ASHLAND TIDINGS.

Friday.....*March 28, 1890*

2000 Fine Apple Trees for Sale.

The undersigned has 2000 apple trees, which were purchased for his fruit farm near Talent, and, not being able to plant them this spring, will sell the whole lot at cost. There are 1500 Ben Davis, 500 Spitzenberg and 500 Yellow Newtown Pippins. Apply to me in Ashland. D. McCARTHY.
Ashland, Or., Mar. 20, 1890.

Democratic State Convention.

The Democratic state convention is called to meet in Portland on Tuesday, April 24th, eight days later than the Republican convention. The representation will consist of 192 delegates, of which Jackson county will have 8, Klamath and Lake each 3 and Josephine 4. The committee recommend that precinct primaries be held the 10th day of April.

Michigan Peach Crop Ruined.

Allegan, Mich., March 20.—A large number of fruit-growers in the city express the opinion that the peach crop will be a dead failure again this year. The forward condition of the buds when the sudden drop to 10 and 12 degrees below zero came killed them all. Sad forbodings are entertained and many peach-growers will lose their farms unless the men holding their mortages extend the time of payment.

Through Train.

The first through train from Portland since the first of February arrived in Ashland last Wednesday about 11:45 a. m., and brought a large number of through passengers and most of the bridge carpenters from this way who had been at work down in the canyon. Tuesday evening's train from San Francisco, which was the first to go through the canyon, was also crowded with passengers, and pulled out of Ashland with eleven cars in line, three Pullman sleepers being crowded.

Arbor Day.

In pursuance of the law passed by the late legislature and approved Feb. 25, 1889, State School Superintendent McElroy has addressed an "Arbor Day Circular" to the city and county school superintendents, school directors and teachers.

The law provides that the second Friday, in the afternoon, in April of each year shall hereafter be known throughout the state as arbor day, and it is recommended that teachers and others connected with educational work shall observe the day by such planting of trees on public grounds; and such exercises in the way of essays, speeches, readings etc., as may stimulate interest in the preservation of the forest, shade and fruit tree wealth of our state.

Two Bands of Horses Perish in the Mountains.

Messrs. Wright and Bean, while in pursuit of the old grizzly known as "Reel Foot" last week, found two bands of dead horses in the Siskiyou mountains up near Pilot Rock. In one place they found forty-three dead animals, and at the other place, between fifty and sixty. Some of the horses had plunged into the deep snow and died in a standing position. The old grizzly had made camp right amongst them, and had abundance of French beef for his subsistence. The horses were from the ranches of the Klamath river side of the mountains, belonging to Temple, Horn and others, and, gathering together after the storms began, in the most sheltered place, were soon surrounded with snow so deep that escape became impossible. In their pangs of hunger they had eaten trees three inches inches in diameter nearly through. The mountain storms always drive cattle to the valleys, but horses perversely keep ascending when the storms come, unless followed and driven down by the ranchers.

Ruddick all Right.

Messrs. A. F. Hunt and John B. Griffin went out to Buck Lake last week, to call upon A. C. Ruddick, whose isolation had caused his friends here some uneasiness lest he might have taken ill and suffered on account of lack of assistance.

The trip out was made with some difficulty by Griffin and Hunt, owing to the melting condition of the snow making it difficult to run the snow shoes. They found Ruddick all right and entirely unsuspecting the uneasiness his friends had felt about him. His low cabin could not be seen above the deep snow drifts about it, but the smoke peacefully curling up from the chimney revealed its location to the searchers sometime before they reached it. The snow is still about six feet deep there, and also at Lost prairie, and at its deepest was eight feet. Mr. Ruddick had provisions enough for himself and hay enough for his little band of 120 sheep, and so carefully has he cared for the sheep that only a single one has died during the winter. He has hay enough to feed till the ranges are available.

Mr. Hutchings, at whose instance the trip was made by Hunt and Griffin, is of course much relieved to find his old friend all right.

After "Old Reelfoot."

Wm. Wright, of Henley, and a son of Mr. Bean, of Kean creek, had an exciting chase after a huge grizzly up among the great snowbanks of the Siskiyous recently. They were looking for stock and found the track of the bear and, concluding that it was old "Reelfoot" himself, thought the present a good season of the year in which to capture his hide and scalp and rid the range of his depredations. They came upon the bear somewhere in the region of Bald mountain, and gave him a good dose of lead to begin with, but it didn't seem to damage him much, and he started off on a long trip across the country, with the men after him. They had snow shoes and the bear hadn't, and as he was compelled to plow his way along, with the snow up to his throat much of the time they had the advantage of him, and were sure they would wind up his career. But old "Reelfoot" has fate on his side, and the snow shoes of the hunters soon "went back" on them and the bear made his escape, taking with him, however, eight rifle balls deposited in various parts of his thievish hulk. He was in good flesh and as strong as a grizzly can get, or he would never have escaped. The reason of his good condition was found in the discovery that his headquarters were in the midst of the carcasses of some forty horses that had been caught in the deep snow and perished during the winter.

Who's Compson?

When the item of news about the appointment of H. C. Compson as county judge of Klamath county first appeared, Ashland people acquainted in Klamath began to inquire: "Who's Compson?" No one could remember having heard of him before, and several gentlemen well acquainted with all the prominent people in Klamath county, after carefully considering the question, rendered the verdict—"Mistake in the name, either by the telegraph or printer." But soon a man recently from Klamath was found, and he "put on airs" to an offensive degree over his superior knowledge—he knew Compson. "Why yes, Compson, Col. Compson. Yes, I know who Compson is. He is teacher or farmer or clerk or something up to the Indian agency—sent up by Cleveland from the sunny south to subsist at this federal station under agent Emery."

Thus the mystery was explained, and the answer found to the question.

There wasn't anything in Pennoyer's platform, probably, about carpet-bag appointments, and the erratic governor, for reasons best known to himself and Compson and John F. Miller, perhaps, quietly filled the most important office in the county with the gentleman recently from elsewhere. Pennoyer will have to explain this little matter to the old residents and prominent Democrats of the county, and from the tightly-boxed circumstances of the case it looks as if the explanation will necessarily be of a "sweat-wrought" nature.

BREVITIES.

Green Seal.

Smoke the Green Seal.

Composite social, April 2d.

The Green Seal 5c cigar at D. L. Minkler & Son's.

S. Sherman, of Talent, has been reappointed a notary public.

Send to the TIDINGS office for samples of cuts for horse bills.

Reid's Premium Flower seeds for sale by D. L. Minkler & Son's.

Have you tried Ashland mills flour since the new machinery was put in motion?

A large stock of Choice Groceries and a big reduction in prices at D. L. Minkler & Son's.

The Levy Concert will undoubtedly be the finest musical entertainment that has ever been in Ashland.

Mrs. Van Anken, formerly of New York, is in Ashland and wants pupils in vocal music and elocution.

Horses and cattle are making a living out on the range in this county, but the fat ones are still very few.

The *Mail* reports that Mr. Richardson, of Etna, lost a third of his band of Angora goats during the winter.

The world and the trains move again. D. R. & E. V. Mills received freight yesterday only 13 days from Chicago.

Don't forget that the great Levy and his concert company are billed for Granite Hall, Ashland, for Tuesday, April 1st.

Only one more week for the payment of school tax in this district, before the tax becomes delinquent. Don't put it off too long.

A large quantity of freight for this valley, delayed at the north by the great slide in Cow Creek canyon, is coming in this week.

Farmers are figuring now about how to crowd three weeks' plowing into one week when the ground gets in proper condition.

Mr. Holden has opened a shoe shop at Talent, and is prepared to keep the foot-gear of Wagner creek's population in good condition.

A public reading room is to be established in one of the rooms of the new opera house block as soon as the building is completed.

The opening of through traffic on the railroad will revive business along the whole line, and our valley will feel the beneficial effects of the change.

At the chocolate, cocoanut, lemon and coffee tables and the candy stand, all tastes may be suited at the Composite social for 25 cents. A good program.

The sale of the J. D. Fountain residence property at corner of Granite and High streets to G. M. Grainger was consummated this week; consideration, $2500.

Last year by this time Ashland gardeners were boasting of new potatoes about big enough to fall into the dinner pot. This year it is otherwise—most greatly otherwise.

His many old friends will be glad to learn that the Rev. M. A. Williams is to preach in the Presbyterian church on next Sabbath. Several children are to be presented for baptism.

The Young Ladies Mission Circle will give a Composite social at the Presbyterian church next Wednesday evening, April 2d. Supper served in the new session room from 6 to 8. Price 25 cts.

The ladies of the Ashland W. C. T. U. will give an anniversary entertainment at the new opera house block about the first of May, and expect to prepare a programme that will be unusually attractive.

There will be services at the Dunkard church in Ashland, Sunday, April 6th, both morning and evening by Elder Geo. Hoxey. Morning text, 3d chapter of Matthew; evening text, 13th chapter of John.

Ashland people are well up in their appreciation of talent, and they will have another opportunity to show it next Tuesday evening by attending the Levy concert. Tickets now on sale at the Plaza Corner Store.

The carload of potatoes shipped to Ashland by a San Francisco firm, and refused acceptance by the consignee, was sent on to Talent at the direction of the firm for disposal by Geo. W. Edwards, on commission.

W. C. Doughty, of Brownsboro, died at Medford last week, after a lingering illness. He was a member of the A. O. U. W., and his family will receive the $2000 paid to the beneficiaries of each member of the order at his death.

The new barn at Will Myer's ranch out at Hoxie prairie, beyond Dead Indian, fell beneath the weight of snow on the roof this winter. There was no one on the ranch at the time, and the damages were only discovered recently.

The Klamath *Star* resents the publication by outside papers, of the reports of seed grain being scarce in Klamath county, and intimates that the statement that the cattle ranges will not be bare of snow till the first of May may not be true.

Maj. Barron drove 300 head of cattle (mostly cows with calves) from the E. F. Walker place to his ranch at the head of the valley yesterday. This is the last drive out of the lot of cattle which he has been feeding at different places down the valley.

At the directors meeting of the Ashland Building and Loan Association last week the officers were all re-elected, as follows: W. H. Leeds, president; P. Dunn, vice president; George Engle, secretary; W. H. Atkinson, treasurer; A. S. Hammond, solicitor.

Plows—your choice—cheap at G. C. Eddings'.

The large oak trees in the house lot and field along the road on the Shideler place near Jacksonville have been all cut down by the new owner of the farm. He has obtained a lot of fine firewood and an increase of his tillable acreage, but a beautiful feature of the landscape will be missed by people who travel the old road to Jacksonville.

Try D. L. Minkler & Son's 5c Magnetic Soap.

The new hearse and complete outfit of stock and conveniences for the undertaking business, ordered from the East by J. L. Downing and caught in the railroad blockade at the north, will arrive this week, and Mr. Downing will be ready to begin the business, of which he will make further announcement hereafter.

Copy Books 10c and Spelling Books 5c, at D. L. Minkler & Son's.

There is a good prospect, it is said, of the Ashland Electric Power and Light Co., taking the contract to supply the Ashland mills with power. In that case the electric machinery plant will be moved down the creek to the neighborhood of the mill, thus acquiring a great increase of power from the extension of its pipe down the creek from the present head.

A complete new line of paper, novels, at D. L. Minkler & Son's.

Most of the horses and cattle from C. F. Blake's ranch in Dead Indian, were brought out to this valley last week by Charley Blake and Brick Wells, and all the stock from Neil's ranch too, has been driven out. It will be late before the pasturage is good in Dead Indian this year.

Garden Seeds in pkg or bulk at D. L. Minkler & Son's. *

The Presbytery of Southern Oregon is to meet in Jacksonville on the 8th of April at 7:30 p. m. The opening sermon is to be preached by the Rev. Robt. McLean. The important question to be presented at this meeting are the revision of the confession of faith and the founding of an Academy of high grade for both sexes.

Smoke the Green Seal Cigar, at D. L. Minkler & Son's. *

B. F. McCreary and other carpenters who have been at work for the railroad in Cow creek, returned home this week. Mr. McCreary says the bridges are built in a solid and substantial manner. The first bridge across Cow creek is 440 feet long.

Persons especially interested in the repair of the wagon road up Ashland creek above town have procured subscriptions to a considerable fund for that object, and this waif of a road, turned out in the cold by the town and the county, will be given some attention soon. It is understood that Samuel Watson will have charge of the repairs to be made by the fund donated by our citizens.

Sets, sets, sets. Onion sets at the Red House. *

The barometer has lost its grip in this country. After being down under the water-fall line for several days, it will slowly and painfully ascend the scale, hand over hand, until almost up to the decent weather mark, but just as the sun begins to smile approval and the disheartened people expect to see it settle comfortably and securely upon the "fair weather" plane, it loses its hold again, and down it drops, "kersplash" into another rain spell.

Emigrant creek people report that the losses of cattle in their neighborhood in consequence of the scant pasturage last summer and fall and the shortage of the hay crop this long, snowy winter are considerably heavier than the usual winter losses of range cattle consequent upon ordinary winter vicissitudes of mountain pastures. Along the creek from George Grow's to the mountain, out of 330 to 350 head of cattle, sixty head have been lost, making the loss all told nearly twenty per cent. People from the Butte creek portion of the county report that the losses there will be about the same, possibly a little higher.

Button onions and a general assortment of goods in our line at the Red House. *

The seventh of the series of elocutionary contests that have been running at the Normal school was met by the usual "full house" Saturday evening. The contestants were, Misses Dora Flemming, Hattie Ganiere, Minnie Rockfellow, and Dora Pennington and Messrs. W. T. Dement, Ed. Sutton and John Devlin. The silver medal was awarded to W. T. Dement. After the contest, a dime social was held, at which most of the audience remained. As entertainment, the members of the school had prepared a serio-comic drama entitled "Orange Blossoms," and had arranged the rostrum of the chapel into a very serviceable stage with curtain, scenery, etc. The play was surprisingly well rendered by the "company," and the members received many compliments on their dramatic talent. The participants in the play were Messrs. John A. Cooper, —Rees, and Geo. L. Helms, and Misses Agnes Devlin, Lydia McCall and Alice Sutton.

ARBOR DAY IN ASHLAND.

The attendance in our public schools is keeping up most admirably. It frequently happens that at this season of the year many of the pupils are kept out of school, because there is work to do at home. Many times, no doubt, this is unavoidable, and yet there are times when, by some planning, their school days could be materially prolonged. We trust that no effort will be spared by the parents to permit every child to continue in school until the end of the term. More especially is this necessary when it is remembered that promotion is based upon the combined results of the bi-monthly examinations and the final examination. It is doing fullest justice to the pupils to allow them to rank as high as possible in their respective classes. This, of course, can only be materialized by continued attendance and application. It cannot fail to be a source of gratification to the patrons of the public schools to note that our school authorities are making some needed changes on the school grounds. That proper ideas of cleanliness and a fine sentiment of the beautiful may be developed and fostered in the minds of our boys and girls, suitable, concrete examples must be placed before them through which these powers may develop. In this work every person in the school district should be deeply interested. It should interest those who have no children to send to the schools, as well as those who have. If there were no other reason for such interest, the general health of the community would be a sufficient reason to demand this course. The schools are getting ready to aid the authorities in the consummation of this work. By an act of the fifteenth session of the Oregon Legislature, the afternoon of the second Friday of April in each year shall be known throughout the state as Arbor Day. In the same act it is especially demanded that the children in our public schools assist in the work of adorning the school grounds with trees and shrubs, so that their minds may be stimulated towards the preservation and perpetuation of trees, and to beautifying the land in which they live. The Principal of the public schools received a letter from the State Superintendent requesting him to send a report of the success of Arbor Day to the Department of Education. It remains now, therefore, for the patrons and friends of the public schools to say how encouraging this report shall be from the queen city of Southern Oregon. It remains for the people to aid us in bringing about that desirable change that would render our school grounds as inviting to their girls and boys as are their own very tastily ornamented yards. Shall the silent influences which flowers and shrubs and a green sward and sparkling fountains throw about your children at home continue on the school ground or shall their opposites prevail? These questions, fairly asked and calmly considered by all, will, I believe, bring a large number of patrons to the schools and the school grounds on Arbor Day. Such a participation will be a most pleasant occasion for the district. Young and old will meet upon a common ground and work for a common object, and all differences of rank and party and sect will be consumed in our labors in a common cause.

Building Improvements.

The brick walls of the Ganiard opera house block are completed. Lack of seasoned lumber has been delaying the building somewhat.

The work of moving the old house preparatory to building a new front for the dwelling on Granite street which Mr. Grainger bought of J. D. Fountain was begun Wednesday morning.

S. F. Morine's new brick building, to be erected on the lot on Main street south of the bank building, will be commenced at once, the work of dressing the granite rock for the foundation being already in progress. The building will be 25x75 feet, ground measure, and two stories high, and will be of plain but neat and substantial style. Mr. Morine will himself superintend the building.

The store and office buildings belonging to W. H. Atkinson, situated between the Masonic and McCall brick blocks are much improved in appearance by a new dressing of paint.

Some long-needed improvements are being made at the south school house, where the ragged condition of the buildings and the neglected and unhealthful condition of the grounds have been a disgrace to the city. The foundation wall of the school house, left uncompleted has been finished, and the old school house building has been moved and is being fitted up to answer all the needs of wood house and all the out buildings. The old vaults will be cleaned out, and filled up, and arrangements more in accordance with ordinary sanitary precautions will take their place. The grounds will then be graded, and two more lines of tile under draining will be put in. The grounds may be made decent and attractive at a small expense, and the directors are doing well to make the improvements noted.

Notice.

All open accounts in favor of or against the firm of Eddings & Morse I hope to close up as early as possible either by cash or note. Respectfully,
G. C. EDDINGS.

PERSONAL.

A. L. Willey left last week for California.

Dr. W. H. Flanagan has left Grant's Pass for Puget Sound.

Rev. F. B. Ticknor, of Medford, was in town the forepart of the week.

A. H. Miller, a Minneapolis capitalist, has been visiting Ashland this week.

Mr. T. E. Godfrey came up Sunday from Jump-off-Joe for a short stay in Ashland.

Wm. Otto has been laid-off for a week or two with an attack of "la grippe."

J. Noonan Phillips has been in San Francisco during the past week, on a business visit.

P. B. Whitney, of the ticket department S. P. R. R., came up from Portland yesterday.

Mrs. Thos Jones and Mrs. Edwards, of Henley, Cal., are guests at The Oregon in Ashland this week.

I. C. Campbell, publisher of the Eugene *Guard*, was on Wednesday's train, bound for San Francisco.

Thos. Harlan, publisher of the Medford *Mail*, returned Wednesday evening from his trip to Nebraska.

County Clerk Max Muller, of Jacksonville, and John B. Wrisley, of Medford, were in Ashland Wednesday.

Archie Grieve left the Siskiyou Toll House this week for Salinas county, Cal., where he will spend the summer.

E. J. Chess, representing the stationery house of J. K. Gill & Co., of Portland, was in Ashland Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Songer and their daughter Mollie, and Mrs. Dr. Songer are expected home Sunday from Pasadena, Cal.

O. B. Allen, who returned to Ashland from Sisson recently, has gone over to Yreka to take a case in the *Union* office.

Mrs. J. M. Wagner and infant daughter of Soda Springs, have been visiting relatives in Ashland during the past week.

J. F. Falkenburg, of Roseburg, who was formerly in the picture business, is here this week introducing a patent farm gate.

Wm. High and family, who spent the winter in this valley, started last Monday morning for their home in Butte creek valley, Cal.

Ben Snipes, the Wasco county "cattle king," was on Wednesday evening's train, accompanied by his wife, going home from San Francisco.

Miss Eva Price has resigned her position as one of the teachers of the north school, and will leave Ashland soon for the Willamette valley.

Chas. Kahn shipped two carloads of beef cattle from Sam's Valley for Portland yesterday—cattle that he had bought from Hostley & Pelton.

A. D. Helman and N. A. Jacobs are elected to represent Ashland Lodge No. 45, I. O. O. F., in the grand lodge, which will meet at Portland in May.

Mrs. Cox and little daughter, of Portland, started for home last Monday, after a visit of some length with the lady's father, A. H. Mack, of Siskiyou toll house.

Mr. D. L. Curtis, of Jacksonville, started Tuesday morning for South Bend, Indiana, where his family has been spending the winter. He may return to this valley soon.

Messrs. Lane Neil and Charley Blake, of Dead Indian, were in the valley this week. They report a few of the southwest hill slopes bare of snow out in their neighborhood.

Hon. H. B. Miller of Grant's Pass, and H. A. Guild, one of the S. P. D. & L. Co. clerks, were in Ashland last Monday on a business visit, as was also Hon. Chas. Howard, of the same place.

Mr. S. Shattuck came over from Henley Tuesday for a brief stay in town. He is still feeding the cattle wintered on his ranch, but his horses are hunting their own feed on the range.

Mr. M. W. Harris, one of the solid citizens of Farmington, Wash., arrived in Ashland Wednesday from the north, and will probably select here a location for a new home for himself and family.

Mr. W. W. Bretherton, formerly secretary of the O. & C. R. R., and still occupying a responsible position at the Portland offices of the S. P. Lines in Oregon, was in Ashland this week.

Among the society items in the San Francisco papers this week is found an announcement of the engagement of Walter M. Burckhalter, of the Pacific Lumber and Wood Co., of Truckee, to Miss Fannie J. Kirk, daughter of the architect, Wm. Kirk, of Oakland, Cal.

The announcement was made last week that W. H. Jamieson, of the train force between Ashland and Roseburg, was to be married Wednesday of this week to Miss Gertrude Happersett, of Roseburg, daughter of H. M. Happersett, until recently superintendent of bridges on the O. & C. R. R.

Even this Winter.

The Salem *Capital Journal* of a late date has a letter from Ashland, the writer of which is evidently a former resident of Iowa, from which state the publishers of the *Journal* recently came to Oregon. The discomforts of the past winter here are mentioned, and the writer continues:

Old settlers tell of the terrible winter of 1852 and '53 and the last seems to have been its peer.

Unexpected discomforts are especially unwelcome, but we distinctly remember the April of 1888, and in northern Iowa its protracted rains, snows and gales brought more suffering and less of sunshine, than any month we have known in Southern Oregon, the past winter not excepted.

Ashland and its surroundings suffered comparatively but little from the recent floods, but the appearance of sundry deep gullies, and dissappearance of many small bridges, and occasional exchange of patches of rich bottom lands for gravel beds or sand bars, all tell the tale of the most remarkable season for thirty-seven years, but an "old Oregonian" assures us that "in frosts, floods or any misfortune, Ashland always fares the best."

Iowa is a noble state, and is replete with cherished memories of other years, but we gladly bid adieu to its most excessive summer-heat, 60 to 40 degrees of its winter-cold, to enjoy the balmy air and the profusion of luscious fruits of a more genial clime, and we hope and trust that you will never regret seeking a new home on the Pacific Slope.

For myself the only regret is, that the change was delayed so long, and even this unusual winter brings comfort in comparison with the intense cold gales of Iowa.

Says a Linkville correspondent of the *Oregonian*: R. E. Emmitt, who took the contract to build the road from Keno to the state line, will commence operations as soon as practicable, and push the work to early completion. This is part of the work for which $15,000 was appropriated by the last legislature. This section of the road was surveyed last summer and the contract let to Mr. Emmitt in December for $3,600. Five thousand dollars of the money will be expended on the Paisley end of the road in improvements to the present road.

A. F. George, formerly division superintendent S. P. R. R., came up from Red Bluff the first of the week, accompanied by his wife, to look after the planting of a new orchard on his twenty-acre tract of land in the southern part of Ashland. Mr. and Mrs. George stopped at the Ashland House.

Are You Skeptical?

If so we will convince you that Acker's English Remedy for the lungs is superior to all other preparations, and is a positive cure for all throat and lung troubles, croup, whooping cough and colds. We guarantee the preparation. Chitwood Bros.

HERE AND THERE.

A brass band of eleven pieces has been organized in Medford, with G. W. Connell as leader.

Liberati and his band of fifty pieces will be a feature of the industrial fair at Portland next fall again.

J. A. Anderson, of Edin precinct, has been appointed administrator of the estate of Albert Anderson, deceased.

Mary L. Cummons was granted a divorce from J. M. Cummons by the superior court of Siskiyou county last week.

A little four-year-old boy named McKillop, living near Salem, fatally shot himself while handling a revolver last Sunday.

Railroad people say the blockade of the road between Portland and 'Frisco has cost the S. P. Co. $240,000 since the first of January.

Will Benson, aged 17 years, living near Sublimity, Marion county, blew his brains out with a shotgun last Friday, because "his girl went back on him."

"Hay was selling in Grant's Pass last week for $30 per ton," says the *Courier*, "and if there is any in the city now, we do not presume the price has declined any."

It is told as fact that the Tulare Indian chief known as "Old Gabriel" who died last week at Salinas, Cal., was more than 150 years old. The old mission records are cited as proof.

A corps of engineers began a preliminary survey for the Roseburg and Coos Bay railroad last week. Property is advancing in price about Coos Bay by reason of the railroad prospects.

A Chinese laundry building at 15th and R streets in Portland was burned last Friday, and one Chinaman was burned to death while another was seriously injured in trying to rescue him.

The Roseburg woolen mills will be rebuilt if outside capital can be enlisted, or if the people of the town will take sufficient stock in the enterprise. It is a good location, and there are many wool-growers in the Umpqua hills.

Portland has had John Boyle O'Reilly and Bill Nye within the past week, in addition to the Simon and Lotan political performance. The metropolis is at its old game—trying to "hog" all there is in the state worth having.

The Lake County *Examiner* is publishing a list of delinquent subscribers who show no disposition to pay. It is calculated to make a stir among that class of its patrons and may bring in some coin upon doubtful accounts.

Oregon will soon be a great woolen manufacturing state. Ashland, Salem, Brownsville, Albany, Oregon City, each have a woolen factory now, and the Corvallis papers say an Eastern manufacturer will move his woolen factory to that place soon.

Says the Grant's Pass *Courier*: R. G. Smith and Geo. W. Colvig have formed a copartnership in the law business and have opened an office in the opera house. These two gentlemen are so well known throughout Southern Oregon that they need no further introduction.

W. A. Bantz, formerly one of the railway mail clerks on the division between Portland and Ashland, is now a real estate boomer, and, with a number of Portland men, is interested in a new townsite scheme on Whidby island in Puget Sound. The name of their proposed city is San de Fuca.

J. S. McFadden, of Applegate, recently killed an eighteen months' old shoat which weighed 588 pounds dressed and over 700 pounds live weight. This pig was raised on Williams creek, fattened and killed on Applegate, who claims the pig?—[Courier. "Mac" ought to have found that out before he killed it.

Yreka voted last week to issue $5000 city bonds for the repair of streets and building of bridges across Yreka creek. Shasta county, Cal., will take a vote upon the proposition to issue $60,000 bonds for new bridges and replacement of those washed out. Yreka's bonds bear interest at 7 per cent., and bids will be received for them till April 10th.

The west side branch of the O. & C. R. R. is to be extended southward to a junction with the east side road at Junction City, and the Southern Pacific Co. has already called for bids for furnishing the ties that will be required. When the new road is done people traveling between Ashland and Portland will be able to see the west side of the valley, if they desire, on the trip.

Says a Yreka dispatch of the 20th: Shortly after 4 o'clock this morning a fire broke out in the residence of J. W. Paul, which resulted in the total loss of the house and most of Mr. Paul's effects. The fire companies were unable to give much assistance, because they could not get their engines across the creek, bridges having been washed out. The loss is about $6000; insurance, $2500. The cause of the fire is unknown.

The people of Williams creek are talking up a plan for bringing a portion of the surplus water of the Illinois river through the mountains and turning it into Williams creek for irrigating purposes. The enterprise seems practicable, and when accomplished will render Williams creek valley one of the most productive regions in the state. In addition to adding vastly to the value of the farms now there, it will open to settlement many other fertile tracts not now occupied.—[Courier.

It is said that the water during the recent flood was much higher at the Gold Hill millsite than in 1861. It was on a level with the ground floor of Mr. Lamb's residence and was over the first story of his mill. It is thought that if a single tree had made the passage sideways both bridges must inevitably have gone. The immense suction in the narrow channel straightened everything out before the final plunge in the rapids, however, and the county was saved a heavy bill of expense.—[Times.

A movement is on foot to open a new county road between Medford and the Rogue River bridge, and a petition to that end will be circulated for signatures in a day or two. The proposed road is important enough to be already an assured fact, as it will dispense with long distances of sticky, which makes travel at this season almost impossible. The road will follow the present one as far as Enoch Walker's, then angling a little north of east for half a mile, again turns and goes almost due north to the bridge.—[Mail.

Mark Twain's good joke about the tunnel being run too far and sticking out the side of the hill a hundred feet or so is being reduced to literal, sober fact by the Southern Pacific company. Tunnel 9 down in California, is being fortified against a recurrence of the trouble that has caused so much delay in the trains this winter. The hill keeps sliding down upon the north end of the tunnel—or is likely to slide again—and the company is just extending the tunnel on northward, so that when the slide comes, let it burry the tunnel as deep as it may, it cannot damage the track. A perfect covering of the heaviest and best-braced tunnel timbers is being built along the track to a point beyond where there is danger of the slide reaching.

Rudolph Bieberstedt of Chimney Rock precinct had a narrow escape from death not long since. While chasing a panther he slipped and fell over a bluff about fifty feet high, receiving painful bruises. Had not the heavy coat of snow that covered the ground at the time broken his fall, he would not have been able to tell the tale.—[Times.

A man named Lawton, of Atchison, Kansas, secured the contract for carrying the mail between Sam's valley and Prospect, formerly Deakins post-office, his bid being $564. He will be obliged to make two trips per week, whereas the present contractor gets more pay for making one trip.—[Times

A new stock of bird cages just received at Smith & Dodge's. *

Jacksonville Items.

Col. Wm. U. Martin, of Glendale, is visiting friends in Jacksonville.

Wm. H. Leeds, editor TIDINGS, was in Jacksonville Friday and Saturday.

A. S. Hammond, the wide awake Ashland Attorney, has been in Jacksonville during the week.

Miss Maggie Gallagher, of Medford, was visiting friends in Jacksonville Saturday.

Prof. Merritt, of Central Point, one of the best citizens that Jacksonville ever lost, was here on a visit Sunday.

Mrs. Ada Currey, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Hayes, the past two weeks, returned to Medford today.

J. C. Whipp has enclosed the display section of his marble shop with a neat picket fence and is having the building neatly painted by T. J. Cress.

Edward and Mike Hanley, the most enterprising live stock dealers in Southern Oregon, are shipping many carloads of stall-fed cattle to the Portland market.

Mrs. S. J. Day left for Salem Saturday, to visit her daughter Mamie, who has been attending the Willamette University, and is slowly convalescing from a serious attack of la grippe.

Mrs. John Fink and Mrs. Robert Kahler, of Tecoma, who have been visiting their father, James A. Cardwell, during his illness, returned home last week—Mrs. Fink's little son being ill at that place.

Fred Downing, one of the prudent stock men of Chimney Rock precinct, was in town last Saturday, and reports that he still has hay to feed his band of cattle, after having fed them all winter. He places the average loss in the Butte creek section at a little over 20 per cent.

Mrs. S. R. Taylor was the recipient of a very pleasant surprise party last Saturday evening, the occasion being the anniversary of her 40th birthday. About 25 ladies and gentlemen were present, and the evening was spent in parlor amusements, and pleasant social intercourse, supplemented by a most enjoyable supper.

D. L. Curtis started east this a. m. on his way to South Bend, Indiana, where his wife and daughter have been for the past 18 months, in attendance on the aged mother of Mrs. Curtis, who has recently died. Mr. Curtis will return in about a month accompanied by his family and expects to locate in Jacksonville. Many friends will welcome them back to their Oregon home.

The last railroad news is rather discouraging to the people of Jacksonville. The company who had the enterprise under advisement, and to whom a 60-foot right of way had been granted, now ask 100-foot right of way. The possibility of obtaining this amount of land through the fine farms between this place and Medford, seems so remote that there is a general depression in the R. R. boom at present.

About the Fruit.

The fruit tree buds are swelling "right smart," but even the almond blossoms have not unfurled their colors yet.

Orchardists in almost every other region are discussing the damages to the fruit crop of 1890 by the recent winter or by the spring frosts. It is therefore worth noting that thus far the Southern Oregon orchards are entirely free from any injury from either source. The trees are preparing to blossom profusely, just as soon as the weather will permit.

In view of the possibility of late frosts this season, P. Lyttleton intends to try an original plan of protecting the young fruit trees in his orchard. He has a large quantity of long, rye straw on hand, and proposes to spread a quantity of straw like a parachute over each tree, expecting it to absorbe enough of the dew end frost to prevent damage to the fruit blossoms near it.

O. Coolidge found last year a row of his trees that had become infested with the San Jose scale, communicated from trees of a neighbor. He painted them, trunk, branch and stem, with a mixture of lye, sulphur, soap, tobacco juice and salt; and says he proposes to kill the scale if he has to totally paralyze the trees to do it. Two or three years ago this scale was first noticed on a pear tree in Ab. Giddings's yard. It has spread over all his trees and upon the trees in several other lots in that neighborhood. Mr. Coolidge's action should be followed by all the people whose trees have any of this scale upon them.

Political Gossip.

Outside of Jackson county, there have have been mentioned in connection with the Republican nomination for district attorney for this district, the names of Robt. G. Smith, of Josephine, and J. W. Hamakar, of Klamath.

Hon. J. C. Carson, of Multnomah, who had been considered a candidate for state treasurer, is now reported as a candidate for the gubernatorial nomination.

The Corvallis *Times* presents the name of Judge John Burnett of that place, as a suitable one to appear on the democratic ticket for supreme judge.

Garden seeds and onion sets at the Red House. *

Weekly 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 week ending Mar. 27, 1890:

Date	Max	Min	Mean	Wind	Rain	Day
20	52	28	39			Fair
21	59	31	42.5			Clear
22	49	37	42		Tr'ce	Cl'dy
23	47	30	35.		.25	Fair
24	58	25	38		—	Clear
25	50	38	38.5		.20	Cl'dy
26	51	32	39.5		.13	Cl'dy

Total Precipitation .58 inches.

Temperature. Highest 59, Lowest 25. Mean 39.2

Levy the Cornetist.

Levy, the cornetist, stands higher in his profession, than any other artist in any line, who has ever made an engagement to play in Southern Oregon, and the people should show their appreciation of talent by giving him a full house. Secure your seats at once at the Plaza Corner Store—remember date, Tuesday, April 1st.

REMINISCENCES OF LEVY.

Levy is a Londoner by birth, and when a mere child he kept awake nights to listen to the cornet player of an orchestra near the residence of his parents.

Being infatuated with the sound of a cornet, he contrived to save enough pennies, when five years old, to buy one, but his unappreciative parents compelled him to spend his pennies for boots instead of the longed for cornet.

During his boyhood he followed the bands in the Park, when they gave concerts, and became a regular music-stand for the cornet player, studying his every movement. Young Levy yearned to be the owner of a cornet.

When about seventeen years old his father invested fifteen shillings for one, from a pawn broker. It was defective, nevertheless it was a cornet, and Levy practiced on it so severely that his life was put in jeopardy. Soon after his recovery, however, Dan Godfrey, the leader of the "Grenadier Guards Band," heard of our hero, and engaged him as a member of his band, at the magnificent salary of two dollars per week. This was the total amount Levy received for two years, but he practiced continuously ten and twelve hours a day, and was soon looked upon as a marvel by the great leader.

In 1861 he was engaged at the Princess Theatre, at thirty shillings a week, and his salary was soon increased to fifty shillings per week.

The next season he was offered a position at the Royal Italian Opera at five pounds a week, and also secured a position at the Crystal Palace, at three pounds a week. At this his services were in great demand and at high prices. He leaped immediately into popular favor, and during his visit to Paris, was engaged by Papa Bateman for a tour in America, at one hundred pounds a week.

He made his first appearance at Boston Music Hall, Oct. 9, 1865, and during the season of 1866 made a tour of this country with Parepa. Since that time the American people have been familiar with the remarkable artistic career of Levy, who has in late years received higher prices for his services than any other instrumentalist.

Levy has recently been offered an engagement at Covent Garden, and has also been offered by the Czar of Russia the position as band master of all the military bands of Russia.

He is the acknowledged head of all cornet soloists, and his most critical fellow-musicians fully acknowledge he has no living rival, either as regards the technical knowledge of the cornet, the power of executing the most brilliant composition, or ability to sing with his instrument, rendering the most dramatic and expressive phrasings with all the power of the human voice.

Real Estate Transactions.

S. W. and M. A. Spears to A. J. Wilcox, lots 8 and 4, blk 6, Medford; con $75.

Daniel Whetstone to Henry F. Whetstone, undivided W ½ of S E ¼ of N W ¼ and S W ¼ of N E ¼ of sec 20, tp 38, S R 2 W, 80 acres; con $50.

C. W. Kahler to C. W. Kingsbury, Q. C. D. to 1 acre, off west end of lot G, Whiting tract town of Tolo; con $100.

H. S. and A. A. Emery to F. W. Taylor, N ½ of lot 8, blk 6, town of Ashland; con $125.

Thos. Smith to Frank W. Taylor S ½ of lot 8, blk 6, town of Ashland, con $125.

J. R. Smith to George W. Black, land in sec 7, tp 38 S 1 W, 20 acres; con $600.

J. H. Guffs to Benjamin Haymond, lots 6 and 7 sec 24, and S ½ of S E ¼ of sec 16, in tp 36, S R 2 W, 156 and 71-100 acres; con $1676 12-100.

State of Oregon to E. H. Scofield, S ½ of sec 36, tp 39, S R 4 E, 320, a. con $400.

State of Oregon to G. A. Nordheim, N ½ of sec 36, tp 29, S R 4 E, 320 acres; con $400.

S. F. and G. F. Sly to William T. Sly, lots 1, 2, blk 36, town of Medford; con $100.

Trustees of Ashland to John Beck, portion of blk 30, in Jacksonville cemetery, being a part of the land sold by deed of warrantee to said trustees by J. W. Miller; con $7 50-100.

A. C. Stanley, adm, to G. W. Howard, N ½ of N E