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More British reverses recorded this week. Buller again crossed the Tugela and occupied a "kop," but promptly moved away again. The latest reports put the British in precarious positions at many points.

Professor White, of the Redding school has been arrested on the charge of battery, occasioned by his unmercifully beating a boy after tying him hand and foot. The same professor, last winter, beat a little half-breed Indian boy black and blue, for the mere crime of tardiness. Severity may often be necessary in school government, but brutality is never, and a teacher who deals in brutality should be disqualified forthwith as he is a perjured citizen.

The library department of the Woman's club of Portland, after a thorough examination of the constitution of Oregon and the laws pertaining to education, find that not one dollar of state funds could be legally appropriated for free public libraries. Therefore the department has determined to present to the next legislature, a bill providing that a tax of one-fifth of a mill be levied or set aside for library purposes in every town of a given number of inhabitants in the state.

The new saloon ordinance of Ashland is something unique for this part of the country and with some amendments, should work fairly well. For instance the register of those who buy liquor should be open for inspection to any one and the minimum penalty should be fixed so that the prosecution of violators of the ordinance may not be a farce. The idea of having the bar in plain sight of every passer by may serve to abash some modest drinkers. Anything that is right will bear inspection and anything that is not bear inspection, had better be inspected and condemned. If the saloon business is all right, the publicity required will cause no objection but it is a sure thing that it will, among the patrons of the shop at least, if not by the proprietor.

The enjoyment by many people of the mild spring weather is doubled by apprehensions that it will bring out the fruit buds too quickly and thereby insure their being killed by the later frosts. In our observation, fruit stands little, if any, more chance of being killed when it blooms early, than when it blooms

late. Almost every spring, whether fruit blooms early or late, there are frosts which come after the trees bloom. Ever year, the fruit is reported "all killed," and almost every year there is an abundant crop and no such thing as a total failure recorded, except in certain exposed localities. The fruit has never been "all killed" or any where near it. There is a certain time in the development of the buds when it is much more susceptible to damage by frost than it is later, and it is at this tender period when the frost will damage whether it makes little difference whether it is early or late. Last year there was such a succession of freezes after the peaches bloomed, that one would have thought it a miracle that there was a good crop. In one instance in our observation, the peaches in one orchard were nearly all killed by frost, a few years ago and almond trees by the side of them and interspersed among them bore an abundant crop, yet the almonds bloomed much earlier than the peaches. The frost caught the peaches at the tender stage, which the almonds had passed. It does not make any where near so much difference whether the peaches bloom now or wait till April, as most people imagine.

Rag Time and Pianos.

Grants Pass has had a carnival of rag time during the past few days and the amount of music and musical instruments diffused among us should leave us more musical than we were before. Geo. E. Allan, acting for the Wiley B. Allen company of Portland, is here and has been giving free entertainments in the opera house, giving away guitars, violins, mandolins and banjos, and selling pianos. He is accompanied by Geo. J. Hayes, the kind of rag time. Mr. Hayes is certainly a very able pianist, and though rag time is his specialty, he can play the other kind also. A prize is awarded each evening to one of those who have bought reserved seats, selected by lot. On Friday evening, Kenneth Root was the fortunate one, and was presented with a mandolin. On Saturday evening the prize was a guitar. Other prizes were given also, one each to the handsomest lady and the handsomest gentleman present. A committee was selected to determine who were entitled to these prizes and after a long consultation, they decided on Miss Luta Dunbar as the handsomest lady, and Mr. Howard Robinson was selected as the most promising claimant for the other prize. Miss Dunbar received a mandolin, and Mr. Robinson a violin. To give variety to the entertainment a pie-eating contest was held, prize \$1. Four boys contested but they were poor pie-eaters and the race was called off long before the pie disappeared.

On Monday evening the prize was a guitar and was won by Miss Alice Harmon. On Tuesday evening, Mr. Allen gave away 11 prizes to compton holders. The most important one, a guitar, was awarded to Mr. Long of California. This evening, Wednesday, the closing evening, 25 prizes will be given away, and a prize worth \$25 will be awarded to the most popular young

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lady. This contest is decided by vote, and has been progressing for several evenings. Mr. Allen has sold a number of pianos during his stay in town. He has been 21 years in the piano business and has probably handled more of the instruments than any other one man on the coast. What he does not know about pianos is scarcely worth mentioning. He is also an entertainer of much ability, and with Mr. Hayes, gives a better entertainment than we often have an opportunity of hearing.

Ashland's Saloon Ordinance.
After the election in Ashland, held to decide the question of issuing licenses to saloons, which was won by the license people by a small margin, the city council passed an ordinance to regulate the saloons, which if enforced, will be a fruitful source of aggravation to the bibulous public.

The ordinance provides first that the bar shall be in plain view of every passer by. When a man takes a drink he will be haunted by the fear that his wife is staring at him through the window.

All saloons are required to be closed at 11 p. m. and are not to be opened till 5 a. m.

Every proprietor of a saloon, or any place where liquor is sold, is required to keep a register, and any one buying liquor in any way except by the drink over the bar is required to register his name and place of residence, and if required, his age, and the register shall be subjected to the inspection of the mayor or to any police officer of the city.

Why did they not make it open for inspection to all?

The penalty for violation of this

ordinance is a fine, not to exceed \$50, no minimum penalty provided, or imprisonment in the city prison not to exceed 20 days.

Bring on Your Spectacles.

Miners, it will be a sin and a shame if Arthur Conklin can't take a creditable mineral exhibit with him to New Orleans. There is plenty of material. Then come along with the rock. Tumble it in here any old way, but get it here by Friday if possible, by Saturday at the very latest. He leaves for New Orleans on Sunday morning. Leave your specimens with Arthur Conklin or W. G. Wright. Come along, now.

Railroad Mass Meeting.

The party of officials of the Oregon Midland Railroad, which left Ashland a few days ago for Klamath Falls, to confer with the citizens of the Klamath county-seat in regard to the construction of the railroad now being surveyed from Klamath to Klamath Falls, had a large and enthusiastic meeting at the opera house, Saturday night. The meeting was addressed by a number of prominent citizens as well as the officials. Committees were appointed to confer with all those interested in the development of the Klamath section, and it is hoped as a result of their labors that a subsidy amounting to \$150,000 will be raised to further the construction of the railroad.—Tidings.

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Medford Shooting Scrape.

The Tidings has the following account of the shooting affray in Medford. The victim, Ed Armstrong, was here last summer working on R. L. Cow & Co's building: A very serious affair, which may result in the death of its victim, took place in Medford, Sunday evening, at 8:40 o'clock. Edw. Armstrong, a bricklayer and contractor, who is well known in this locality and also in Northern California, and A. J. Hamlin, who formerly lived on a ranch on the mountain road, a few miles from Jacksonville, became engaged in an altercation in a place known as Collin's saloon. Both were, it is said, somewhat under the influence of vinous potations, and were invited to leave the premises. After they went into the street the quarrel was renewed and, it is alleged, that Hamlin drew his revolver and fired four shots, three of which lodged in the body of Armstrong, two in the right groin and one in the calf of the leg.

Hamlin was promptly arrested and lodged in the Medford city jail, where he now languishes. His preliminary trial having been deferred until the result of Armstrong's injuries can be ascertained. Armstrong was given prompt medical attention, and at last accounts, he was resting easily but the physicians were unable to say what the outcome of his injuries would be.

Both men were good friends, as far as is known, before the quarrel which resulted in the shooting. Armstrong bears a good reputation, and has an invalid mother dependent on him for support. Hamlin is a brother of Mrs. Carlisle, who was recently sent to penitentiary for incestuousness, committed near Medford. A later report has reached here that Armstrong is dead.

Reeves and Williams, who have a copper prospect, near the Lost Flat mine at Galice, will soon resume operations on its development.

A fine five stamp mill is being built at the Ashland Iron works for the Gold Standard Milling Co., which is developing a quartz mine a few miles west of Jacksonville.

Chas. Moore, employed by J. E. Loomis of Galice, was quite severely hurt by a pack horse recently while delivering goods. In attempting to adjust the pack, the horse started, and he was thrown to the ground and trampled on, having his face cut and gashed quite severely.

John R. Harvey, of the Old Channel mining company, came in last week from Six mine. They have one giant now in operation and will have the other started in about a week. Once well started, they should be able to move the gravel at a great rate, as there is every facility for its rapid working. The water-right is good, the pressure abundant, and the dump everlasting. The company put in a large ditch last summer and fall, and have just now got in good working order. They have lost a part of this very favorable season, but their water-right is good, and they will probably yet have a profitable run before summer.

Henry Colvin, who has been working at the Ashland mine for the past month,

came down last Wednesday evening with a badly damaged hand, the result of getting it caught between a stick on the hoisting car and one of the timbers of the mine. Three fingers of one hand were cut to the bone and it is thought that one of the fingers was partially crushed. The engineer, feeling the cable tight, stopped just in time to save the fingers from being taken off.

H. C. Perkins went to Galice Thursday to do some surveying on the Yank property, whose owners are preparing to take out a patent. He was accompanied by C. C. Taylor, and they returned on Saturday intending to go back to finish their survey. Mr. Perkins says that the Yank is an immense proposition and that the new company is taking hold of it in a very determined and systematic manner. The ledge is 200 feet wide and is all highly mineralized. It is nearly all sulphuret bearing ore and the immense amount of it will make the working of even the low grade ore profitable.

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