

CELEBRATION TO  
BE A HUMMER

RACES AND COMIC STUNTS GALORE.

## BARBECUE FOR 20,000 PEOPLE

Something Doing From Early Dawn to Midnight—Rest Room Will Be Provided for Mothers—Sham Battle a Feature.

The coming Fourth of July celebration in Ashland is assuming definite form. Advertising is out and will be scattered to the four winds of heaven this week. The committee has spared neither time nor money to make the program attractive, and a perusal of the list of attractions will prove beyond doubt that the celebration of 1912 will be the greatest event of the kind ever pulled off in this valley. From Dunsmuir on the south to Roseburg on the north, no other celebration is likely, and already citizens of intervening towns are making plans for spending the day in Ashland. Business men of Ashland are a unit in pushing this celebration and all are pledged to make it a success.

Arrangements have been made with the Medford ball team for a rousing game between that team and the Ashland Tigers. Those who have watched the contests between these two teams this season know that a rousing game can be expected. The school board will fence the grounds for the occasion. Arrangements have also been made for the Medford band, which, with the local band, will discourse music throughout the day. A sham battle will be presented by the militia and shooting contests will be held for the entertainment of gun enthusiasts.

The race program includes automobile, motorcycle, horse and foot races, present arrangements contemplating something doing in this line the greater part of the time. The spacious swimming pools in both natatoriums will be open and swimming contests will be held. A comic parade is in preparation, ten clowns being arranged for as a feature. There will be no end of merriment from early dawn to the wee small hours. A big ball in the evening will close the festivities of the day.

The monstrous barbecue to be held in the canyon is attracting wide attention. People from all over the valley and from northern California points as far south as Dunsmuir are already making plans for celebrating the Fourth in Ashland, attracted by the prospect of a juicy slice of beef from a real whole-roasted critter.

To accommodate the immense crowds that are expected, ample provisions have been made for seating and camping privileges in the park, while a rest room, where mothers may take their children, will be provided. In fact, nothing has been left out of the preparations of the committee, both for the enjoyment of the day and for the comfort of the visitors.

E. V. Carter in his big new Michigan and F. L. Camps with his Ford showed their interest in the celebration by taking the entire committee as far north as Grants Pass yesterday and distributed 20,000 dogtags in advertisement of the celebration, an act that commends itself to the committee and the community in general.

## MAY CIRCULATE PETITION.

Minors Favored in Opinion of Secretary of State.

According to Secretary of State Olcott, any person 16 years old and over can legally circulate an initiative or referendum petition in this state and certify thereto, his opinion being that the law does not provide for any age or sex limitations.

As a result of Secretary Olcott's opinion, there will be a great many students of the University of Oregon who are minors circulating petitions to create a university fund and an agricultural college fund by taxation of university and school land property. G. Prescott, secretary to President Campbell of the University of Oregon, telephoned to the secretary asking him whether or not students under age could legally circulate and certify to initiative petitions. He stated that many of the students were greatly interested in the proposed new law and desired to assist in its passage if they could legally do so.

Under the statute creating the initiative and referendum law no provision is made in regard to age, sex, nationality or color of petition bearers, any person old enough to be responsible can circulate petitions and their oaths will be absolutely legal, according to the ruling of the secretary of state.

## Wanted, 500 Men.

To have their suits dry cleaned for \$1.00 during June and July. Garments called for and delivered. Phone 141. Orres' Tailoring and Cleaning Works.

## Ladies' Aid Social.

The Ladies' Aid and the Teacup Club will be entertained by Mrs. M.H. at her home at 315 Almond street, Wednesday afternoon.

## EXERCISES IMPRESSIVE.

Flag Day Duly Signalized by Local Elks.

The flag day celebration given by the Elks lodge in their spacious hall was well attended, every seat in the room being occupied. The exercises were appropriate, full of patriotic sentiment and enthusiastically received, the large audience voicing its appreciation by repeated applause. Appropriate musical numbers formed an important part of the evening's entertainment, national airs being rendered by the orchestra and solos of a patriotic nature being given by Mesdames Wolf and McQuilkin and J. K. McWilliams. The Elks quartet, composed of Messrs. Briggs, Rose, Strickland and Hale, sang Auld Lang Syne with pleasing effect. R. A. Minkler read the flag record and W. E. Newcombe delivered the Elks' tribute to the flag. The latter feature formed one of the most impressive numbers in the program and was delivered in an eloquent and touching manner that appealed to the large audience, permeated, as it was, with a spirit of loyalty of the order of Elks to the flag of our country.

R. H. Burns delivered the address of the evening, an address replete with patriotic utterances that held the audience completely. Mr. Burns stated that the present celebration is in the honor of the 135th anniversary of the adoption of the flag, citing as an evidence of the marvelous growth of our country the fact that 135 years ago 13 stars constituted the constellation of the flag, while now there are 48. He spoke of the scope of influence now covered by Old Glory and boasted that she knows no politics, no party. All factions and parties honor the flag. The call to arms during the Civil War resulted in a hearty response in defense of the flag, and in speaking of those dark days, Mr. Burns stirred the hearts of his hearers by his recitation of the patriotic story of Barbara Fritchie. He spoke of the veneration evidenced in the capitol of each state, in whose archives is to be found a state battle flag, torn and pierced with bullet holes. He boasted that every American loves his country and turns to it with joy as to his home, reciting, as symbolical of our patriotic blood, those lines of Scott:

"Breathes there a man with soul so dead

Who never to himself hath said,  
"This is my own, my native land?"  
Whose heart hath ne'er within him burned  
As home his footsteps he hath turned  
From wandering on a foreign strand?  
If such there be, go, mark him well,  
For him no minstrel raptures swell.  
High though his title, proud his name,  
Boundless his wealth as wish can claim,  
Despite those titles, power and pelf,  
The wretch, concentered all in self,  
Living, shall forfeit fair renown,  
And, doubly dying, shall go down  
To the vile depths from which he sprung,  
Unwept, unhonored, and unsung."

## RAH FOR CHAUTAUQUA

Tickets Now on Sale—Railroad Puts on Extra Train Daily From July 2 to 12.

Chautauqua tickets will be placed on sale at the office of C. H. Gillette tomorrow morning. This is but a reminder that the coming session is but two weeks off. The regular prices will prevail this year, with a reduction of 25 cents if purchased before July 2. The series of entertainments and lectures provided this year is better than has ever been offered and is deserving of liberal patronage. Price \$2.75; if purchased before July 2, \$2.50. Children under 12, half price.

To accommodate patrons of Chautauqua north of here, the Southern Pacific Company, through the kind solicitation of Agent Kramer, has decided to put on an extra train daily between Grants Pass and Ashland, leaving Grants Pass at 5:30 p. m. and returning leaving Ashland at 10:30. This will be of inestimable value to patrons of the evening entertainments from down the valley, as well as a means of greater income for Chautauqua. On July 4 and 9 an additional special will be put on, leaving Grants Pass at 9 a. m. and returning at 10:30. The company has also authorized an open rate of a fare and a third from Eugene south, thus avoiding the annoyance of the certificate system, heretofore in vogue. The certificate system will prevail from points south, as formerly.

The action of Agent Kramer and the Southern Pacific Company in this matter is greatly appreciated.

## Fruits and Flowers.

The exhibit building is indebted to Mrs. Vaupey, Mrs. Winter and Mrs. C. L. Cunningham for generous supplies of the finest roses. Also to E. B. Hunt for samples of mammoth strawberries, the variety being known as the "Oregon Improved," specimens among which measured 4 1/2 inches in circumference, and in the language of the old chestnut, "many of them will weigh a pound."

## July 4th Dinner.

The Woman's Relief Corps will serve dinner in the G. A. R. hall from 11:00 to 2:00 p. m. Price 25c. 6-4t

## For Sale.

Alfalfa hay. Close in. Phone 259-Y. O. J. Rathbun. 6-3t

## AGRICULTURAL SURVEY OF STATE

STATE IMMIGRATION COMMISSION SENDS REPRESENTATIVES TO ASHLAND—WILL VISIT 30 RANCHERS IN THIS VICINITY

A much-needed work in this vicinity, as an aid to the proper cultivation of the soils about Ashland, is being carried on under the auspices of the Oregon State Immigration Commission and the Statistical Bureau of the O. A. C. M. O. Evans, Jr., of the agricultural college in Ashland today and has begun a systematic canvass of the farms in this vicinity with a view to aiding the farmers and fruit growers to produce bigger and better crops. An industrial survey will be of the utmost importance to the citizens of this county, as well as to the entire state, as the information obtained will aid greatly in solving many of the perplexing agricultural problems of the state.

Mr. Evans will visit about 30 ranches and farms in this vicinity in an endeavor to gather information regarding the soils and their adaptability to grain, fruit and garden crops. The information given will be treated as absolutely confidential and has nothing whatever to do with taxation or assessment. Ranchers who are called on should comply cheerfully with the request of Mr. Evans for information to the end that this section may receive proper credit for its productivity.

Mr. Evans is one of eight young men who are being sent out to cover the entire state during the next four months. He will greatly appreciate any assistance given him in his endeavor to assist this community. Following is a copy of the letter that will be sent to each rancher interviewed during the next week or ten days:

Oregon Statistical Bureau,  
Corvallis, Ore.  
Dear Sir: The Oregon Statistical

Bureau, in co-operation with the agricultural college, is making a preliminary agricultural survey of a number of leading farms in every county in the state. The object of this survey is primarily to determine the opportunities in each locality for new settlers and, if possible, to find some of the difficulties in agricultural development.

A number of farms in your locality will be visited during the summer by Mr. M. O. Evans, Jr. Such questions as the following will be asked: The value of land, machinery, stock on hand June 1; the acreage and yield of each crop in 1911; the amount of these crops sold and the receipts; the amount of other farm products, such as milk, butter, eggs, fruit, etc., sold during the year and the receipts; the expenses for labor, seed, feed, fertilizer, machinery, threshing, etc.; the methods of cultivation used and your observation of the results.

As your answer will be used for the benefit of your community and of the entire state, accuracy of statement is of the utmost importance. All of the information received from you and your neighbors will be compiled in making up a final report on the general conditions in your community. Your statement will be considered strictly confidential. The report of individuals will not be published without their consent.

We hope that the farmers will assist our representatives in securing the information desired and that in turn the college and the immigration may aid the farmers by giving advice to all those who wish it.

Respectfully yours,  
J. A. BIXELL.

## DIES OF APOPLEXY

William Patterson, Water Commissioner, Dropped Dead at His Home Just After Noon Today.

It becomes the sad duty of the Tidings to announce the sudden and unexpected death of William Patterson, city water commissioner, who passed away early this afternoon from apoplexy. Details of the sudden demise of Mr. Patterson are brief. He ate an unusually hearty dinner and went out to feed the chickens. His daughter, Margaret, stepping out of the back door a few moments after he had gone out, found him lying upon the ground. Physicians were hastily summoned and artificial means of restoration were employed. Life was extinct, however, and all efforts at resuscitation were fruitless. Mr. Patterson was attending to his duties as usual this morning and in his usual good health. His sudden death is a severe shock to the entire community and doubly so to his sorrowing family. Mrs. Patterson and their daughter, Mrs. Churchman, are in Portland.

## DISMISSAL SOUGHT.

Modford Attorneys Will Claim County is Not in Debt.

Porter J. Neff, attorney for the city and for E. G. Perham, who has the contract for the construction of the proposed bridge over Bear creek in this city, is at Portland to appear before Judge Calkins in the matter of the injunction suit brought by Benton Bowers and S. A. Carleton to restrain the county from erecting the bridge over Bear creek.

Mr. Neff as attorney for the contractor plans to file a cross complaint in which he will admit that the charges in the complaint filed by Bowers and Carleton are correct where they allege that the present indebtedness of Jackson county is illegal, being in excess of the \$5,000 limit imposed by the constitution. Mr. Neff will then ask a dismissal of the temporary injunction, for if the present debt is illegal, the county is not in debt and can proceed with the construction of the bridge over Bear creek. Early action is expected.

## PLANT 45 ACRES.

Experiment With Vegetables on Tract Near Talent.

S. A. Nye and W. H. Campbell are conducting an "experiment" station on their place near Talent which will be watched with interest by every farmer and truck gardener in the valley. They have planted 45 acres to tomatoes, cabbages, sweet corn, sweet potatoes, celery and potatoes, in order to see just what can be done in the way of getting a revenue from "between the trees" while young orchards are coming into bearing. They will irrigate the large acreage and look for substantial returns.

A deal will be made with the cannery at Ashland for the disposal of the produce. They plan to give the experiment every attention in order to gain first hand information.

## Humphrey E. Stone.

Humphrey E. Stone died at the family residence yesterday at the age of 70. Funeral services will be held tomorrow, Tuesday, at 2 p. m. from the family home, 449 Granite street. Interment in Ashland cemetery.

A man with money to burn seldom starts a conflagration.

## IOWANS PICNIC.

Hawkeye Colony Holds Reunion Friday of This Week.

Arrangements are being perfected for the second annual picnic and reunion of the Iowa Society, at Grand Army hall, Friday of this week, June 21. In addition to this reminder, postal card notices have been mailed to the membership. However, if any fail to receive the official notice, plan to attend just the same, as a few may have been overlooked. Several of the ladies will meet at the hall Friday forenoon to look after the dining event, as it is hoped to accommodate all members and visitors without waiting on any second tables. As heretofore stated, the society will provide berries, ice cream, coffee, etc., but it will be left to the individual members to furnish the substantial, consequently come with well-stocked lunch baskets. In spite of the high taxes, the society has a small surplus in the treasury, and as a result the levy upon the membership this year will be only 25 cents each instead of the regular 50 cents annual dues. Natives and former residents of Iowa are eligible to membership. Let all attend and join the organization and bring along a friend. An interesting program is being provided in addition to the dining event.

## PAINTING WILL HELP.

Crater Lake Appropriation May Be Secured Through It.

Miss Mabel Russell is in receipt of a letter from Congressman Hawley, acknowledging receipt of a painting of Crater Lake. It was largely through a similar painting by Miss Russell's sister, Mrs. Fountain, some time ago, that Crater Lake Park was set aside. Both Miss Russell and Mrs. Fountain will spend the summer at the lake and make paintings to sell to tourists. The letter follows: Miss Mabel E. Russell, Ashland, Ore. My Dear Miss Russell: Receipt is acknowledged of your favor of May 31, 1912, relative to the painting you so kindly sent me to use in my efforts in behalf of an appropriation for the improvement of the roads and trails in the Crater Lake National Park. I expect to exhibit it on the floor of the house when the Crater Lake appropriation is reached today or tomorrow, in the sundry civil bill. This may help to sell the painting, which I regard as excellent.

With best wishes, I am,  
Truly yours,  
W. C. HAWLEY.

## Johnson Follows Teddy.

Chicago.—Open announcement that he is working hard for the insertion of a woman's suffrage plank in the republican platform was made here recently by Governor Hiram W. Johnson of California.

"Suffrage has worked fine in California and other states," asserted Johnson, "and I think it would help Roosevelt to have such a plank. I favor it and I believe we have enough strength to have such a plank written in."

## HEARING ON THURSDAY

Attorney R. H. Burns Leaves for Portland Wednesday to Argue Matter Before Judge Calkins.

Injunction proceedings in the matter of the Anderson ditch are scheduled for hearing before Judge Calkins at 10 o'clock Thursday morning in Portland. Following the recent temporary restraining order issued by Judge Neil, the city engaged the services of Burns & Seager, who immediately made a motion to vacate the temporary injunction. A request was made for short notice, which the judge granted, appointing a 48-hour notice, papers for which are now being prepared. Attorney Burns will leave on Wednesday for Portland to present his evidence and affidavits. An early settlement of the case is expected.

## A Proposition.

Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Ashland, Ore.: Gentlemen: We will furnish current to operate your present city street lighting system for five and thirty-one hundredths mills (\$.00531 mills) per candle power per month.

As we understand that you have 28,770 candle power installed, we will furnish the electric current to operate these lamps from sunset to sunrise, all night and every night for \$152.76 per month.

Hoping you will consider our proposition favorably, we remain,  
Yours very truly,

CALIFORNIA-OREGON  
POWER CO.  
By H. L. Walther, Manager.  
Ashland, Ore., June 5, 1912.

## Phenomenal Exhibits.

As indication that Ashland and vicinity can produce fruits and grains in paying quantities, C. B. Lamkin has in his window a stool of rye with 71 stocks coming from a single seed. He also displays a single strawberry plant with upwards of 200 berries on it. The latter was produced on the Arant property at the head of Liberty street.

## Rug Weaving.

J. B. Wolf of the Reliable Rug Factory of Corning, Cal., is stopping at Hotel Park, taking orders for rug weaving. Please write and address general delivery, or phone 163.

Ashland is the place to spend the Fourth of July.

TAFT HAS 436  
COLONEL 430

CONTEST COMMITTEE CLOSED  
WORK SATURDAY NIGHT.

## TEDDY WINS ONLY 19 CONTESTS

President Given Delegates From Washington and Texas After Wordy War—Roosevelt in Chicago to Take Personal Charge of Fight.

Chicago, June 17.—Its closing hours attended by exhibitions of tense partisan and personal feeling among its members, the republican national committee concluded Saturday night the hearing of the contests involving 254 seats in the national convention, which is to assemble Tuesday. The sum of its work is: Roosevelt 19, Taft 235. President Taft received 62 delegates, Colonel Roosevelt 6.

All of Washington's 14 went to the president, against the protests of Senator Poindexter that the "country would judge the case." Out of Texas Taft obtained 26 of the contested 30, over the protest of Colonel Cecil A. Lyon, who asserted: "You may depose me now, but I will be back four years from now, when many of you will not."

In Virginia, where the issue was drawn between the negro voters and the regular state organization, the president received the entire contested delegation of 20. In the District of Columbia he won two. Committee-man Sydney Bleber going to defeat with the Roosevelt delegation.

The finish of the long contest hearings was marked by incidents more strongly indicative of the division between the Taft and Roosevelt forces than any in the preceding days. Colonel Lyon fought each of the Texas contest cases personally and was defeated in all except two of them.

In the end he was called upon to fight a resolution for an investigation and reorganization of the whole structure of the republican party in Texas. Presented by a Colorado man, it proposed a sub-committee of three from the national committee to attempt a change in the republican organization of the state that would destroy the system of county representation described by the Taft attorneys as survival of the "rotten borough" methods of England.

The temporary roll call of the convention will show a total of 136 delegates for Taft and 436 for Roosevelt. With 540 necessary for choice and 166 uninstructed delegates, the outcome of the convention presents some interesting problems and possibilities. The 90 delegates from New York are among the uninstructed and it seems likely that whoever wins these delegates will carry the convention. Yet even this is not a safe conjecture, as the rival candidate may receive the balance of delegates and a deadlock will result. Roosevelt forces are bringing great pressure to bear upon the La Follette contingent in an endeavor to obtain their support. La Follette, however, sees no reason why he should jeopardize his chances for the nomination by allying himself with either the Taft or Roosevelt forces. It is possible the deadlock will result in the nomination of La Follette.

In response to the distress cry of the Roosevelt party, the colonel himself is in Chicago and will lead the fight in person if necessary. Just what the colonel intends to do can best be guessed from his retort to a reporter in Chicago when asked what his plan of action would be. Mr. Roosevelt replied, "I will tell you what I will do when I do it." It is generally believed that he will appear upon the floor of the convention in person and deliver a speech setting forth his principles and his reasons for adhering to them, in the hope that a stampede may be started in his favor. Cries against the steam-roller methods of the Taft contingent in claiming all the contests are loud among the Roosevelt forces, and with the membership of the convention evenly divided, the fight for supremacy will call for all the generalship and cunning that Roosevelt possesses. Teddy is making a strong effort to align the La Follette men, but so far has met with no response.

The situation, as it will be on the opening of the convention next Wednesday, is as follows:

Number of delegates	1,078
Necessary for choice	540
Instructed for Taft	436
Instructed for Roosevelt	430
Instructed for La Follette	36
Instructed for Cummins	10
Uninstructed, including New York's 90	166

Of the 254 contests, 235 were decided in favor of the president and 19 in favor of Roosevelt, the colonel getting one from Kentucky, eight from Missouri, four from Texas and six from North Carolina.

## During June and July

I will dry clean men's suits for the low price of \$1.00. Ladies' garments also reduced. Satisfaction guaranteed. Goods called for and delivered. Phone 141. Orres' tailoring and cleaning establishment, 203 East Main street.

## Pleasant Hour Club Meeting.

The Pleasant Hour Club will meet with Mrs. Sanders, at 661 Beach street, Thursday afternoon.