

WHAT OUR NEIGH- BORS ARE DOING

Tersely Told by Conscientious Correspondents

ASHLAND

Newton Graham, a Southern Pacific engineer out of Dunsmuir was greeting old friends in Ashland last week, having lived here at one time.

A number of pioneers from this section attended the annual reunion at Jacksonville Thursday.

The near East Relief committee canvassed the town for cast-off garments last Saturday. They were ably assisted by Boy Scouts.

Mayor Lampkin is again a candidate for mayor at the fall election and petitions to that effect have been circulated recently.

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Nelson, who have been visiting relatives in this city returned to their home in Sebastopol California.

Two carloads of wheat were shipped to Portland from Ashland vicinity last week.

Howard Carey, a young Ashland boy has enlisted in the aviation corps and reported to San Francisco for training.

Fred Hamlin, who sustained a fractured skull some time ago is able to be out.

A meeting of the Commercial club was held at Chautauqua hall Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Winter have left for their home in Chicago, after a lengthy visit with the former's brother O. Winter.

District Superintendent Danford, and Rev. C. A. Edwards, pastor of the M. E. church, attended the Oregon conference held at McMinnville last week.

A number of Ashland people attended the state fair at Salem last week. It is reported that Jackson county had a beautiful fruit exhibit.

George Stannard left for Los Angeles last week. He intends to enter the university and study dentistry.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. McCoy of Vicksburg Miss. are in Ashland, visiting the former's brother, J. W. McCoy.

CENTRAL POINT

R. H. Paxson, the druggist and C. E. Webb attended the state fair at Salem last week.

City Recorder J. W. Jacobs has moved his family into the Merritt residence on front street, which he recently purchased.

Postmaster and Mrs. Guy Tex and daughter, who have been enjoying a months vacation at Prospect, have returned home.

Miss Helen Norcross has gone to Eugene where she will attend the University.

W. A. Cowley, who has been here for a brief visit with his family, left for Dunsmuir Monday night.

The dance given Saturday night was well attended and greatly enjoyed. The music was rendered by the Imperial orchestra of Medford.

Con Leever, J. O. Isaacson and Mr. Reynolds went to Medford Tuesday night to attend the banquet at the Hotel Medford for the park-to-park caravan.

J. F. Williams and son John returned from Grants Pass accompanied by Mr. Williams daughter, Mrs. Shipley Ross and baby who will visit relatives here.

Rev. A. P. Gillett of Canyonville visited his son A. A. Gillett and family in Central Point last week.

Luke Peart, who is an S. P. employee at Chico Calif. is visiting relatives here.

The evangelistic meetings are still being held in the brick church and are well attended.

Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Wille of St. Louis are visiting the latter's uncle, C. N. Tuttle and family.

EAGLE POINT

Mrs. W. H. Brown is chairman for the tag day proceedings for the county nurse fund today.

Mr. William Von der Hellen attended the banquet for the park-to-park caravan in Medford Tuesday night.

The high wind of last week blew

down the large silo that had recently been erected on the property of Wm. Lewis.

Walter Wood made a trip to Ashland last week to purchase a number of cattle.

Another big dance and supper is scheduled for Saturday night Oct. 9. Majestic orchestra will furnish the music.

Mr. and Mrs. David Ball of Crescent City have been visiting the latter's sister Mrs. Frank Lewis.

Grover Neil of Ashland and Wig Ashpole of Medford were in this vicinity looking for beef cattle.

Charles Brown who owns an orchard on the Crater Lake road was a business visitor in Eagle Point last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Whitehead were Eagle Point visitors Wednesday. Mr. Whitehead is manager of the Butte Creek orchard.

Wm. Lewis, the sheep king attended the fair at Salem last week.

BUTTE FALLS

Mr. and Mrs. Buel Hildreth are visiting at various points on the coast for a couple of weeks.

Sam Hughes has been having some dental work done in Medford recently.

Horace Geppert made a business trip to Eagle Point last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Leidman have been visiting the latter's father, A. B. Zimmerman.

Many hunting parties have been passing thro town toward the Blue Canyon and other grounds. Many fine bucks have been taken out recently.

A. W. Smith of California is visiting his daughters, Mrs. Nellie Trefren and Mrs. Anderson.

Miss Aline Mahoney has gone to Eugene for a visit with friends.

Mrs. Nate Anderson was called to Newburg last week by the illness of her mother.

COMMUNICATION

TO THE EDITOR:—Having seen considerable comment in various newspapers concerning the legal status of the money which the County Treasurer of Jackson County had on deposit in the Bank of Jacksonville, and my position relative thereto, I desire to explain the same in so far as I am concerned.

As a taxpayer and citizen I sincerely trust that if there are not sufficient assets uncovered and recovered to pay all depositors in full that the County Court will decide to share pro-rata with the others. But since I am required by law to offer advice to the County Court when asked, if I should be called on for an opinion relative to this deposit the ethics of my profession and my official responsibilities would compel me to state that in my humble opinion the weight of authority is to the effect that they would be entitled to such a preference but that such a course would entail extensive litigation, the result of which is never certain, and that it would be fairer, and more equitable and just for the county to refuse to take advantage of this preference.

Respectfully,
G. M. ROBERTS

Reball Straw Ballot

Every northern state in the union is for Harding and every southern state but Maryland is for Cox, according to the straw ballot now being carried on by Rexall stores. In the past the Rexall vote has run very close to the national result.

No vote is being taken in Medford, but the ballots are being received and will be posted from day to day by Ralph Woodford. The only change thus far has been in New Mexico which went for Cox then over to Harding chiefly to the women's support of the republican nominee.

In every state but one the women's vote corresponds to the men's vote the one exception being West Virginia where the women vote for Cox exceeds the men's vote for Harding by ten while the men's vote for Harding is over 300.

The Oregon vote is; For Harding men 869; women 337; for Cox men 470 women 156. Ohio for Harding men 11,705, women 4397; Cox men 5092, women 1717, nearly three to one in favor of the republican nominee.

Please Take Notice.

After day and date all work done—positively cash, irrespective of persons.

W. R. SPARKS

Pioneers Reunion Held Last Thursday

The annual reunion of the Southern Oregon Pioneers Association held in this city Thursday is reported to have been one of the most enjoyable and successful meetings held by the association. About 200 pioneers and descendants from different sections of Southern Oregon attended the exercises and banquet served in the Odd Fellows building and were outspoken in praise of arrangements made for the comfort and enjoyment of guests.

The meeting was called to order by Miss Mollie Britt who officiated as a most efficient chairman and the exercises opened with prayer by Rev. A. H. Gammons, followed by a solo rendered by Fletcher Fish whose musical ability is well known and a very enjoyable recitation by Mrs. Frank Saulsberry. Mrs. H. H. Sargent the orator of the day then delivered an eloquent and warmly received address which we take pleasure in publishing. A duet by Mrs. Joe Rader and Fletcher Fish and music by a male quartet closed the meeting. During the banquet informal talks were made by Judge Calvig, Geo. Dunn of Ashland Col Sargent, Chris Ulrich and others. Mrs. Sargent's speech follows:

PIONEERS AND PIONEERS OF SOUTHERN OREGON:

I feel it an honor to have been given this opportunity to speak to you today, and I speak for the benefit of the younger generation when I tell again the old, old story of the coming of the pioneers. I feel it our duty to keep fresh in their minds the story of these courageous women and valiant men to whom they owe so much, the men and women who were the torch bearers who lighted the way for the thousands who have followed in their footsteps. But how shall I honor them, and what words can I speak that will in any degree express our love for them, or our pride in the record of their heroic lives.

Seventy-seven years ago a vast train of canvas-covered wagons started out from Independence, Missouri, on the long, long trail toward Oregon. For six, seven and even eight long months these brave people toiled onward for

"A voice was calling to them from the unexplored beyond, A wild voice in the mountains calling 'West.'

"They heard it in the foothills when they climbed the Great Divide, In the canyon when they faced the torrents roar. In the little breeze at dawn, In the hush of eventide; The voice which kept on calling went before."

This was the great immigration of 1843 and numbered a thousand souls. Picture the scene at the rendezvous at Independence, Missouri, when the pioneers were ready for the great adventure.

One hundred and twenty-five wagons, one thousand head of loose stock, horses, cattle and sheep, and at night the gleam of two hundred camp fires.

They came through in detachments. The first detachment, numbering about ten families and twenty wagons, reached the Columbia River in November, after a six month's journey. With this detachment were the three Applegate brothers and their families, J. W. Nesmith, afterwards senator from Oregon, and Peter H. Burnette, who later became governor of California.

Their oxen were jaded and foot-sore, the snow had fallen deep in the mountains, and they decided to leave their animals and wagons in the care of the Hudson Bay Company, who had forts on the river, and go down the Columbia in boats. These boats they built of the driftwood found on the river's bank, and with only an Indian pilot in a little canoe to guide them, they started on their perilous voyage. During the two or three weeks spent in building the boats the party lived on dried salmon, which they bought from the Indians. They navigated the Columbia to the Willamette, and made their first camp in a heavy forest, where the city of Portland now stands.

From there they went up the Willamette river to a place we now call Old Champoug, where they left their boats. From Champoug the party traveled on foot to a place they called the Old Mission, three log cabins which had been deserted by the missionaries. Here they spent the winter. Two or three French-Canadians had cultivated little farms in the neighborhood of the Old Mission, and had grown quantities of peas, which they had dried for winter use. These they shared with the pioneers. These peas, with wild game, constituted their food, during their first winter in Oregon.

The town of Gervaise now stands on the site of "Old Mission." This was the beginning of the settlement in the Willamette valley.

The first white men to set foot in the Rogue River Valley, of whom we have any authentic record, were some French-Canadian trappers, who came into the valley to trap for furs for that great British monopoly, the Hudson Bay Company. They set their traps along the river, but the Indians stole the traps and the trappers always spoke of them as the rogues, the river was the "river of the rogues," and the valley the "valley of the rogues," and old pioneers have assured me that this was the way by which the Indians, the river and the valley came by the name.

Another story as to the origin of the name, is this: That the river was called Rouge River, or Red River, by some French voyagers, on account of the cliffs at the mouth of the river being of a red color.

By an act of the legislature in 1853-1 Rogue River was to be Gold River, but it has never been so called.

The Indians living in this valley were a branch of the tribe in California whom we now know as the Shastas. But the original name was not Shasta, but Chesta, they were the Chesta Scolons and the Indians living in the Rogue River Valley were Chesta Scolons.

In 1846 fifteen pioneers from the Willamette valley made their way into the Rogue River valley, seeking a route by which immigrants could enter Oregon without traveling the long northern route and down the Columbia river, as they had come. Their names were Jesse Applegate, Lindsay Applegate, Levi Scott, John Scott, Henry Boygus, Benjamin Birch, John Owens, John Jones, Robert Smith, Samuel Goodhue, Moses Harris, David Goff, Berrit Osborne, William Sportsman and William Parker.

Each man was equipped with a saddle horse and a pack horse. The Indians followed them constantly and they had to be on guard day and night; when they had to pass through heavy timber or brush they dismounted and led their horses, carrying their rifles across their arms ready to fire.

The Indians were equipped with bows and poisoned arrows, the pioneers with the old time muzzle-loading rifle. They made their way through the valley, crossed the Cascade mountains into

the Klamath country, and thence east to the Humboldt river. Here they met a train of immigrants and brought back with them one hundred and fifty people, the pioneers traveling ahead and making a road over which the wagons could pass. They took this train safely through to the Willamette valley. This was the first road in Southern Oregon and through the Rogue River Valley, and was called "the Southern Oregon wagon road" or later, "The Old South Road." A great proportion of the population of Oregon entered by this route.

In 1848 about forty pioneers from the Willamette valley came into the Rogue River valley on their way to the gold mines in California. They prospected a little while on Rogue River, and also on the stream we now know as the Applegate, and then pushed on to California. My father and uncle were with this party also, and the river and valley of the Applegate were named for them.

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NEWS OF THE WORLD IN BRIEF PARAGRAPHS

Wheat prices dropped below two dollars the bushel and sugar was quoted at \$12.50 per hundred.

France is making a determined effort to enforce the terms of the treaty between Germany and Austria and prevent a union between those two nations.

A Brooklyn man carrying a large quantity of dynamite was arrested in connection with the Wall street explosion investigations.

Abdull Mejed, Turkey's crown prince attempted suicide by drinking poison. Despair over his country's future is said to be the cause.

The American Legion in convention at Washington went on record as against Japanese agreement and favor rigid exclusion of Japanese.

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