

## Additional Local

The faculty and students of the State Normal School at Ashland, dedicated their new building last Friday with appropriate exercises. Two hundred and thirty-eight students, wearing their colors, were in attendance. The new building and its equipment cost \$5,000.

A large amount of timber lands temporarily withdrawn in Plumas and Sierra counties in California have been released and thrown open to the public again. This is thought to be preliminary to the throwing open of all the reserves that are not actually needed for the protection of water sources.

C. H. Dunlap and wife were passengers on the Western stage Monday morning for Baker City, where they expect to make their future home. Clarence and his estimable wife will be missed in the social circles of Lakeview, and it is hoped they will find as many warm friends in their new home as they have left.

V. L. Snelling, who went to Portland as a delegate to the National Livestock Convention, and also visited his family at Monmouth returned home last Friday after a month's absence. He reports having a very interesting and pleasant time in the westfoot part of the state. The convention was the biggest kind of a success.

Ernest Brown and Simon Chevalier who went out on the desert several weeks ago equipped to stay all winter and do a profitable business skinning the numerous sheep that usually die from the severe winters, came back last week. The winter has been too good so far to kill off the sheep, and the stockmen are feeling jubilant over the fact.

The city council met in regular session Tuesday night, and the regular routine business of allowing bills, approving saloon licenses, etc., was transacted. No action was taken in regard to the appointment of marshal. The matter of minors frequenting saloons was discussed, and some stringent measures will be taken if the practice is not stopped.

A former Lake county boy Enit Roberts, who made his money here in the sheep business, recently purchased a fine farm of 120 acres in Scott Valley, Cal. The place originally consisted of 600 acres and sold a few days ago for \$18,000. Mr. Roberts paying \$40 per acre for his share. Enit writes The Examiner that he "has the best piece of land in Scott Valley, but it took Lake county \$ to get it."

Supt. C. D. Rakestraw, of the Bidwell Indian School, arrived in Lakeview Monday night accompanied by Rev. Geo. E. Swan, the Episcopal minister of that place. Mr. Rakestraw came over after some Indian children, and succeeded in securing two for his school. Rev. Swan has not been at Bidwell very long, having come from Berkeley, where he had been for 9 years. He did not find many members of his church here. The gentlemen returned to Bidwell Tuesday.

John T. Brown in a fit of insane jealousy because his wife allowed a young man to kiss her while playing a game of forfeits at a party in the country where Brown was teaching school, induced her to submit to being killed and then ended his own existence. The dead bodies of the two young people were found on the crest of the high hill south of Baker City, January 6th. Prof. Vallandigham, principal of the Lakeview schools, was intimately acquainted with the murderer and suicide, and on the day the tragedy occurred, received a letter from him. Brown wanted to come to Lake county to teach and asked Prof. Vallandigham to find him a school.

## ESSEX TRIAL COMMENTS

### A Wise Juror Tries to Convince The Other Eleven That He is Right and They Wrong.

[Alturas, January 21st 1904.

ED. EXAMINER:

Since writing last the "Essex Case" has been on the boards in the Superior Court, and I believe is entitled to go down in history as the only case tried and a conviction had in all the five years incumbency in office of the present district attorney. Excepting possibly, a case where defendant came into court and plead guilty. January 11th was taken in getting a jury. On the following morning the taking of evidence began, and a "hot time in the old town" resulted. The prosecution was conducted by District Attorney Bonner, J. M. Jamison and James Wylie, while J. H. Stewart and A. F. Shartel looked out for the interests of the defendant. These gentlemen made a hard fight for their client, but the wretched man was charged with the crime of incest, and accused by his own daughter. His lawyers had a hard old time trying to disparage the testimony of witnesses by "hot air" passages and "pipe dreams" in a Harrington. The case was given to the jury at 3:40 January 16th, and the verdict of guilty rendered about 12 o'clock on January 17th, after being out about twenty hours.

As near as I can learn the verdict of guilty was satisfactory to the people throughout the County. The prosecution testified that her father had induced her to take a tea made from boiling juniper berries in water and then mixing with it a teaspoonful of juniper oil. The bottle, a two ounce phial about half full of juniper oil, was on evidence in the court room, marked as the "peoples' exhibit No. 1." This led to the origination of a joke in the jury room which goes to show that even in the mind of the average juror a dim sense of humor may sometimes be found.

It seems that the first ballot stood eight for conviction and four for acquittal. A second ballot was immediately had, which resulted in eleven for conviction and one for acquittal. The dissenting juror then attempted to convert the eleven, and managed to talk more and say less than even the San Francisco Examiner when advocating Hearst for the Presidency. He refused to be amenable to reason. He told the others that he had his "own view point—a stand point from which he viewed the case, and he cared not how they looked at the matter, they should take his view of the case, look at it as he did and then convince him from his own position that he was wrong and they were right, or he would hang out until skating became popular in hades," or as he expressed it, "until he froze over." He contended that it was his right to suppose that evidence could or might have been given to show a motive on the part of the prosecution to railroad the defendant to prison. But to the joke, (and George Elliot has the papers for it) I shall for a blind give the windy and versatile juror the name of John Doe. But bear in mind that is not his name. The foreman of the jury was one Felix Allen, of Surprise valley. Mr. Doe would call upon the foreman to "read the court's instructions." The request was cheerfully complied with for at least a half dozen times, when Mr. Doe would say, "I understand all that, that don't change my view."

Along in the small hours of the morning the foreman sat down to a table whereon was paper and pencils. In a short time he proceeded "to get busy" with a pencil, and here follows a copy of the next instruction that

was handed out to Mr. Doe:

"The people of the state of California, plaintiffs, vs John Doe, defendants.

"Personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace in and for the Township of Alturas, county of Modoc and State of California. On this 16th day of January A. D. 1904, one Mary Roe who being duly sworn complains and says that on or about the day and date above mentioned, that the said John Doe did unlawfully and with premeditation and malice aforethought inflict an heinous outrage upon his own person, to-wit: The said defendant did without regard to possible consequences dish out and take internally six drachms of juniper oil for the purpose and intent of producing the abortion of an unborn idea that he thought was in his head."

Ridicule seems to accomplish what sense and reason had been unable to perform. Mr. Doe, after taking a little time to make a graceful descent landed and went with the majority, although 'tis safe to guess he regarded them as eleven of the most stubborn men he had ever met.

OLD TIMER.

The boiler of the city electric light plant has been settling down on one end for some time, until Sunday it became so dangerous that the plant was shut down to make repairs. Part of the stone furnace was torn away and the boiler raised to its proper place. Stays were put in so that a recurrence of the present difficulty will be impossible. While everyone was compelled to resort to lamps, the moon furnished plenty of light for pedestrians during the several nights the plant was not running.

### One Exception.



Miss Wickler—Did you ever see how all the necessities of life have gone up? Wickler—No; they haven't all gone up.

Mrs. Wickler—Well, I should like you to mention one thing that hasn't gone up.

Wickler—Certainly. My salary.

### The Chief Argument.

"What was the argument of the new opera?" asked the man who did not see it of the man who did.

"The principal argument seemed to be as to whether it was shrewd financial or highway robbery that compelled us to pay as much as we did for seeing it."—Chicago Tribune.

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## New Pine Creek Local News Notes.

Mrs. T. Coonse is on the sick list.

Mr. Dodge came on the Saturday stage. Mr. Dodge is a nephew of A. E. Follett of this place.

The gripping contest was won by Bird Wade. The 10 men on his side gripped 2,195 pounds, and on Hammersly's side 2190. Stay out "Ham" until you can grip something.

J. W. Reeder went to Silver Lake last week.

Joe Reed and Bird Wade went to Lassen Creek to cut wood first of the week.

John Thacher moved into the Hammersly building Tuesday.

Frank Hackney and Ira Smith were in Lakeview Saturday.

John Larkin is under the weather at present.

KLONDYKE JOE.

J. A. Anthony, the New Pine Creek electrician, was in Lakeview last Friday, and informed us that he was now ready to furnish lights for the town. The reason that he did not begin first of the month we understand, was on account of three transformers having recently burned out on the town system, and he wished to wait for new ones to arrive. Their arrival is expected some time during the present month.

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