

## State to Co-Operate With Fruit Growers

Orchardists of the valley representing 10,000 acres of fruit land met in the public library at Medford Wednesday. A committee of five fruitgrowers will take steps at once to secure a horticulturist and agriculturalist to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Prof. P. J. O'Gara.

This committee will co-operate with the county court and investigate the proposition of the Oregon Agricultural College. Resolutions thanking Prof. O'Gara for his six years of service in the valley were passed, and action taken toward the securing of a weather observer for the frost period, and unity and harmony in the Rogue River Valley was urged on all sides.

The committee of five, elected by secret ballot, is composed of the following: Bert Anderson, A. C. Allen, A. S. V. Beckwith, F. H. Madden and W. H. Hart.

Fred Hopkins of Central Point informed the meeting that the O. A. C. had informally announced through Dean Corby that the college stood ready to advance through their own appropriations and state aid funds half of the \$5,000 salary of a pathologist, asking only the right to use the data secured from the experiments conducted by him, the naming of the pathologist to be left entirely to the fruitgrowers acting with the county court.

It was the consensus of opinion that a pathologist could not be secured for less than \$5,000 a year.

The proposition of the O. A. C. will be fully gone into by the committee and a report made at a meeting to be called in the near future. E. W. Carleton suggested that the new pathologist be both a horticulturist and agriculture expert, so the farmers could not wait they do not get their share of the services of the pathologist.

Colonel R. C. Washburn of Table Rock and D. M. Lowe of Ashland paid tribute to the ability of Prof. O'Gara and his value to the valley. Other speakers urged unity and harmony.

Colonel R. C. Washburn acted as

chairman and E. W. Carleton as secretary.

To make the mass meeting a matter of record, the names of all present were taken.

The following resolution, introduced by E. S. Palmer of Central Point, was read:

"Whereas, Jackson county has for the past six years benefited by and enjoyed the services and friendship of Prof. P. J. O'Gara; and, "Whereas, Prof. O'Gara is about to leave this community to continue his work in another field,

Resolved, First, that we, the fruit growers and farmers of the Rogue River Valley, are deeply appreciative of the high order of intelligence and tireless energy of the service rendered by him, and of the great benefits derived by us therefrom.

"Second, that we extend to him our hearty good wishes for his continued success and prosperity in his future career.

"Third, that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and an engrossed copy thereof, certified by the secretary, be presented to Prof. O'Gara."

### Shamrock Tea.

The ladies of the Civic Club will give a Shamrock tea in Memorial hall next Saturday, March 14. Every lady in Ashland is invited. The admission is free and a silver offering will be taken.

Every merchant's wife and every other man's wife and every woman who isn't a wife ought to belong to the Civic club. The ladies are planning great things for next year in the way of adding to the beauty of Ashland. Every woman can join even if she cannot attend all the meetings. Come Saturday afternoon and enjoy the program and get in touch with the splendid activities for this year. Please take this as a personal invitation.

B. E. Whitmore was a business visitor to Medford yesterday. He says real estate is looking up all over the valley and many changes are being talked.

### ADDITIONAL LOCAL.

On Saturday of last week the Green Spring ranchers had a grand time at an old-fashioned log rolling at the ranch. The day was spent in erecting a log cabin for Jack Peebler. It was the merriest event here for some time. A big dinner was served to the party of forty participants, which all attacked with the eagerness which comes of appetite aroused by hard labor. Jack says the cabin will be ready to move into in a couple of weeks.

—Lost, a purse, between Normal School and Taylor place, near the lithia spring. It contained two keys, a souvenir of Citizens' Banking & Trust Company, and between \$27 and \$35 dollars. Return to Tidings office and receive reward. 82-2\*

—Spring opening day for men at Orres' tailoring shop Saturday, March 14. We will have on exhibition a complete array of exclusive spring weaves from European and domestic looms. You are cordially invited and get your present.

Ralph Leonard has purchased the Morris place on Granite street. He plans extensive changes and improvements and will occupy the new house early in the fall or late summer. The property contains one and one-half acres.

Ed Martin, John Martin, Jack Bailey and Arthur McKercher made a catch of 100 pounds of steelheads and cutthroats at Ray Gold dam Wednesday. They report the water clear and the run of fish good.

E. J. Ryan was brought from Grants Pass and was put in the hospital Monday. He is a traveling salesman and the son-in-law of Mrs. Elizabeth Harrington who formerly lived on Dewey street.

Fire destroyed the home of L. M. Lines on the Medford road, presumably from a defective flue, Thursday morning. The house was totally destroyed. The loss is \$1,500, partially insured.

—Buy your shoes at Enders.  
—Cap sale at Enders.

## Merchants to Quit Trading Stamps

Ashland merchants are planning on quitting the trading stamp as a business getter. It has now been in operation for several weeks and has proved so unsatisfactory that a united effort is being made to quit a bad bargain.

It is probable a meeting of the merchants will be called for the coming week to take the matter up unitedly and decide on the course to be

## Expert Says Lithia Water Certain From First Test

Mr. Emery, the chemical expert, while here declined to make a guess as to what any of our mineral waters contained in the way of mineral. He said if he was able to tell what waters contained without analysis he would not need a laboratory. He said, however, our new lithia spring was the most perfectly naturally carbonated mineral water he had ever seen and it looked and tasted as if it contained lithia. The committee expressed its anxiety to know as soon as possible whether the new spring contained lithia and Mr. Emery agreed he would reduce the mineral salts in the new lithia water as soon as possible and inform us as to whether it contained lithia. In furtherance of this agreement the committee received the following letter

## Pictures Will Please Everyone

The Tudor Princess is to be shown at the Dreamland Saturday. This two-part play is particularly pleasing to women and children, as it portrays the ideals of a subject familiar to all.

pursued in redeeming the outstanding stamps. As a business proposition the stamps have proved an absolute failure, according to the majority of Ashland merchants.

from Mr. Emery yesterday:

"Mr. Bert R. Greer, Chairman, Ashland, Ore.

"Dear Sir: All samples of your waters arrived at our laboratory in good condition with seals unbroken. The sample of water from the new lithia spring shows it to contain lithia by the spectroscopic test.

"The complete analysis is under way. Will write you in a few days regarding further development.—Smith, Emery & Co."

It will take from three weeks to one month to finish the complete analysis, and that must be completed before the character of pipes necessary to convey the waters are determined and the exact quantities of the different mineral salts contained in the waters.

## Booster Sermons Continue Great Local Interest

Rev. Douglass' subject for his "booster sermon" Sunday evening was "Trusts." He said in part:

"I think I know good fruit and something of the conditions under which good fruits are grown, as I was raised and lived the greater share of my life in one of the best fruit sections of the United States—that is, in southwestern Michigan. Apples, peaches, pears, grapes, berries, etc., were grown in abundance. For peaches Michigan has but few equals. In the short time I have been here I see that Ashland can raise good fruit. It is ahead of some of the famous peach sections that send fruit to Portland. Here we can grow the best.

"In apples, pears, berries, vegetables, etc., this section is greatly favored. It has resources of which it may be proud.

"There are two features that should receive our attention. They are, first, the development of the fruit; second, the development of the market.

"The possibilities in fruit growing are not developed. There are acres and acres not producing and we have not reached the acme of perfection in that which is produced. The finest varieties and the best quality should be the slogan. Set the standard high.

"Fight the diseases that injure. It is a perpetual warfare. Vigilance is the price of perfect fruit.

"In this there should be team work, co-operation. If all work together to keep clean, well-sprayed orchards the name 'Ashland' will be a synonym for good fruit.

"It can be done.

"Marketing—that is the great problem. There is but little incentive to raise fruit to have it spoil on the grower's hands. Here is where team work will bring great results.

"We must not depend on commission men in the cities.

"Have an association with men of ability and approved character to do the business. For example, some man at San Francisco to handle the Ashland fruit sent to that city. It will cost something, but if he is the right man he will earn his salary and bring good returns to the shippers.

"Have first-class fruit with every grower's name on the package he sends. See that the fruit grades as represented.

"We need driers and canneries to take care of certain grades of fruit, and when the market is crowded to take care of all fruit that there be no waste.

"Get together to save the fruit and to market it. Manufacturers get together to market their wares, so should fruit growers. This must be done till the time comes when we will have a population in Ashland

large enough to consume the produce of our orchards and gardens. If we do this we will not need to boost Ashland—it will attract people. It will assure them a living and something for a rainy day.

"We have been talking about perishable fruits. I would now call your attention to fruits that abide. Back of all abiding prosperity, back of all advance, is character. The man is what makes a city or nation great. We are proud of our fruit and vegetables, stock and grain, the stuff that we raise from the soil. Are we as deeply interested in the fruit of character, in the boys and girls who grow up in our midst? They are the real riches.

"Ashland is interested in this. We see it in the character of her public schools and the interest taken in them. In one little country there were nineteen great men whose names have come down the centuries—men great in literature, art, science, statesmanship and military men. These were not only contemporaries, but half of them were born in what was then the little town of Athens. What a school teacher they must have had.

"What an environment of good influences there was in that town. An atmosphere for the children to grow in.

"We have expert fruit growers, so we need experts to train our children. The normal school is to train such experts. There is need of a normal school in southern Oregon.

"The training, or creating the environment, cannot be left to the public schools alone. Other factors enter in. They are:

"Home life: Social life, which includes amusement.

"Business life: The character of the men of a community makes the business atmosphere.

"Religion: The basis is the religious belief and life of the community.

"Two out of three of the children of the community are not in the Sunday schools of Ashland. This is called a city of churches, yet not more than one in five of the community attend church.

"We protect our trees against scale, blight and disease.

"No saloon in Ashland, but our neighbors have saloons. We must banish them from our state and then from the United States."

### Talk on Mexico.

W. L. Mellinger, former pastor of the Christian church, is here. Has been engaged in missionary work in Mexico the past five years. Will give a talk on Mexico tonight at the Christian church at 8 o'clock. Everybody invited.

—Ladies' spring suits, Enders.

## Belleview Leads in Normal School Activities

Belleview wants the Southern Oregon State Normal School reopened. It does not expect the event to fall out of the heavens without reaching out for it, but believes effective organization is necessary to bring it about. Belleview shows up one-third of the memberships constituting the organization of the Normal School Association. The striking disparity of memberships between the 5,020 people in the city limits and the few scattered farmers east of town is not so bad as the face of the situation discloses. Incomplete solicitation by some committees, failure to go to work by two, were some of the causes. The committee that completed their districts showed some of the Belleview spirit in the town citizenship. The new officers met Tuesday night and made arrangements for the completion of the solicitation of the people in Ashland. The list of membership will not be printed until everyone in town has had an opportunity to subscribe.

The meeting Monday extended a cordial vote of thanks to the ladies in charge of the tagging campaign to bring out the crowd at the big normal rally at the armory. The small expense of the meeting and the nice balance turned over showed the women how to handle money as well as bring out crowds.

The Normal School Association has effected its organization and will soon be able to enlarge the statewide campaign heretofore carried on by the Alumni Association. Monday evening was the time set for the election of officers and it was also the occasion for a checking up of the several committees appointed to solicit for memberships. It showed several committees had finished their districts, several had not completed their work and two had not gone to work at all. The weak parts were discussed and the reasons located and the good workers congratulated. The reports showed that the committees that had gone over their territory thoroughly got the results expected, showing a desire on the part of the community as a whole to give the campaign a thorough support.

### CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

#### First Baptist.

Sunday next is to be observed all over the country by the Baptists as "Denominational Day." Mr. Foskett will speak at the morning service upon "The Distinctive Principles of the Baptists." A semi-annual gathering of offerings for all lines of missions will be made. At the evening service, by special request, the delightful program of music given by choir and congregation a week ago will be repeated, with some slight changes. The pastor will speak upon "The Great Problem of Life." A welcome for all.

#### Sacred Concert.

At the Baptist church next Sunday evening a delightful concert of sacred song will be rendered. Following is the program:

- Piano.....
- Hymn "I Know Whom I Have Believed".....
- Scripture and prayer.....
- Trio, "Praise Ye"..... Verdi
- Quartet, "God is Love"..... Shelley
- Soprano, recitative and aria, "Angels Ever Bright and Fair", Handel
- Hymn, "Like a Shepherd".....
- Quartet, "Crossing the Bar".....
- Address..... Dudley Buck
- Address, "The Great Program of Life"..... Pastor
- Tenor solo, "O Lamb of God, Still Keep Me"..... Stultz
- Quartet, "Rock of Ages".....
- Hymn, "Shall You, Shall I?"..... Dudley Buck

#### Congregational.

The pastor of the Congregational church will preach next Sunday morning and evening. The evening sermon will be the second in a series on "What Must the Church Do to Be Saved?" Subject for the sermon, "Problems in the Church Today." A splendid audience listened to the sermon last Sunday evening. Everybody invited to these services.

#### Church of the Nazarene.

Special evangelistic services will begin next Sunday in the Church of the Nazarene, conducted by Rev. Thomas G. Rogers of Los Angeles, Cal. Evening services at 7:30.

#### House of Prayer.

God is blessing the services with a good presence of his Holy Spirit. Brother Lindblad leaves Monday

Arrangements were made to enter the field in the districts that were not well canvassed in order that every household in town be solicited for membership.

The Belleview solicitors made a remarkable showing of membership and the high spirit of the out-of-town people was a marked contrast on the whole to the effort inside the city limits. It was so distinct that it provoked comment.

The meeting was a success in that the work continues steadily and along the lines of the previous effort, thus preserving the value of the work already performed and giving assurance of steadfastness of purpose all the way through.

The membership signed up at the time set for organization was 159. The following officers were elected: President, E. T. Staples; vice-president, C. B. Lamkin; secretary, Homer Billings; treasurer, Frank Jordan; executive committee, A. C. Joy, C. W. Banta, E. J. Kaiser; auditing committee, V. O. N. Smith, W. H. McNair, G. G. Bubanks and J. W. McCoy.

The Weston Leader reports the subscription fund for the reopening of the Eastern Oregon State Normal School has grown to \$2470, and that paper says "the committee still finds good picking." The 1910 United States census gave Weston a population of 440.

If you have not been solicited to join the Normal School Association call on G. G. Eubanks at the Granite City Savings Bank and sign up

## Big Two Part Indian Photo-Play

The Big Horn Massacre will be shown at the Dreamland Friday in two parts. This photoplay is said to be unusually lifelike and is highly praised wherever produced. Lovers of this class of plays should be present.

—Ladies' hats at Enders.

## Officers Elected By Local Elks

Ashland Lodge Number 944, B. P. O. E., held its annual election last Saturday night. The officers elected are J. M. Wagner Exalted Ruler, C. B. Wolf Esteemed Leading Knight, W. N. Wright Esteemed Loyal Knight, G. H. Hedberg Esteemed Lecturing Knight, E. J. Thornton Secretary, Pierre Provost Treasurer, A. C. Ninninger and A. H. Pracht Trustees, Teddy Provost Tyler. Installation of the new officers will occur several weeks hence, at which time appointments of Esquire, Inner Guard, Chaplain and Organist will be announced. The Saturday night meeting was enlivened by several good talks and music by the Elks Quartet. A banquet followed. Nearly one hundred members were present.

## Medford Police Chief Out for Sheriff

J. F. Hittson announces his candidacy for the democratic nomination for sheriff at the primary May 15. He is chief of police at Medford and is well known over Jackson county. As a peace officer he has had many years' experience, having been a member of the Texas rangers before coming to the Rogue River Valley five years ago. He was made police chief three years ago and has won the confidence of his home people by his businesslike conduct of the affairs of his office. At this time he has no opposition for the nomination. He was accompanied by his wife on his visit to Ashland Tuesday.

### Mass Meeting.

Sam Hill will be in Ashland the evening of March 23 and will hold a mass meeting, when he will talk on good roads and the beautifying of the Pacific Highway.

morning for a week's meeting at Butte Falls and will be home Sunday. Pray for the work. Sunday morning sermon topic, "Speaking the Truth in Love." Sunday evening, "Satan's Schemes." Frank Lindblad, pastor.

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