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murder of Miss Clara Fitch, has been found guilty of manslaughter, the penalty being from one to fifteen years in the penitentiary at the discretion of the court.

The surveyors of the Oregon Midland Co. ran lines up the river to the big lake yesterday and found the lay of the country entirely satisfactory.

The Lakeview Examiner is having a "Popular Teachers' Contest," and 141,165 votes have thus far been recorded.

According to reports, a fake doctor, claiming to be an eye and ear specialist, landed in Ashland last week and worked a confidence game on a few of the inhabitants.

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Four cases of scarlet fever have been discovered and quarantined at Lakeview. As a further precaution, the public schools have been closed until after the holidays.

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Between these places, as well as for several miles west of Keno, the surveyors find nearly a level road. More irrigation is something of equal importance with the introduction of railroad communication.

though of course the one secured first will prove an effective lever to hasten the other. The vicinity of Merrill, this county, has developed into as productive an agricultural section as there is in the world by reason of extensive irrigation.

Land that was almost worthless there at one time would now readily sell for from \$20 to \$50 per acre. The annual harvests are immense and unfailing, the ranchers never being dependent on rainfall, but having access to an exhaustless supply of water from the big irrigation ditches.

Money invested in further irrigation in this county would be abundantly rewarded, and the lands benefited by such enterprise would be increased in productiveness and value many times over.

The Medford Mail shakes hands with itself and congratulates its business men over having pulled trade from Klamath county and other sections this side of the Cascades, influencing people here to steer around Ashland and go twelve or more miles to Medford.

Medford has doubtless gained precedence over Ashland by a lively pursuit for business—advertising liberally and trimming down the profits on goods sold. Such enterprise could hardly be expected from a slow coach like Ashland.

But, as a matter of fact, neither town should be permitted to surround the Klamath county trade. It ought to be kept at home. Local merchants can and probably do sell as cheaply as those in towns on the railroad.

with the addition of the extra freight to this point. If this is done, Klamath county purchasers ought to buy at home, keeping their money in circulation here and adding to the growth of their own towns, instead of contributing to the prosperity and development of outside places.

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PERSONAL MENTION.

W. F. Arant, of Pine Grove, was in town Monday.

H. B. Hudson, of Montague, was here Monday.

J. Burch, of Pelican Bay, visited this place Friday.

N. S. Drew has removed from Dairy to Bonanza.

Chas. Vincent, of Langell Valley, Sundayed in Klamath Falls.

Abe Nichols, of Poe Valley, is a Klamath Falls visitor today.

H. S. Parrish went to San Francisco yesterday with the government horses.

Alex. Reid, of Lakeview, stopped here Friday last on his way to Yreka.

Capt. O. C. Applegate and son were Klamath Falls visitors this week.

Superintendent Fountain visited schools in the vicinity of Dairy this week.

L. Gerber, of Langell Valley, was doing business in Klamath Falls yesterday.

G. A. Easton, of Susanville, Cal., was registered at the Hotel Linkville yesterday.

F. E. Smith and wife, of Ashland, arrived on Tuesday's stage, being on their way to Lakeview.

A. D. Harpold and wife, of Bonanza, returned home Saturday from their visit to this place.

M. F. Orr, of Langell Valley, was the guest of his brother at this place the fore part of the week.

Hamon Shook, father of Shook Bros., stock dealers of Dairy, arrived in town Sunday to visit relatives.

J. P. Hazen and J. T. Alexander, of Bedford, drove some cattle from the former's ranch to this place yesterday to market them.

Gwinn Butler, a commissioner of Jackson county and one of the former owners of the Thompson farm, is in the Falls on business today.

Henry Jackson, who was in Medford to secure medical treatment for one of his eyes, returned to his home at Yainax the latter part of last week.

I. C. Beach and J. K. Ballard, of Naylox, were in town Tuesday. Mr. Beach informs us that his former neighbor, T. G. Cox, has traded his farm for property near Ashland.

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Capt. West, L. Hanchett, Sr., L. E. Hanchett and Dr. Creely, who have been buying horses for the government in this country of late, arrived here Monday and on Tuesday bought twenty animals. From here they went to Bonanza yesterday, and from there expect to go to Merrill and then to the railroad.

HIGH WATER.

(Yreka Journal.) Klamath river was booming last Monday and Tuesday from the heavy rains of last Saturday and Sunday nights, aided by the rapid melting of the snow in the valley sections.

The extensive water shed of nearly all of Siskiyou county, part of southern Oregon, all of Trinity county and the eastern border of Del Norte county poured a vast quantity of water into that swift stream, which below the mouths of Salmon and Scott rivers was equal in volume of water to the Columbia of Oregon or any other of the great rivers of the country.

It was also very high all the way up to its source at Little Klamath lake, on the Oregon border. Since the storm subsided the stream has fallen considerably, but is still maintaining high water mark and will remain high until midsummer, as the mountains are covered deep with snow to afford a fountain until thoroughly melted during the summer season.

CHURCH NOTES.

Quarterly meeting of the M. F. church, south, next Saturday and Sunday, the 23d and 24th, at Merrill. Preaching at 11 a. m. Quarterly conference at 2 p. m. on Saturday. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. on Sunday. J. W. Craig, pastor.

all church services, especially next Sunday morning for the Christmas sermon; subject, "The New Born Babe." Morning services at 11; evening services at 7:30 and C. E. meeting at 6:30.

EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE.

I take this method of expressing appreciation of thoughtful kindness on the part of citizens of Poe Valley. At the suggestion and through zealous efforts of Sister Vanmeter, generously assisted by her neighbors, a pleasant surprise in the way of a donation was tendered the pastor on Thursday, the 14th inst. The people generally, without regard to sect or party, responded to the call.

Quite a gathering was at the school house at the time appointed, and after a short program of musical and literary exercises, with a few remarks by the pastor, the time was passed very pleasantly in an informal reception and social entertainment. Many thanks to the donors, and heaven's richest blessings be the heritage of all. J. W. CRAIG.

To Owners of Cattle and Horses.

We wish stock to keep and feed during the winter on our ranch, about five miles south of Keno, on the river. Lots of hay, good shelter, plenty of water, and the stock will have as good care as our own. Terms, \$1.00 per month per head. Calves, yearlings and colts at a less price. Apply to Vandekarr & Son, Keno Postoffice.

Barr's Holiday Excursion to San Francisco. Rates less than one fare for round trip. Baggage checked. See posters for rates and particulars. Reduced stage and hotel fare from Klamath Falls to Ager. Eight days in city. Get your tickets of E. E. Washburn, agent, Klamath Falls.

For years I have been hard of hearing and for six months I have not heard anything out of my left ear. I consulted Dr. Vance at the Lakeview House on Sunday, December 10, and after the first treatment my hearing was partially restored, and after my second treatment, Monday, December 11th, I can hear as well as ever. JOHN R. STEPHENS, Paisley, Ore. Dr. Vance will be at the Hotel Linkville January 1st and 2d.

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For Sale.

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GOOD TIME ASSURED

Golf capes at E. E. Huse's millinery. Fine line of up to date gents' furnishings goods at R. I. Hammonds.

For Sale. One 20 H. P. Boiler, One 10 H. P. Engine, One 5 H. P. Engine. All in good running order. It would make an A-1 pumping plant for dry ranch or good creamery outfit.

J. F. GOELLER. Table linen, napkins and towels just received at E. E. Huse's millinery.

An elegant assortment of Christmas toys just received at E. E. Huse's millinery.

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L. F. WILLITS, Proprietor. Klamath Falls, Oregon.

ALEX MARTIN & CO., DEALERS IN General Merchandise. Call And See US.

New Millinery Goods, Third Door West of Postoffice, KLAMATH FALLS, Oregon.

The ladies of Klamath Falls and vicinity are cordially invited to call and examine our fine assortment of millinery, consisting of The Latest Styles of Ladies' and Children's Hats, Caps, Hoods Fascinators, Jackets, Golf and other Capes.

and a great variety of other furnishing goods, such as LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S UNDERWEAR, HOSIERY, etc. Those accustomed to send to other towns for their millinery goods are respectfully requested to see our Hats, Trimmings, etc., before purchasing elsewhere. We guarantee to furnish as