

LOCAL NOTES.

Sheridan, a small town in Yamhill county, will shortly hold an election to vote on the question of issuing bonds to raise funds for putting in a gravity water system for the town. It is planned to lay 4500 feet of five inch pipe to bring water from some springs in the hills to the town to a reservoir having a capacity of 200,000 gallons. The engineer making the estimate gives the total cost of the pipeline and reservoir at \$8,000.

With this month the baseball season will close for Jacksonville and then the boys will at once organize a football team. There is plenty of material in Jacksonville for a first-class team, there being among the young men here several who have seen service upon the gridiron and it is the intention of the boys to put up a team that can successfully compete with any team in Southern Oregon. The baseball grounds are in excellent shape for a football field and sport loving people will be sure of witnessing some rattling good games this winter if the other towns get teams in line for some hard playing.

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The march of improvement is apparent on every hand in Jacksonville. For the betterment of the streets and sidewalks of the town the council is taking some active measures to get them in the best possible condition that the road and street fund will permit and before winter comes on some decided improvements will be made. The railroad crossings both sidewalk and street, having become badly out of repair, Chairman T. J. Kenney of the street committee and Street Commissioner Chas. Dunford called on Manager Barnum of the railroad to request that the company's crossings be put in a passable condition. This Mr. Barnum promised to do and thus one more inconvenience and a feature that has given a bad impression of Jacksonville to strangers is done away with.

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Albany is to have the second tannery, the first tannery having been such a profitable business that other capitalists were induced to go into the second venture. Jacksonville would be a fine location for a tannery. This being the center of a great cattle district, hides could be had in quantities and at a reasonable price. The immense oak forests of this section would furnish all the tanbark that would be required and as oak tanned leather is the highest priced on the market, there would be a certainty that the venture would be a profitable one. The tannery proposition is one that the Jacksonville board of trade will take up at an early date and a man, who thoroughly understands the trade and who wishes to take up the business in Jacksonville will be given substantial help.

Chris Ulrich has placed in the Sentinel exhibit several plum and prune twigs that would astonish Eastern people at the prolificness of fruit trees in the Rogue River Valley. The twigs were from trees in his yard on South Third street and the fruit was very finely colored even though not thinned as is usually done by fruitmen. One of the plum twigs 14 inches long had 46 large plums.

The sudden death of John O. Wilson which took place at 3 o'clock Tuesday morning was a sad shock to his family. Mr. Wilson was in his usual health, though rather feeble from his age, nearly 70, and the effects of two paralytic strokes that he had suffered in the past year. Tuesday night, not feeling well, he got up and had hardly stepped to the floor when he fell dead from the effects of a third stroke of the disease. Mrs. Wilson hurried to his assistance but life was gone before she could reach him. The funeral service was held Wednesday afternoon, the burial taking place in the Jacksonville cemetery. Simple but impressive services were conducted by Rev. E. B. Lockhart that were attended by a large number of the friends of the family. Mrs. Wilson and eight children are left to mourn the loss of husband and father who was kind and generous to them and well respected by all who had his acquaintance. Of the children three are living at home, John, who drives the Joes Bar stage, Essie and Ephraim. The other children reside in other places, William in San Francisco, Peter in Stockton, Alfred in Tacoma, Elmer in Monett, Mo., and Edward in Springfield, Illinois.

Jacksonville was well represented at the Southern Oregon Pioneers meeting that met in Ashland Thursday those at-

tending from here being Judge Silas J. Day, Mrs. Day, Mrs. Dox, Hon. H. E. Ankeny, Mrs. J. S. Orth, J. D. Buckley, E. E. Beckman and Mrs. Beckman, Miss Amelia Britt, Mr. and Mrs. David Linn, Mr. and Mrs. T. Cameron, Wm. Robinson Judge and Mrs. Chas. Prim, Miss Emma Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Taylor, Wm. Bybee, Miss Alice Hanley, George Love, Mrs. M. Hanley, Pauline and Delia Reuter, Mrs. E. Kenney, Mrs. Augusta Helm, Mrs. Alice Ulrich, Mrs. Ella Cook. The reunion was equally as well attended from the other sections of Southern Oregon and a most delightful time was had. The pioneers were the guests of the citizens of Ashland and they were treated royally and given a dinner such as that town is famous for. Owing to Pres. B. F. Mulkey being unable to reach Ashland, Hon. C. B. Watson, on invitation of the Pioneers delivered the annual address. Though having but short notice Mr. Watson gave an address that was replete with historical facts and reminiscences and humorous sketches. Some fine singing was rendered by the Ashland Quartette. The officers for this year and who serve until the next annual meeting next year, are George Engle, of Ashland, pres., Jent Judge S. J. Day, Jacksonville secretary and C. C. Beckman, Jacksonville, treasurer. The next reunion of the Pioneers will be held in Jacksonville on the first Thursday in September 1904.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Hafer returned last Friday to their home in Council Bluffs, Iowa, after having spent two months in Jacksonville, while Mr. Hafer assisted his brother Clarence in the management of the business of the Iowa Lumber Company. Mr. Hafer will remain in the East some time and look after their business there while his father Mr. E. Hafer comes to Jacksonville which he will do in about three weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Hafer made many friends here, who regret their leaving Jacksonville but wish them a pleasant home going and an early return to Oregon.

Board of Trade Meeting.

A special board of trade meeting was held Thursday evening to consider the question of water service and fire protection for Jacksonville and also to consider some other matters of importance. The meeting was up to the average in attendance, there being 38 persons and an active interest was manifested in the work of board. After the minutes had been read the secretary pro tem, Gus Newbury, read a letter from a California farmer who wished information of this section, and a communication from the Roseburg board of trade asking the Jacksonville board of trade to endorse their protest against the further establishment of forest reserves. The protest caused a lively discussion participated in by a number of members, those favoring the establishment of forest reserves being led by Judge Hanna and those opposed by A. E. Keames. On being put to a vote the adoption of the protest was carried by a small majority.

The question of water supply and fire protection for the town caused another lively debate. The chairman, Gus Newbury, of the special committee appointed to look up the possibility of a large water supply made a brief report as to the needs and the means of securing to Jacksonville a better water service and fire protection. A general discussion followed in which it was expressed that Jacksonville to attain a full measure of prosperity must secure a water supply ample for all needs, but no action was taken to endorse any other scheme pending the completion by Mr. Applegate of the tunnel work he is now carrying on under Daisy creek channel to secure a water supply.

After transacting some minor business the board adjourned to the regular date of meeting on Monday, September, 14.

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