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Stop! Look! Listen! For Danger

The railroad company is beginning to investigate. Since the question of railway grade crossings has come before the notice of all talking "Pacific Highway," the railroad has made many investigations, of which the following is very interesting and explains many things:

For one day the railroad company had a man stationed at every crossing along the road to keep a record of all the cars that passed over the crossings. When all the figures were brought together it was found that 69 per cent of the drivers of motor vehicles pay no attention to a railroad crossing—that is, they neither look to right or to left to see if a train is coming; 34 per cent of the drivers of horse-drawn vehicles did likewise, while 37 per cent of the pedestrians followed suit.

The following is what the railroad company has to say about safety and grade crossings:

"Stop to look and listen before passing over railway grade crossings. Refrain from and discourage trespassing upon railroad property. Be careful when waiting for trains or using the company's facilities.

"It is not safe to start over a railway crossing without first stopping to look and listen. To get on or off trains while in motion. To stand near edge of platform when trains are passing. To cross over ahead of an approaching train, or pass closely behind a train standing. To stand or walk upon tracks around stations or elsewhere. To allow children to play around the station, tracks or cars.

"In the United States nearly 54 per cent of all persons losing their lives on railway premises are trespassers. If record of recent years maintains, 14 people were so killed yesterday, 14 people will be killed today and 14 tomorrow. Think of that!

"Grade crossings are unavoidable. Without them few railroads could have been built in this country. They are one of the inconveniences of progress, to be eliminated just as rapidly as practicable. The railroads are doing their best, but it takes time and a great deal of money. Meanwhile the public demands that trains be run on time. To do so involves speed over crossings. We appeal to the driver of every vehicle and every pedestrian before crossing a railroad track to stop, look, listen."

500 Up For Medford Day

Medford day was a great success from all standpoints, and Medford people have a right to be proud of their fine talent that enables them to put on such a program—as was given this afternoon at Chautauqua. There were about three hundred arrivals up to the time the paper went to press. It was estimated by some of the Medford people that there would be about five hundred visitors during the day, many of them coming after business hours.

The program itself was worthy of a trained musical company. The violin solos by Carlton Jones were superexcellent and much appreciated. Carlton Jones is one of the finest violinists in southern Oregon. Mrs. Ed Andrews made herself popular with the audience for her vocal solo, scene from "Madam Butterfly," and other selections.

The reader, Mrs. G. T. Wilson, gave some fine selections, humorous and otherwise, and drew an enthusiastic round of applause from the hearers. Mr. Gerard Tallander, Medford's fine pianist, gave several numbers, all of which were marvels in musical harmony and technique.

Medford has reason to rejoice that they have in their midst such fine ability and talent.

Bound For Visit To Crater Lake

Mrs. Earl Weaver, Mrs. J. E. Ware of New York city and Miss Margaret Tomlin leave this week for a five-day trip to Crater Lake. They intend to go by auto and they will take in Pelican Bay, Klamath Falls, Fort Klamath, the lord of all beauties, Crater Lake, and other points of interest and beauty along the trip. The return route is mapped to go through Shovel creek and back over the Siskiyou. We wish them an enjoyable trip.

Former Marshal Died Suddenly

Friends of ex-Marshall C. P. Jones will be grieved to learn of his death at San Diego July 11. His body was brought to Ashland for burial and services were held this afternoon at 2 o'clock from Dodge's undertaking parlors. The interment took place under the auspices of the Masonic lodge, with their usual burial ceremonies.

He was a much-honored former citizen of Ashland and won many friends while here. Mrs. L. E. Cooper, his daughter, and her husband accompanied the body to this city. Mr. Jones was a member of the Grand Army veterans and the Odd Fellows, and three from each organization will act as pallbearers. Many flowers were brought to the grave of the deceased and the ceremonies were very beautiful and impressive.

Mr. Jones has led the life of a true pioneer, and the story of his many narrow escapes and Indian fights is very thrilling. He was stolen by the Indians when but a child and brought up in savagery until sixteen, when he was rescued by the whites and trained in their ways. He is an old civil war veteran and was always in the thickest of the fight. He has been in the office of police in several different cities. One of his experiences took place in our own city, when he was sandbagged and knocked off the bridge across Ashland creek, lying there all night with a broken leg.

Mr. Jones has lived in the southern part of California for several years, spending some time in the Soldiers' Home. He was laid by the side of his wife, who lies buried in the Ashland cemetery.

Deer Season Two Weeks off

With the deer season but two weeks off, not a few sportsmen are preparing to invade the stronghold of the buck.

People from the rural districts report a great number of deer in the mountains this season and an unusually good season is promised. They think this abundance of deer is due to the vigilance of the game wardens and to the fact that the does have been protected for the past few years.

It is hoped that the season might come and go without costing the life of a single hunter. This would not be impossible if sportsmen would heed the instructions printed upon the license, and wear red garments, that could be distinguished at a distance.

Sometimes the career of a neighbor's cow is suddenly ended by the deadly 30-30 of some eager marksman. This could also be avoided if the gunman would be sure of his object before he sets his sights.

It is better to be careful and lose your deer than to be rash and bag a prize cow, which might cost you several dollars, or a human being.

Larimore Circus A Big Feature

Tonight is the big event—Larimore's Circus. A feature that has entertained the people of Ashland one evening every Chautauqua session for the last seven years. Those who once see the circus will never miss it again. There you see your city's boys perform in the most wonderful and ludicrous manner. This year it is better and bigger than ever.

Prof. Larimore has an exceptionally large class of children and has been putting forth every effort to make the evening entertaining. Even if you have not attended the other numbers, see this. Tonight.

Union Meetings.

The churches of Ashland will unite in the Sunday evening services during July and August. Be present Sunday evening. The place of meeting is the tabernacle. The pastors of the city will take turns in the preaching.

V. O. N. Smith, Edward Siemantel and Mr. Lowe, the dry farmer, enjoyed a two days' fishing trip to Rogue river this week, being gone Monday and Tuesday. They caught several fine fish. Mr. Siemantel hails from Texas, where fishing is rather scarce, and was greatly pleased with the catch.

Dixie Jubilees Draw Crowds

One of the largest crowds that has ever been assembled in the Chautauqua for many years attended the Dixie concert Monday night. Although it was exceedingly warm, the people turned out with overwhelming numbers, the board seats coming into use in all the aisles. Their concert was considered the best musical number on the program so far, and drew more responsive applause than has been known this season.

At all their concerts, Monday evening and both afternoon and evening Tuesday, the building was packed. Their calliope song took immensely, the powerful bass coming in with the exhaust of the engine and making a great hit. Much fine solo work was done, and the prison scene from "Il Trovatore" was sung in a manner hard to excel. Also many of the old-fashioned camp meeting songs were rendered, which brought many a laugh.

To Write of Southern Oregon

Emerson Hough, staff correspondent of the Saturday Evening Post, the world's greatest weekly, is now in Klamath Falls. Bert R. Greer left Tuesday to meet and accompany him on his sight-seeing trip. Mrs. Hough accompanies her husband.

The object of the trip is to get a writeup and description of the scenic beauties of southern Oregon—Crater Lake, Pelican Bay, Josephine Caves, and the wild mountain scenery. This article will appear in the Post at some future date, and will mean a great deal in the publicity it gives this part of the country, as the Post has the greatest circulation of any magazine in the world.

Mr. Hough is considered one of the best writers on the immense staff, and will spare no effort to give southern Oregon its due. Many of the prominent men of this part of the state will accompany him and help to point out the attractions, so that none will be neglected. He will be in Ashland Saturday and Sunday. The party will spend Friday at Crater Lake and return by Medford.

He comes to southern Oregon at the suggestion of the Southern Pacific officials and will be the guest of Ashland while in the state.

Pickens Return From Auto Trip

W. C. Pickens and family, with Kenneth McWilliams, returned Tuesday afternoon from an extended auto tour of California. They have traveled several thousand miles, and report a fine trip and few auto troubles. They crossed the Mexican line, visited San Diego, Los Angeles, San Francisco and intermediate points. The trip has taken over a month, and from the looks of the party when they came in it has certainly been a fine outing and has benefited all of them, for a more tanned and jolly crew never rolled over the roads in an automobile.

Kenneth McWilliams has driven the car as chauffeur and says he had the time of his life, as he had the opportunity of visiting all the principal points of interest in California.

The roads are reported to be in fairly good condition, except for the dust. Out of Sacramento there are many miles of macadam and pavement.

Huntley Leaves For East

Harold Huntley, last year a freshman in Stanford, and who has been sojourning at his Ashland home during the summer, left Tuesday for The Dalles, the first step in his trip to Wisconsin, where he will attend the state university during the coming winter.

Mr. Huntley will stop off at The Dalles with the view of visiting his brother and finding employment for the rest of the summer. He is well known here and is one of the graduates of the Ashland high school. He is taking electrical and constructional engineering. His friends in Ashland will indeed be sorry to have him absent from their midst for the remainder of the summer.

Fencing Statute To Be Waived

Hearing on the application of the Southern Pacific Company for suspension of the state fencing statute on certain portions of its right of way between Ashland and the California line will take place before Chairman Frank J. Miller of the state railroad commission at Ashland on July 27. The hearing is set for 10 o'clock on that day at the city hall.

In its petition to the railroad commission the railroad has represented that it desires to leave unfenced certain segments of its line where the country is sparsely settled or where natural barriers make it impractical to fence.

Property owners who desire the line fenced along their lands are requested to make their desires known at their hearing. The commission has uniformly required the fencing to be done wherever it is wanted by property owners along the line.

Tennis Tournament At Medford

The Medford Golf and Country Club is planning to give the first annual tennis tournament for the championship of southern Oregon at the club courts, beginning July 18. The event will be held under the auspices and rules of the United States National Lawn Tennis Association.

The Medford Country Club is the first organization of its kind in the southern part of Oregon and has been a great factor in social development.

Some of the events will be: Ladies' singles, gentlemen's singles, gentlemen's doubles. A cup has been donated by the club for gentlemen's singles, and must be won three times, but not necessarily consecutively, to become the property of the winner. All entries, one dollar for each event, must be received by the chairman of tournament committee not later than July 15.

The lawn tennis facilities of the club consist of three excellent clay courts. The club will do everything to make the visit of contestants agreeable, and most cordially invites all those eligible.

The office of Dr. F. H. Johnson, dentist, will be closed until August 17.

Waite Has Plans For Country Club

F. B. Waite of Sutherlin was in the city the past week looking after matters of business in connection with his two-thousand-acre tract of land across Bear creek. While not talking for publication, Mr. Waite made no effort to conceal from his friends that he has under way a deal for the disposal of his local holdings, which he considers very flattering.

While here Mr. Waite let it be known that he will go east in the near future to confer with a syndicate which is considering the proposition of placing on the tract a sanatorium and country club. Mr. Waite has offered the syndicate a very generous concession—it being to donate to them for their sanatorium and grounds the 150 acres of land known as the old Carter Tract. This tract is nicely situated for the purpose and would be a very liberal bonus, as it was sold for \$125 per acre.

Ashland people will certainly hope that Mr. Waite's project along this line may become a reality.

Carson-Smith Extend Business

J. N. Dennis has sold his wood business to the Carson-Smith Lumber Company, together with the lots facing on East Main formerly used as a woodyard. Mr. Dennis will devote his attention entirely to the grocery and feed business.

The Carson-Smith company is one of the most aggressive firms in the city and is continually extending business. The location on Main street will give them an excellent point from which to handle the wood during the fall and winter months, as the lumber yards have been extended to exclude the handling of the wood from the yards.

—Don't forget Enders' sale.

Horse's Neck Broken In Runaway

Wednesday evening an accident occurred which might have proved fatal to the parties, John Anderson and Alexander McMillan. A result of the accident, however, was a horse with a broken neck and a badly mutilated surrey. It occurred on Oak street. The team driven by John Anderson became frightened by an automobile and started down the street, and no pulling on the reins could stop them. Mr. McMillan, who was coming up the street with a surrey and load of ladies, saw the swerving team and wagon approaching and let the load get out of his surrey and to the side of the road to avoid danger while he attempted to drive his horse across to the other side, where he could get out of the way of the onrushing team. However, before the team reached him the wagon overturned, and they broke loose and came on, spurred ahead to greater things by the new cause of excitement. Before McMillan could get across the road the frenzied team struck the carriage and horse, killing the horse instantly by breaking his neck, and smashing the carriage badly. They kept going on down the road and were not caught until several hours later. Anderson, who was driving the Sander & Sander dairy team, was not injured in the least, the covered wagon protecting him as it turned over. Almost all the milk bottles were broken and one wheel. McMillan also escaped uninjured, but his surrey was smashed badly.

Enders Building Nearing Completion

The new Enders building, composed of four large storerooms, which is being erected by the side of his former structure, is being brought rapidly to completion.

The building is a brick and concrete structure, built much like the adjoining, except for the height, which is but one story. The top will be fitted up so that it can be used as a roof garden, to be run in connection with the Columbia Hotel.

The room next to the Enders store has no future occupant. The one next to it, however, will be leased by Mr. Lowe of California, who will operate a first-class cafeteria. The room adjoining this will be occupied by Abbott & McDaniels, custom tailors, and it will be fitted up to make one of the most attractive tailoring parlors in the city. The other room will be finished in marble and is to be a sanitary barber shop, operated by H. O. Butterfield, the well-known and popular barber. There will be a waiting and loafing room in the back and it will be fitted up most attractively.

This new building with the new stores will certainly be quite an addition to the business showing of our city.

E. D. Briggs Returned Tuesday

E. D. Briggs and wife, who have been absent from Ashland for about two months and a half, returned Tuesday from their eastern trip. They have made a complete circle of the United States, visiting New Orleans, Atlanta, Washington, D. C., New York, Niagara Falls, and many other cities.

Mr. Briggs was the delegate for the local Shriner lodge. This is the third time he has made the trip east to attend the Shriner conventions. He reports a very enjoyable trip, encountering very little heat, except during the last two weeks.

Queen Contest is Lively.

A good deal of interest is being shown in the carnival queen contest and the voting is very heavy.

Up to date, Fern Murphy tops the list, with the other four close in line. Peryl Wamsley has been entered by the Moose and promises to give the other contestants a hard chase for the crown. Contest standing:

Fern Murphy 1,396
Beulah Caldwell 1,172
Hope Burdick 1,169
Mildred Applegate 1,169
Peryl Wamsley 1,060

The ladies in charge are working to make a success of the carnival and it will be well worth the attention of the people. A good program has been arranged and a happy time is promised.

Hit by Lightning Man Escaped Death

Steven Cantrall of Tule Lake underwent a miraculous escape from death Wednesday evening when a bolt of lightning passed through his body and killed a horse standing nearby. Cantrall was a prominent sheep man of the Tule Lake country. According to Sam Evans, in the Klamath Falls Northwestern, shortly after dusk Wednesday evening, Cantrall started out horseback to corral a few stray sheep. At the time a fierce electrical storm was raging along the base of the Warner range. As near as Mr. Cantrall can recall, night overtook him about a mile from home. He remembered no more until daybreak the next morning, when he found himself dazed and his horse dead. He staggered home, more dead than alive, and Dr. Gibbons of Tule Lake was called to attend him.

It was at first thought his horse had fallen on him, but an examination proved that he had been struck by lightning. The bolt went through his hat just over his forehead and passed down the nose, burning off his eyebrows, thence down his chin and arms into his finger tips, whence it left him. Both arms and hands were badly burned in several places and were partially paralyzed. All the hair was singed off both arms.

It is evident that the lightning passed through his water-soaked clothing to his finger tips and thence down the wet bridle reins to his horse's head and thence down the animal's body to the ground. The animal's head was crushed to a pulp.

To lie all night in such a storm as visited the Tule Lake section Wednesday night was enough to have killed an ordinary man, and that Cantrall is alive today is regarded as a miracle by all his friends.

On the same evening James and Martin Irwin had a narrow escape from death by lightning in the lava beds. They rode under a juniper tree for shelter and when they thought the shower had abated they left the tree. They had not got twenty yards from it when it was struck by lightning.

Local Man Talked To Chautauquans

The re-opening of the Southern Oregon State Normal School was presented to various audiences during the Chautauqua. On Friday Mrs. Howell of Medford was in charge of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union morning meeting and introduced ex-District Attorney B. F. Mulkey, who was president of the school before entering upon the practice of law.

Mr. Mulkey discussed the school situation in Oregon intelligently and urged the matter of the leading citizens of Jackson county putting up a campaign fund capable of properly presenting the merits of the issue to the people of Oregon before the election. His plan of carrying the campaign was very plausible and interesting. Mr. Mulkey mentioned the names of quite a few prominent Medford citizens whom he declared would contribute substantially to any plan that showed that it comprehended the situation.

Ben Sheldon conducted the Round Table on the Normal School issue Tuesday afternoon and introduced Prof. Irving E. Vining, Dr. J. M. Gilbert and Dr. William Parsons of Eugene, who contributed abundantly from their rich store of information on Oregon educational matters and the needs of the state.

The campaign being conducted by the "Normal School Association" is progressing steadily and within the past week has received great encouragement.

Prominent Musician In City

Donald Ferguson, the well-known and prominent musician, professor of music in the State University of Minnesota, is visiting Ed M. Stannard and family at their home on Liberty street for a few days. His mother, sister of Mrs. Stannard, is also with him and will remain in the city for some time. They arrived Tuesday. Mr. Ferguson is considered one of the finest musicians in the middle west.