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BLY.

The South Side Ditch Co. will start to work on their ditch as soon as they can get men to work. They will pay $1.25 per day and board. They want about 15 men. Good rock men will get more wages. The company contemplates getting the water in time to irrigate with this summer.

The North Side Ditch Company will start to work about the first of May and push the work until the ditch is finished.

Parties are buying land under the ditch already to make homes of and quite a number can find land then for homes.

James Taylor goes to Ashland soon after a band of cattle he bought from George Grow.

School is progressing fine with G. R. Carlock as teacher.

W. A. Walker and family arrived home from Klamath Falls where they have been for the winter to send their children to school.

W. W. Finley has recovered from a severe attack of lung fever.

The Leonard Bros. have gone to the coast with a band of horses to put on the market.

The weather is fine and the grass is good and every one is busy with their spring work.

John Wells has returned from Stockton, Cal., where he disposed of a band of horses which he shipped to that place this spring.

Butler Walker is going to Ashland the 17th after the two jacks that W. A. Walker brought from California last fall.

Salem, Or., April 20.—State Treasurer Charles S. Moore is in receipt of $8408 21 from the Treasurer of Jackson county, the balance due on that county's state taxes for the year 1900.

A recent game of baseball between Eagle Point and Central Point resulted in 16 to 35 in favor of Eagle Point.

THE MENELEY CONCERT.

A Splendid Company That Will Be in Ashland Wednesday, May 1st.

The Meneley Trio Concert Company of Chicago, a musical combination of rare excellence will appear at Chautauqua tabernacle Wednesday evening May 1st, under the auspices of the Y. W. C. T. U.

The following appeared in the Dalles Daily Chronicle in its issue of April 3rd. "The people of The Dalles have no idea what they missed by not attending the Meneley Trio Concert at the Methodist church last night. It was without any exception, the best and most enjoyable entertainment of the kind the writer has ever witnessed. For pure, clean, wholesome fun for words and song and expression and gesture that tickled the sensibilities, or made the heart quiver with emotion, but always had an easily perceptible moral, and was never for a moment coarse or vulgar, it beat all the circuses and minstreles and comedies we have ever witnessed. It was more than an entertainment, it was a sermon, and a sermon that will long be remembered after an ordinary didactic lecture should have been forgotten."

No one can afford to miss this great musical treat. They have been accorded enthusiastic audiences wherever they have appeared throughout the state. Tickets on sale at H. L. Sayles, at the unusually low price of 25 cents. Children under 15 years 15 cents. Doors open at 7:30. Performance at 8. Watch for the advertising matter.

A Sunday Wedding.

A quiet but pleasant and agreeable wedding ceremony was performed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Sheets on Ivy street in Ashland Sunday afternoon resulting in the sealing of the hearts and affections of Henry Shoets and Miss Nellie Eaton in holy bonds of matrimony. Rev. J. F. Wallace was the officiating minister and those present were: Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Sheets, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Oatman, Rev. J. F. Wallace, of Ashland, and Mr. and Mrs. Marion Tryer, Sam Tryer, Misses Lottie Perry and Bessie Eaton of Medford.

Ashland Athletes at U. of O.

Eugene, April 15.—The Ashland boys are taking a prominent part in athletics at U. of O. Otis B. Tout is sure of first place in the hurdles and gives promise to be an uncommonly good man at broad jumping. Clarence Poley, under the direction of Trainer W. O. Trine, may develop into a good weight man. He has a fine build for this, having abnormally large muscles in his back. John Mattern is a promising bicyclist. Ashland is well represented at the college in every department of athletics and has more athletes to her credit than any other town in the state.

Congress has made an appropriation and the Klamath Indian Agency will soon have a hospital, a water and electric light plant, and a $7000 irrigation ditch. All are to be completed this summer.

Hanan & Sherwood of Roseburg have leased a large tract of land on Big Klamath Marsh and will graze 1000 head of cattle thereon this summer. They are in Josephine county where they have secured a lot of cattle for this purpose.

A. J. Casebeer of Rocky Ford, Col., is visiting his brother Ed. at Bly, and will locate in Klamath county.

PRESSED BRICKS.

The Steam Feather Renovator is coming to Ashland.

Holmes Bros. have fresh fish Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Mrs. Maud Clute went to Klamathon Sunday on a visit.

Mrs. Geo Engwicht is visiting her parents at Edgewood this week.

Judge J. R. Neil and son Frank were up from Jacksonville Monday.

Attorney H. L. McWilliams went to Portland Saturday on a business trip.

Miss Donna Bell, the normal student, has opened a school near Woodville.

Landlord N. Bourgeois came out from Portland Sunday to remain all summer.

L. C. Coleman arrived in the valley Sunday from San Francisco on a business trip.

Miss Beulah Warner the Neil creek teacher visited her folks at Medford Saturday.

Miss Letha Hardin, clerk in the Medford postoffice, spent Sunday with Ashland friends.

Mrs. M. J. Arant arrived Sunday from Roseburg to pay a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Harris.

E. M. Wallbank of Montague was at Gold Hill the first of the week on a business visit.

Mrs. W. B. Johnston returned Sunday from a visit with Medford and Central Point friends.

Mrs. Lillie Burns came over from Yreka Sunday to visit her brother, Tom Taylor, who is very ill.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Crawford of Gold Hill left Monday for Green River, Wyoming, to spend the summer.

Mark Miner of Yreka spent Sunday with a dear friend in Ashland. He is expected over soon again.

Horace Pelton and Ed. Cardwell of Sams Valley have purchased the Stacy & Rogers threshing machine.

Torbert Sanford is night clerk at Hotel Oregon during the absence of W. E. Conner in Klamath county.

S. S. Mitchell of the Klamath Falls end of the firm of Mitchell Bros. was in Ashland the first of the week.

W. A. Holt left Sunday morning for Bremerton, Wash., to take his position as book-keeper in the navy yard at that place.

Mrs. Addie Collins of Iowa who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. S. Streyer of Medford, spent Monday in Ashland visiting Mrs. S. J. Rhodes.

John E. Pelton arrived from Seattle last Thursday and left Saturday for Suisun, Cal. He is preparing for his trip to the Yukon country with E. B. Hanley.

The lady would be hard to please who cannot find something to her taste among the varied lines of dress goods novelties at Vaupel, Norris & Drake's.

Mrs. F. W. Moore who has called to Vermillion, S. D., some time ago to wait on relatives that were very ill, is en route home.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Alford and son Herbert went to Medford Sunday to look around returning Monday. They move to Medford the latter part of the week.

J. B. Leach on Sunday received from St. Elmo, Ill., his brother, sister and niece who came to Ashland to make their home. They are A. D. Leach, Miss F. E. Leach and Nadine Carey.

Misses Cora Johnson, Gertrude McCallen and Lillian Patterson, and Tom Hammond, John Churchman and Frank Simpson opened the Sunday travel to Soda Springs on the 21st.

Prof. A. C. Guthrie, principal of the Klamath Falls public school, will return to Ashland as soon as school terminates, and take charge of his fine fruit farm in Peachblow Paradise.

Those interested are requested to meet at Medford next Saturday at 3 o'clock to discuss the matter of resurrecting the Jackson County Agricultural Society and starting the movement for a county fair this fall.

Mrs. Tom Kinney of Jacksonville and Mrs. Wm. Ulrick of Medford spend Sunday in Ashland to meet their husbands who were returning from San Francisco where Mr. Ulrick was in a hospital undergoing treatment at the hands of a specialist. The operation left him alive and he is looking some better.

Fox & Good have ordered through Emil Peil two fine Racine buggies that are up to date and will be the most stylish thing in town. They will be ready for business in about a week, and will be just the thing to take your girl out for a spin in the oil fields these bright spring days.

Call at D. B. Grant's hardware store and get Aitken to figure on your plumbing work.

"It beats the band" how some people get around. The Ashland, Ore., RECORD has this: Prof. J. B. Swidensky arrived from Genesee, Idaho, Sunday. He is an old friend of R. B. Grant and J. H. Dutton, and expects to move his wife and two boys to Ashland to make their home." "Swi" can toot a horn as few know how.—Genesee News.

You should not feel tired all the time—healthy people don't—you won't if you take Hood's Sarsaparilla for a while.

Prof. N. L. Narregan has been re-elected principal of the Medford public schools and Misses Gertrude Sutton, May Phipps, Elsie Wiley, Lizzie Ferguson, Emma Reed, Minnie Hockenyos and Miss Mabel Jones have been selected for the other positions.

Putnam Fadeless Dye produces the fastest and brightest colors of any known dye stuff. Sold by McNAIR BROS.

If troubled by a weak digestion, loss of appetite, or constipation, try a few doses of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Every box warranted. For sale by all druggists.

Bicycles $20 at Hookers.

Ray and Roy Kelly of Hanna, Wyo., want to know the whereabouts of their parents, who left Georgetown, Colo., for Oregon, by wagon, last May.

MRS. SATHER'S SARCASM.

The Millionaire Lady Who Lives in Her Ashland Summer Palace Dubs the Exclusive Set of Oakland "A Rabble" and Refuses to Attend a Social Function.

The following concerns the lady who bought the Roper place on Main street in which to spend the summer months in Ashland and will be read with interest by her Ashland neighbors:

Oakland, April 18.—Some one has said that Mrs. Pedar Sather has called 40 of the ladies of Oakland's most exclusive set "a rabble." Where the rumor came from or who started it none will say, but it has raised a row in the lakeside district and the lady who of late has done much for the state university has been called upon to explain, and her explanation is a prompt denial.

Mrs. Sather had been invited to be one of the party to "receive" at the Ebell yesterday afternoon. The occasion was the reception tendered by the club ladies to Mrs. Benjamin Ide Wheeler. She accepted the invitation, but at the eleventh hour declined.

OBJECTED TO THE NUMBERS.

"'I declined to serve,' she says, 'not on account of the people, but the numbers. Mrs. Scupham wrote me that it was desired that I serve as one of the hostesses on the day of Mrs. Wheeler's reception. I told her that it would give me a great deal of pleasure to serve. Then I saw by the daily papers that a large number of ladies would be on the committee and I telephoned to Mrs. Scupham, asking her how many would be present, and she said 'forty,' I suggested then that she let me out.

"There was a fine attendance of nice young people. Oakland has so many bright and beautiful girls that I am always pleased to be among them. I don't like old people; I mean old in mind and heart; those who seem older than their years in dress and actions. Years do not age people. It is something that lies deeper than time's lines. It is the lack of all that goes to make youth bright and pleasant.

"Numbers of our lovely young women are married and carried away by outsiders. Our young men do not seem to be marrying men. It may be a way they have. There are numbers of our finest girls unmarried. They will be left for some of the better class of widowers.

WIDOWS SHOULD STAY AT HOME.

"Widows? Oh, widows ought to stay at home. They have no business to show their crepe in public or festive occasions, or if they must they should be given a place and all sit together. You know the couple:

'Laugh and the world laughs with you,
'Weep and you weep alone;
'For this sad old earth must borrow its mirth,
'But has troubles enough of its own.'

'In spite of this there were widows yesterday and crepe.

"There is a charm about Mrs. Wheeler a graciousness and cheeriness that are peculiarly her own. Then she is so clever and always perfectly at ease. During the afternoon I looked frequently at the clock to see that she did not overstay her time and grow tired. Once I spoke to her about it, but she said she was accustomed to it and would not grow tired. There were some very funny things happened, but I must not tell you for fear of the papers.

"They wouldn't let me keep Mrs. Wheeler long. I met her on the sidewalk and she entered on my arm. Of course, I kept her as long as I could. Every one wanted her. They seated her where they thought best, and, fortunately, it was where I could go to her. Did I step on trains? There were trains to step on had I wished.

THERE WERE BORES PRESENT.

"I gained Mrs. Wheelers's side and whispered to her, cautioning her not to permit people to bore her. You know there are people who never know when they're boring others. Those were they of whom I warned her. 'Don't let them bore you,' I repeated when I saw one lady station herself beside her chair, evidently intending to stay. 'Oh no,' replied Mrs. Wheeler.

"Did I find many persons trying to bore Mrs. Wheeler? I only spoke to her once. It was funny. I laugh yet at the thought of it.

"I had a reception given me recently at the University of California. Mrs. Wheeler was one of the ladies. I have also lunched at her home in Berkeley."

A Foolish Notion.

Deputy Sheriff Ernest Lister, of Grants Pass purchased two coyote pups, a male and female which he intends to rear on account of their many admirable qualities. From them he expects to breed a strain of hibrid dogs that will be of considerable value to cattle men. The little pups are covered with heavy coats of brown fur, and already have the coyote expression written all over their faces. One man pronounced them bear cubs notwithstanding that they have tails much more in evidence than any infantile bruin was ever able to show. Five of the little fellows were captured by Ernest Lewis of Wilderville, from whom Mr. Lister made the purchase.

Merritt Brown of Eagle Point is visiting his sisters, Mrs. Paul Van Scoy at Montague and Mrs. W. B. Officers at Grass Valley, Cal. Mrs. J. F. Brown is visiting relatives at Montague and Scott Bar.

Circuit Judge H. L. Benson will not move to Portland from Klamath Falls. Mrs. Benson will some day go to Portland while her children are attending school there.

Warner & Wortman, the grocers, incurred the enmity, it is stated, of Capt. Nash, and he ordered them to vacate the room they now occupy by June 1st. Thursday they purchased the fine store of G. L. Davis, and are at present running both stores, and say they will continue to do business just the same. Mr. Davis will move to southern California.—Medford Enterprise.

BRIDE DIDN'T APPEAR.

George W. Bailey was Disappointed by His Affianced.

Uncle George W. Bailey, the well-known resident of Shake and who keeps the station there, was in town last week expecting to receive a lady from near Denver, Col., who was to become his bride. Mr Bailey has been a widower for several years and is tired of living such a lonely life, after having become addicted to the married habit. He has been making goo-goo eyes through the United States mails to a lady in Colorado who has responded in a series of sensible and affectionate letters and enclosed a picture of a fairly good looking woman. At first she was going to come without any money but later had become ill and wished the price of the car fare. Mr Bailey sent her a ticket and expected her last Thursday. The sign being her blooming self with "two bird cages, a basket with a rabbit, and a pet cat." She did not appear and Mr. Bailey returned home undecided whether the idol of his fancy had been unavoidably detained or whether he had been mulcted in the price of the car fare. He had his place completely renovated ready to receive his tootsy wootsy. As Mr. Bailey needs a help mate any reputable lady who is that way inclined may find a suspectable subject worthy of her attention at Shake postoffice.

IN RAILROAD CIRCLES.

Machinist Wm. McGrath returned last week from a trip to Portland.

D. C. Bagley, formerly of Ashland, is building a three-room cottage at Dunsmuir.

Geo. McDonald of Tolo has returned to Ashland from Portland and is firing out of this place.

James Hallisy has quit the railroad carpenter crew and is firing between Ashland and Dunsmuir.

The Drain Watchman says Mr. Counts of Tolo is paying a visit to his son, C. F. Counts, at that place.

Ex-Postmaster C. A. Bills of Dunsmuir is now employed as signalman for the railroad company at Fulda. Placer county.

Wm. Flackus, formerly a railroad bridge carpenter of Ashland, but now a resident of Dairy, Klamath county, was given the contract last week to rebuild the Stukel bridge for the sum of $1020.

C. H. Markham, general freight and passenger agent of the Southern Pacific was on Saturday's train for Portland from the meeting of the Transcontinental Passenger Association at Del Monte, Cal.

Brakeman Ed. P. Long, who resigned his position on the road last fall to engage in the grocery business with a brother at Cottage Grove, will probably accept a position on the road again soon.

James J. Hill, the railroad magnate, begins work at 7:30 a. m. and stays at it until 6 in the evening. He probably gets fully as much as he really earns, though.

The Northern Pacific announces that on June 1 the Yellowstone National Park will be open to the public. The weather there is such as to make this possible. The Presidential party will spend a couple of days in the park.

Quick delivery—The Weekly Oregonian.

Notice to Debtors.

FINAL NOTICE is hereby given to all those knowing themselves indebted to the undersigned that unless they settle up forthwith, their accounts will be turned over to an attorney for forced colleetion.

You can pay at the old stand.

B. F. REESER.

PROFITS IN ASHLAND PEACHES.

Some Interesting Figures from the Crop of 1899—This Delicate Fruit Was the Best Money Maker of the Season.

The damage to the fruit crop here thought to have been done by the cold weather a week ago appears not to have been so serious as reported. Leading growers assert that there will be a good crop of peaches, and it is with respect to this fruit that they had felt the greatest solicitude, because the peach is pre-eminently the fruit of the locality. This is true as to extent of output, and appears also to be true as to profits to be gained from the business of fruitgrowing.

The Ashland peach is without a rival in the markets where it is known. The market for this fruit has expanded greatly within the past few years, many thousands of boxes of Ashland peaches have been sold in the Eastern states and in Canada. During the year 1899 over 90,000 packages of green fruits, berries and vegetables were shipped from Ashland by freight and express, aggregating about 2,500,000 pounds, or 125 carloads, and of these shipments, peaches comprised over 76,000 boxes, or 75 carloads.

That the business is profitable may be seen from some particular examples of the experience of well-known growers. Sylvester Patterson has an orchard in West Ashland comprising 4¾ acres, on which there are 408 peach trees, set 16½ feet apart. There are a few apple, prune and plum trees on the tract, but they constitute a trifling proportion of the orchard. Mr. Patterson says:

"This peach orchard was on an average eight years old in 1899. In that season I shipped from these trees 2380 boxes of peaches, the average price for the Alexanders, Salways and all other varieties was 49 cents per box. The Salways (a late peach) brought about 55 cents per box. The total amount realized from all the fruit sold from the orchard was $1219 77; the total expense, including water, rent, boxes, paper, spraying, etc., was $196 33. This left me a total profit of $1023 44 from the 4¾ acres. I take no account of the labor which was done by myself. On the peaches I made a net profit of over $300 per acre, or $3 37 per tree for 408 peach trees. Some of these peaches brought 60 cents per box, and from one tree I picked 27 boxes."

R. Beswick, an extensive orchard-owner, picked 33 boxes of peaches from one tree in his orchard.

G. W. Crowson, proprietor of the Ashland Butte orchard, gives the following as the product from a six-acre orchard, there being five acres of peach trees and one acre set to various trees for the season 1899:

2200 boxes peaches, sold at 40c.	$ 920 00
30 crates raspberries, at $1 25	37 50
35 crates strawberries, at $1	35 00
100 crates blackberries, at 75c	75 00
60 crates cherries, at $1 25	75 00
10 crates currants, at 75c	7 50
30 crates plums, at 50c	15 00
4 boxes pears, at $1	4 00
50 boxes apples, at 75c	37 50
50 boxes tomatoes, at 40c	20 00
Total	$1,230 50
Cost of labor, packing, marketing, etc	300 00
Net income from 6 acres of fruit	$ 930 50

In the same season E. F. Loomis made a net profit of $75 per acre off a 9½ acre peach orchard. This is about as low return as will be found from an examination of the earnings of a large number of orchards about Ashland. J. E. Fess of Talent, realized a little over $900 on an exceptional yield from a 2½-acre peach orchard. Instances of successful operation of small orchards may be multiplied; necessarily only a few can be cited which are considered fair type of the business.

The cost of a peach orchard at four years of age, inclusive of the price for the wild land, is estimated by experienced fruitmen at from $100 to $175 per acre. The peaches grown the fourth year should cover the expense of cultivation, and the fifth year, under favorable conditions there should be a profit on the crop of $35 per acre.

The foregoing data are sufficient to point out that a killing frost is a very serious incident at this time of the year to many Ashland residents, and yet in the few seasons when there were no peaches there was fruit in great plenty. Prunes, plums and apples grow in great perfection, and the trees are very prolific. It is a spot greatly favored for berries, where they grow in great profusion, and under good cultivation attain a size and excellence in quality not surpassed in any country. Strawberries and blackberries constitute the principal berry product. Unless there is yet some untoward freak of weather Ashland's fruit crop this year will likely be one of the finest and largest in many years.—M. F. Eggleston in Portland Telegram.

Getting at the Cause.

Prof. L. L. Rogers, who was president of the Ashland college a number of years ago, died at Los Angeles last month, in the 64th year of his age.

BIRTH.

CHAMBERS—At Big Butte, April 8, 1901, to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Chambers, a daughter.