

**BEGIN SUIT
TO EJECT**COUNCIL AUTHORIZES MAYOR TO
COMMENCE ACTION.**C.-O. POWER CO. MUST VACATE**At Adjourned Meeting Friday Night
City Retains Reames and Moore
to Bring Suit Against Rival Light
Company.

On Friday evening at an adjourned meeting of the city council the mayor was authorized to commence action to oust the Ashland Electric Power and Light Company, now a subsidiary corporation of the California-Oregon Power Company, from the city.

The city retained Attorney E. A. Reames of Medford and City Attorney Moore to act for them in the matter. Mayor Johnson states today that Mr. Moore has gone to Medford to assist Mr. Reames in preparing the suit and that it will be started in a few days. The grounds on which the suit are brought are alleged invalidity of the franchise.

PUT IN POWER.W. Y. Crowson Installs Motor in
Confectionery.

W. Y. Crowson has installed a power ice cream plant at his confectionery. A two-horse motor has been put in which runs a power ice cream freezer, a power ice crusher and a power churn. They make all the butter used in the confectionery business, and this is no small amount, as will be seen when it is known that he keeps one or two girls most of the time packing candy. One reason for making the butter is to be sure of a sufficient quantity of a first-class article. Another is to make an outlet for the surplus cream. By this means he can be sure to have all the cream needed for making ice cream and for other purposes, without the loss incident to not having an outlet. If he does not need it for ice cream it is permitted to sour and is made into butter with profit.

Wilson Writes Message About Mexican
Muddle.

Washington, Aug. 22.—President Wilson shut himself in his study here today and began typewriting personally the message he is to send to congress on the Mexican situation. The president dislikes to dictate and will do all the work on the document himself.

It is believed the president will make additional recommendations to congress concerning America's attitude, and it is possible that a new Mexican policy will be outlined. The message will be the longest that President Wilson has yet written.

Road Frauds Exceed Those of Boss
Tweed.

Albany, N. Y., Aug. 22.—John Hennessey, investigator for Governor Sulzer, who has been probing state highway contracts to show the animus behind Sulzer's impeachment, today promised "punishment of the thieves higher up who are behind the road frauds to an extent which would make Boss Tweed ashamed of his moderation."

The oldest national flag in the world is that of Denmark, which dates from 1210.

IMPROVEMENTS BEGUNA. L. Lamb Begins Work on City
Hall—Frank Jordan Commences
Bridge Construction.

The work on the remodeling of the city hall has already been begun by A. L. Lamb under the contract awarded him last week. Mr. Lamb set a crew of men at work Friday and erected a tool house, etc., and on Saturday morning the workmen began getting ready to commence actual construction. A crew of men were at work Saturday tearing down the old tower on the city hall.

On Saturday Frank Jordan also began to gather the material for the new concrete arch bridge to be placed across Ashland creek or Mill creek. He will hustle the work to an early completion.

This morning a crew went to work for Mr. Jordan tearing up one side of the old bridge.

CONWAY MAKES GOOD.Marshfield Record Tells of Beautiful
House Erected by Them.

Marshfield Record: F. E. Conway Company have sold a fine up-to-date southern California bungalow to John W. Motley, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, to be erected on Second street in Marshfield. Construction will commence at once. This is one of the latest plans, containing every convenience all built in, ironing board drop from the wall, breakfast nook that looks like a section from a dining car, wood lift, range hood, medicine chest, flour bins, bread board and cupboard room galore. A beautiful built-in buffet with a bevel plate mirror, window seats, plate rail, paneled wainscoting, banded ceiling, archway with built-in bookcases, hardwood floors, etc. Magnificent hand-wrought bungalow hardware, concrete porches, flower boxes, sun room, screened porch, basement and conveniences found in the very latest and best apportioned homes.

The F. E. Conway Company have been starting one of these fine homes here or at North Bend every week since coming on the bay and have several more in prospect.

PIONEER DAY PROGRAMCommittee Arrangements for Old
Settlers' Reunion Thursday Are
Practically Completed.

Progress was reported all the way along the line in the way of preparations for the annual reunion of the old settlers to be held in Ashland next Thursday, at the meeting of the committees of native sons and daughters having the arrangements in hand, at the city hall, Friday afternoon. There was a good attendance. Jacksonville was represented in the person of Miss Alice Hanley.

A slight change in the arrangement of the program of the day was decided upon. The forenoon exercises at the Chautauqua tabernacle will be called at 10:30 o'clock and will embrace musical numbers, the reading of memorials of deceased members, historical sketches, and any general business of the society.

The address of the day by Mr. Irving E. Vining will be at 2 o'clock p. m. with musical preludes, etc.

The banquet to the pioneers and their families at noon will be served in the G. A. R. hall and promises to maintain the well-established reputation of the native daughters in the culinary line.

Reports received indicate that there will be a goodly attendance from throughout the valley of the old settlers and their families to join in the festivities of the reunion. The exercises at the Chautauqua tabernacle, both morning and afternoon, are public and all are cordially invited to attend them.

Storage Plant Ready.

Medford Sun: The new cold storage plant of the Rogue River Fruit and Produce Association was thrown open for business yesterday and the temperature was maintained at 34, while as an experiment 32 was reached during the day. Two cars of pears are in storage now, and as there are orders for mixed cars later on, Anjous will be held in storage until the winter Nellis are ready, probably the first of October.

Several hundred boxes of Bartlett's will also be held as an experiment for a later market. The market went up last year at the close, and although it is strong now there is a probability that it will decline some in the next few weeks and rise rapidly late in the season.

The new plant is a finely appointed building of concrete and tile, has a cold storage capacity of 50 cars and a dry storage capacity of 50 cars. It has been completed in about eight weeks from the time ground was broken and will cost in the neighborhood of \$40,000.

An Interesting Meeting.

Rev. Frank Lindblad, pastor of the First Brethren church, occupied the pulpit at the union meeting Sunday evening and preached a very forceful sermon. The music was furnished by the Methodist choir. A delightful solo by Mrs. C. B. Wolf elicited much favorable comment. There will also be a union meeting next Sunday evening at the tabernacle.

The largest proportion of suicides in European countries is to be found in Germany.

POWERS MAY COERCE PRES. HUERTAFRANCE, GREAT BRITAIN AND JAPAN ARE AMONG NATIONS EXERT-
ING THEIR INFLUENCE FOR PEACE IN MEXICO

Washington, Aug. 23.—France, Great Britain and Japan are among the nations which have exerted their influence on the Huerta administration in Mexico in support of America's efforts to bring about a peaceful settlement of the revolution.

While administration officials were silent regarding this phase there was lively interest in diplomatic circles concerning the probable effect of foreign pressure on Huerta.

It was learned the Mexican authorities hoped President Wilson would not read his message Tuesday and showed a disposition to prolong the negotiations. Unless some tangible overtures are received within 48 hours from the Huerta officials indicating a desire to accept America's fundamental proposals the president will proclaim to congress and the world his attitude toward Mexico.

El Paso, Aug. 23.—United States military authorities seized a quantity of paper money here today intended for the constitutionalists forces in Mexico and held it as contraband of war. The currency, which is the first shipment of \$5,000,000 to be issued by the constitutionalists, is held pending instructions from Washington. It was printed in the United States. The amount seized was not stated.

Mexico City, Aug. 23.—The return of General Trevino from his home at Monterey and the announcement that he was coming immediately to the capital has given rise to the report that the administration contemplates some concessions to the demands of the Washington government.

General Trevino has been for some months in California, having gone there after being summoned to Mexico City last March when it was rumored President Huerta planned to resign in his favor and take the field against the rebels. General Trevino is one of the oldest Mexican generals and is esteemed by the rebel leaders as well as the administration adherents.

Negotiations between the Mexican

WILL MEET AT MEDFORDTri-State Good Roads Meet Sched-
uled for Rogue River Valley
for 1914 Meeting.

Eureka, Cal., Aug. 21.—At the closing session of the good roads meeting here today the Pacific Highway Association was organized to carry on the work, which has as its end the building of a system of highways connecting Oregon, Washington and California.

Medford, Ore., was chosen as the 1914 meeting place. The officers elected were: President, Dudley Smeltzer of Redding, Cal.; vice-presidents, S. E. S. Collins of Ostrander, Wash., J. W. McCoy of Ashland, Ore., and Dr. J. D. Bullitt of San Jose, Cal.; treasurer, B. F. Lynip of Alturas, Cal.; secretary, George Boos of Medford.

Governors Johnson, West and Lister were entertained at a clam bake at Sequoia Park.

Governor Johnson declared in an address that 90 per cent of California's \$18,000,000 highway fund would go for actual construction. Governor Lister also spoke.

Gaynor Wouldn't Play Tammany's
Game.

New York, Aug. 22.—Commenting on Tammany's choice of McCall for mayor, Mayor Gaynor said: "One thing I can say, I have not turned the city nor the rent payers over for spoliation to any organized band who make spoliation their life's pursuit, whose smug, sleek faces show that they wax rich and fat filching the taxes paid by their industrious and respectable neighbors. The rent payers and the taxpayers of New York may turn themselves over for spoliation if they choose, but I have not done it."

"Whether I run again depends on the wishes of my fellow citizens. I had a pretty hard time four years ago to hold my own against all comers and against corrupt influence, but I have been mayor."

Persons with blue eyes are rarely affected with color blindness.

BIG BARN BURNS.Lanini Brothers Lose Barn and Stock
by Fire.

A large dairy barn on the Huck ranch, now owned by the Lanini brothers, and located five miles east of Ashland, burned to the ground Saturday night. The barn was built by D. Perozzi, in 1908, at a cost of \$1,500 and was one of the model dairy barns of southern Oregon. The building at the time of its loss contained 200 tons of hay, two thoroughbred Brown Swiss heifers and two thoroughbred sows with their pigs, all of which were lost. There is \$1,000 insurance on the barn. The cause of the fire is unknown.

Services at the County Farm.

A number of Ashland church people met at the Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon and journeyed by auto to the county farm near Talent, where services were held for the benefit of the inmates.

Will Continue Organization.

The old fire department which was displaced under the new ordinance met Saturday evening and decided to continue their organization for the present at least.

IS A BIG IMPROVEMENTNew Front in Masonic Temple Makes
Building Much More Modern
in Appearance.

Frank Jordan has practically completed his contract for putting new fronts in the Masonic building, occupied by the postoffice and the E. N. Butler confectionery. The new fronts are up to date in every respect and are among the most handsome in the city. There has been some criticism of the front of the postoffice as not being especially adapted to that purpose. The United States has a lease for ten years, about half of which has expired. Your Uncle Samuel, however, has a custom of putting in every lease to which he is a party a provision permitting the United States to cancel it at any time. In other words, it binds the other fellow but does not bind the government. For this reason the local Masonic lodge did not feel justified in putting in a front that would not be suitable for commercial purposes should Ashland get a government building or for any other reason the government decide to move.

The statement has been made that there was not as much room in the present building as the regulations require for a city of this size. The Tidings asked Postmaster Casey as to this and he says that there is all the room needed or required. Since the delivery of carrier mail at the windows Sunday has been done away with there is never anything approaching congestion in the lobby.

The carpenter work on the two fronts has been done by Messrs. Leonard and Borror and reflects credit upon them.

Davis Got \$4,000 for Arguments
Made to Taft.

Washington, Aug. 22.—Former President Taft's name was injected into today's session of the house lobby hearing, when the committee tried to learn just what service Henry E. Davis performed to merit the \$4,000 he is alleged to have received from the defense fund raised against the loan shark bill.

The committee could not find that Davis went beyond arguing against the bill before Former President Taft. Davis said he only knew that his money was coming from "an association of men." He flatly charges that Taft broke his word by signing the bill twenty-four hours before he said he would.

**Uncle Sam May Decide Quarrel of
Governorship.**

Washington, Aug. 22.—The United States government may have to say the last word as to who, Sulzer or Glynn, is governor of New York. The postoffice department expects that Glynn will demand that all mail addressed to the "governor of New York" shall be delivered to him, and Justice Minister Burleson is trying to decide whom to recognize. Burleson said today that he believed a decision on the matter would enable Sulzer to get his case into the federal courts. The Shaw case also may force a showdown in the New York governorship fight.

As many as 200,000 herrings have been brought into Yarmouth by a single fishing boat.

**POLYTECHNIC
IMPROVEMENTS**ASHLAND SCHOOL GREATLY IM-
PROVES ITS FACILITIES.**ENTIRE GROUND FLOOR IN USE**Professor Hardy Rapidly Getting
Things in Shape for a Prosperous
Year in All Departments of the
School.

The Polytechnic school has been making great improvements in its quarters the past few weeks. The school will hereafter occupy the entire first floor of the building and will all be on the first floor the coming year instead of being part on each floor as heretofore. The floors have been oiled throughout, the woodwork brightened up and other improvements made. Toilet facilities have been put in the ladies' cloak room and new quarters provided for several of the departments.

Professor Hardy is getting things in excellent shape for the opening of the school September 1, and all indications are that there will be a large attendance.

Professor Hardy is in charge of the school and will teach bookkeeping and kindred studies. Miss Foulkes, the teacher in stenography and typewriting, is an expert in her line and is proving a decided favorite among her students.

Professor Van Scoy will continue his classes in normal and review work, and has an excellent room set aside for this department. In fact, every department is excellently provided for.

The entire school will be thoroughly heated by coal, the wood stoves having all been traded off.

Pupils from Ashland or elsewhere cannot fail to do the right thing if they get their business or normal training in the Polytechnic.

**Auto Hearse to Take Body Across
U. S.**

Los Angeles, Aug. 22.—To fulfill the dying wish of Michael Moran, a San Francisco automobile man, that his body might be transported to its final resting place in New York by automobile, arrangements were completed today by W. A. Peck of Los Angeles to convey Moran's remains across the continent in an automobile hearse. The start will be made from San Francisco next Wednesday and the trip is expected to be completed in a month.

A. W. Hambley and two chauffeurs will accompany the party. Peck and Hambley will go to San Francisco tomorrow to complete preparations there.

ORGANIZED JUNIOR LEAGUE.Miss Jessie Hathaway Went to Talent
For That Sunday Afternoon.

Miss Jessie Hathaway, district organizer of the Junior Epworth League of the M. E. church, went to Talent Sunday afternoon to organize a Junior League in connection with the M. E. church there. A large number of the children of the Ashland Junior League went down by auto and assisted in giving enthusiasm to the movement.

Piano Tuning.

C. M. Richards has an order book at Swenson & McRae's, phone No. 75. Refers to Professor MacMurray. Will tune in Ashland, Grants Pass and Medford exclusively. 25-34

THEY BOOSTED OREGONSuperintendent Metcalf and Party
Found Eastern People Much In-
terested in State and City.

Superintendent J. B. Metcalf and party are back from their trip through the east. They report an intense interest in the west and especially Oregon and Ashland, and only regretted that they did not have much more advertising matter concerning the city and state to give out. Superintendent Metcalf is a strong Ashland booster and would be more than pleased to have a change in railroad affairs which would bring his headquarters here, it is said. Certainly he and Messrs. King and Kirtland did a good stunt for the country in their trip east. Hundreds if not thousands visited the car at various places and were given literature of the country.