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Southern Pacific Officials Talk of Springs

H. A. Hinshaw, general freight agent, and S. L. Burkhalter, superintendent of the Southern Pacific lines in Oregon, were in Ashland and spent Tuesday with Mr. Greer looking over the mineral springs proposition. They had not before seen the newly developed springs. They inquired into our plan carefully and pronounced it good. They expressed doubt as to whether our people realized what a big thing it would be to Ashland if the project was successfully carried out. The possibilities are wonderful; no place is so well equipped by nature for a resort such as we contemplate; they had never seen such an array of magnificent mineral springs in so small area; they talked of other resorts on the Southern Pacific lines and remarked how much greater the possibilities were here for a big resort. They said we must lay the foundation for big crowds, for that is what would come. The writer told them our people were anxious to know just what the Southern Pacific proposed to do for us if the bonds were voted and the springs brought in. They said there are many things to do in making watering resorts besides piping in the springs. Much depends upon the artistic settings given the springs in our park and the artistic and attractive aspect of our park. They said our people must know that they are now proposing to absolutely change the material character of Ashland. Heretofore you have depended upon your fruit and agricultural crops. Now you propose to plant for a tourist crop. It takes a different kind of culture; different preparation of the soil for a tourist crop than for what we have been raising, and if we realize that and lay our plans accordingly we will magnificently succeed. What the Southern Pacific does for Ashland in this transition to a watering resort depends very much upon what Ashland does to make the resort attractive. If the thing is forwarded on a comprehensive plan—one that will justify big advertising and big effort on the part of the railroad—we may depend upon it that the railroad will put big force behind the enterprise.

because there will be good profits to the railroad in hauling people in. Do the thing right and the railroad can be depended upon to bring the people here in crowds. They remarked that there was no other resort of the kind on the Southern Pacific line between San Francisco and Portland and said an immense traffic could be built up along excursion lines between these points to Ashland, as well as the long haul tourist travel from the east. Already our resort possibilities are being discussed from San Francisco to Portland and everybody expresses confidence in the future of Ashland as a resort city.

Vining is Nearing Finishing Stage

Expert decorators from Seattle arrived in Ashland Tuesday ready to begin work on the interior of the Vining Theatre. The Weisenborn Art and Decorative Company have the contract. Their specialty is interior decorations and their special specialty is theatres. Though the building is, to all appearances from the outside, far from complete, the decorators are now at work on that portion of the interior which has already passed through the hands of the plasterers. Nearly every stage of the building of the Vining Theatre is going on at once. In fact there has been no time since the building began to rise but what a large force of men was engaged on the job and small gangs of them were following closely on the heels of each other at various phases of the construction. Tuesday the west wall of the building was completed at noon. At the same time the roof was going on, lathers were working in one part of the building, plasterers in another and the plumbers and electricians were also on the job. One of these fine days Ashland people will arise in the morning and find the theatre incomplete and along towards evening they will stroll up to the front and find somebody selling tickets.

Business on Coast Looking Better

The report of the Southern Pacific Company on the condition of business on the Pacific coast shows great prosperity prospects. The rain has been general throughout the state recently and has been sufficient to do all that was required. The February storms filled the underground reservoirs and deposited an ample supply of snow upon the mountains. Water for irrigation and power is assured. The report says, in part: Oregon—Outlook considered good if not better than at the same time in 1913. Banks in excellent condition, with heavy resources. Among bankers, merchants and manufacturers a more optimistic feeling prevails than for some time. Lumber outlook better. Crop prospects good.

California—Prospects for very large yield of crops. Orchards in splendid condition. Stock ranges in fine shape, affording an abundance of feed. In Santa Clara Valley quite an amount of planting to prunes and apricots, most of it new, other than replanting on account of dead trees due to past two seasons.

May Day Ball.
The Lady Maccabees will give a May day ball in the armory Friday evening, May 1. 92-6t

—Ladies' hat sale at Enders'.

The Council and Chautauqua Park

There seems to be some misunderstanding as to the attitude of the city council toward the care of Chautauqua Park. The ladies asked that the city appropriate three hundred dollars a year toward the care of that part of the park owned by the Chautauqua Association. The council had no legal right to make such an appropriation because the park did not belong to the city. Legally the city had no more right to appropriate money to upkeep that ground than it had to appropriate money to keep up the lot of a private citizen. That is the legal phase. On the other hand, the Chautauqua grounds have been used freely by the people as a park and there was a moral obligation against the city for the free use of the grounds. There was the dilemma. The council considered both the legal and moral phase and decided that while the city could not legally meet the request of the Chautauqua ladies, some provision should be made. It was legal for the city to furnish police protection everywhere within the corporate limits. So it was decided to put a special policeman in the park whose duty it should be both to supply police surveillance and take care of the grounds. In consideration of him taking care of the park as well as looking after the Chautauqua grounds a policeman was commissioned and the park club will get exactly what they petitioned for—a caretaker for the park—at the expense of the city—and the matter will be handled according to law instead of according to sentiment. The Tidings is with the council in the matter. We think they did the right thing and the only thing that could be legally done in the premises. That day is dangerous when public officers begin to make illegal appropriations, for, once started, there is no end to it.

There has been a lot of unnecessary agitation and criticism growing out of the transaction.

Swain Dies as Result of Burns

Word has been received that Mark Swain died Sunday, the result of serious burns caused from an accident while riding his motorcycle. According to report, he was riding his motorcycle, while delivering for a Los Angeles drug company, and a bottle of ammonia which he was carrying fell on the engine and ignited, the ammonia spilling over his clothes and burning him terribly. Mark and his mother lived in Ashland for several years, and the many friends they gathered around them while here will grieve for the loss of the boy. While the family was living here the death of Mr. Swain occurred, from consumption. The Tidings wishes to extend sincere sympathy to Mrs. Swain.

Phone news items to the Tidings.

Woman Forger is Splendid Songbird

A. M. McIntyre of Independence, Ore., father of Miss Nellie McIntyre, who was held in the county jail on a charge of forgery preferred by Ashland banks, has secured his daughter's release from the county jail on \$500 bail and left with her for his home in Independence. Mr. McIntyre does not believe that Miss Nellie is altogether responsible for her acts and stated that his daughter had done several things in the past year that he could not account for. Sunday morning Miss McIntyre requested that she be given an opportunity to attend the Easter services at the Presbyterian church in the county seat. The request was granted and Miss McIntyre attended and took part in the singing. She sang so beautifully that she was asked to sing a hymn alone. This she did and in such a way that it was highly enjoyed by all. She was brought to the city from the county jail in an auto by Deputy Wilson.

S. P. Special Train.
The S. P. will furnish a special train April 17, leaving Ashland at 7:30 p. m. and returning at 11 p. m., at one and one-third fare round trip, for the production of "Within the Law," with Margaret Illington as leading lady, at the Page Theatre at Medford. 92-2t

The Pacific Highway Muddle

The Tidings has taken no part in the Pacific Highway controversy mainly for the reason that it is ignorant as to the facts and the needs. The Tidings does not assume to know more about where the highway ought to go, or just where the money should be spent, than the engineers who are employed to do the work. One thing certain, large enterprises of the kind must be laid out on a definite plan looking to the ultimate results desired and not warped to meet local situations. We assume Engineer Bowby is trying to get the best results for the money and we shall not interpose an objection to his plans unless convinced to the contrary.

On the other hand, no man is to be blamed for trying to protect his home. Mr. Billings feels that the proposed route will greatly damage him and hopes that another way will be found just as good for the highway. But the controversy is one that must be settled between Mr. Billings and the engineers amicably, or be determined by a proper proceeding in court. There can be nothing gained by working up a lot of public sentiment either for or against Mr. Billings or the engineers. The matter should be settled according to justice and equity and Ashland should not put herself in the light of obstructing public improvements, or get in a position where she can be charged with attempting it.

The engineers are supposed to know their business. Mr. Billings assuredly has rights in the matter. His friends or public sentiment cannot and should not interfere. Let's have the Pacific Highway and allow all questions of damages and justice to rest with the courts for adjudication.

Zapata probably wants to show Villa that he has no monopoly of the blackmailing business.

Visitor Talked on Work Among Indians

Rev. Robert D. Hall, secretary of the international committee of the Y. M. C. A. work among the Indians, with headquarters in New York city, is spending a few days at the home of A. M. Beaver, being the nephew of Mrs. Beaver and the grandson of Mrs. E. J. Calhoun. He gave quite a comprehensive talk in the parlors of Mr. Beaver's home Tuesday evening, before a few friends, illustrating with magic lantern views. Mr. Hall is specially fitted for this work, having been born at Fort Berthold, in South Dakota, his mother being the first white woman missionary among the Indians of that section. He is giving a talk this morning before the student body of the high school. From here he goes to the Chemawa School for Indians, north of Salem.

Knights Templar Heard Sermon on Temple Building

Rev. Carnahan delivered the Easter sermon to the Knights Templar lodge of Ashland last Sunday in the Presbyterian church, which was considered one of the most polished ever heard in this city. In part he said, taking as his subject "Temple Building," from the scripture text, Exodus 24:39, "According to the Pattern Showed Thee in the Mount," and I Cor. 3:17, "For the Temple of God is Holy, Which Temple Ye Are." These scripture words, though taken from widely separated pages of the Bible—and from widely separated ages—yet have reference to one and the same thought—temple building. Typical and symbolical of the moral and spiritual. All things earthly, if their true meaning and purpose be gathered, lead to the heavenly, from the seen to the unseen—for we know that if this earthly house of our tabernacle be dissolved, we have a building with God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

The world has had very many beautiful, wonderful and magnificent temples, conceptions of man's wonderful genius, creations of man's skillful hands. Some of them are standing today, moss-grown and ivy-covered, the marks of the ages upon them; while many others have been either ruthlessly destroyed by the cruel and heartless invader of sacred domains, or have fallen beneath Time's abrading and decaying touch. Chivalry as an institution existed from the reign of Charlemagne, but the Templar order came into being through the inspiration of the Crusades. They were the brave soldiers pledged to the defense of the Christian religion, to friendship—loyalty—to their sovereign, to the courteous bearing of the true gentleman, and the protection of womanhood.

Each of us is engaged in temple building. Our life is our temple building. Our Master had his plans. Out of that place in the inner chamber whither he had withdrawn himself he emerged to spread before his workman those patterns for the completion of that most glorious edifice.

Sir Knights, we may erect no costly mansions of brick and marble upon some grand avenue or public thoroughfare for human eyes to look upon and to criticize or admire, but each of us is building a fabric which God and angels see—

"We are weaving every day, as we pass along our way,

Intent upon our busy work, or just as busy play,

Beneath the casual gaze of men, and angels' steady eye,

The robes of Resurrection, in which we shall arise."

Can you wonder that on this Easter day that as a traveler and builder, as one who has seen His star in the east, as one who has walked among the pillars of stability and strength, and have mounted by easy stages the golden stairway of learning and universal knowledge, that by all the wrecks of human character which fill the world, by all the battered and broken derelicts that strew the shores of the ocean of Time, that we should enjoin you and

encourage you to learn wisdom and adorn your life temple with beauty and truth and "to take heed how you build," remembering that every wise and careful builder uses constantly his plumbline?

We shall speak briefly of three elements of a glorious knighthood and a Christian chivalry:

1. Let your foundation stone be truth. Upon this foundation stone rests the success or failure of the entire structure. The world's best exemplar of a man was Jesus Christ, and He was the very embodiment of truth.

2. A second element of true knighthood is purity. Impurity of life is the forfeiture of manliness. It robs all life's intercourse of the freshness of its joyous innocence. It sullies all beauty. There can be no such thing as an impure gentleman. Impurity destroys like rust, and rots like dampness. Sin distorts, deforms, destroys. Without reservation we say there is no furnishing of temple of character quite so glorious, so rich in the adornment of that spiritual palace-like purity.

3. Yet another element of true knighthood is gentleness. One of the glaring faults of our age, unseemly and unhappy, is the lack of gentleness of conduct and bearing. The highest encomium paid the Christ by mortal tongue was Shakespeare's tribute: "Jesus Christ—the first Christian gentleman." No other hero moving through the multitudes has ever been so courteously gentle, so sweetly considerate in his personal bearing, as Jesus. Who never has failed to kindle in the hearts of men in whose breasts beat the desire of true knighthood, transports of delight and enthusiasm.

There are those who esteem the age of chivalry gone. But a grander crusade is on than ever rolled its tide of courage toward the Holy Sepulchre. Let us remember that there is a God-given spirit in man, whether he be the man of Rome, of Greece or of Egypt, the man of history or the man of today, a spirit breathed into him with God's own breath, which makes grand and chivalrous deeds possible in every age.

Hitch Racks to Be Increased

At the adjourned meeting of the city council held Monday evening few items of formal business were transacted, but informal consideration was given several important subjects.

The cemeteries particularly were considered at length, and it is not improbable some important steps will be taken in the near future.

An additional appropriation of \$50 was made in connection with the Crown hill waterworks, now about completed.

More hitching rack accommodations for teams and horses was decided necessary and a committee was appointed to locate new racks, consisting of Messrs. Beaver, Cornelius, Enders, Minkler and Saunders.

Market matters were considered, but action was delayed until a later date.

Oregon Apples Sold in Egypt

Billy Ware, well known commercial traveler who sells shoes all over the coast, semi-annually, is in the city and tells a very interesting story of his recent tour of foreign countries. Mr. Ware was particularly interested to find the Rogue river apples in many unexpected places. In Egypt, six hundred miles down the Nile at Assouan, he found apples labeled with a big sign "Rogue River, Oregon, Apples." In many other places he ran across them and wherever he found them they were featured above all others—apparently being considered superior to anything else in that line the trade could secure. At Harods in London—one of the biggest provision emporiums of the city—he found them featured with signs printed in box car letters and selling at ten cents apiece. He says he bought a sack of them and was tickled to death to get them even at that price, but jokingly told the dealer that out in Oregon he could get them for picking them up.

Socialists Name County Ticket

Socialists from all parts of Jackson county held a mass meeting Tuesday evening to ratify referendum nominees for the Jackson county socialist ticket:

Jackson county state senator—G. R. Satchwell, Medford.

Jackson county representative—D. M. Brower, Ashland.

Jackson county representative—George W. Herriott, Applegate.

County commissioner—W. H. Reese, Talent.

County clerk—F. H. Chamberlain, Talent.

County sheriff—John Reter, Jacksonville.

County recorder—E. J. Odell, Agate.

County school superintendent—Mrs. G. R. Satchwell, Medford.

County treasurer—J. A. Smith, Medford.

County coroner—W. J. Dunn, Talent.

They unanimously adopted the previous county platform and included the following as their stand on local issues:

"For profits the evils in present day society are fostered, and for gain to the exploiting class are they maintained. Therefore by the establishment of industrial liberty will be struck the blow that will free future society from poverty, social vice and the liquor traffic; dire evils thrust upon us by the capitalist system. Against these degrading wrongs are socialist party battling for economic freedom uses the only effective weapon."

Hike to Cliff Saturday.

If weather permits, the Boys' Club will take a hike to Van Dyke cliffs next Saturday. The trip will be of special interest as C. B. Watson will go along and explain the geology of the country. He is especially qualified to discuss geological problems as he has made it the study and life work, and by discussions and lectures has given out at school, the boys can expect a very instructive and interesting hike.

Southern Oregon Shown in Pictures

Arrangements have just been completed by C. R. Miller of the Miller Photo Company whereby a motion picture studio will be established in Klamath within the next few weeks. A motion picture machine has been ordered by Miller, also blank films and other equipment.

The Elks' Rodeo will be taken in motion pictures and sent to all parts of the country. In addition different views of Klamath county will be taken for the Panama-Pacific Exposition. While no definite arrangements have been made by the Klamath Chamber of Commerce, the idea of showing motion pictures, instead of having an ordinary exhibit of produce, received the indorsement of the chamber several weeks ago.

The Klamath Indian Reservation and Crater Lake National Park will receive special attention and many views will be taken.

Compliment For Worthy Girl

The people of our neighbor city of Ashland paid their greatest respect to a most worthy student when Miss Frances Hamlin, a senior of the Ashland high school, was called by cablegram to teach in Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands, by tendering a public reception in her honor, one man presenting her with fifty dollars cash, many of the merchants supplying the necessary clothing, and friends bestowing upon her scores of useful gifts, so that she was fitted with everything for the trip and the work, says the Medford Sun.

It was said by those who witnessed the crowd at the depot last Saturday that no one ever left the city having more friends, and it was plainly seen that she was the most popular girl in the city.

Miss Hamlin worked her way through school in a creditable way, she was a member of the girls' quartet and of the Presbyterian choir, possessed a fine soprano voice, and a 'lover' of music.

Pictures to Aid Social Evil Workers

The Dreamland Theatre has engaged a special evening of films for April 28, the "Traffic in Souls," and it is one of the most stirring and vivid pictures of this kind ever offered. It reveals and brings home to the spectators the horrible crimes which are committed in some of our larger cities, and inspires people to devise ways of eliminating the terrible curse—the white slave traffic. These pictures have had long runs in the cities and are attracting a great deal of attention among social evil workers.

Begin Work on Big Dam.

Work will commence in a short time on the big dam to be put in southeast of Ashland for the new irrigation project. It is planned to irrigate about 5,000 acres under this dam and there is some talk of extending it to greater proportions than considered in the original plans. Surveyor Osgood was here the first of the week with a force of men completing the details.