

COUNTY NEWS

The open season for duck shooting opened Sunday, September 1st.

S. S. Summerlin has resigned his position as manager of Hotel Moore at Medford.

Thirty-five men employed at the Iowa Lumber & Box company's factory at Medford went out on a strike last Saturday because they were about to get a change of foremen.

John A. Bogue and Lucy A. Cusick, of Ashland were united in marriage at the home of the groom at the foot of Water street, last Thursday evening, Sept. 5th, by Rev. H. J. Van Fossen of the M. E. church.

According to a note in a Spokane paper, R. L. McWilliams, a former Ashland high school boy, has been appointed attorney for the Fidelity Loan and Trust Company of Spokane, with a capital of \$2,000,000. "Bob's" friends here will be pleased to learn of his success.

E. F. Smith and son E. J. Smith, for about a year residents of Ashland and formerly of Cottage Grove, have purchased the Ashland livery stable of W. R. Tucker. The consideration was \$2900. The new firm will be E. F. Smith & Son.

The Ashland Commercial College opened for its new year's work last Tuesday with a most encouraging attendance. The number of students is about 50 per cent. greater than at the corresponding period last year, and a considerable portion of them are from Northern California and two are from Texas.

A giant tree, with flames of fire shooting up its entire height, attracted some attention in Ashland Thursday night. The tree, which was about two miles south of the city on a slightly prominent, had been set on fire by a bolt of lightning during the thunder storm late in the afternoon. Tidings.

Extensive arrangements are being made for the 15th annual encampment of the soldiers and sailors of Southern Oregon, which will convene on the Chautauqua grounds in Ashland, Monday, September 16th, and continue in session for five days. It is expected that each evening there will be speaking by prominent speakers from abroad. Commencing Tuesday evening and each evening following there will be an entertainment in the pavillion, the local Posts and the W. R. C. furnishing the different programs.

Robert Towne, owner of the Blue Ledge mine, lost out on the purchase of the coal mine near Ashland, owned by Medford people, his bond having expired. Mr. Towne's option called for the payment of \$28,125, but his engineers offered to pay the amount on the following terms: \$5000 down; \$5000 in six months and the balance in a year. The offer was refused, the owners insisting that the entire payment be made at once. During the past year Mr. Towne has spent approximately \$20,000 in developing the mine. The Medford Coal & Mining Co., have purchased 200 acres of land upon which the mine is located and preparations are under way to start to take out fuel at once. Coal will be sold for \$8.50 per ton delivered in Medford.

Jas. Milner, of the Oregon Mining and Milling Co., of Los Angeles, is in Ashland this week looking up black sand mining propositions. Mr. Milner has made a complete success of saving the fine flour gold, platinum and other metals contained in black sand, having worked the coast sands in Coos county for a number of years past. He is much impressed by the samples of black sand recovered in the districts about Ashland, and desires to get hold of a black sand property to operate.

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