

NEW FRONT  
FOR TEMPLEMASONRY WILL REMODEL THEIR  
BUILDING.

## SO VOTED LAST THURSDAY NIGHT

New Front, New Carpet and Other  
Improvements Authorized by Ash-  
land Lodge, No. 23, at Its Annual  
Meeting.

At the annual communication of Ashland lodge, No. 23, A. F. & A. M., there was action taken which will within a few months insure the remodeling of the front of the building, the placing of a new carpet on the lodge room and other needed changes in the upper floor which will make for the convenience of the members.

The improvements are expected to cost in the neighborhood of \$3,000 and will be made under the direction of the newly elected board of trustees, consisting of F. D. Wagner, E. V. Carter and L. L. Muir.

It is understood that the front will be remodeled under the plans prepared for the purpose by architect Fitch at the time the present lodge room was added to the building a few years ago.

## On Familiar Ground.

F. A. Shaw of Boise, formerly secretary of the Idaho state senate, and now connected with the Pacific Lyceum Bureau, which maintains branches at Portland, Seattle and San Francisco, was in the city last Friday on business and incidentally revisiting familiar scenes in this immediate locality as well as northern California. Mr. Shaw's parents were former residents of Etna, in Siskiyou county, and the younger generation which grew up in those parts remember with pleasure the prestige which Ashland enjoyed even in those early days as an educational center. Mr. Shaw mentioned while here that Ashland is noted as a Chautauqua town throughout the Pacific northwest, and warmly commended the efforts of Mr. G. F. Billings, whose enthusiasm, he says, knows no bounds when the Chautauqua movement is concerned.

## Modern Woodmen Elect.

At a regular meeting of Mahogany Camp, No. 6565, M. W. A., held on the 13th inst., the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Venerable consul, F. G. McWilliams; worthy adviser, Frank Crowson; banker, G. G. Eubanks; clerk, G. H. Hedberg; escort, J. E. Crowson; watchman, W. E. Moor; sentry, E. K. Hall; manager, J. J. Murphy. Drs. Swedenburg, Gregg and Fawcett were continued as camp physicians. Installation of new officers will occur on the first Friday in January. After the election some speechifying was indulged in, the annual event terminating with a spread of good things on the banquet table.

## Furniture at Wholesale Prices.

We have several genuine birdseye maple dressers and chiffoniers, quarter oak dressers and chiffoniers, quarter oak dressing tables and library tables and several other pieces in quarter oak, which we offer at wholesale prices. These will make nice holiday gifts. Ashland Furniture Co., 92-94-96 North Main street. 52-5t-Mon.

## RENTS HOTEL ASHLAND

Mrs. Conner of Hotel Oregon Also  
Takes Lease of Hotel Ashland  
After January 1.

Mrs. W. E. Conner, proprietor of the Hotel Oregon, will on January 1 take over the lease of the Hotel Ashland now managed by Sam Netherland. Mr. Netherland will remain with the hotel, managing it as an auxiliary to the Hotel Oregon. Mrs. Conner has been very successful since assuming the management of the Hotel Oregon and her many friends will be glad to see her branching out. Mrs. Conner states that the Hotel Ashland cafe, now closed, will probably be reopened early in the year. Mr. Netherland will continue to conduct the Hotel Ashland for himself until the first of the year.

LATER—Mrs. E. J. Mahan has rented the Ashland Cafe and will conduct it in the future.

## DEATH OF MRS. ROUTLEDGE.

Mother of Ashland Citizen Dead at  
Portland.

Evening Telegram, Dec. 12: With her family of eight children all in Oregon, and seven of them adults residing in Portland, Mrs. Adeline Routledge died in the family home, 488 East Davis street, at 8:15 this morning. Only a few days ago the entire family was gathered around the aged mother in her home, at reunion dinner.

Born in New York, March 25, 1847, Mrs. Routledge was 65 years old. She reared 10 children, two of whom have died, Grace E. and Clarence D. Of the surviving eight, Frank C. Routledge worked for years on the Oregonian and the Telegram in the art department, and is now located at Ashland. Four of the brothers, Ralph R., J. Ira, Clinton H. and George L. Routledge, constitute the Routledge Seed & Floral Company, 169 Second street. The other surviving children are Fred A., Ruth and Mrs. Lashbaugh, all of Portland.

Mrs. Routledge came to Portland 26 years ago with her husband, since when the family name has been familiar in business circles. The husband has been dead several years, but the sons have kept up the family business since, and the family has been remarkable in its close relationship and almost unanimous residence in one city.

Mrs. Routledge became ill four months ago, and has been declining slowly since. Funeral services will be from the home at 2:30 tomorrow afternoon, interment to be in Lone Fir cemetery, where the family has a lot.

## Fraternal Brotherhood Election.

The local Fraternal Brotherhood, No. 149, elected officers Friday evening, December 11, 1912, following which substantial refreshments were daintily served and a social hour was enjoyed, in which table games were the leading amusement. The following officers were elected:

Pres.—S. A. Parker.  
V. P.—M. C. Leslie.  
P. P.—E. E. Miller.  
Chap.—Mrs. E. Booth.  
Sergt.—L. Weedon.  
Treas.—Alice E. Stubbs.  
Secy.—Frances Damon.  
M. at A.—G. W. Culy.  
I. D.—E. Forgie.  
O. D. Charles Hosley.

## K. O. T. M. Election.

Granite Tent, Knights of the Macabees, at its last regular meeting elected the following officers: Commander—Eugene Walrad. Lt. Com.—Frank Crowson. Record Keeper—George F. Damon. Chaplain—H. L. Whited. Sergeant—J. E. Crowson. M. at A.—C. H. Gillette. Sentinel—A. L. Irwin. Picket—Elmer Smith. First M. of G.—R. Shaw. Second M. of G.—F. W. Moore. Physician—Dr. Parsons. Trustees—F. Crowson, H. L. Whited, C. H. Gillette.

## Klamath Potatoes.

The Ashland-Klamath Exchange has just received a car of the very finest of Klamath strictly dry land potatoes (Early Vermonts). We are going to sell them at \$1 per 100 pounds for a while, to introduce them. There are none better. This is your chance to get the best potatoes produced anywhere at such a low price. Phone 4. 58-2t

## R. N. A. Election.

Ivy Camp, No. 2893, at its recent annual election chose the following officers:

Oracle—Mrs. Emma Earle.  
V. O.—Rosa M. Wiley.  
Recorder—Frances Damon.  
Chap.—Sarah E. Wise.  
P. O.—Nellie L. Sherard.

Cleaning and pressing at Orres Tailoring Shop.

## A DENIAL.

The report has been circulated that I have stated that the books of J. G. Hurt as city recorder were not correct. This is absolutely false. I never found or said I found any errors or omissions in the books of the recorder's office, occurring during his administration.

H. O. FROHBACH.

## WHY VOTE BONDS FOR AUTO TRUCK

FIRE DEPARTMENT UNIT IN BELIEF THAT AUTO TRUCK IS BEST  
FIRE PROTECTION FOR ASHLAND AND THE CHEAPEST

One of the questions upon which the people of Ashland must vote at the election tomorrow will be the voting of \$6,000 bonds for the purchase of a motor hose truck and 500 feet more hose. This is a proposition which the local fire department is behind to a man and they feel that it is not only for the best interests of the city but a matter of fairness to them that they be furnished the best fire-fighting equipment that can be afforded by a city of this size. In this belief they are sustained by the opinion of probably every voter, male or female, in the city. The only question which then arises is that of whether or not an auto truck is the best equipment than can be had. Whether it would be better and cheaper than a team and drivers. On this point the firemen are a unit in favor of the auto truck, and for the following reasons:

1. Because the company can get to the fire quicker.
2. Because of the saving of property value by being there quicker.
3. Because it is equipped with a 40-gallon chemical tank with 300 feet of 1 1/4-inch hose. It is a matter of statistics that 90 per cent of all fires are put out by the chemicals

when they have the chemical attachment.

4. In wet weather, on account of the slippery streets it is impossible to run a fire team and it is often unsafe to fire them.

5. All cities and towns that are adding any new equipment are putting in auto trucks. Furthermore, it is a fact that all large cities are converting their horse-drawn into auto-drawn apparatus.

6. An auto truck is cheapest in the long run because there is no expense for maintenance when the machine is not employed, as is the case with a team. It will cost no more for a man to tend the auto truck than for a man to take care of the team.

As to their ability to climb the hills and negotiate the mud in this city, those of the fire department and others who have gone into the matter are satisfied that they will do so.

Louis Dodge, president of the fire department, has shown the Tidings letters from a large number of cities throughout the United States where auto trucks have been put in which seem to prove beyond the shadow of

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## Every Woman Should Vote

Every woman in Ashland, and especially every woman who believes in a dry town, should vote tomorrow. This is especially true of the latter, because if Ashland should go for saloons tomorrow the women, right or wrong, would get the blame. "The woman Thou gavest me, she tempted me."

The question as to ladies being carried to the polls in carriages has arisen. The law provides that no candidate shall furnish teams to bring voters to the polls. However, any woman or man may legally ride to the polls with any neighbor or friend or with their own conveyance. The object of the law is to prevent systematic getting out the vote by means of carriages.

## VOTERS OF ASHLAND

Stop and Consider What the Best Inter-  
ests of the City DemandTo the Voters and Citizens of Ash-  
land:

I know you have been surfeited, and perhaps bored, in the matters relating to the coming election in our city.

I do hope, however, that you will have the kindness to read a few words that may give you some light and guidance. There are many matters on which I would like to talk to you, but as that is impossible I must take this method of communicating a few of my thoughts.

I have been nominated for the office of Mayor of this city, and you have a right to know as to what you can expect of me in case I am elected, and to know how I stand on pending propositions.

I am opposed to mud slinging and I hope that the people of Ashland will conduct this election in an honest, fair manner, free from vilifications and false accusations. I have nothing but the kindest regards for my opponent and have not said, nor will I say, or authorize anything to be said derogatory to him. If the people of the city of Ashland deem that Mr. Johnson is better fitted for Mayor of the city than I am, it is their privilege and duty to vote for him. I hope the opposition will not be as unkind and unfair as it was several years ago when they saw fit to issue a vile and scurrilous sheet and distribute it in the early morning of election day, too late for anyone to reply thereto.

## Twenty-two Years a Resident.

For more than twenty-two years I have lived in this city. We have reared our family here. If I have not done my duty, or have at any time shirked, or betrayed any trust imposed in me, I have yet to learn wherein I have failed in any extent or degree not natural to any well-meaning person. I have differed in many things from the views of other people, but have never taken a position or performed an act but that I was willing to defend either in private or on the rostrum.

## Comments on Circular.

On my return from Klamath county I was shown the circular issued and spread broadcast during my absence. I have carefully read the arguments of Messrs. Butterfield, Shoudy, Rosecrans, Barnard, Moore and Councilman Cunningham. They are all clean-cut from the viewpoints of the writers, and I am willing to give them due consideration, but Mr. Cunningham implies a treachery on the part of some citizens of Ashland, which accusations I do not believe are well founded.

## Answers Mr. Throne.

I read in that circular an article written by Mr. Throne. I have never had the honor of an acquaintance with him, but as he presents no argument at all, on the present issues his article has not a proper place among the others. It shows that he is a person naturally inclined to be a cynic, and a little inclined to blow his own bugle to attract attention to his "PERFECT SELF." He says: "If the bonds are defeated the next step will be to take over the city plant," and again he says, "The enemies of home industry are industriously at work to assassinate and turn over to the electric trust the city electric plant." It would be hard for me to believe that there are any in the city who would be willing to destroy any home industry, and as he does not state any facts to substantiate his statements we must presume he had no facts. And furthermore I would say that Mr. Throne does not seem to know what he is talking about. Every one in the city who has been here long enough to know, does know that when the people of the city of Ashland adopted the amendment to the city charter providing for the installation of the city lighting plant, that such amendment contained a provision, "That such system when established should never be leased or sold." That means that no city council has the power to either lease the city lighting system or to sell it, until the

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## TAKES NEW NAME.

Feed Store Becomes Ashland Feed  
and Grocery Store.

The Ashland Feed Store, 353 East Main street, has added to its line a full supply of groceries and is now run under the name of the Ashland Feed and Grocery Store. Mr. Dennis, the proprietor, has been for years well known to the Ashland buying public as proprietor of the place and his many friends will be glad to know that he has decided to add groceries to his line. The room has been handsomely remodeled and makes one of the attractive stores of Ashland.

## Delta Trapper Finds Mail Pouch.

Charles Cornish, a Delta trapper, found the registered mail pouch lost when the Shasta Limited was held up at that place, on the river bank below the depot.

The pouch was caught at high water mark in a small shrub by the river, and it is supposed that the missing holdup man, after finding his partner dead, ran to the river bank and threw the pouch in to hide all the evidence of the crime, and the fact that the river was in flood at the time lends strength to this theory.

Cornish hurried back to the post-office and the postmaster, after examining it as far as he dared until ordered to do so by the inspector, reported that not a piece of mail had been opened, although the water had loosened the mullage and most of the envelopes were open on that account.

The pouch was sent to San Francisco on the train that night. It is expected Cornish will receive a reward for his discovery.

## Lincoln Annuity Union Officers.

The following are officers of Lincoln Annuity Union, elected at their last regular meeting:

Speaker—Mrs. Lena Nelson.  
V. S.—G. W. Trefren.  
Clerk—Frances Damon.  
Chap.—Merry J. Trefren.  
Sergt.—Addie M. Link.  
Doorkeeper—Minnie E. Hunter.  
Trustees—E. A. Sherwin and G. W. Trefren.

## W. C. T. U. Service.

An all-day service will be held in the Congregational church on Tuesday, December 17. It will begin at 10 a. m. and last during the day. This service has been a custom that has been observed for many years in this city. A program filling the entire day has been provided for. Visitors will be very welcome, both men and women.

## Sullivan for the Cabinet.

Des Moines, Iowa, Dec. 12.—Jerry B. Sullivan, aspirant for the secretaryship of commerce and labor, may become a member of the new cabinet. Sullivan is in receipt today of a letter requesting that he meet President-elect Wilson in New York upon the latter's return from Bermuda. Sullivan has the support of Iowa democrats.

## A Contemptible Trick.

We wish to say of the unsigned article in the Medford Sun making scurrilous remarks against one of our leading citizens in its issue of yesterday, that it is too base and vile to copy it in the Tidings. Such articles should have no weight whatever.

## Clean-up Sale.

I will sell my dry wood to clean up: Cord wood, \$3.50; block wood, \$2.50; 12-inch block wood, \$2.25. Split wood 25 cents extra. Lay in your supply now. Wood is getting scarce. Wood choppers wanted. Phone 420-J. J. F. Roche. 54-tf

## Annual Church Meeting.

The annual meeting of the First Congregational church will be held Wednesday evening at the church. There will be supper at 6:30, followed by roll call of members, hearing of reports and various business matters, mostly routine.

## New Bank Cashier.

The Citizens' Banking & Trust Company has a new assistant cashier, in the person of a new son born Sunday morning to R. G. and Mrs. Walker. Mother and son are both doing nicely and Roy is able to attend to business.

—You can get the Hoover suction sweeper, absolutely the best made, at Simpson's Hardware Store.

—Kodaks at H. L. Whited's.

H. T. AUTRY  
WITHDRAWSHURT AND GILLETTE ALONE  
STRIVE FOR RECORDERSHIP.

## NAME NOT TO BE ON BALLOT

Question as to Whether State Law or  
Charter Governed Submitted to  
Attorney by Mayor—Attorney  
Holds State Law Governs.

H. T. Autry's name will not appear upon the city ballots for tomorrow. This was determined Saturday. The charter of the city says plainly that the recorder must put upon the ballot the names of those legally nominated. The state law permits them to withdraw. Which to obey was a question which Mr. Hurt, the city recorder, refused to decide, especially as a wrong decision would have invalidated the election. He insisted that he act under a written opinion delivered by an attorney selected by the mayor and ordered to give the opinion.

Attorney Moore was consulted and decided that Mr. Autry's name should not be printed on the ballot if the demand for its withdrawal was presented in proper form. The first demand was not drawn so as to comply with the law. It was later corrected, or rather replaced with a correct one, after which the recorder took Autry's name off the ballot.

Because of the fact that Mr. Hurt refused to proceed in the matter until he had a written opinion protecting himself should the legality of the proceeding be questioned, the report was spread that he was attempting to override the law to aid in his own election. As has heretofore been found to be the case, Mr. Hurt was found to be literally obeying the law.

## Does Jim Hill Control the S. P.?

Portland, Dec. 12.—It is reported on good authority here that James J. Hill of the Northern Pacific and Great Northern railroads is buying heavily into Southern Pacific stock in an effort to gain control of that road. Hill, at present, has to get hold of but few more shares to gain possession, it is stated.

The fact that Southern Pacific common continued to average 108 and closed today at 109, despite the break in the other Harriman stocks, on account of merger decisions, practically confirms Hill's activity.

The amount of stock held by Hill cannot be approximated, but it is enough to have caused Kuhn, Loeb & Co. to fight for control of the company for its Harriman clients.

The drop of 4 1/2 points in Union Pacific today, causing Morgan to bolster this stock to normal, also indicates that Hill is playing S. P. stock against the other roads.

## Odd Fellows, Attention.

There will be work in the Second degree Thursday evening, December 19. All members are urged to be present and visiting brothers are invited. G. W. TREFREN, Sec.

## Notice.

Dr. Blake has been called away by the sickness of his mother and his office will be closed until his return. It

—Christmas tree, Oregon grapes, mistletoe, Christmas decorations, etc., delivered to any part of the city at reasonable prices. Phone 252-R. 57-3t

## BASKET BALL GAME

High School Team Will Play Cottage  
Grove at High School Fri-  
day Night.

Friday night the first basketball team of the high school will play its first game of the season against Cottage Grove, a team which is expected to clean up everything in that part of the state. Indeed, Cottage Grove always has a good basketball team. The reputation of the home team needs no mention. Free autos will leave the plaza every few minutes. Reserved seats will be on sale at Lane's Confectionery at 35 cents, 25 cents for students' tickets, and 15 cents for grade children.

As this is the first game, a large crowd is desired to start the season with a rush.

—Reduced prices on all Christmas goods at Madame Dihan's.