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ASHLAND IS TO BEAUTIFY PARK; 40 ACRE TRACT

Park Commission Yesterday Purchased Large Acreage Adjoining Chautauqua Park and Will Improve It.

WILL BE FINEST CITY PARK ON THE PACIFIC COAST

Canyon Is Heavily Wooded With Giants of the Forest—Gateway Will Be Put In.

ASHLAND, Or., May 18.—Ashland's park commission yesterday closed a deal whereby the city acquires title to about 40 acres of land in Ashland creek canyon immediately adjoining Chautauqua park and the city's holdings. This tract will be made a part of Ashland's park system and gives this city the finest natural park on the coast. The sides of the canyon are heavily wooded with pine, fir, alder and madrone trees, with a lighter growth of manzanita, wild syringa, brakes and fern, making an ideal border for the sparkling waters of Ashland creek.

The work of beautifying the city entrance to the park by the removal of unsightly buildings and other man-made eyesores was begun last week, and by fall visitors may be ushered into the "Yosemite of southern Oregon" through one of the most beautiful parks in the world.

MEDFORD PEOPLE IN ASHLAND AUTO WRECK

ASHLAND, Or., May 18.—While turning around on Almond street in this city, a big Winton touring car which had brought a party of Medford people to Ashland, by some unfortunate turn of the steering wheel, collided with a big elm tree which was penetrated for seven inches by the crank shaft and the luffed had to be chopped out with an ax before the machine was released. The occupants of the car were badly jolted up by the tremendous impact, but no serious injuries resulted, and the machine after some delay and with its water jacket badly disabled was able to carry the party back to Medford.

In the party were Mrs. William Angle, Miss Bernice Angle, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Gaddis and the Messrs. Howard. They were guests during the day of the E. D. Briggs family.

HIGH OCCUPATION TAX ALARMS KLAMATH PEOPLE

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., May 18.—Business and professional men of this city are engaging in considerable discussion on the occupation tax question. The city council has had an ordinance drawn providing a tax from \$10 to \$80 on every line of business and profession represented in the city. It is the intention of the council to let none escape. Doctors, dentists, and lawyers will be taxed \$24 annually, if the ordinance is passed; real estate agents \$40, soft drink establishments handling 50¢ per cent and near beer \$30, banks \$80, which is the highest tax.

Since it has become known that the council intend to pass such an ordinance there has been considerable discussion on the matter. The general impression seems to be that the city should have an occupation tax, but the public seems to be united in the complaint that the assessments proposed in the ordinance before the council are far too high.

Many Americans and few Moslems are still in prison.

VAN CLEAVE IS BITTER TOWARD LABOR LEADERS

Makes Strenuous Attack Upon Unionism in Opening Convention of National Association of Manufacturers.

SAYS LEADERS GOT WHAT THEY DESERVED IN COURT

Reviewed Recent Campaign and Said Union Men Meant Well, but Leaders Were Rascals.

NEW YORK, May 18.—President James Van Cleave of the National Association of Manufacturers opened their convention today with a most bitter attack upon unionism. During the course of his remarks he stated that the labor leaders who were recently sentenced for contempt of court got what they deserved. He warmly defended the aggressive policy pursued by the officers of the association in the recent contest at the polls with the labor leaders.

"Organized labor means well," said Van Cleave, "and is not to be blamed, but they have allowed themselves to be controlled by a few rascally leaders."

In regard to the sentences imposed upon the labor leaders Mitchell, Gompers and Morrison, Van Cleave said: "We defeated them in Washington and then the conspirators massed forces in Chicago in an attempt to frighten the national republican convention into sanctioning un-American propaganda."

ADANA NOW REPORTS A BRIGHTER OUTLOOK

ADANA, Turkey in Asia, May 18.—The situation here and throughout the province is improving. Attempts are made to burn American houses, robberies are reported, and the safe in a German flour mill has been robbed; nevertheless conditions are very different from what they were a few days ago.

The government is beginning to restore the plunder and the people are returning to their homes, many of which are still standing.

The military commander has sent troops into the country districts to maintain order and enable the farmers to harvest their crops.

ORME PERFECTING NEW AEROPLANE.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—The Wright brothers are expected in Washington early in the coming month, to begin their experiment at Fort Myer.

President Taft will present the medals ordered by Congress in the East Room of the White House June 19. Harry Orme, of this city, is rushing work on his new model aeroplane and departing, entering the Hudson Fulton flight as a competitor for the World's \$10,000 prize next September. Mr. Orme's trial machine, which is intended to fit the aviator, is already completed and will be given a trial within a few days. The drive is similar in construction to the Wright machine, having two planes of the extreme length of 18 feet, with a proportionate spread. The rudders for elevating and depressing the tier are in front, as in the Wright aeroplane, but the horizontal steering device presents the essential difference from all other aeroplanes yet seen. It consists of an apparatus resembling a very flat open umbrella, which can be distorted at the will of the operator so as to guide the machine toward any point within its plane of flight.

BIRDS USE COAT POCKET TO BUILD NEST FOR YOUNG

Hung Coat in Window and Left It There—Birds Take Possession at Once.

OWNER WILL NOT DISTURB THE BIRDS

Birds Are of New Variety and Are Named "Mouse-Birds" by Coat Owner.

Some weeks ago B. Conner, former Chicago clubman, and friend of Honore Palmer, now a Sam's Valley orchardist, hung up an old coat in his ranch house bedroom, the window of which is always left open for air. A few days later he was surprised to find a number of small birds busy in the room, and evidently making themselves at home. They were quiet and well behaved, and attracted his attention, because they were of a strange variety, and seemed to have the same kind of feet as woodpeckers, being able to run up and down the walls without trouble, like a mouse, and from their characteristic and also from their diminutive size, he bestowed the title of "mouse-bird" upon them. Mr. Conner wondered what the attraction was that kept the midget birds in the room, and was surprised to see them come out of the pocket of his coat. Investigation showed the birds were utilizing it for nest purposes, and there were five whitish gray little eggs in the nest which lined the pocket.

That was three weeks ago. Now there are five funny little birdlets, with protruding eyes and big beaks, in the pocket of the old coat, which has hung undisturbed by its owner. Their bare spots are becoming covered with feathers and they will soon be able to fly. The old birds have become quite tame and nervously run up and down the walls, while their young are examined, but not disturbed by the considerate owner.

OPENING UP MINES OF SISKIYOU COUNTY

There is great development work in prospect for the mines of northern California, according to A. H. Simpson of Hornbrook, who returned to that city Tuesday after a visit to Medford. Mr. Simpson recently sold one of his mines to eastern capitalists and reports that much eastern money is being invested in the mines of the Siskiyou. A \$300,000 dredge at Hamburg bar on the Klamath has begun operations and many small quartz prospects are being opened up. There is no wild-catting, but legitimate investments are being made.

COOS COUNTY IS FACING FAMINE IN POTATO MARKET

MARSHFIELD, Or., May 18.—Coos county is facing a potato famine and it is expected that the price will soon higher and reach the record mark in this locality. There are practically no old potatoes obtainable and dealers are offering as high as 2 cents a pound. The shortage is not confined to Coos county, but the district in general is affected. Local ranchers who stored their crop of old potatoes have for some time been shipping to San Francisco and all of last year's crop of this county is gone. There are some new potatoes on the market, but it will be some time before they will be plentiful of a desirable quality.

ORGANIZING A LOCAL GROCERS ASSOCIATION

President of State Grocers' Association Is Busy Organizing the Grocers of This City Into Association.

ASHLAND GROCERS FORM A LIKE ORGANIZATION

Benefits to Grocers and Customers Cannot Be Under-Estimated According to President.

S. L. Kline of Corvallis, president of the Retail Grocers and Merchants' association of Oregon, and Charles B. Merrick of Portland, secretary of the organization and editor of the Grocers' Magazine, arrived in Medford Monday and have been busy organizing a local merchants' association, which will unite all retailers for mutual protection against grafters and dead-beats who make it a practice to jump bills.

They have met with ready response from Medford merchants, who were all anxious to form a credit association, which will co-operate with the state organization, has been completed. There has been no such body for some time, with the result that severe losses have been sustained through dead-beats, both locally and from other towns, securing credit and abusing it at local stores.

One in Ashland.

Messrs. Kline and Merrick were successful in forming a merchants' association in Ashland, and with one exception, all business houses have joined the new organization. Similar organizations exist in nearly all cities of Oregon and have been found beneficial to all branches of business.

Mr. Merrick is also interested in securing accredited delegates from Medford and other cities to the National Grocers' association meeting in Portland this summer, and there promises to be a good attendance from throughout the state.

"United, merchants can do much for a city," said Mr. Kline. "They put up most of the money for boosting, and are the victims of every graft that comes along. Acting as a unit, they are able to eliminate much of the petty graft, and only contribute to legitimate enterprises that have the association's endorsement. In other cities like Eugene, all fake advertising schemes have been cut out, and only the daily newspapers used, with profit to both the public and themselves. In La Grande, state conventions have been secured by the merchants. In all towns, track is kept of the dead-beats, and the merchant is less likely to be the victim of worthless debtors. In every way the merchant secures better protection through the association."

Mr. Kline is a prominent politician and mentioned as a favorite candidate in valley counties for the republican nomination for governor at the next general election.

YAWNS OVER STORY ON TAFT: DISLOCATES JAW

NEW YORK, May 18.—Albert Hoppe, 70 years old, had become so disgusted with long articles in newspapers concerning President Taft's golf playing that when he came upon another of the narratives yesterday in his home at Fair Ground, L. I. he yawned so widely that he dislocated his jaw. It required a journey to a hospital and the services of two physicians to relieve him.

SALEM ATTORNEY WOULD HOLD UP CRATER MONEY

Preparing Action to Enjoin the State Treasurer From Paying Over the \$100,000 Appropriated.

SAYS APPROPRIATION IS NOT CONSTITUTIONAL

Same Attorney Brought Suit Against Dunbar and Fulton and Lost Out.

SALEM, Or., May 18.—L. M. McMahon, a Salem attorney, is preparing to bring action in the circuit court of Marion county enjoining the state treasurer from paying over the \$100,000 appropriated by the last legislature for the construction of the Crater Lake road.

The reasons are those which prompted the same attorney to bring suit against former Secretary of State Dunbar and former Senator Fulton in which both cases failed.

McMahon's contention is that the appropriation of money is a local special law and is therefore in violation of the state constitution.

FORT MEYER GOVERNMENT TESTS ABANDONED

WASHINGTON, May 18.—Owing to the failure of congress to provide funds for the construction of a gas plant and balloon house at the Fort Myer aerodrome, James Allen, chief of the signal corps, has been forced to change his plans for the aeronautical trials at Fort Myer this summer. The army motor balloon No. 1 purchased last fall has been inflated and ready to make a flight at Fort Myer for the last week, but the circus tent in which it is housed is not regarded as safe, and the officers were not willing to risk removing it from its winter shed. The motor balloon will be shipped immediately to Fort Omaha, where a modern hydrogen gas and a hanger, or balloon house, has been erected. Within ten days the balloon detachment and Lieutenants Lahm, Foulis, Winter, Hamberger and Dickenson will go to Fort Omaha.

CRESCENT CITY'S CAPTAIN OF INDUSTRY IS HERE

President Hoskins of the Hobbs-Wall company, Crescent City, one of the largest corporations of northern California, owning thousands of acres of redwood timber land, sawmills, a timber railroad and general merchandise stores, arrived in Medford Monday, having come overland by an automobile with Edna Reed, one of the engineers promoting the proposed Medford-Crescent City railroad. Mr. Hoskins is also interested in the Port Berkeley mills, Klamath canneries and other enterprises, and is one of California's capitalists of industry. It is presumed that his visit is in connection with the proposed railroad, though all parties concerned refuse to talk for publication.

PROBABLE PURCHASE OF IMPROVEMENT BONDS

Mayor W. H. Evans and City Attorney P. J. Nott returned Tuesday from Portland, where they consulted bond buyers in regard to the sale of the improvement bonds necessary to extend sewer, water systems, and street paving. The proposed bond issue was favorably considered by Morris brothers, who promised to send a representative here to investigate.

ASHLAND TALKS OF RECALLING MAYOR SNELL

Petition Has Not as Yet Been Circulated, but It Seems That the Movement Must Soon Crystallize.

DISSATISFACTION AROSE REGARDING STREET GRADING

Harsh Criticisms Being Handed Out—Injury to Ashland Would Be Incalculable.

ASHLAND, Or., May 18.—While Ashland is "doing things" in a public-spirited way for the first time in its history, there is still considerable street corner opposition to the administration's policy, and there is a strong probability that this opposition will crystallize into a recall petition against Mayor Snell. Most of the dissatisfaction arises over the matter of street grading, although it is apparent that with many of the grumblers this question is merely the excuse for the harsh criticisms that are being handed out, the real reason being too deep under the surface to be more than guessed at.

Trying to Stop Move.

The progressive element in the town is doing its best to discourage any action on the part of the grumblers that will arrest the progress of the much-needed street improvements and again plunge the city into a factional fight that would set it back years and do incalculable damage to present values.

So far the anti-Snell taxpayers have not found anyone to take the initiative and circulate the recall petition, although your correspondent is reliably informed that such a petition has been prepared and it is confidently expected that someone with nerve enough to shoulder the responsibility will be found among the kickers before the week is out.

\$3500 BOND TO CARRY PISTOL. POLICE GO UNARMED IN W. VA.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., May 18.—Police and other officers are in a quandary as to what to do for self protection today, as the new law regarding pistol carrying became effective this morning. The application to carry a pistol must be made to the circuit court, and it must be proven that the character of the applicant is good and that he has good reason for carrying a pistol, and give a bond of \$3500 for his license. Only sheriffs and tax collecting deputies and policemen who have given a bond of at least \$2500 are permitted to carry a pistol without a license.

Because of these stringent conditions handling casualties are refusing to hold officers who are having trouble in finding personal sureties. In many instances policemen may have to be unarmed.

CELEBRATING EMPEROR NICHOLAS' 61ST BIRTHDAY

ST. PETERSBURG, May 18.—St. Petersburg had a holiday today in honor of the birthday of Emperor Nicholas, who was born May 18, 1868. The city was ablaze with decorations. The churches rang throughout with masses offering prayers for the emperor and the success of the Russian arms in the far east, and at noon the dingy fortress on the banks of the Neva fired an imperial salute of 121 guns.

The joy of many officials was increased by promotions and decorations, which were gazetted in the Official Messenger this morning.