge L. B. Ison, of the 6th Judical District died last week from cancer of the stomach. His successor has not yet been appointed by Gov. Pennoyer.

The *West Shore* predicts that "next spring and summer will witness such a swarming into Oregon and Washingington that will completely swamp all routes of travel and houses of entertainment."

The Lakeview *Examiner* seems to be lonesome this winter. Last week it had the following: "Oh, isn't it delightful to live 400 miles from nowhere, with millions of snow intervening? We *must* have a railroad before next winter."

Roseburg business men subscribed $3200 of the $20,000 capital stock of the Douglas county fair association. Not nearly as much as the Central Point people subscribed to the Jackson county association stock, in proportion to size of place and amount of property interests.

The Eugene *Journal* reports that Prof. Arnold, of the State Agricultural College at Corvallis, bought a tract of land several years ago at South Beach, near Yaquina Bay, for a few hundred dollars, and recently sold it to Col. Hogg, President of the Oregon Pacific Railroad Company, for $19,000.

This is a great season for railroad projects in the Willamette. Almost every town between Portland and the Calipoolas has its scheme to build a railroad to the sea, or to some other town that is going to build to the sea. Some of the projects will succeed, too, for the country will abundantly support numerous cross lines and short lines of railroad.

According to the census of 1880, the population of Independence was 691; Monmouth, 267; Dallas, 670 Each of these towns now claims nearly double the above numbers of inhabitants. At that time Salem had 2934 people; Albany, 1867 and Portland, 17,577; Corvallis had 1128 people; Astoria, 2803; The Dalles, 2332; Ashland, 824.

Peter the Poet soliloquizes: "Will Oregon ever conclude to lay her own eggs? Here's the teachers Institute to be held at Medford the day after Christmas, and an Iowa egg for our own teachers! How long must our noble schoolma'ams submit to a foreign yolk? It is hard—oh it is hard-boiled and horrid, and some different course of study must be adopted for our chickens."

"The Boomer" is the name for the latest class of professionals. At present they are confined chiefly to Portland, Seattle and Spokane Falls. They ape the legislative lobbyist very closely; in fact, their title is suggestive of their calling. A good "boomer" often commands $150 or $200 per month to "whoop" up a given locality, by talking to new Eastern arrivals at the hotels or street corners.

As a result of the nosing about of the U. S. timber land Inspector, several of our saw mill men have gone down to Portland to more fully explain matters to the authorities there about some of Uncle Sam's timber which is not now growing where some of the officials think it should be. Whether the inspector is "barking up the wrong stump" or not, we do not know.—[Grant's Pass Courier.

At 1:30 a. m. last Friday the steamer Oregon, going down the Columbia from Portland, bound for San Francisco, ran into the ship Clan Mackenzie, which was anchored near Coffin Rock, ten miles below Kalama. The steamer's prow ran thirty feet into the ship, and of course sank her instantly upon the separation. Two colored sailors, asleep in their bunks, were crushed and killed by the accident. The steamer was damaged to the extent of $10,000; damage to ship not estimated.

E. G. Hurt, of Medford, tells the *Mail* an interesting story of a fine dinner of cougar meat which he ate recently at a mining camp down on Brigg's creek, in Josephine county. The meat tasted like tender fresh pork—only tougher—and sweeter, and the *Mail* remarks that, "strange to say," though the party all ate heartily of it, not one could touch it the second time. Some hunters in the mountains of Southern Oregon and Northern California, make a practice of eating panther meat, and say they like it better'n bar.

The only illustrated weekly west of Chicago is the *West Shore*, which has not a superior in any respect in the United States. Its large colored illustrations are works of art, and are of home scenes in which our people are all interested. Its editorials are crisp and pithy. Its humorous paragraphs rival those of the papers which make a specialty of them. Its illustrated poems are one of the most attractive features. In every respect it is just the paper our people want for themselves, their wives and their children. $4 a year. L. SAMUEL, publisher, Portland, Oregon.

The *Astorian* says "the people of the Willamette valley can get corn and oats from Kansas and Nebraska cheaper than they can raise them." Judging by the importations, they can get eggs and butter from Iowa and Illinois, too, cheaper than they can produce them; but it's only because they haven't found out yet what they can do in the dairy and poultry business. The Rogue River Valley is a good corn country, and ought to supply the Willamette and the Sound country with its corn meal and corn fed bacon, if the transportation rates were made fair as between the 2000 mile haul from Chicago, and the 300 to 400 mile haul from Ashland,

Says a Portland paper of last Friday: N. G. Robinson, a citizen of Michigan, who was arrested some weeks since for scattering advertisements about the streets and on examination in the police Court discharged, has begun suit in the United States Circuit Court against the city for $4000 damages on account of injury to his character by being kept in jail one day. Mrs. Mary E. Lynch has also brought suit against the city to recover $10,160 damages on account of her son being imprisoned in the city jail for six days, where she claims he was brutally treated and his health injured. The boy was arrested for larceny and a petition for a writ of habeas corpus was denied by Judge Shattuck.

Prof. M. G. Lane, principal teacher of the Indian training school at Chemawa, near Salem, died last Monday. He was a brother of Secretary of State, James G. Blaine—the reason of the difference of name is not stated. Prof. Lane was born in Washington county, Pa., in 1826. He went through the war with the 101st Illinois Infantry, and settled in Oregon in 1876, since which time he has been occupied as a teacher in Marion county. The Statesman says: He was an elder brother of James G. Blaine and was endowed with many of the gifts that have made that great man famous and beloved. He was also a great admirer of his brother and had a deep seated ambition to see him president. He went east in 1884 and mapped out the great campaign of speech making by Mr. Blaine which marked that year as the most brilliant political epoch in our national history. During his declining years, Mr. Blaine has been of material financial assistance to him and it was through Mr. Blaine's influence that he was appointed teacher at Chemawa, his shattered health preventing his being placed in a position requiring more active services.

The City Government.

The new city council and other officials have been sworn in (Mayor Hill included) and have assumed their respective duties. The city council will hold its first business meeting next Monday evening.

The question of the eligibility of the mayor under the provisions of the charter has been thoroughly discussed from every standpoint during the past week. The question was not raised until after the city council had canvassed the votes and declared Hill elected Mayor and he had been sworn in by the Recorder, so, of course, Mr. Hill is Mayor of the city unless legally disqualified by due process through the courts. As to the legality of the acts of the Mayor and the contracts or other instruments bearing his signature as chief executive of the city government, two of the lawyers of the city—one a worker for Hill and the other a warm supporter for Mills in the election—have said there is no question that his acts as *de facto* mayor of the city will be entirely legal, competent and binding until he shall be unseated if such a thing should be done. Notwithstanding this, so long as there is any question of legal technicality in the election, there may be uneasiness, and if it be possible to straighten everything out legally and prevent the possibility of any litigation in the future, it ought to be done. It is understood that efforts are being made to accomplish this amicably by the cooperation of Mayor Hill and the members of the council, and it is to be hoped they will be able to fully meet every requirement of the law to the letter. The off-hand opinion of two attorneys is sometimes comforting to a certain degree, but then we know that attorneys live upon litigation, and are not expected to see anything to fear in opportunities for lawsuits.

From the Stock Ranges.

There is considerable uneasiness in Eastern Oregon lest the winter will cause a pretty heavy loss of livestock on the ranges. In southeastern Oregon many ranchers trust wholly to "the desert" to winter a large portion of their horses, cattle and sheep. The "desert" is a vast sage brush country which produces a good crop of bunch grass every season, but has no living water upon it in the summer, and consequently the stock cannot use it for summer pasture. In the winter there is plenty of water and the grass is high enough to afford feed for the stock, even with snow several inches deep covering the ground. The last summer was so dry that the grass is much shorter than usual, and the dry feed of the fall left much of the stock poor and not in the best condition to begin the struggle with a "hard winter." From these facts a loss considerably greater than the average is predicted, in case of a long winter.

The Lakeview *Examiner* of the 26th philosophizes as follows: The stockmen's mind is provided for the worst that may come in the way of range losses this winter. And while we are always ready to anticipate great stock losses *every winter*, it can only be a matter of conjecture as to what the present winter will bring forth. The losses to date amount to nothing. Suppose we figure on a loss of one-third of the range stock for the winter in this section. It will only affect individuals; the general prosperity of the country will not be injured, but rather benefited, as it will relieve the ranges, and enchance the price of the stock remaining. A "hard winter" means a long, continued snow fall, when stock perish for want of feed. This will produce an abundance of water, which is necessary to produce good crops and good ranges for the ensuing season. And the loss of stock will leave the ranges in that much better condition for the remainder. So the old adage of the "ill wind" will also be verified in this case. Stock Inspector Berry arrived from Silver Lake Friday and says all the stock he found or heard of were doing well. He says there was about eleven inches of loose snow on the desert when he left, with plenty of grass under the snow, and all the stock were doing well. He says the stock raisers can afford a loss of one-third of their herds and then be better off in the spring than to have had a dry winter. And there is no doubt, should there be such a loss, the welfare of the country will be that much better off in proportion.

BREVITIES.

The handsome new calenders for 1890, distributed by G. F. Billings, agent for the Travelers Insurance Co., contain a hundsome photo-gravure picture of the President and his cabinet.

Harvey Walker, of Salem, Or., a nephew of J. P. Walker, has been visiting his relatives here during the past week. On his return home yesterday, he took with him a fine Jersey cow and calf, purchased of W. C. Myer.

A land-slide on the track near West Fork delayed the south-bound express Tuesday night, making the train three hours or more late in Ashland. The train was flagged by a track-walker before reaching the slide.

The Brotherhood of Railroad Brakemen at Roseburg gave their first annual ball at that place New Year's eve., and it was pronounced the finest affair of the kind ever seen in Douglas county. Ten sets were dancing when the train pulled out for Ashland.

There was much more snow down along Rogue River than in Ashland yesterday. It had settled to less than an inch here, while at Grant's Pass they had four or five inches. Usually there is less snow than here. [More was rapidly coming here last evening, however, as the TIDINGS went to press.

A snow plow has been kept pretty steadily at work in the Siskiyons since the storms began—not one of the new rotary plows that are to do away with the necessity of snow sheds. The snow doesn't drift deep enough in the Siskiyons to require that—it is simply one of the v-shaped iron shields that fit upon the cow catcher of a locomotive.

The holiday number of the weekly *West Shore* has a handsomely illustrated poem from an Ashland poetess—"The Harbor Bar," By Mrs. C. R. Minkler. The poem is one full of deep sentiment which touches the heart, and its literary finish is of a high standard. Ashland people did not know they had among them an authoress of the poetic temperment and literary skill revealed in the lines of "The Harbor Bar," but since its publication the TIDINGS learns that Mrs. Minkler has in the past been a valued contributor to the columns of magazines and other periodicals.

The people of Spokane Falls were intensely excited last Friday by a rumor that Portland, Seattle and Tacoma had been destroyed by an earthquake. The newspaper offices were thronged by anxious people having relatives and friends in those cities. No one has been able to discover how the baseless rumor started.

Probate Court.

Estate of George W. Cooksey—Inventory and appraisment.

Estate of Baptiste Chegar—Order for sale of personal property.

Estate of John Noland, petetion for sale of real property.

Estate and guardianship of John Vincent, et al—order for citation.

Land Office Bulletin.

Our Washington correspondent sends the following this week.

In the Roseburg land district the land contest cases of William Herriott vs. the U. S., and William M. Colvig vs. the U. S., have been decided against Herriott and Colvig.

In the Lakeview district the contest between Charles W. Jones and Wm. H. Mahon is decided in favor of Mahon, and the following numbered cash patents have issued: Nos. 305, 307, 338, 378, 434, 438, 468, 473, 488, 484, 485, 491, 492, 505, 759, and 812.

Old homely Benn is getting homlier and meaner every dry of his life, and his maiden name was Doosenberry. But "dot makes noding oud," for if you have the cash and want meats of all kinds fresh or cured, poultry, butter, potatoes, oats, chop-feed, wheat, bran, and Phoenix flour, go and see the homliest man in town. *

Monthly Weather Report.

Following is the record of weather observations, for Ashland, made by F. H. Carter, observer for the Oregon State Weather Bureau, for the month ending December 31, 1889:

Date	Max.	Min.	Mean	Prec.	Day
Dec. 1	50	41	46	.00	Cl'dy
2	50	31	41	.30	Cl'dy
3	49	34	38	.16	Cl'dy
4	50	36	41	.19	Cl'dy
5	50	30	41	.03	Cl'dy
6	53	37	40	.00	Cl'dy
7	46	30	39	.02	Cl'dy
8	49	39	41	.09	Cl'dy
9	44	35	38	.13	Cl'dy
10	42	32	35	.72	Cl'dy
11	39	29	32	.27	Fair
12	49	29	32	.04	Cl'dy
18	41	28	30	.02	Clear
14	41	22	29	.00	Clear
15	39	19	23	.00	Clear
16	45	26	41	.00	Fair
17	40	32	36	.18	Fair
18	48	37	41	.00	Cl'dy
19	43	36	37.5	.00	Fair
20	43	29	33.5	.00	Cl'dy
21	42	31	35	.00	Fair
22	38	21	27	.11	Cl'dy
23	39	24	5.	.04	Fair
24	48	35	38.5	.00	Fair
25	43	26	28.5	.00	Clear
26	33	24	26.5	.00	Clear
27	33	24	28.5	.00	Cl'dy
28	32	16	19.5	.15	Fair
29	37	25	30.5	.00	Cl'dy
30	43	25	33	.33	Cl'dy
31	42	34	35	.04	Cl'dy
Jan. 1	42	29	30	.23	Cl'dy

Total Precipitation 3.50 inches. Temperature. Highest 55. Lowest 16. Mean 34.5 Days with rain 12; days with snow 7.

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

Real Estate Transactions.

J. M. McBride to David V