

CEMENT PLANT TO BE DONE AND RUNNING BY APRIL 1

**GOLD HILL PLANT WILL HAVE
1,000-BARREL CAPACITY.**

65 MEN NOW AT WORK THERE

Gold Hill Enterprise Has Passed Experimental Stage and Is Bound to Be One of the Big Enterprises of the Valley.

Eugene, Ore., Dec. 15.—Linn, a prominent furniture manufacturer and member of the factory committee of the Portland Commercial Club, has been in Eugene for several days in the interest of the big cement plant that is being built at Gold Hill, between Grants Pass and Medford, by the Beaver Portland Cement Company.

Mr. Linn, who is a former Eugene furniture dealer, said that the work of erecting the plant is progressing rapidly and that it is expected to have it ready for operation by the first of April, 1914.

"The plant will have a capacity of 1,000 barrels of first-class cement a day," said Mr. Linn. "There are great mountains of limestone and shale necessary in the manufacture of cement in that immediate vicinity and the company controls many thousands of acres of land containing these deposits."

Mr. Linn said that over half of the money necessary for the erection of the plant has been furnished by eastern and middle western capitalists, and now an effort is being made to

interest the people of the state in the enterprise to make it more of a home affair. Already many of the prominent citizens of the state have taken stock in the company and many others have promised.

Mr. Linn says there is no question as to the ultimate success of the enterprise for the reason that there seems to be enough of the limestone and shale in sight to operate the plant for a lifetime and there is always a great demand for the product on the coast.

Local business men who have visited Gold Hill in the past few days report that 65 men are at work now laying the foundations of the big plant. A large force on men is also engaged in work on the dam which is to furnish power for the plant. For the present it is said that crude oil will be the fuel used, but in the event of coal of sufficient quantity and fair quality being discovered in the valley the plant will be changed to use coal.

2,800 Out of 3,000 Strikers at Work.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 15.—Agent Densmore of the federal labor department telegraphed to Washington Saturday that 2,800 of the 3,000 teamsters who struck here recently had either gone back to work or agreed to do so. Their employers made union agreements with them.

The best made overalls for boys, 50, 60 and 75 cents now at the Ashland Trading Co. It

TEXAS ASKS AID.

Relief Workers Ask Country to Aid Flood Sufferers.

Galveston, Tex., Dec. 14.—With thousands suffering and hundreds actually at the point of death from starvation and exposure, relief workers in the Texas districts swept by the recent floods Saturday sent an appeal to Washington for aid from the federal government.

Unless something is done speedily, persons who have been through the stricken sections said, the death toll will be appalling. Families of scores of miles along the Brazos Valley lost absolutely everything but the clothes in which they escaped. Even those who own farms will have to be assisted until they can again get on their feet. The extent of the disaster was such that local charity was swamped.

Sickness was still spreading today. There were many cases of smallpox and typhoid. Vigorous action will be necessary, it was said, to prevent widespread epidemics.

CONDITION NOT SERIOUS.

President Wilson Merely Suffering From Cold, Is Statement.

Washington, Dec. 13.—President Wilson continued today to nurse a cold which has kept him in his room since Tuesday. Most of the time he has remained in bed chiefly as a precautionary measure to insure a complete rest and rapid recovery.

Notwithstanding very positive assurances from the White House, reports gained circulation that the president's condition was alarming. To dispose of these reports the following official statements were given out by Secretary Tumulty, who stated in the White House that reports that the president's condition was becoming alarming were absolutely groundless. His condition is described as entirely normal and satisfactory, except for a cold which has caused him some discomfort but has at no time threatened any complications.

—If it's new, we'll have it. Enders' Big Cash Store.

ROY G. WALKER RESIGNS; SUCCEEDED BY F. S. ENGLE

CHANGE TO TAKE EFFECT EARLY
COMING YEAR.

WALKER MAY TURN RANCHER

Both Gentlemen Have a Host of Friends in Ashland Who Wish Them Success in Their New Positions.

Another change of importance in the personnel of the local bank officers is scheduled to take place in the near future. Roy G. Walker has resigned the position of assistant cashier of the Citizens' Banking & Trust Company, to take effect soon after the first of the year. When interviewed by a representative of this paper this morning Mr. Walker stated that he was not quite ready to announce his plans for the future. It is known, however, that he has a ranch in Klamath county and that he has for some time had a hankering for a return to the more independent life of a stockman. Mr. Walker has been with the Citizens' Banking & Trust Company since January 1, 1911. He was appointed assistant cashier November 1, 1911, which position he has held most capably since that time. His genial face will be missed from the Citizens' bank and the Tidings is hoping that his vacation will not take him permanently away from Ashland.

Fred S. Engle, now assistant cashier of the First National Bank, has been chosen to succeed Mr. Walker

at the Citizens' Banking & Trust Company, and has resigned his position at the First National Bank, to take effect January 15. In resigning his position at the First National Bank Mr. Engle severs a connection which is of seven years' standing. Mr. Engle has been for many years a resident of Ashland and has a host of friends in the city and county who wish him success in his new position and who congratulate the Citizens' Banking & Trust Company on securing his valuable services.

"Mona Lisa" is Recovered.

Florence, Italy, Dec. 16.—"Mona Lisa," Leonardo da Vinci's painting, the most celebrated picture of a woman ever painted and almost priceless, which was stolen from the Paris Louvre two years ago, has been found and is in the hands of Italian authorities to be returned to France.

The picture was stolen by an Italian now under arrest, who said he committed the theft to avenge the spoliation committed in Italy by Napoleon. The man gave his name as Vincenzo Perugia. The picture was recovered and he was arrested when he sought to dispose of it.

Shipping Interests Fight Seamen's Bill.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Hearings before the house merchant marine committee on Senator La Follette's seamen's labor bill began Saturday. The measure is opposed by ocean and lake shipping interests.

—Clif Payne makes rockers.

J. B. Ware a Strong Candidate and Man of Large Experience

As Mr. J. B. Ware, candidate for the council from the third ward, has not been before the public as a candidate heretofore, a few words of introduction may not be amiss. He was for forty years a resident of Grand Rapids, Mich., participating actively in the large affairs of that city and a leader in Y. M. C. A. and church work. He served as member of the Michigan legislature with great ability, rising at once to a high station as a leader in that body. He was the only member of that body, in the days of railroad passes, who refused to accept transportation from the railroads while a member of the legislature. He has had large experience in business, having been engaged in the manufacture and wholesaling of lumber for eight years. He came to Ashland two years ago with a clean record of more than forty years in one city. He is in the prime of life, and while his business success warrants him in pursuing a retired life, he is alive to the opportunities ahead for the city. He has always been active in civic advancement in his old home, has been a consistent opponent of the saloon for many years and is "active in good works." He says the fact that Ashland was dry was a big element in determining him to cast his lot here, as well as our excellent schools and the high class of our citizens.

owned water and electric light plants are among Ashland's best assets. To dispose of either would be most unfortunate, if not a calamity.

I feel, however, that all citizens of Ashland—partners in the electric light plant—are entitled to more definite, accurate and detailed information as to whether the plant is making or losing money than we have thus far had; and, if elected to the council, I shall endeavor to secure more complete and satisfying information for all the partners.

Even if the plant, as now constructed and operated, is found not to be entirely self-supporting, it certainly is proving a good investment for ALL citizens, for, because of it, BOTH systems furnish light at much lower cost to consumers than is charged elsewhere in our valley or state.

I have always been against the saloon. This is distinctively a temperance city. Therefore, I believe an amendment to our city charter should be adopted prohibiting saloons within our municipality, and requiring petitions signed by at least 40 per cent of the registered voters before the question can be again voted upon. The present method of having this question up every year is unnecessarily expensive and annoying, and wholly unjustified in view of the great majority against the liquor traffic in our city.

I believe the existing laws relative to individuals or families unable or unwilling to support themselves cannot be too strictly enforced. More and more is Ashland having unloaded upon it this class from California and certain sister cities of Oregon. The failure to act in any such case naturally results in the increasing of a permanent financial burden upon our city.

Our taxes are already very high. The time has surely arrived when strictest economy should be practiced by the city in its annual expenditures, consistent with proper protection and maintenance.

If elected to the council it will be my endeavor to justify my selection by the citizens of the third ward by my attitude and efforts upon these and other matters occurring during my term of office. J. B. WARE.

In my judgment the municipally

Tomorrow Is City Election Do Not Fail to Cast Your Vote

There has been little interest manifested in the election to be held tomorrow. There is practically no contest of candidates except in the second and third wards, where C. C. Cunningham, W. O. Dickerson and Dr. B. E. Smith are filed as candidates in the second and J. B. Ware, W. H. Gowdy and Amos Dahuff in the third. In the first ward there are two to elect and there are but two candidates. R. P. Cornelius filed for the short term and Louis Werth to succeed himself. Unfortunately the wet and dry proposition is before the voters—the charter makes it mandatory on the mayor to include that issue at every city election—and although there is little agitation on the matter those in favor of a clean town should not be found

asleep at their post. The victory for the drys should be more pronounced than last year; an ever-increasing majority is a good advertisement for the town. Everybody should vote tomorrow.

A. F. & A. M. Elect.

Ashland Lodge, No. 23, held its annual election Thursday evening. The following officers were selected:

W. M.—H. L. Whitted.
S. W.—W. E. Blake.
J. W.—Stuart Saunders.
Secretary—W. H. Day.
Treasurer—E. V. Carter.
E. A. Sherwin retires after many years' service as secretary, having turned the duties of the position over to Mr. Day last April at the time of his illness and never resumed them.

Medford May Recall Officials

Petitions are being very generally circulated in Medford for the recall of the hold-over aldermen. It is expected that there will be an election of an entire new city council, with the exception of Mayor Purdin. There was a move to recall him, but it was found that the law provided that the recall could not be invoked until a man had been in office six months. As Judge Purdin was appointed a short time ago after the death of former Mayor Elfert, a recall was impossible at this time. Whether there is any reason for the move other than that the outs want to get in is hard to tell at this distance.

Dinner on election day at Ashland Hotel dining room. Served by the ladies of the Chautauqua Park Club. Price 35c. It

W. O. Dickerson For Councilman

W. O. Dickerson, the well-known merchant, who has filed for the office of councilman in the second ward, is being boosted by his friends and admirers as the logical man for the position. He is an ardent advocate of a dry town, a leading member of the Congregational church and a methodical and successful business man. He is also in thorough accord with the effort to place Ashland on the map by developing her natural resources.

Notice.
Any person caught cutting trees or shrubs in City Park will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. By order of PARK BOARD. 58-2t

—A special slipper for Elks. Briggs.

Jackson County Educational Institutions Up-to-Date

(By L. P. Harrington.)

I have been in Jackson county the past week visiting schools with Superintendent Wells and talking "Agriculture and Industrial Education" to teachers, pupils and school patrons. We are trying to interest the young people and their parents in the more practical education which may be defined as that training which will fit our boys and girls for work that will earn them a living. We are urging teachers and pupils to be interested in manual work, in sewing, cooking and common home duties. We are advocating individual home gardens or school gardens where there is a demand for them.

I find intense interest in all the schools visited. Boys and girls are ready and willing to do useful things. Many of them will ask their parents to let them have gardens of their own that they may be responsible for and have the proceeds.

The prizes won by the boys and girls at the Salem school fair, with the county prize on the complete exhibit, should be an encouragement to the young people to do more and better work this coming year. The first prize for corn raised by an Oregon boy came to Jackson county. There could be no better advertising for the county than winning this and other first prizes.

We have had scores of promises from boys and girls to do work and to begin now. If good work is done during the year there will be no question about having some good local fairs when the time comes. School

exhibits will be made during the year and parents will be invited in to see what their children can make and do. These exhibits will be made by country schools as well as those of the towns and villages.

We look for a lively interest this year and more work in agricultural and industrial lines than ever before in Jackson county.

In my visits I have found many ideal schools and school buildings. Neat, attractive, sanitary in every respect, with individual drinking cups, or fountains. Schools that would be a credit to any county or state, in fact those visited will measure up favorably with any I have seen in the state. The districts visited were not selected but taken as they could be reached in a trip through the valley. The schools visited are as follows: Nos. 35, 32, 25, 57, Gold Hill; 14, Willow Springs; 98, Tolo; 4, Phoenix; 56, Wagner Creek; 72, Anderson's Creek; 22, Talent, 1, Jacksonville.

The work of supervision on the part of County Superintendent Wells and Supervisors Peterson and Chase is producing constant changes for better schools and greater efficiency in the school work of Jackson county.

There were four evening meetings held during the week, the largest attendance being at Rogue River. Of the school buildings visited Talent has the most complete, being equipped with everything that a modern, up-to-date, progressive school should have.

Rev. J. S. Smith Not a Candidate

Rev. J. S. Smith, residing on Woolen street, desires the Tidings to say that he is not a candidate for councilman. Many have confused him with Prof. B. E. Smith of Alnut street, who has filed for that ward.

Smaller Apples Sell Best.

According to late market reports from the east, the smaller sizes of apples are in greater demand than the large ones. A few years ago it was thought that the bigger an apple was the better it sold, but this is no longer true. The smaller sizes are finding much readier market.

Whether or not this tendency of the apple market will tend to less thinning of the trees is a problem which the future will have to solve.

—One dollar buys 100 cents' worth at Enders' Big Store.

J. F. Mickle Still Ashland Booster

In a personal letter to G. S. Butler, James F. Mickle, writing from Berkeley, Cal., says: "I trust you will be able to land the exhibit building for Ashland. It will be a great boost for the town. I am not afraid of my Ashland property and do not care if all the land I have sold under contract comes back to me. I have a lot of money due me in this neck of the woods and if I can make it loose I am going to put every last dollar of it in Ashland real estate, as I have seen no place in my travels with the same possibilities as old Ashland."

To save firemen the labor and danger of carrying hose high into buildings a standpipe has been invented from which the water can be turned on at any floor by valves at the street level.

Wants Highway to Run Out Past Normal School

Ashland, Ore., Dec. 15, 1913. Editor Tidings: Now that Ashland through her Commercial Club has displayed such splendid enthusiasm in boosting for the state exhibit and is awakening to the realization that if we are to grow to the proportions of a respectable city we must capitalize our scenic attractions as well as our springs and properly advertise our own peculiar assets, it has seemed to me from an advertising standpoint we are vitally interested in having the state highway pass by the Normal school, that we believe is soon to open, and down our splendid Boulevard, which, with the park, call forth unstinted praise from those passing through.

When the bonds were voted it was with the understanding that the paved road should follow the Pacific Highway in so far as practical. We presume it will follow this route, though the question has been raised as to the possibility of running out East Main street in case the engineer finds it impractical to avoid a grade crossing with the railroad below Mr. Cyester's place. There are crossing troubles whichever route is taken, even if one of them is inside the city limits. One thing is certain, if the route should not pass up the Boulevard Ashland will lose one of her most effective means of advertising, when in ever-increasing numbers tourists pass over the highway. This Boulevard has been put in at great expense and is the pride of

Ashland, and will be more beautiful as the years go by, and should the tourist fail to see this, as he would fail by going the other route in passing through, he certainly would not have the best idea of the city.

Respectfully,
W. D. HODGSON.

Soda Springs Christmas Entertainment.

Friday evening there will be a program, play and a Christmas tree at the Soda Springs school, taught by Robert Peachey. Much preparation has been made for this entertainment. The decorations will include all that nature has so lavishly bestowed upon those living in Rogue River Valley. Neighbors of all ages will appear in the Christmas play and the musical program, which will be followed by a tree with presents for the children of the school and the parents and friends.

R. J. Smith's Windows Fine.

R. J. Smith, the jeweler, is certainly an artist in the matter of dressing windows. His holiday display is fine. The large display space in the front of his store in Elks Temple is used to advantage and artistically. One side is filled with diamonds, jewelry, Howard watches, etc., and the other with artistic toilet sets, manicure sets, etc., in leather, silver and ivory. The windows are also handsomely beautified with Christmas decorations.