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## WHAT OUR NEIGH- BORS ARE DOING

Conscientious  
Correspondents

### ASHLAND

Rev. C. A. Edwards was called to LaGrande last week to officiate at the funeral of a former parishioner.

Supplementary work in advanced grades under specific instruction began at the high school last Monday.

Charles Holmes has purchased 120 acres of land from Dr. Jarvis, to add to his ranch property east of Ashland. The tract is located on the Pacific Highway.

The American Legion is considering the placing of a bronze tablet as a memorial to Ashland boys who died in the service. It is proposed to sink the tablet in a huge boulder in Litnia Park and the unveiling exercises will be held July 4th.

The Depot hotel, which has been successfully operated for fourteen years by Julius Wolff, will be managed by the dining car department of the Southern Pacific Company after July 10th. Mr. Wolff is relinquishing his lease because of ill health, but will continue to live in Ashland where he owns considerable property.

C. B. Howard has added a new 12-passenger Reo auto bus to the Ashland-Klamath Falls stage line.

The Children's Day exercises at the Methodist church, which were scheduled to be held last week, but were postponed because of the absence of the pastor, Rev. C. A. Edwards, will be held tomorrow.

First Company's social event, a society cabaret, will usher in the celebration period, on Friday July 2nd. In addition to the many other attractions, Miss Kathryn Swann of Medford will direct a spot light dance.

C. H. Vaupel and H. C. Sparr will be the representatives of the local Shriner lodge to the big doings at Portland. It is expected that a goodly number from here will attend.

The daily Vacation Bible School, which is being held each morning in the Chautauqua Hall, has enrolled over 200 students for the course, which will extend over several weeks.

Dr. Fawcette, of Newport, who practiced medicine in Ashland some years ago, has returned to the city to locate.

Roy Conover, an attorney from Indianapolis who has been visiting Ashland relatives, has purchased the Noll property on Laurel street and will remain here.

Lynn D. Mowat, who served so faithfully as secretary of the Ashland Commercial Club, has gone to Port and where he may locate.

The final meeting of the Alpha Chapter, No. 1, Eastern Star, was held Tuesday evening June 15th, before the summer vacation period.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Galey will drive to Newport by auto, where they will spend the summer.

### CENTRAL POINT

Oscar Lewis, of Yreka, Calif., has accepted a position as clerk in the Theiss store and assumed his new duties Saturday morning. Mr. Lewis and family formerly lived in Jacksonville for several years.

Mrs. L. B. Hadley, who has been visiting with her mother, Mrs. Mary Price, for the past few weeks, left for her home in Jersey, Calif.

Fred Terry and family accompanied by Clifford Gardner and Leon Love, arrived in Central Point from Merlia last week. After a visit with relatives here, Mr. Terry and family will leave for Michigan by automobile, where they will spend several weeks.

E. R. Gleason has gone to Kerby, Oregon, to spend his vacation. In his absence the barber shop is being conducted by Glen Owens and Clifford Gardner.

Miss Lola Freeman and Clifford Hatfield, who have just completed their course at the Oregon Agricultural College, have returned to their homes here.

The Central Point Community Club, which was recently organized here, is raising money for the purpose of equipping and plumbing the city camp grounds in the Oak Park addition.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis J. Gay of Seattle are visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gay.

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## NEWS OF THE WEEK IN TABLET FORM.

About twenty persons were injured in Minnesota when a tornado hit a Northern Pacific passenger train and four coaches were blown from the track.

The tooth of a mastodon of prehistoric age was found on a ranch near Baker, Oregon. The piece was three and seven-eighths inches long and two and three quarters inches wide.

The great gambling establishment at Shanghai, which flourished for years as the Monte Carlo of the Orient, is to be converted into a charity hospital.

A wholesale grocery concern in Huntington, West Virginia, was fined \$35,000 upon conviction of profiteering in sugar.

The city of Galveston, Texas, is under martial law as the result of disturbances caused by the longshoremen's strike.

Hay is now selling in Grass Valley, Calif., for \$50 per ton, having doubled in price since last October.

Immediate appropriation of \$125,000 of the people's funds for the use of railroads was announced by the interstate commerce commission.

A huge meteor of intense brilliancy fell in Oklahoma last week. Hundreds of people watched the meteor burn itself out.

Charles Hatfield, professional "rain-maker" succeeded in producing two inches of rain at Ephrata, Wash., to save the crops.

Eleven people were killed and a score injured in a collision between an express and a passenger train near Schenectady, New York.

Violent demonstrations over the high cost of food occurred in Vienna, in which a number of people were killed. Police intervention was necessary.

800 fine steers on board the American steamer St. Charles, off the coast of Cuba, stampeded and plunged overboard where they were devoured by sharks.

Dr. C. H. Mayo, of the famous Mayo Bros. Hospital at Rochester, Minn., recently was awarded a distinguished service medal.

Nine prisoners of the Yakima, Wash., jail escaped while the warden slept soundly. Thirteen other prisoners, five of whom were I. W. W., refused to go, though the doors were open and escape was easy.

Decline in the cost of the necessities of life is becoming general throughout France. It is said that the attitude of the public in buying only what is strictly necessary has much to do with the reduction in prices.

The country home of Enrico Caruso, famous tenor, in New York, was robbed and jewels taken to the value of \$500,000.

The Argentine government has permitted the shipment of 19,000 tons of sugar to the United States to relieve the existing sugar shortage.

The Rockefeller foundation has just contributed \$500,000 to the Grinnell college at Grinnell, Iowa.

The government of Chile, S. A., is endeavoring to buy \$8,000,000 worth of railroad rolling stock, in the United States for use on its government owned railroads.

In Alaska the price of hair cuts has been raised to \$1 and shaves to 50 cents.

### Lloyd Sparks' Car Wrecked in Accident.

Lloyd Sparks new Maibohm Six was badly wrecked and Misses Thelma, Lois and Evelyn Childers of Hamburg, Mr. Sparks and sister, Miss Marguerite Sparks, had a narrow escape from death or serious injury when their car turned turtle in a cut on the highway about 10 miles north of Grants Pass, last Sunday afternoon.

Miss Thelma Childers was driving the car at the time and in turning out to pass another car the front wheel struck the embankment at side of the road. The car was traveling at such a speed that before Mr. Sparks could make any move to avert the catastrophe the auto climbed the bank to a height of ten feet and fell back into the road, turning completely over. Beyond a severe shaking up and sundry bruises the party miraculously escaped injury and were able to return home Sunday evening. The Maibohm was completely wrecked and was loaded on a truck and taken to Benj. Collins' garage at Grants Pass for repairs which, it is estimated will cost from \$300 to \$500.

## LOCAL SCHOOL RANKS HIGH

County School Supt. Ager gives rank of elementary schools in county outside of Medford and Ashland as follows:

Thirty schools in Jackson county have been awarded Standard School Certificates by the State Department of Education for having met all the requirements as laid down by that department for an Oregon standard school. They have also been awarded large signs, six by thirty inches in size and containing in large letters the words Standard School. These are placed on the outside above the door way so that those passing by may know that the school is standardized.

The standard schools of the first rank in Jackson county are: Jacksonville rooms 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, Phoenix rooms 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, Central Point rooms 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, Lone Pine near Medford, Agate, Lake Creek, Talent rooms 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, Rogue River rooms 1-2, 3-4-5, 6-7, 8, Galls Creek, Oak Grove primary, Oak Grove advanced grades, Alderbrook, Butte Falls rooms 1-2, 3-4-5, 6-7-8, West Side and Tolo.

Those schools having won thirteen or all but one point toward standardization are: Antelope, Talent grades 7 and 8, Dewey, and upper grades at Wagner creek.

The ones winning twelve points are: lower grades Wagner Creek, Gold Hill room 1-2, Prospect and Howard.

The eleven point schools are: Rosedale, Ruch, Eagle Point upper grades, Applegate upper grades and Elk Creek.

The ones winning ten points: Eagle Point lower grades, Willow Springs, Independence, North Phoenix, Applegate lower grades, Reese Creek, Crater Lake, Gold Hill rooms 3-4, 5-6, Wimer, Hatchery and Fern Valley.

Those winning nine include: Neil Creek, Provolt, Foothills Creek, Pilot Rock, Lost Creek, Soda Springs, Bybee Springs.

Those winning eight: Dardanelles, Derby, Meadows and Pinehurst.

The ones winning seven: Griffin Creek, Pankey, Trail, Liberty, Gold Hill grades 7-8, Laurelhurst, Mayes Creek Brophy, Little Applegate, Central, Copco, Colestin.

The ones with six are: Climax, Sam Valley, Siskiyou, Brownsboro, Table Rock, Pine Grove, Watkins, Beaver Creek, Rogue Lands, Highland.

The one with five comprise: Union Town, Flourence Rock, Thompson Creek, Savage creek and Dead Indian.

The ones with only four are: Antioch and Forest Creek.

The ones winning but three are: Missouri Flat, Chaparral, Anderson Creek, Black Oak and the Ward School at Butte Falls. Two points were won by Laurel Hill and two by Butte Creek. No school won so few as one point.

## TRUE TALES OF PIONEERS

Early History of Silas J. Day, One of the First-comers to Southern Oregon. The Trip West Via the Isthmus of Panama in the '50's Had Its Hardships as Well as the Overland Route.

There were few in the ranks of the pioneers of Southern Oregon more public spirited and far seeing than the late Silas J. Day, who for many years played an active part in state and county affairs. He was responsible for many permanent improvements during his official career and transacted the public business entrusted to him in a manner that won the confidence and lasting esteem of the early settlers in this part of the state.

Mr. Day was born in Ann Arundel county, Maryland April 3rd, 1826. He arrived at San Francisco, Calif., in the month of April, 1849, and in 1851 made his first trip to Oregon, returning to California the same year. A couple of years later he decided to make his home in Oregon and on July 13, 1853, located a Donation Land Claim on Little Butte creek. Mr. Day was residing on his claim when the Indian war of 1855 broke out. He immediately enlisted and was elected orderly sergeant in Captain Miles F. Alcorus' company G, Ninth Regiment, Oregon Militia, organized "to serve against the Yakima and other Indians," and, upon the resignation of Lieut. James H. Matney in 1855, was promoted to a lieutenantancy in the company. He, together with rest of the company, was mustered out of service on June 13, 1856.

Silas J. Day and Mary E. McGhee, a native of Boone county, Missouri whose family is also numbered among the pioneers of Oregon, were married at Portland, Oregon, on May 22, 1851, and four children were born to them, Mary L., Elsie C., Silas E. and Edward M. Day.

By an act of the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, approved October 23, 1872, a Board of Commissioners was appointed to lay out and construct a wagon road through Jackson, Grant, and Baker counties. It was known as the Southern Oregon Wagon Road and was 313 1/2 miles in length. At the organization of this board Mr. Day was elected chairman and continued in office until July, 1874, when, its labors being completed, the board was dissolved.

He was elected county clerk of Jackson county at the June election of 1870 and in 1876 was elected county judge, holding the latter office continuously for a period of eight years. It was during his administration as county judge that the present Jackson county court house was erected.

After the expiration of his term as county judge, Mr. Day opened a real estate and insurance office in this city. He was also an abstractor of land titles and a notary public and maintained an office here until the time of his death some few years ago.

Mr. Day was a prominent member of the I. O. O. F. In 1858 he was elected Grand Master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Oregon, and in the following year was Grand Representative to the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the order in the United States.

Mr. Day arrived in Oregon in 1851, coming by way of the Isthmus of Panama, and, though but a child, retains a vivid recollection of the hardships connected with the trip. The party of emigrants with whom Mrs. Day crossed the isthmus, was compelled to voyage up the Chagres river in open boats for a day and a night with absolutely no shelter from the driving rain which fell continuously. The remainder of the distance was made on mule back. As a result of this exposure Mrs. Day's mother died and was buried at sea on the voyage between the isthmus and San Francisco. During this voyage the ship's supply of drinking water turned bad and for three days the emigrants suffered severely from thirst.

Mrs. Day's father, J. W. McGhee, had preceded his family to the western El Dorado, crossing the plains in 1851. He was a minister of the Gospel and conducted the first religious service held in Yreka, California. In 1852 he came to Oregon and located a donation land claim near where Bybee bridge now stands. He was known to the Indians as a "Bible man" and as such, held in great respect by them. Before the Indian outbreak of the '50's, Old Sam and Old Joe, chiefs of the Rogue River Indians, warned Mr. McGhee that trouble was brewing and advised him to leave the country for a time. Mr. McGhee followed this advice and returned after the uprising was quelled, only to find that his claim had been "jumped," whereupon he moved to the Willamette valley where the family made their home.

In 1855-56 Mrs. Day attended the Tualatin Academy at Forest Grove, of which institution Dr. Marsh was president. Among her school mates were a number of Walker, Owens and Spaulding children, survivors of the Marcus Whitman party massacred by the Cayuse Indians at Waiilatpu in 1847. Two of Dr. J. W. Robinson's sisters, Jane and Ellen Robinson, attended the same academy.

Since 1871, the date of her marriage, Mrs. Day has resided in Jacksonville. She shows few traces of the hardships she was called upon to endure and possesses a wealth of reminiscences of early days in Southern Oregon, when flour was sometimes an almost unknown quantity and an ounce of salt was placed in the scales and traded for an equal quantity of gold dust.

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