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**HAS MADE NO  
APPOINTMENTS****MAYOR-ELECT JOHNSON IS MAKING HASTE SLOWLY IN THIS.****FIRST MEETING TUESDAY NIGHT****The Incoming Council Will Hold Its First Session on That Date—Appointments May Be Later—Hurt Succeeded by Gillette.**

Mayor-elect O. H. Johnson informs the Tidings that he has as yet decided upon no appointments for the coming administration and will not announce any before the regular meeting of the city council next Tuesday evening. It is probable, Mr. Johnson states, that he will not announce them all at that time as he is going to take time to investigate thoroughly in every instance and secure men who will make good in every respect. The incoming council will hold a conference meeting among themselves tonight, but no formal election will be taken in any matter until the meeting Tuesday evening.

City Recorder Hurt was checked out the afternoon of December 31 and Mr. Gillette is now in full charge of the office.

**SELLS TALENT STORE.****R. L. Burdic Company Disposes of Its Business.**

The R. L. Burdic Company of Talent has sold its store to Van der Sluis & Borgman of that place. Mr. Van der Sluis until a few months ago was interested in the Talent Mercantile Company. They will take possession as soon as the invoice, which will commence tomorrow, is completed.

M. J. Minney of Oakland, Cal., and T. B. Waite of Sutherlin were in the city yesterday on business connected with the transfer of the Waite tract east of Bear creek to an Oakland syndicate of which Mr. Minney is one of the members.

**THE SNOWDEN COAL****Siskiyou County Coal Will Soon be on Sale in Ashland—Local Parties Interested.**

The fuel problem bids fair to be at least partially solved for Ashland with the advent of coal from the Black Mountain mine near Snowden, in Siskiyou county. The coal is now being mined at the rate of about eight tons per day and it is expected that the first car will be received in this county in a couple of weeks. The only obstacle to this is that the Siskiyou county people are gobbling up the coal about as fast as it can be mined under present conditions, the output finding ready sale at the mouth of the mine for \$5 per ton. Several local men were over and investigated the mine the latter part of the week and they were so much impressed that several took stock in the mine.

Mr. Ralston, the sales agent, brought a sample of the coal to the Tidings office and it seems to be a good quality of bituminous coal. Those who have tried it claim that it will equal the Rock Springs coal and it can be put on the market here for about \$8.50 per ton. The Ashland Transfer & Storage Company will have a car in soon and if the quality proves satisfactory they will have the handling of the product in this vicinity. A test of the quality is being awaited anxiously by many citizens.

**Pioneer Dies.**

Mrs. Sarah A. Anderson, a resident of the Rogue River Valley since 1857, died at Rogue River, formerly Woodville, December 22. She came to San Francisco via the Isthmus of Panama in 1856, and came to the Rogue River Valley the next year, coming via Crescent City by pack train. She resided in the valley from that time to her death.

**Winter Strawberries.**

J. D. Simons brought in some strawberries today picked on his lots on Ashland street. There were also fresh buds and blossoms on the same plants.

Shirts tailored to your measure at Orres' Tailoring Shop.

**Bask From Frisco Hospital.**

Fred Dodge returned Monday from six weeks in the hospital at San Francisco taking treatment for an ailment due to his being smashed up in a railroad wreck ten miles below Ashland several years ago. While in San Francisco he reports seeing Emil Brophy and Bob Goodyear, former Ashland citizens who are holding responsible positions down there. Mr. Brophy is with Sorenson's, the well-known jeweler. Goodyear is running a branch cigar store for the Gunst people. Brophy was, until recently, at White's jewelry store in Ashland and Goodyear was formerly employed at Hosler's cigar store. Mr. Dodge also reports meeting Guy Jacobs on the street several times, he and his wife being down there this winter on account of her health.

**Cider Delivery.**

Powell Bros.' pure apple cider delivered to any part of the city. Phone 130. 50-tf

Phone news items to the Tidings.

**BASKET BALL GAMES**

**Ashland Boys Up Against Hard Teams on Trip to North Country.**

Dallas repeated Saturday night's feat by taking the Ashland high school into camp by the score of 26 to 15. The game was hard fought from the first whistle to the last. Dallas started with a rush and scored 14 points while the visitors made only three. Ashland braced and, fighting like demons, brought the score up to 17 to 13 at the end of the first half. After the intermission Dallas came back strong and for several minutes neither team scored. Time was taken out for Matheny, and after the brief rest Dallas again scored. Ashland's star center, Poor, who had been playing a wonderful game despite the fact that one hand was so badly sprained that it was useless, was replaced at center by Mills, who held his opponent scoreless throughout the rest of the game. Plymate went in at guard in Mills' place. From this time on the team seemed demoralized, and although they passed beautifully, could not work the ball down to the basket. Dallas played a steady game to the finish and rolled up several points. The basket shooting of the Dallas forwards was a revelation and was the main factor in contributing to the defeat of the southern Oregon boys. The game was played before a large crowd. From the first the game was marked by rough tactics and toward the end resembled a football match rather than basketball, but the officials kept it free from dirty work and the crowd was well satisfied. The Ashland boys did not play quite the finished game of the Dallas team, but individually were better. The Dallas team has played together, while the Ashland team has three new men. A month's practice and a few hard games will weld the team into a unit which will outclass any of the northern teams. The Ashland men are anxious to get another chance at the Dallas crowd and may bring them to Ashland in February.

The Ashland team plays in Independence Tuesday night with a weakened lineup.

The lineup:

Ashland.	Dallas.
Poor, Mills.....C.....	Hiestland
Phillips.....L. F.....	Boydston
Moody.....R. F.....	Woods
Mills; Plymate.....L. G.....	Herzog
Ashcraft.....R. G.....	Matheny
Referee, Manion; umpire, Boydston; timekeeper, Spencer; scorekeeper, Hawkins.	

Scores—December 31, Independence 25, A. H. S. 20. January 1, McMinnville 11, A. H. S. 13.

Gold Hill News: Two old cronies of stage coach times got together on Wednesday, when Ellis Beggs of Baker City ran up from Grants Pass, where he was visiting, to spend a few hours with his old friend, Nort Eddings. Away back in the '70s Ellis Beggs drove stage from Rock Point west to Levens, while Nort Eddings had the east route across the Siskiyous to Coles. Mr. Beggs is now a prominent stockman of Baker county.

Thos. H. Thompson wishes to announce that arrangements have been made by which Kellogg's famous pedigree strawberry plants can be secured through the Ashland Sunnyside Nursery at regular rates.

Mr. Blake, the ladies' tailor, is at Fuller's, 81 Oak.

**ELECTRIC LINES WANT FRANCHISES****BARNUM AND OAKLAND PARTIES CONTENDING FOR FRANCHISES IN MEDFORD—WOULD BUILD UP VALLEY**

An application was made to the Medford city council the first of the week for a franchise for an electric line in that city. The promoters are the parties who recently secured control of the Waite tract, across Bear creek from Ashland, and it is said to be their intention to connect this city with Medford by a trolley line along the east side of Bear creek. This would seem the logical place for such a line, as the west side of the valley is already pretty well served with the S. P. motor. That such a road would ultimately prove profitable, especially if continued up to the Tolman springs, and then and the intervening springs developed, seems certain. The fight in Medford was over the city franchise, the Barnum interests, which own the Jacksonville line, having also put in an application for an electric line. If as has been declared the Hill lines are back of Barnum a pretty fight has started for possession of the valley. The Medford Sun says of the meeting of the city council Tuesday afternoon:

Application of the M. F. Minney Realty Company of Oakland for a franchise to operate an interurban electric system will be considered at an executive session of the city council to be held Thursday night, and a definite answer given the applicants at the regular meeting of the council next Tuesday. The executive session will be public. This was the decision of the council reached at a special session held Tuesday afternoon.

Granting of the franchise to the Minney company was forestalled temporarily by the application of J. C. Barnum, owner of the Jacksonville "Cannondall," and represented by Attorney O. C. Boggs, for a franchise. In the consideration of this request Mr. Barnum received a flag at the hands of Attorneys Vawter and Kelley. Upon motion of Councilman Mitchell, seconded by Emerick, a motion was introduced and passed postponing definite action until the later date.

Considerable feeling manifested itself during the discussion of the merits of the Barnum application, for which Attorney Boggs contended with all his legal skill. He declared that Mr. Barnum had been in the Rogue River Valley for 22 years and was entitled to the first consideration, and that he was willing to meet any proposition offered by the Minney people. This brought somewhat sarcastic comment from Attorneys Vawter and Kelley.

"I do not believe," said Attorney Vawter, "that there are six men in this town who will solemnly swear that they believe Mr. Barnum will build a street car railroad. He bought the road to Jacksonville for less than the rails cost, and it is his method to be penny wise and pound foolish, even if it would make him money in the long run. I say this without any disrespect to Mr. Barnum, but it is the nature, the construction and the habits of the man, and he cannot help it. The Minney people want to build a railroad, and they should get together without any unnecessary delay."

**BARACAS ARE PRAISED**

**Local Basketball Team Gets High Praise From Central Point Y. M. C. A. Manager.**

The manager of the Central Point Y. M. C. A. basketball team, which will play the Baracás here tomorrow night, is loud in his praise of the Ashland team. In a letter to V. O. N. Smith, the manager of the local team, he says:

"You will probably be glad to know that of all the teams that have played here, your men have played the cleanest and most gentlemanly game. A number of people have compared the conduct of other teams with that of the Baracás, the latter not suffering by the comparison. I assure you."

Better get a pair of those \$1 shoes at Enders' sale.

Dave Whittle tenders thanks to every one who voted for him in the watch contest at Beebe & Kinney's.

**Postoffice at Talent Robbed.**

The postoffice at Talent was robbed Sunday night and a small amount of money and stamps taken. Entrance was effected through a rear door. No clues were left as to the identity of the burglars. The local police were informed early today. It is believed that the same party robbed the office at Talent night.

It was reported today that the office at Eagle Point was entered last week but that nothing was taken.

**Farmers' Institute.**

On Friday and Saturday afternoons of this week there will be a meeting at the Commercial Club rooms to talk over agricultural and horticultural matters, and there will be some expert testimony submitted by professors from the Oregon Agricultural College. The meeting on Friday will begin at 2 o'clock, and on Saturday at 1 o'clock. All interested should be in attendance and take advantage of practical suggestions offered.

**P. & E. R. R. TO EXTEND**

**Report Current in Medford That the Hill Railroad Will Soon Be Built to Bend.**

The Pacific & Eastern railroad will be extended east to a junction with the Hill line, which was built down the Deschutes river, early in 1913, if a report which reached Medford Tuesday night is true. The officers and engineers of the Hill lines in Oregon have been in meeting in Portland for the past three days, and it is believed that an appropriation has been made to carry on the work.

Reports from the region of Bend are to the effect that a large amount of Porter Bros.' stock has been brought into that part of the state to winter. Those who are most familiar with the winter conditions in central Oregon point out that winter conditions there are not favorable for winter feeding, and they have begun to think that the Hill interests are contemplating the rapid starting of work similar to the commencement of the building of the Deschutes line.

The Medford Sun announced last week that an appropriation was available for the building of an additional six miles into the timber east of Butte Falls. The Portland report is to the effect that this is only a part of the plan and that the whole connecting link will be built.

The extension of this line will bring Medford at least 24 hours nearer to the eastern railroad centers and will cut out several hundred miles in distance.

Vice-President and General Manager William Gerig of the Pacific & Eastern railroad is in Portland and could not be reached. No local confirmation of the proposed extension could be obtained.

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**POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE.****Joint Installation.**

At the G. A. R. hall Saturday evening, January 4, 1913, the Burnside post, No. 23, and the W. R. C. will hold a joint installation. All come and have a good time. Don't forget your full lunch basket of cake and sandwiches.

**By order of the commander.**

Cleaning and pressing of all kinds at Orres' Tailoring Shop.

**POLYTECHNIC****A SUCCESS**

**ASHLAND'S NEW SCHOOL IS MAKING GOOD.**

**NEW STUDENTS ARE ENTERING**

**Changes in the Faculty Made and Studies in Engineering Mathematics Are Commenced—Prospects Bright.**

The Polytechnic school is progressing finely, and an increasing interest is shown. The number of students is steadily increasing and the interest of the students is growing. It takes some time for a new educational institution to work up the spirit de corps of an established institution, and until this is done the student body is not apt to take an active interest in the things specially pertaining to the school. However, the boys have formed a basketball team which starts out with a good showing and will doubtless be heard from later in the season to the credit of the institution.

The engagement of Miss Bagley of the University of California will without doubt do much to strengthen the stenographic department. The mathematics for the engineering courses, including trigonometry, are now being taught and the engineering courses will be installed next summer or fall. The school expresses itself as grateful for the support of the community and hopes to double its attendance the coming season.

**A New Teacher for the Polytechnic College.**

Miss Bayly, a graduate of the University of California at Berkeley, and also a graduate of the Oakland Polytechnic College, is employed as teacher of stenography in the Polytechnic College of Ashland, and will begin her work next Monday, January 6. Miss Bayly comes highly recommended by the school people of California. She will arrive Friday afternoon, accompanied by her mother.

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Don't forget we give away a beautiful and useful present every Tuesday and Friday nights. Save the coupons every time you visit Dreamland, where the clearest, brightest and best pictures in southern Oregon are shown.

**Evangelical Meetings.**

The union evangelistic meetings will begin next Monday night in the Congregational church at 7:30 p. m. and will be held there every night except Saturday until the following Monday. All of the leading churches in the city have united in these services, and the greatest interest has already been manifested by the hundreds of church members who have been praying for weeks for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Everybody is invited, and every one is asked to bring some one else with them to the meetings. Here is the way to begin the new year. Get right with God. The music will be under the direction of Mr. Isaacs of Forest Grove, a professional gospel singer and trainer of choruses. Don't forget the first service is on next Monday night.

**Commercial Club Meets.**

The regular monthly session of the commercial organization will be held on Monday evening, January 6. Inasmuch as various measures will be considered regarding the future policy of the club, a full attendance is desired.