

Helen Keller Took Ashland by Storm

The largest audience ever to fill the armory greeted Miss Helen Keller and her teacher, Mrs. Sullivan Macey, on Wednesday evening. Three special cars carried citizens of the valley to swell the number. The high school male and female quartets rendered several numbers and Professor Briscoe introduced Mrs. Sullivan Macey, who related her experience in teaching the famous, deaf, dumb and blind child during her infancy and later assisting her in securing from college the degree of bachelor of arts. Mrs. Macey's introductory, however, but partially prepared the immense audience for the surprises to be met when Miss Keller was presented.

While the remarkable progress made by Miss Keller is known to every one in the entire reading world, those who assembled were not prepared to fully comprehend what they had read until listening to her words and gaining first-hand information.

Few were prepared for the mechanical enunciation, the utter absence of expression, the weird and uncanny modulations of tone which characterize Miss Keller's delivery. Except to those near the stage but few of her words were intelligible, and at the opening of her remarks the audience seemed shocked into a sort of breathless pty.

When Miss Macey, her teacher for over twenty years, came to Miss Keller's assistance and asked her questions, also interpreting questions from the audience, Miss Keller seemed almost like another person, entirely at her ease, interested, responsive and alert. She explained how she was susceptible to the applause through vibration, how the audience appeared to her through the sense of smell and vibration; how colors represented ideas and how thinking had come to be her sense of sight.

Her determination to go through the management of her friends and members of the faculty, was particularly interesting, and threw an interesting

side light upon her character and attainments. Miss Keller was induced to come to Ashland by the Sunshine Society. The plans to bring her here have been carried on for more than a year, and it was only through the persistent effort of the ladies that the people of the Rogue River Valley were given this treat. Miss Keller gives only three lectures on the Pacific coast, at San Francisco, Ashland and Portland. The great cost necessary to securing this lecture made the work of the society doubly hard, but the success of their labors is gratifying both to the society and citizens of the entire valley.

To meet and converse with Miss Helen Keller and her lifelong teacher and friend, Mrs. Sullivan Macey, makes one appreciate the great things which may be accomplished through patient and continuous effort.

The happy, contented smile which continuously wreaths the face of this wonderful young lady is contagious. As you converse and follow the alert brain, the active, intelligent face and fingers with which she grasps details, one's heart immediately goes out to all the afflicted of the world.

"I am happy and contented almost all the time," said this accomplished but sorely afflicted woman. "My only unhappiness is in knowing that others are less fortunate than myself."

And as one looks into her face there is no doubt the statement is from the heart.

"What a beautiful place Oregon must be," said Miss Keller. She found great difficulty grasping the broad sound of the "gon," but as her teacher and friend conveyed the proper pronunciation her face showed delight, such as a child might at the sight of a new toy. Words and things are toys to this great and active brain, her sense of discrimination in things being developed beyond belief.

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Mayor Issues Cleaning Order for Monday

This is cleanup week. Get that without fail. Monday, March thirtieth, is the day on which the city teams will haul out all garbage and rubbish.

I wish every citizen would give particular attention, especially to the above statements.

If costs the city about seventy to seventy-five dollars each year to do this work. The city has been following this rule of free hauling in order that every citizen would respond readily to the matter of cleaning up.

Last year many people waited until the very day announced as the day on which garbage would be hauled out, and several failed entirely to get their premises cleaned up in time to have the benefit of free hauling. Many of our people failed to give much thought about matters of convenience for the man who hauled the garbage, in simply raking the garbage out in the alley or street, failing to burn any of it, and leaving it in scattered and inconvenient shape. All this has its relation with the cost of cleanup day or haul-out day, March thirtieth.

Burn all rubbish possible. While

you are at it, put your tin cans also on the fire. The bulk can be greatly reduced that way. The less bulk, the less weight, the less loads; thereby the less cost.

What we want is a systematic, genuine cleanup at as low cost as possible. If every citizen will enter heartily into this problem it will be easily accomplished and we will cheat the typhoid germ out of his fly and have a real sanitary city.

Another thing very important: When you have burned all that can be burned, place the remainder in bags, boxes or barrels and locate it in the alley or street, whichever may be the most convenient, so it can be easily reached by the drivers and wagons. Strict attention to all of this is the only thing that can perpetuate this free system of hauling. In most places ordinances are passed requiring citizens to clean up at their own personal expense, but Ashland will follow this rule of free hauling, and we ask all citizens to help make it a good one.

Respectfully,
O. H. JOHNSON, Mayor.

Fred Mears Out for Nomination for Congress

Fred W. Mears of Medford announced his candidacy for congress on the progressive ticket last Tuesday. Mr. Mears is thoroughly conversant with the aims and ideals of the progressive party as expressed in their national platform. He wants placed after his name on the ballot, "Social Justice legislation; national woman suffrage; presidential primary; homes protected; Oregon's development," for these principles and policies are what he advocates.

In an interview with a representative of the Tidings Mr. Mears emphasized that we have national representatives to elect this year as well as to elect a state ticket. "The progressive party," he declares, "differs from the republican and democratic parties in that it is consistently and thoroughly progressive throughout the nation; it is the only one of these three parties which is sincerely endeavoring to do justice to the workman, the woman and the child. The progressive party is the only one of these parties which declares for national woman suffrage, which declares for a national child labor law, the only truly effective kind of a law, which pledges itself to help the old and infirm, to provide a living wage, to make it unlawful to employ women at night. In short, the progressive party is looking ahead instead of behind; it goes beyond political pretense and party badges and strikes to the heart of humanity and pleads for universal brotherhood.

Fred W. Mears was born at Newton Centre, Mass., on April 15, 1875. His father, who had served in the Union army, died in 1885 leaving a wife and three young children. Fred Mears attended the public schools of his native town and later graduated from Brown University and the University of Michigan law school. He worked his way through college and law school by teaching school, canvassing books, and doing many other kinds of work.

Mr. Mears practiced law in Sioux City, Iowa, before coming to Medford,

where he has been engaged in the law practice for four years. Mr. Mears has a wife and two small boys.

Chimney Sweep and Furnace Expert. Now is the time to clean chimneys. He makes no dirt in house or place of business. Terms very reasonable. Leave orders at Butler's Confectionery or phone 149.

The First National Bank and the United States National Bank will close at 1 o'clock on Tuesday, March 31, as a convenience in connection with consolidation and moving.

Give Us a Chance To Compete

Prayers over the Mexican situation should be addressed to Billiken.

Before sending away for your groceries come in and let us figure with you. We are here for business, and if good goods and reasonable prices and courteous, efficient service count for anything, we are going to get it. We have a good business, but would be willing to work harder and put on more men if necessary.

If you want us to handle your fruit and berries, come in now and give us an estimate of what you are going to have and we will try to find a market for them. Don't wait until they are ready to ship before coming, because we will have to know what to do beforehand, so as to have the market for them.

THE PLAZA GROCERY,
J. E. Weaver, Prop.

What a wonderful work is that of Mrs. Sullivan Macey. Twenty-seven years given to tedious, slow development of powers hidden under the greatest mistresses that flesh is heir to. But how wonderful are the achievements!

Police Will See No Citizen Neglects to Clean Up

"Cleanup day must be observed," says Chief of Police Porter. "Until Monday our appeal will be only a request. After that date it will be a demand, not to be passed over. We are determined to have a clean, flyless city if work and care can do it, and every citizen will be asked to help. If they do not see fit to heed the request, then they will be commanded to do so."

Mayor Johnson and the sanitary committee of the council are determined to use the severest methods if necessary to safeguard the health of our citizens, and they have the loyal support of the Civic Improvement Club.

Monday has been set apart as a day for united effort. Property owners will be requested to clean up and put in piles in the alleys all the refuse from their outbuildings, yards and barns. The work must be done promptly, as the wagons will start out at 8 o'clock and will make but one trip through each section of the city. Notes will be taken of every place where work is needed, and the police department will follow up the work and charge the expense to the property owners.

Mayor Johnson says no favors will be shown, as a single breeding place left for one swarm of flies will be multiplied by millions of flies within a few weeks.

While the city officials do not hope to make Ashland an absolutely spotless city, they are going to spare no

pains or care in doing the best possible within human effort.

It is up to every citizen to do his part promptly, and if this is not done the city will act for the negligent ones.

In calling for early action the mayor points to the fact that a single pair of flies on April 1 will reproduce and their offspring will reproduce so fast that by August 1 there will be 5,746,670,000 flies from the original pair.

As winter breaks up and spring begins to come there are comparatively few flies.

A fly has been known to live for several months and to produce six batches of eggs at intervals of from eight to ten days, consisting of from 120 to 150 eggs at a batch.

Why not put that original pair out of business April 1 or May 1, according to season and locality—that is, as soon as flies begin to emerge from winter quarters in any particular section?

Capture the original pairs in early spring and make the hatching places untenable.

It is possible to capture all original pairs with one fly exterminator at each house or barn.

Lawn Mowers sharpened at reasonable prices by J. M. Densmore. Call phone 286-Y, 85-4t*

Phone news items to the Tidings.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Tabernacle Meetings.

A New York city minister said of Mr. Putman: "It is a pleasure to hear him. We have never heard a minister who made more of the life of Christ. Every message is saturated with the spirit of the Master." The Ashland people who have heard Evangelist Putman speak of him in just this way. He has a great theme for tonight, "Will Anybody be Finally Lost?" For Friday evening his theme is "The Grand Old Ark." The great question of his sermon for Saturday evening is, "What is the Pearl of Great Price?" At 11 a. m. Sunday morning he will speak of "The Last Great Supper," and at 7.30 p. m. of the "Proof of His Messiahship." The people of Ashland should hear these sermons. The large chorus leads in the song service.

Sermon topic Sunday morning, "What Ashland Needs Most;" Sunday evening, "And Ye Would Not." Brother Lindblad returned from Butte Falls last Saturday and reports a good attendance, interest and spirit at the services. Several are under conviction. He left again Monday, coming home on Saturday. Frank Lindblad, pastor.

The Methodists will hold their fourth quarterly meeting Friday, Saturday and Sunday of this week. Rev. J. W. Sharpe of Medford, district elder, will have charge of the meetings. Sunday morning at 11 Rev. Sharpe will preach on "What Ashland Needs."

At the Church of the Nazarene there will be services this Sunday as follows: Sunday school at nine-forty-five, preaching at eleven and seven-thirty. The morning subject will be "What Ashland Needs," and the evening subject "The Religion of Cain and Abel." All are welcome. R. L. Wisler, pastor.

The themes for the services at the Methodist church Sunday will be, for the morning, "What Ashland Needs Most." The evening will be a service of song and story with Fanny Crosby. The blind poetess, Fanny Crosby (Mrs. Frances J. Van Alstyne), celebrated her ninety-fourth birthday anniversary Tuesday, the twenty-fourth.

Sunday at the First Baptist church there will be Bible school at ten o'clock, workers' meeting at nine-forty-five, public worship and sermon at eleven. Mr. Foskett will discuss the topic, "What Ashland Needs Most." Young people's meeting at six-forty-five. Evening service at seven-forty-five. Inspiring music. Sermon on "God's Great Argument With Man." Everyone welcome.

The pastor of the Congregational church will occupy the pulpit at both services next Sunday. Subject for the morning sermon, "What Ashland Needs Most." Subject for the evening sermon, "The Relation of the City Church to the Country Church." This is the fourth sermon in the series on the general theme, "What Must the Church Do to Be Saved?" Mr. P. C. Stratton and Miss Edna Dahuff will sing a duet for this service. The services of this church are being main-

tained by splendid audiences and intense interest. A very cordial invitation is extended to everybody who does not have a church home elsewhere in the city.

The sacred concert at the Presbyterian church Sunday evening was one of the finest ever given in Ashland. Excellent training and much practice were shown in the two full choir anthems and the other numbers upheld the high standard. Prof. MacMurray sang a solo, his rich baritone filling the large auditorium and reaching the hearts of his hearers. Miss Tiffany rendered a soprano solo in very good style and J. L. Strickland gave a baritone solo in his full, pleasing voice. The ladies' quartet, composed of Misses Hamlin, Crook, Nissley and Foley, gave a very good number. Best on the program was the duet, "Twilight," by Messrs. MacMurray and Strickland. The song itself was beautiful and the two voices blended perfectly. A striking feature of the work of these two men is that the quality of their voices is so nearly identical that on some tones it is almost impossible for the untrained ear to detect the difference. The entire program was excellent and Prof. MacMurray is to be congratulated on his work with this choir.

Deal on For Barnum Road

Judge Thomas Burke of Seattle, counsel for the Hill lines in Washington, spent Monday in Medford, and took the initial steps for the purchase of the Rogue River Valley railroad owned by the Barnums of Jacksonville. The acceptance of the deal on the part of the Great Northern is up to President Billman of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle.

Judge Burke made a tour of inspection of the Barnum line and has offered \$125,000 for the right of way, track, equipment, title, etc., to a second party who holds an option on the line. This offer has been formally made to the option holders for their acceptance or rejection.

The purchase of the Barnum road would give the Hill interests a practically unbroken track from Butte Falls to Jacksonville, and mean the tapping of the Applegate and Blue Ledge country, and on to Crescent City. It also explains the sudden activity in the Blue Ledge to reopen.

Construction work is now in progress on the Hill line in eastern Oregon, west from Bend.

The purchase would indicate early activity and another transcontinental line to tap southern Oregon and its undeveloped resources.

Comparatively Little Damage Is Done

While the temperature reached 19 degrees in the valley Wednesday night, but little damage has been reported to the fruit, although the season is so far advanced much apprehension was felt, especially on account of the absence of an organized warning head in the absence of Professor O'Gara. Warnings were given

To Tell of the Cow and the Farm

The features of the regular weekly program for the Boys' Vocational Club at Elks temple this evening will be an address upon farming and dairying by Dr. James Withycombe of Corvallis. Such a subject handled by one so well qualified to speak upon it ought to be of interest and value to every member of the club as well as to the general public, who are cordially invited to attend.



Dr. Withycombe is one of Oregon's widely known men and particularly intimate is his acquaintance with the farming and dairy interests of the state. For eighteen successive years and until a few months ago he occupied the position of director of the experiment station of the Oregon Agricultural College. For years his name has been synonymous with that

from the bureau at Medford, however, and where the smudge pots were used no damage has been reported.

Several instances have been cited where orchardists neglected to take warning and have suffered by reason of the fact.

Judge Samuel T. Richardson of Salem called on the Tidings Tuesday in the interest of his candidacy for Judge of the supreme court. He is a profound lawyer and splendid gentleman and makes a good impression on first meeting.

of the big and popular state college. He has held farmers' institutes in almost every hamlet in Oregon and conducted agricultural demonstration trains wherever the railroad lines extended throughout the state in the work of educating the people along the lines of progressive general farming and dairying. The lecture will be given in the main lodge room of the Elks temple. There will be an entertaining musical prelude. A cordial invitation is extended to everybody to attend. Tonight, Thursday, March 26.

Notice Water Users

Notice is hereby given that the water will be turned off from the upper water system Friday morning at 5 o'clock, for the purpose of making connections with the new pipe just laid. All persons living on the higher points will do well to draw water to last during Friday in case that the connections are not finished in the time calculated on. Water users in the lower portions of the city are requested to refrain from using water to irrigate during the day or for unnecessary purposes, as by so using the water they will draw from the higher parts of the city. The lower intake will be connected with the mains and will serve patrons under that head. All persons who live on the higher points where the water is drawn away from them should open their hot water faucets until the water is again turned on.

E. R. HOSLER,
Supt. of Waterworks.

Plant a Gruss an Teplitz, the official rose of Ashland.

Freight Wreck at Sisson Monday

Monday a freight was wrecked at a point about six miles this side of Sisson. Ten cars were derailed, some being ground up so as to render them useless. Several cars of lumber and ore were broken and their cargoes spilled. It caused a delay of only about three hours and a half in the arrival of the morning train. The work was handled by the Dunsmuir wrecker.

Evangelist Putman is preaching on some great themes at the Chautauqua tabernacle every evening. The people of Ashland who appreciate the good things of life are saying that they count it one of the best privileges they have ever had. Miss Emma Egbert has been singing the Gospel for years. It is said that her sweet voice and personal work have won thousands to His service. The large chorus is doing good work. A great service is planned for Thursday evening.

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First Ball Game Of the Season

There will be a game of baseball Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the high school ball grounds between A. H. S. and Polytechnic. This is the first game of the season, and if you want to see a good, lively game, come out. Free. Be sure and go.

Eggs have come off so much in price that some people no longer enjoy having them for breakfast.