

ASHLAND TIDINGS.

Friday, November 7, 1890

NOTES AND NEWS.

Wm. O'Brien, John Dillon, T. D. Sullivan and Timothy Harrigan, the band of Irish land and government reform agitators who come to America to appeal for aid for the cause they advocate, arrived at New York last Monday. They will visit many portions of the country before returning to Europe.

The price of sealskin acquies and cloaks will be about double this fall and the number purchased by the country editors of Oregon for their wives and daughters will be largely reduced. This is all owing to the fact that the fur seals are being killed faster than they can grow, and the demand for sealskin suits keeps up with the killing.

The Prince of Wales and his friend Baron Hirsch, have gone into the race horse business, the Baron investing the capital, about \$5,000,000, and the Prince furnishing the tone. The newspapers report that the Baron expected to be received on friendly terms in the family of the Prince, as might naturally be anticipated by a business partner, but the Princess, Mrs. Wales severely snubbed him, not wishing to associate upon equality with a person engaged in "trade and not your own."

At Leavenworth, Kan. recently, the postmaster threw out the mail edition of the Leavenworth Times because it reprinted a list of Catholic parishes. His action has been sustained by the Postmaster General, and the Times has filed suit against Postmaster Kitchin for \$10,000 damages, making the claim that no law can forbid an American newspaper printing the news.

Rapid Transit.

New York, October 27.—Arrangements are being made for the laying of a double pneumatic line between New York and Philadelphia. Between these two cities all intermediate points it is expected that letters, newspapers and small packages will be whirled at the rate of four miles a minute. Electric and pneumatic experts have long agreed that there are four essentials to the successful operation of pneumatic tubes long distances, and for commercial purposes. First, the practical switching system, whereby carriers may be taken on or dropped off at intermediate points, and second, the possibility to use one or two tubes in place of a multitude of tubes, and third, a carrier which can be run at high velocity for a long distance without heating; third, a means of paying the carrier, which can be run at high velocity without injury or shock to the carrier or its contents; and fourth, a system of operating that will make it possible to transmit articles rapidly without accident.

All of the above essentials S. F. Lenke, of Philadelphia, claims to have discovered. In order to test the practicability and efficiency of Mr. Lenke's patent device, a double pneumatic tube line will shortly be laid between Jersey City and Newark, on a route which has been secured through the New Jersey legislature. The transmission of letters, newspapers and small packages between these two points will furnish an approximately accurate criterion about the business possibilities of the new enterprise.

Although the inventor will start his system for the transmission of letters, newspapers and small packages, he hopes in case of success to adapt it to larger uses. In fact, he says he may yet solve the problem of cheap and rapid transit, and passenger and freight trains through monster tubes with absolute safety.

Twenty-seven miles of Big ditch. B. C. Ward, engineer of the Myrtle creek mining ditch, tells the Ashtland Times that the work on the twenty-seven miles of ditch will be completed in a few days. This ditch will be an average of five feet at top, three feet at bottom and two feet deep. The water will be taken out of the East Umpqua river and led over Myrtle creek. The company have ordered 2000 feet of fifteen-inch hydraulic pipe and two galls of 1000 pounds each. They propose to work the mines this winter with both galls. They have now fifty men employed in the construction of the ditch, and it is expected to begin mining by Christmas. These mines have been worked for years, but owing to a lack of water they have not been as profitable as the owners as desired, though they have paid wages.

When they get a sufficient amount of water, which this ditch will furnish, these mines will doubtless pay richly for the increased cost of working. The gold is in the ground beyond a doubt, and when they are worked by the hydraulic process, can't fail to pay large dividends. The company have not gone blindly to work in this matter as a prospecting venture. They have thoroughly investigated the ground and find that the auriferous deposits are extensive and of a high grade.

The company, of which Dr. L. W. Brown, of Eugene, is president, is organized with a capital of \$250,000, and has already been taken. Louis C. Gillingham, of this city, is secretary, and has the contract for the work on the ditch, and his claim, from which, in a very primitive manner, \$200 was cleared up a mine recently, has been purchased by the company. The company now control 2980 acres, most of which will do mine, and cannot be worked out for years to come. The diggings are anywhere near as rich as the best in the world, and the ground already worked has been, it will be a bonanza to the fortunate owners.

Official Census Figures for U. S. Washington, Oct. 31.—The population of the United States, as shown by the census bulletin issued today is 62,850,540.

The increase of population as shown by the census is 24.7 per cent. The percentage of increase between 1870 and 1880 was 30.08. Over the face of things above the population has increased between 1880 and 1890 only 7.73, while the rate of increase apparently diminished from 30.08 to 24.7 per cent. If these figures were derived from correct data they would be decidedly disappointing. Their explanation, in the face of the enormous immigration during the past ten years, would argue great diminution of fecundity of population or a corresponding increase in the death rate. These figures, however, are easily explained when the character of the data used is understood. It is a well known fact, having been demonstrated by an extensive and thorough investigation that the census of 1870 was grossly deficient in the Southern states, so much so as not only to give an exaggerated rate of increase of population between 1870 and 1880 in these states, but to affect very materially the rate of increase in the country at large.

Prosperous California Fruit Growers. Pomona, November 2.—The last two car loads of dried prunes from Pomona valley went to New York today. This has been the most prosperous year the fruit growers in this section have ever had. The Pomona Progress holds that the peach, apricot, pear and prune crops of this valley have sold for \$270,000. Ten years ago there was not an orchard in the valley. Scores of farmers who were in debt six months ago, as a result of over speculation during the boom three years ago, are now out of debt and have money laid away in the bank for the more general planting of orchards next winter.

Syrup, comb and strained honey, pickles, salt salmon, herring, French caviar, dried fruit and a complete stock of staple and fancy groceries, at D. L. Minkler & Son's.

Boy's knee pants and suits—just opened at Hunsaker's.

THE ELECTIONS.

Two days ago there was a cool day for the Republicans almost all over the United States. The result of the Congressional elections could be accurately announced yet, but it is known that the Democrats will hold a certain majority in the next House of Representatives. Just how large the majority will be a matter of opinion. The New York Tribune states it at 60 to 70, while the Washington Post says it will be 70 to 80. Latest figures indicate that the World is nearest to the facts.

Republicans seem to have sustained serious losses in many of the northern states which they had not been calculating upon, and in places where they were expected to lose their positions were met every time. A case of the latter sort was the democratic victory in Wisconsin, where the whole democratic ticket appears to be revelling in a victory as sweet as it is rare—a plurality of 50,000 on governor, and a majority in the legislature. The reason for the defeat of the Wisconsin ticket is generally attributed to the fact that it is not to their discredit in the country at large. The large Norwegian population of the state is a thoracic enemy of the ticket, and they have demanded a separation of the common school fund, so that they may apply portions of the fund to their sectarian schools, in which the teachers are their ministers.

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JACKSONVILLE ITEMS.

George H. Neil and W. L. Miller are preparing Ashland & Co. to leave for Los Angeles, Cal. Sheriff Birdsey is seriously ill, and his attending physician, Dr. Jones, of Medford, predicts his disease can't be cured of the bowels.

Mrs. Mat Oberbach and her son, Frank, of Lost River valley, are in Jacksonville for the winter, to give the benefit of their school.

Our excellent friends, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Carleton, of Little Bette creek, were in Jacksonville Saturday, where they were warmly welcomed by their many friends.

Dr. E. B. Pikel and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. J. W. Webb and Mrs. L. L. Lammie, of Medford, attended Dr. J. J. Jones' lecture in Jacksonville last Friday evening.

Rev. L. Jones, of Grants Pass, was in Jacksonville Saturday and Sunday, attending the first quarterly meeting of the M. E. church. The meetings were very interesting and well attended.

Dr. J. J. Jones lectured at the Presbyterian church in Jacksonville last Friday evening. He met a small but appreciative audience, who greatly enjoyed his interesting and vivid "painting" of his travels in the Holy Land.

Miss Ellen Young left on Wednesday for Medford, where she will go to take a position in her sister's millinery store there. Her niece, Mrs. L. L. Flynn, accompanied her as far as Albany, where she will join her husband.

The railroad—our railroad—is progressing slowly, but satisfactorily toward early completion. Grading is going steadily on, but the most important location of the Jacksonville depot is still under consideration. A possible location of it near the line quarry on Jackson creek will probably be the best.

Halloween was celebrated in Jacksonville in a way that fairly lured on the midnight marauders of "Kansas businessmen." This is an annual festival, and the better elements of society can scarcely appreciate the senseless joke. It is a day of merriment and peaceful law-abiding enjoyment.

It is to be hoped that the correctness of last Friday night's report of the death of Mr. J. J. Jones, the oldest town in the valley which by right of seniority ought to be the seat of the new city, is not being sprung upon us. Of course, we don't hold the darlings of our hearts, but we