

POLYTECHNIC PROBLEM IS SOLVED

COMMERCIAL CLUB WILL BACK NOTES OF DESERVING STUDENTS WHO WANT TO ATTEND ASHLAND INSTITUTION

The Commercial Club Monday evening took action which it is believed will solve the question of the difficulty of meeting the agreement with the Polytechnic school and will result in the permanency of the institution.

After considerable discussion it was decided that there should be two committees of four each appointed, one to find deserving young people who would like to attend the Polytechnic school if they could pay the tuition after they got to earning, and the other to find men or women who would advance the necessary funds for these scholarships, they to take notes from the students for the money, and the notes to be endorsed by the Commercial Club.

Inasmuch as the club had guaranteed fifty scholarships, even though under a misunderstanding as to the number then actually secured, it was thought better to try and secure scholars to take these scholarships on credit than to attempt to make

good the guarantee in any other way. The result of the meeting will without doubt secure the permanence of the school and will also give about twenty young people a chance to borrow money for their tuition without feeling that they are under obligations to anyone.

Any young people desiring to attend school and who have not the ready money to pay their scholarships are requested to make application to the Commercial Club's secretary, at his office, and they will be given full information how to proceed. There is the money ready for two scholarships, promised by the Civic Improvement Club, and there will be more ready within a few days, if not already in sight.

The Commercial Club and the city at large are to be congratulated upon the outcome of the meeting Monday evening as it will put the school on a firm footing and will also aid worthy young people to gain an education.

TO FIX FIRE ALARM SYSTEM.

City Electrician Authorized to Expend Fifty Dollars.

The fire alarm system, which has been in a condition of nervous prostration, senile dementia, or locomotor ataxia for the past year or more, is to be put in order, if the plans of City Electrician Butterfield do not miscarry. The council Tuesday evening authorized an expenditure of not to exceed \$50 for the purpose of moving the wires onto the city poles and rewiring the system. It is thought that this, with the soldering of all joints, will prevent the opening of the circuit, which rings the bell, when no alarm is turned in.

Out of 11,000,000 natives of Egypt only 600,000 can read and write.

Over 51,000 locomotives are daily operated in the United States.

THANKED LEGISLATORS.

Commercial Club Extended It Because of Normal Bill.

The Commercial Club at its regular meeting Monday night passed a resolution extending a vote of thanks to the members of the Jackson county delegation in the legislature for their exertions in securing the passage of the bill placing the appropriation for the Southern Oregon Normal School on the 1914 ballots.

Express Thanks.

We, the student body of the Polytechnic College, desire to express our appreciation of the work of the Commercial Club and that of all others who have so kindly aided in securing the needed funds to sustain the school.

(Signed) STUDENT BODY.

Phone No. 39 when in need of job printing. Work and prices are right.

COUNTY COURT WILL FIGHT FOR LEVY

MAIL TRIBUNE STATES MATTER MUST BE TAKEN INTO COURTS TO SECURE RELIEF FROM ILLEGAL TAXATION

City Attorney Burns and Attorney W. J. Moore reported to the city council on Tuesday evening that they had visited Jacksonville and Medford and had consulted with County Judge Tou Velle and Porter J. Neff of Medford, his legal advisor, concerning the levy of a 3-mill county road tax on the property in the city of Ashland. Judge Tou Velle and Mr. Neff, while not agreeing to cancel the tax as illegal, agreed to segregate the moneys received from said tax and hold them subject to return in case it was decided either by the county court or after trial in another court that the levy was illegal. The attorneys also held that the city was not a proper party to any suit over this matter.

The Mail Tribune of Tuesday evening, in commenting upon the visit of Messrs. Burns and Moore to Jacksonville and Medford in connection with the matter, says:

"Claiming that the Ashland charter exempts that city from paying a general county road tax, Attorneys Burns and Moore called upon County Judge Tou Velle today for a conference and following it stated that they would probably institute suit to enjoin the county from collecting the tax.

"County Judge Tou Velle stated that he was of the opinion, and been so advised by attorneys, that the charter provision exempting Ashland from such a tax is unconstitutional. The case will probably be fought through the courts."

ASK FOR IMPROVEMENTS

Several Petitions Presented to City Council Asking for Street Improvements.

A petition was presented to the city council asking that the street running from Mill street to Granite street, just above the planing mill, be improved and that the city property adjoining be cleaned up and put in shape as a park. The petition was referred to the street committee. A petition was also presented to the council asking that Strawberry lane, running up the hill from Granite street, be widened to 32 feet, by adding 16 feet to the south side. The petition was signed by nearly all if not all abutting property owners, and was referred to the street committee.

The petition for the opening of Emerick avenue was also referred to the street committee.

To prevent an automobile speeding and yet allow the full power to be used when needed, a governor driven from a hub like a speed indicator has been invented.

Rats! Rats!! Rats!!!

Councilman Cunningham is becoming badly worried lest the city be overwhelmed with a curse of rats. He says that they are increasing very rapidly and that they are doing much damage in the city, and also that they are very dangerous to the community in the way of spreading disease. The matter was brought up by Mr. Cunningham at the meeting of the city council Tuesday evening, and Mayor Johnson added his experience with the rodents at his North Main street residence. He had found a good tabby cat effectual. The council took no formal action in the matter.

Depot Players Winners.

The second series of pocket billiard games between the Depot Parlors and the Ashland Parlors were played on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, the Depot team winning easily by the following score: Depot team—Newt Harrison 150, Ray Sayle 150; total 300. Ashland team—P. M. Shradar 147, Ivan Dennis 102; total 247. The games were full of good, clean playing and were much enjoyed by the spectators.

ARCHBISHOP COMING.

Prelate Will Speak in Ashland Catholic Church Sunday.

Passion Sunday, March 7, His Grace, Archbishop Christie of Portland will occupy the pulpit at the 10:30 mass in Our Lady of the Mountain church at the corner of C and Sixth streets.

Father Molsant, the pastor, extends an invitation to all to hear the distinguished prelate. The choir under the direction of Mrs. Sylvan Provost will render Battman's Mass inimitably.

The archbishop is making this visit to consult with the pastor over the proposed erection of the new school and hall. Being a strong believer in the future of Ashland as an educational center, he wishes to attract to our midst by giving them the advantages of a parochial school. Catholic parents who have in view the higher education of their children.

WILSON NOW PRESIDENT ESTABLISHES A FUND

New Chief Executive Inaugurated Amid Usual Scenes—New Cabinet Is Named.

Woodrow Wilson was inaugurated president Tuesday amid the usual scenes at Washington, 75,000 witnessing the taking of the oath of office. The inaugural address has been well received by the country regardless of party. The following is the new cabinet:

Secretary of State—William Jennings Bryan of Nebraska.

Treasurer—William G. McAdoo of New York.

War—Lindley M. Garrison of New Jersey.

Attorney General—James McReynolds of Tennessee.

Postmaster General—Albert Burleson of Texas.

Navy—Josephus Daniels of North Carolina.

Interior—Franklin K. Lane of California.

Agriculture—David A. Houston of Missouri.

Commerce—Representative William C. Redfield of New York.

Labor—Representative William B. Wilson of Pennsylvania.

BASKETBALL GAMES.

Two Nights of Basketball at High School.

The Ashland boys are in perfect shape and promise to put up the best game of their career. Extra seating arrangements have been arranged for the record-breaking crowd which is expected. The prices are 25 cents general admission, grade children 15 cents. Front rows and balcony 10 cents extra. On Thursday night a fast preliminary will commence at 7:45 o'clock. The old town team will meet Professor Manion's All Stars in a game played under intercollegiate rules. This will be the first chance for fans to see a game under these rules.

On Friday night the preliminaries will start at 7:30 sharp in order that those who wish may attend other affairs afterward. The main event will start at 8:20. The preliminary will be between the Sioux club and the Baptist Baraca team, and is sure to be interesting.

On Thursday and Friday evenings of this week the Corvallis high school will meet the Ashland high school to battle for the state championship. Corvallis high has been under the coaching of Proc. Klum, who promises the Ashlanders the beating of their lives. Corvallis has defeated Independence, Dallas, Newberg and Albany and has first claim on the valley championship.

AFTER THE SPEEDERS

City Council Will Probably Buy Motorcycle for Chief of Police of City.

The city council Tuesday evening took up the matter of the speeding of automobiles and motorcycles. Chief Oien stated that it was impossible to intercept them without a machine, or to prove their speed unless there was a speedometer on the officer's machine. The council was unanimous in the opinion that the chief should be supplied with a machine and the matter was referred to Councilmen Worth and Gowdy to act in conjunction with the chief and report at next meeting.

The Bell Telephone Company has 175,000 employees on its payroll.

FINE VOLUME.

Yearbook of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

The issue for the year 1911 abounds with valuable information not only for the agriculturist but also for the citizen in general. It is a substantial volume of over 700 pages, splendidly illustrated, and brimful of information pertaining to statistics, maps, methods of culture, etc. A limited number of copies are available at the Commercial Club rooms, they having just been received through the courtesy of Congressman Hawley.

Has Moved Office.

—Dr. Bostough has moved his office from the Beaver building to the rooms in the Citizens' Banking and Trust Company building heretofore occupied by Dr. A. J. Fawcett.

Old papers for sale at the Tidings

Commercial Club Establishes a Fund to be Loaned to Students of Polytechnic School.

The Commercial Club at its meeting Monday evening resolved to establish a fund to assist students to take a commercial course in the Ashland Polytechnic school, to the extent of the amount required for 20 students. The object of the Commercial Club is to furnish students who have not the means at present to get a commercial education and a chance to take a commercial course without delay. It is expected that the student will give his or her note bearing 6 per cent interest to be paid as soon as possible by such student. If there are any such persons among the readers of the Tidings or their friends that desire to take advantage of this liberal offer they will communicate at once with one of the members of the following committee, viz: B. W. Falcott, Mrs. E. C. Gaard, Mrs. C. H. Gillette or Mrs. Otto Winter, or with the secretary or president of the Ashland Commercial Club. As the fund is insufficient for more than 20 students it is quite important that any person desiring these advantages should not neglect sending in their application at once.

B. W. FALCOTT, Chairman Committee.

Notice to Water Users.

Notice to persons having toilets or faucets that leak: You are hereby notified to fix all leaking toilets or faucets that are in use in the city of Ashland and on the city waterworks system. On and after the expiration of 20 days from the 12th day of March the plumbing inspector will begin an inspection of the toilets and faucets of the users of the city water, and after that date anyone with leaky toilets or faucets will be proceeded against under the ordinances of the city governing same.

Kind Words for the Dead.

"Good heavens, man! I saw your obituary in this morning's paper!" "Yes, I know. I put it in myself. My opera is to be produced tonight, and I want good notices from the critics."—Lippincott's.

Revolvers at Cost.

In view of the new law in regard to the sale of revolvers, we will close out our stock of same at cost for the next ninety days. Elkhorn Gun Store, North Main street. \$1-1f

The sausage eaten in this country

in the course of a year would encircle the earth more than six times.

Excavation Commenced for One in Connection With Local Catholic Church.

Excavation has commenced for the erection of an eight-room parochial school building in the rear of "Our Lady of the Mountain" Catholic church at the corner of C and Sixth streets.

Rev. Father Molsant, pastor of the church, states that the details of the building will be announced only after the consultation with Archbishop Christie, who will be in Ashland Sunday.

New Zealand's short working hours

have not injured Auckland's growth, the population of which city has doubled since 1899.

MAYOR ADVOCATES PUBLIC MARKET

ASHLAND'S EXECUTIVE BROACHED SUBJECT OF PUBLIC MARKET TO CITY FATHERS AT MEETING TUESDAY NIGHT

Among the most important suggestions made at a council meeting in recent years was that of Mayor Johnson at the meeting Tuesday evening, when he urged the necessity of the city establishing a public market whereby the producer may sell direct to the consumer. Mayor Johnson cited the Medford public market, which he stated had made good.

The Tidings is in favor of anything which will lower the burden of the householder and that will increase the price paid the producer, if such a thing can be done. A Tidings representative interviewed the Allen Grocery Company of Medford as regards the affect of the market upon the grocers, and was informed that if the ordinance governing the market would not hurt the stores. What the grocers of Medford object to is the permitting of men to sell goods

purchased of others at the market. This they claim is contrary to the ordinance.

The Tidings knows of many places in the east where the market place and market days are proving very successful. Dubuque, Iowa, is a city where there has been a public market for nearly if not quite half a century, and the city would not think of giving it up. As to how it works in the west is a question which cannot be answered without investigation. This the Tidings expects to give some time to and hopes to present in the near future some definite data in the matter.

It certainly is the proper thing if it can be worked out without serious injury to local merchants. It is claimed by the advocates of the market that the grocers gain in that their gardener patrons have the cash to pay them, instead of asking them to take "garden sass."

MORE WATER EXPENSE.

More Testimony in Water Rights Case to be Taken.

Attorney W. J. Moore informed the city council that it would be necessary to hold another hearing in the matter of the city's water rights to take rebuttal testimony, and that there would be additional expense for the extending of the testimony in longhand. The state engineer will be here March 14 to take the testimony, the evidence to be taken in the council chamber.

Attention, Brother Moose.

—Every brother is requested to attend the meeting Monday evening, March 10, by order of the social committee. Special business.

Commerce of Hawaii in 1912 was

\$15,000,000 greater than in 1911.

A BEAUTIFUL STORE.

R. J. Smith Now Occupying His New Room in Elks Temple.

R. J. Smith is now settled in his new storeroom in the Elks building. He has installed an entirely new set of fixtures and the place is one of the prettiest this side of Portland. His line of cut glass and china shows up beautifully and he will without doubt get a good share of the business of the city.

Bar Hitching Rack.

The city council Tuesday evening approved the report of the street committee refusing to grant the petition of the White House Grocery for permission to erect a hitching rack on Gresham street. The committee based its report upon the fact that the street had been ordered curbed and gutters put in and that the hitching racks would endanger the improvements.

The Tidings for artistic printing.

CONTINUE STAR CHAMBER METHODS

CITY COUNCIL PERSISTS IN PASSING BILLS WITHOUT READING OR OTHER MEANS OF PUBLICITY

The city fathers continue to hold, apparently, that the citizens have no rights that the council is compelled to respect. They again allowed a large number of bills of which the citizens have no knowledge, at the last meeting. After the council had voted to allow the bills the mayor had to ask the recorder to pass them up for his examination, that he might know what the council was doing.

Of course if the citizens have no right to know where their money goes, except as the council sees fit to tell them, the Tidings has nothing more to say in the matter. Until this fact is legally established, the Tidings will continue to insist that

the council give publicity to the expenditure of the city funds.

The alleged reason for not reading the bills in open session is that it would consume too much time, yet the council on Tuesday evening sat and waited in silence while Mayor Johnson read the list of bills over to himself.

Thanks, apparently, to the attitude of the Tidings in the matter, the finance committee did not quite have the nerve to include the bills of two of the members for auditing the treasurer's books in the secret session work. These bills were for 1 1/2 hours' work each at 50 cents per hour and were read and allowed in open meeting as all bills should be.

High Living.

"What! Fifty cents for putting in the load of coal? You charged only a quarter the last time."

"Yes, mum, but coal has riz."—New York World.

American paper money is so superior

to that of most other countries that Germany, Greece and Brazil are reported to have lately considered or resolved upon the adoption of our methods in producing such money. China, under the new regime, is, it is said, actually having its notes printed in this country.

It is stated in Rome that a private

wireless telegraph post is to be installed in the vatican which will transmit to a considerable distance. The antennae will be set up in the gardens of the vatican.

Father Gabriele Nahapetian of

Venice wants to rearrange the calendar so that Easter will become a fixed date.

In the densest parts of Bombay there are 779 persons to the acre. New York has 1,000 in the same area.

Chronic Stomach Trouble Cured.

There is nothing more discouraging than a chronic disorder of the stomach. Is it not surprising that many suffer for years with such an ailment when a permanent cure is within their reach and may be had for a trifle? "About one year ago," says P. H. Beck of Wakelee, Mich., "I bought a package of Chamberlain's Tablets, and since using them I have felt perfectly well. I had previously used any number of different medicines, but none of them were of any lasting benefit." For sale by Poley's Drug Store.

On the Move.

Miss Fussandfeather—There's my friend, Mrs. Hifler. She moves in the best society.

Mrs. Yeast—Yes; I suppose she

finds it cheaper to move than to pay rent.—Philadelphia Telegraph.

Diplomatic.

Mrs. Benham—Did you discharge the cook?

Benham—No; I requested her resignation.

In Prussia a whole new knee joint has been successfully grafted.