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Modern Playhouse Complete In Beauty and Detail

Ashland now has one of the finest theatres on the Pacific coast, barring none in appointment and beauty, and second only in size to the best.

The Vining brothers spared no pains or expense in their playhouse; indeed, they put several thousand dollars more into the finishing touches than anticipated when they came to Ashland.

In harmony and detail the Vining was a great surprise even to those who had watched from day to day the workmen as they constructed the building and the decorators as they painted the walls and scenery.

When the house was opened Thursday night exclamations of delight and wonder were heard on every hand. Few had an adequate conception of the beauty they were to behold when they entered, and stood in wonder and astonishment when they beheld the "little beauty," as some expressed their surprise.

While many who attended did not expect to fully appreciate the opera Faust, they were agreeably surprised and pleased with the splendid performance and high character of the play. The cast is one of the strongest to visit the Pacific coast for years, the leading tenor being a pupil of the famous Caruso, while the part of Eugene Parks as Mephistopheles was considered to be the finest ever witnessed in this difficult role. The tenor was sung in Italian, as was also the part of Valentine.

Following the beautiful garden scene, Messrs. Robert and Professor Vining were called upon by the audience for a few words. President Newcombe responded with words of appreciation on behalf of the Commercial Club for the great enterprise and confidence in our city shown by Messrs. Vining in building such a grand structure for their home city.

Mayor Johnson spoke words of appreciation in behalf of the citizens generally, dwelling upon the fact that Messrs. Vining returned to the home of their youth after years spent out in the great world accumulating the cash with which to show their friends that they still loved the old home.

Professor Vining responded to the friendly words of his fellow-townsmen with deep feeling and expressed his confidence in Ashland and its future, and the great pride both he and his brother enjoyed in their home city. His words were greeted with hearty response.

A few words of friendly appreciation were spoken of the splendid co-operation of the workmen in the construction of this splendid building by Architect Purvis. The work was performed entirely by local workmen under the direct supervision of the architect, and the rapidity with which the structure was built was the marvel of all our citizens and proved the thorough knowledge of the man at the helm.

After the performance an informal reception was held by the Vining

brothers and the theatre was thoroughly inspected. No detail has been left out for comfort and convenience, the retiring room for the ladies and smoking room for gentlemen being especially attractive.

The theatre is entirely fireproof, exits enabling a crowded house to entirely clear the house in two minutes.

The Social Feature.
The presentation of the grand opera Faust Thursday evening at the Vining was by far the most brilliant social affair of the week. Society was out in all its glory for the opening night of the new theatre. The boxes were filled with happy, well-gowned men and women, and the occasion was one which will long be remembered. Those who entertained with box parties and their guests were as follows:

Right A—Mr. and Mrs. D. Ferozzi, Mr. and Mrs. George Ganier, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ganier.
Right B—Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Roy, Mrs. A. E. Lennart, Miss Mildred Lennart, Miss Dorothy Lennart, Mrs. Robert Goodyear, Miss Louise Lennart, Miss Elsie Potter.

Right D—Mr. and Mrs. George Eubanks, Miss Madge Eubanks, Mrs. M. A. Baron, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Butler.
Right E—Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Briscoe, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McCoy, Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Carter.
Right F—Mr. H. G. Enders Sr., Mrs. H. G. Enders, H. G. Enders Jr., John E. Enders, Miss Aimee Wing, Mrs. Maude McCallen.

Right G—Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Frohbach, Mr. D. M. Horn, Mrs. Leta V. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Vaupel.
Right H—Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McGee, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barnette Wolf, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Whited.

Left A—Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Greer, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Greer, Miss Vivian Greer, Miss Lillian Greer, Miss Eleanor Greer, Miss Cherry Starkey.

Left C—Mayor and Mrs. O. H. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Grainger, Mrs. M. H. Vining, Prof. I. E. Vining.
Left D—Mr. and Mrs. W. Y. Crowson, Mrs. W. W. Crowson, Mrs. John Churchman, Miss Bernice Crowson, Master Richard Crowson.

Left F—Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Bates, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Applegate.
Left E—Dr. and Mrs. Swedenburg, Mrs. Sherwin, Mrs. Elizabeth Van Sant, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Peil.

Left H—Mr. and Mrs. Sam McNair, Mr. and Mrs. Hal McNair, Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Parson.
Left G—Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Casey, Miss Helen Casey, Mrs. Charles Veight, Mrs. C. H. Hargadine, Mr. H. D. Casey.

Spring time ordinarily means moving time, but if you are thinking of moving right now, you will find that vacant houses are few and far between. And isn't it a good sign?

Will Exhibit at Eastern Land Show

Rogue River Valley must this year keep up her growing reputation in the east by the diligence of her farmers and growers in saving and raising choice products of their farms for the exhibits. The following is a letter received by the Ashland Commercial Club:

"Oregon will be called upon frequently this fall to furnish exhibit material for eastern land shows, eastern state fairs and for traveling exhibit cars.

"A high standard was set last year with our exhibits—they were first everywhere. In order to maintain this established reputation it will be necessary that your progressive growers keep in mind the importance of saving samples.

"Will you help us to secure good specimens by notifying the growers of the necessity, and by giving this local publicity, etc.? We will strictly adhere to the former policy of labeling all samples in the name of the county and grower. Credit will be justly distributed.

"Write us for any information. We desire to be of every possible assistance. Yours cordially,

"C. C. CHAPMAN,
"Oregon State Immigration Agent."
Let's try and save our best products. This eastern land show advertising is some of the best advertising we can do.

Memorial Services Next Sunday

Hymn, "All Hail the Power."
Prayer, Rev. N. L. Browning.
Anthem,
Scripture reading,
Song, male quartet.
Opening address, "The Occasion of Our Gathering," Rev. W. J. Douglass.
Address, "The Veteran in Time of Peace," Rev. W. A. Schwimley.
Song, male quartet.
Address, Rev. H. A. Carnahan.
Song, "America."
Benediction.

At a recent meeting of the International congress of surgeons, Dr. W. W. Keen of Philadelphia was elected president. This is the first time the honor has fallen to an American surgeon, although it has been admitted for years that we do more cutting than all the rest of the world besides. And it may come, some day, that our American surgeons will do less work with the knife. It looks almost like a real lust for blood, this mania for cutting human patients.

Lameness incurred while working in the garden unfits a fellow for business, but when it comes from playing baseball it is harmless.

The text book decision will at least have the effect of giving us a new start on this perplexing problem.

School Gathering At Rush

The little town of Rush, near Jacksonville, was the scene of a very enthusiastic gathering of school people and those interested in the education of their children. About five to six hundred people convened, some coming long distances to take part. There were seven schools represented. The day was full of entertainment, as the school children gave a program, and races and other athletic sports took place. Everybody brought their basket lunches and the dinner hour was a gay scene. There were several speeches during the day, among which the talks by Professor Briscoe J. Percy Wells held a prominent place. Professor Briscoe says the day was a success from every standpoint, and was one of special enjoyment to him.

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At Medford Field Meet Ashland Wins by One Point

The dual field meet held at Medford Saturday was one of the most interesting meets that has ever been held in the Rogue River Valley. The spectators could not tell from the time the meet started which would win first as Medford would be ahead for a while and then Ashland would take the lead.

Pelouze was the easy star for Medford, doing good work in all the events that he entered, while Peters was the star for the Ashland squad. Abbott of Ashland sprung a surprise when he took the mile run away easily from Freeman and then turned around and won the two-mile.

The meet was a great success all the way through with the exception of the jar between the two teams over the relay race. Medford thought that the relay should not count points as they were giving a special banner for this event, but Ashland took exception to this as the contract that was signed by both Ashland and Medford put it in as one of the regular events.

The matter was put before the three track judges for the final decision. They went over the matter carefully and finally decided that the relay would count five points for first and three points for second. This gave the meet to Ashland by one point.

50-yard dash. Time was not caught—Pelouze of Medford first, Peters of Ashland second, Homes of Ashland third.

Running high jump. Height, 5 feet and 1 inch—Yates of Medford first, Frame of Ashland second, Grey of Ashland third.

One-half mile. Time, 2 minutes and 18 seconds—Burdic of Ashland first, Spencer of Ashland second, Grey of Medford third.

100-yard dash. Time, 12 seconds flat—Pelouze of Medford first, Peters of Ashland second, Bumaer of Ashland third.

Pole vault. Height, 10 feet—Gates of Medford first, Williamson of Medford second, Cowgill of Medford third.

220-yard dash. Time, 23 4-5 seconds—Peters of Ashland first, Pelouze of Medford second, Cowgill of Medford third.

Shot-put. Distance, 39 feet—Garrett of Ashland first, Frame of Ashland second, Gates of Medford third.

One-mile run. Time, 5 minutes 4 1/2 seconds—Abbott of Ashland first, Freeman of Ashland second, Carthell of Ashland third.

Running broad jump. Distance, 18

Big Strawberry Season is Outlook

The recent warm spring rains have produced the desired result in regard to the strawberries, for fine, big, luscious fruit is now beginning to come in to the local markets. Although many of the first blossoms were nipped by the frost, more have come on, and this year will probably be a big one in strawberry history. The berries are ripening very fast and there is a good market.

There was an "awful lot" of back-to-the-farm talk three months ago, but most of the fellows who did the talking are "sticking around" in their old haunts collecting dope for more talk.

Vining to Open Every Night

Commencing tonight the Vining Theatre will be opened every evening. The class of photoplays secured by Mr. Vining are excellent by none. He has already given the people a taste of what is to come.

Tonight the most loved woman in the theatrical world will be shown in the person of Mrs. Minnie Maddern Fiske.

Mrs. Fiske has won a place in the public heart not only by her excellent acting, but by her personality and personal contact with the people. She is said to be one of the most natural women in the world off the stage as well as on. This unusual freedom has made her loved as perhaps no other actress. This is the class of players engaged by the Belasco and Frohman company which furnishes the Vining with photoplays.

Mary Pickford, Actress, Niece of Judge Watson

The Vining Theatre Saturday and Sunday nights held the biggest theatre crowds Ashland has ever witnessed. The first night of the Vining's moving pictures was in every way a great success. Saturday night the doors were closed early for the first show, as the theatre was so full it could not hold more. The pictures shown were films by the Famous Players Company, in which Mary Pickford starred. The Vining has procured the best pictures that it is possible to obtain.

Miss Pickford is only 19, but is the highest paid actress on the world's stage. She is the niece of Judge C. B. Watson of this city. Her father, W. W. Watson, lived in Ashland in 1878 and 1879 and was interested in the Tidings. Mary Pickford is the actress's stage name. Her real name is Reatha Watson. She is a niece to Judge Watson, being the daughter of his brother. Miss Pickford was born after her family left Ashland. She is called the Venus of California, and is considered the most beautiful woman in the world. She is an enthusiastic swimmer, being known to buffet the highest of tides that sweep the Pacific and Atlantic.

It was extremely appropriate that on the opening night of Ashland's new theatre, to have the daughter of a former Ashland resident, and the niece of one of the prominent citizens of Ashland, and the highest paid actress in the world, to star in the picture performance.

The following is a description of Mary Pickford that appeared in the Los Angeles Herald:

"A fine head, of refined, clear-cut

features, small mouth and chin, low forehead, slender neck, and a tall, lithe figure. She has the long legs of the classic sculpturer. Her hair is a rich brown and is worn in a simple Greek coilure. Perhaps her most alluring beauty lies in her eyes, for they are large and slate blue, with a quiet, dreamy sensuousness that is a fitting accompaniment to the long, graceful and pantherlike lines of her body."

Improved Optical Plant in Prospect

Mr. Whited left for Portland yesterday to make final arrangements toward the installation of his new optical machinery and to become proficient in its management and operation. With this new outfit lenses may be completed in an hour that now require a several days wait on the city optician. If your lens should be broken try him; his system of measurement insures a perfect duplication.

It looks as if Huerta, Villa and Carranza ought soon to unite in a protest against the inhumanities of the Colorado mine war.

The contending parties in the labor conflicts believe they can get their way if they punish the public sufficiently.

Plant more flowers. Make it "Ashland the City Beautiful."

Conway Now At Marshfield

F. E. Conway returned yesterday to Coos Bay, bag and baggage, and is now a Coos Bay resident, says the Marshfield Record. Mr. Conway has sold his fine Ashland home and severed his business relations in the interior. He has 8,000 pounds of personal and office effects en route to Coos Bay and this is now his permanent home. Mr. Conway came here last summer and started a great line of building and has many matters now under consideration and will sink or swim with the Coos Bay human tide.

Owing to a lack of quarters in this city, Mrs. Conway went to Seattle for the present, but will come here as soon as living accommodations are obtained in the new department house Mr. Conway is building. While in Seattle Mrs. Conway will visit her parents and take voice culture.

The erection of the apartment at the corner of Sixth and Central avenue will be commenced as soon as material can be collected.

The Conway company is here to become an entirely Coos Bay business firm and do its full share in the support of local institutions and the upbuilding of the district. They wish to be friends with everybody and will do their utmost to give everybody a square deal and will greatly appreciate being given a square deal in return. As far or little farther than sound business principles will admit, they wish to use local men in their operations and desire to buy through local merchants.

Ready to Boost.

They stand ready to get behind and do their proportion of boosting for anything and everything that is for the good of the whole people and are to help make a greater Coos Bay. Mr. Conway comes to Coos Bay in spite of the fact that he had large holdings in undeveloped property in Ashland and at a time when that city is on the eve of great things. Ashland is at this time about to vote bonds in the sum of \$175,000 for the purpose of developing their wonderful mineral springs, and as all conditions there are ideal, Ashland will make one of the greatest health resorts in the world.

His move was made, Mr. Conway said, against unlimited inducements for him to remain with the Ashland people, the Conway company friends believing the company was making a mistake in leaving on the eve of unusual development.

Now the Conway company is a Coos Bay institution, they will build and sell bungalows on time, as they have in the past all over the coast, and will do a general building and

250 Men Work At Crater Lake

Lieutenant George E. Goodwin of the United States engineering corps, accompanied by seven engineers and office men, arrived last evening from Portland on his way to Crater Lake national park to resume the construction of the system of roads the government is building there, says Sam Evans in the Klamath Falls North-western.

Lieutenant Goodwin stated in an interview that work on the roads would be commenced as soon as weather conditions would permit and would continue vigorously throughout the summer and until bad weather stopped operations next fall.

"I am unable to make any definite statement in regard to operations in the park because I have not been on the ground yet this year," said Lieutenant Goodwin. "There are about twenty men at Chilquin now unloading a big steam shovel, and today another shovel will reach there. A third will arrive before long and all three will be used this summer."

"It is the plan now to commence work on the Fort Klamath entrance and complete that to the rim. The Sand creek road was completed last year, and by fall the connecting link which runs along and near the rim of the lake for a considerable distance will be finished. This will complete a circuit from Fort Klamath to the lake, thence along or near the rim, then down to Sand creek, and from here to Fort Klamath again.

"The amount of work done this summer will depend altogether on the size of the appropriation by congress. If we get the appropriation expected, about 200 or 250 men and a great number of teams will be employed and considerable work besides that already mentioned will be done. If the appropriation is small fewer men will be employed and perhaps little besides the Fort Klamath entrance and the rim road connecting it and the Sand creek road will be done."

Unstratched collars will be fashionable for men this summer, it is predicted. It is hard to believe that anything comfortable can ever be stylish.

After one takes an hour off to learn how to pronounce the Mexican names, the result is that no one knows what you mean.

contracting business. They will not interfere with other business, especially such as material and architectural lines.

Fulan Hurt Near Siskiyou

Walter Fulan was hurt last week on a freight train above Siskiyou. He fell from his position in the caboose, from the jar caused by the setting of the Westinghouse air brakes when the cars broke apart. Two ribs were broken and two gashes cut in his side. He will be laid up for some time recovering from his injury.

The college boys are anxious to enlist in case of war. The patriotic willingness to sacrifice their baseball careers is deeply appreciated.

Ashland is waking up. Watch her go. No more Rip Van Winkle for Ashland.