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Buy real estate in Ashland. She is going to make a city and she is going to do it quick.

Said the Irishman: "From the noise of them I thought there were a million of them, but, alas! there were but two of them!" But frogs are frogs.

Wonderful vote of confidence that on Tuesday both for the project and the men handling it. The springs commission appreciates it and will not betray it. Work will go forward speedily and be hastened to completion.

Ashland wants the springs project to go through. Citizens are solidly behind the project and the springs water commission. There is still time to complete the project by the first of July. The commission is going to work with a vim and finish the project.

Let the people get behind the springs enterprise with counsel and advice as well as with their votes and it will be carried to a successful consummation in quick order. It is a big job but it can and will be successfully handled. Ashland's splendid destiny was marked and sealed on Tuesday last.

This fall elections are coming thick and fast. November 3 the state election, November 16 the school election, November 17 the charter amendment election, and December 15 the city election. Certainly under popular government citizens have many duties to perform and many judgments to render.

Strange, isn't it, how few men are ready to come forward in the inception of an experimental enterprise and how many there are who are ready to cut in after success has been assured. That is human nature. Always those who are slowest to sacrifice and take a chance are apt to be first in the running after the glory.

Secretary Bryan's dove of peace is about to go to roost on blood-stained Mexico. Carranza has resigned, Villa will step down and out and Gutierrez will assume the reins of power as provisional president. This situation seems to be accepted by all factions. Of course, in a little while an "election" will be called and the new president will have himself re-elected. Then things will begin again to pop.

There were 1,409 votes cast on the amendment—1,188 for and 221 against, or six out of every seven votes for the project. At the bond election in June there were 1,514 votes cast—1,206 for the bonds and 308 against. The people of Ashland are stronger for the proposition now than they were in June. In June four to one votes were for the bonds, now six out of every seven votes are for the project. In the total vote only eighteen votes less were cast for the amendment than for the bonds in June. All of which indicates a splendid confidence in the project and the method by which it is being handled.

The "Forum Column" of the Tidings in the last issue carried interesting letters from half a dozen citizens advocating the charter amendment. This column can be made more interesting than any other department of the paper. During the next few years there is big work to be done in Ashland—a work in which every citizen should be interested. It is the desire of this paper that citizens send in letters on topics of interest to the people, especially along the lines of proper development. The "Forum" column was established for expression by the people and it is to be hoped that it will

be used by many. Any subject but politics and religion is proper to that column. If you have an idea about advancing the city write it down and let us give it to the people. By this method many good ideas will be disseminated to the great advantage of the city.

At last the veteran of a thousand well-fought democratic battles has been recognized. For twenty years, in season and out, E. J. Kaiser has carried the democratic banner in this neighborhood and at last has been recognized, not with the spoils of victory but with the glory of it. He has been appointed by Governor West on the "geographic board." It is strictly a place of "honor." There is no salary attached. The salaries, as usual, are saved for Willamette Valley gladiators. Some day southern Oregon will become important enough to get a pay job down this way. But first she must be put on the political map of Oregon. Now she sits but hangs onto the tail of the kite.

This is the springs situation now: The record of Tuesday's election will be sent to the bond attorneys at once. That will take about a week. By the first of December the bond record should be complete and approved. Then it will take several days to have the bonds lithographed and signed. Wednesday the commission mailed seventy letters to prospective bond buyers, offering the bonds. Replies are to be in by December first. In the meantime the commission will proceed with the preliminaries necessary to quick action. Dirt will be flying on the project by January first and it will be ready for the tourist crop of 1915 before July first. There will be no more monkey business or folderol about this job. The people want it quick and they are going to get it.

The city election occurs the middle of next month. The office of recorder, in several respects, is the most important city office. There will be several candidates, and conservatism should mark the voter's choice. Ability and large experience in active business life are demanded in this office, more than in any other office. Whatever may be said in behalf of any other candidate, for J. R. Ware scarcely too much can be claimed, and the Tidings suggests the voters look up closely his record. His year's work upon the council has been marked by his activity, his good judgment, his frankness and fearlessness, and his determination to get at the bottom of every matter coming before the council, no matter how much time it requires for him to look up the facts. As an expert in bookkeeping and fractional accounting, as one having had active charge of office business for upward of thirty years, and successfully, it is fortunate that Mr. Ware is a candidate, for such a man is certainly needed for the office.

Friends of Mayor Johnson are circulating a petition asking him to again be a candidate for the mayoralty. It is understood he has agreed to run. Mayor Johnson has rendered splendid service during the past two years. He has gained valuable experience that will stand him well in hand in guiding the city during the next two years, for he understood the next few years will be full of activity and growth for Ashland. Many important things are to be accomplished and steady hands are needed both in the common council and in the executive chair. One of the best evidences of the satisfaction of Ashland citizens with the public activities of Mayor Johnson was exemplified in the general election just past, when, notwithstanding he had given public notice of his desire that he should not be balloted for as a candidate for the legislature, the people of Ashland gave him a complimentary vote second only to the ballot of F. D. Wagner, who is one of the most popular men in the valley. Mayor Johnson should be and will be re-elected to serve another term at the head of the city government.

**Information.**  
It was a very fashionable concert and the artists very well known ones, but the two young things were too busy with picking out their peculiarities to hear the music.

In the midst of a beautiful selection the pianist suddenly lifted his hands from the keys and one of the young things was heard to say clearly:

"I wonder if that hair is his own?"  
The old man who sat beside her was slightly deaf, but he turned with a benevolent smile.

"No, miss," he imparted pleasantly; "that is Schubert's."—Philadelphia Press.

**He Wanted to Know.**  
"Charles," said the teacher, "do you know the causes of the Revolutionary war?"

Charles looked interestedly at his instructor and replied, as if carrying on a social conversation, "No, do you?"—Ladies' Home Journal.

## Col. Ray Boosts Springs Project

Colonel Frank H. Ray, father of electrical development in southern Oregon, wrote George Putnam from Karlsbad, Austria, last June, advocating the development of Ashland mineral springs, and citing Karlsbad as an instance of what the springs can be made to do for the Rogue River Valley. His letter follows:

Editor Mail Tribune: I am keeping in touch with your section of the country by reading the Mail Tribune, which is forwarded to me every week. I noticed your article regarding mineral springs at Ashland. I am glad you have taken it up, as that can be made one of the most beautiful places in Oregon and attract a great many people.

I am sending you all data I can gather on Karlsbad. You will note that in 1764 they only had 273 persons here for the cure and in 1912 they had 68,000 for the cure and in addition to that about 200,000 visitors.

In the morning when you go to the hot water springs between 5 and 8 o'clock you will see the streets lined with 20,000 people every morning during the season. Each one of these persons who are taking the cure pay taxes to the town of from \$2 to \$10 apiece. This is called the music and cure tax. This money is used in keeping up the ninety miles of walks through the woods, and I must say they are very attractive.

You will find a great deal of the data I send you in German; in case you can't read German, call on Judge Tou Velle or Dr. Reddy. They are both good German scholars, or at least I think they are, as I have seen them eat a bushel of wieners and sauerkraut.

You have nothing to do here but sleep, drink hot water and eat very little. All you have got to do is take care of yourself and rest, and that can be done at Ashland as well as any other place. But they will have to build fine walks through the woods and garden cafes along these walks, not for the purpose of drinking beer, but coffee and hot milk. There are about fifteen such garden cafes here, running every day, where scarcely anything but coffee and milk are consumed. In addition to your walks you will have to have plenty of accommodation and will have to advertise that the waters will cure rheumatism, gout, stomach troubles, insomnia, etc.

I think the whole valley ought to boost for Ashland springs as well as the Southern Pacific Railroad. It would be a great thing for the Southern Pacific, and I am satisfied that Mr. Sproule will do his part, if he sees the people in the valley will help the project along. If you start in a small way you will soon see that outside capital will come in and put up large hotels and boarding houses.

The hotel I am staying at here, the Imperial, is one of the finest I was ever in, and best run. You will notice a picture of it in the book I send you.

Round this town there are factories which manufacture porcelain out of kaolin, also glass, laces and worsteds of the very finest kinds, and hardly any of the people visiting here go away without buying from \$1 up to \$3,000 or \$4,000 worth of goods. This is what the Rogue River Valley needs, so all of you give it a push.

Give my regards to all inquiring friends. I am,

Yours truly,  
FRANK H. RAY.

**Old Forts of Antwerp.**  
As long ago as 1641 an English traveler to Antwerp was impressed by the extensive character of its fortifications. "The gaffs, ramparts and platforms are stupendous," writes John Evelyn in his diary. "But there was nothing about this city which more ravished me than those delicious shades and walks of stately trees, which render the fortified works of the town one of the sweetest places in Europe; nor did I ever observe a more quiet, clean, elegantly built and civil place than this magnificent and famous city of Antwerp."

**Compensation.**  
If it is true, as our business philosophers tell us, that "those who never do more than they get paid for never get paid for more than they do," then it is quite clear that if you want to get paid for more than you do you must do more than you get paid for. Even a philosopher ought to see how impossible that is, but, of course, the true philosopher cannot be expected to hesitate over a mere impossibility.—Life.

**Where Procedure is Slow.**  
"What's your excuse for speeding?" asked the judge.

"Oh, we live in rapid times, your honor," answered the motorist flippantly. "Everything has to speed up a bit these days."

"Not at all," said the judge. "And you will observe the contrary if you will sit down and spend the day in this courtroom. Ten dollars."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

## LOSSES IN BATTLE.

Men Called "Missing" Are Not Always Dead or Wounded.

In accounts of battles one almost invariably reads of the dead, wounded and "missing." That the latter are not always among the dead or wounded, nor even among the prisoners taken by the enemy, is shown in this extract from General Horace Porter's "Campaigning With Grant."

"We learned something at Shiloh about the way in which reports of losses are sometimes exaggerated in battle. At the close of the first day's fight Sherman met a colonel of one of his regiments with only about a hundred of his soldiers in ranks and said to him, 'Why, where are your men?' 'The colonel cast his eyes sadly along the line, wiped a tear from his cheek and replied in a whimpering voice, 'We went in 800 strong and that's all that's left of us.' 'You don't tell me!' exclaimed Sherman, beginning to be deeply affected by the fearful carnage.

"Yes," said the colonel, 'the rebels appeared to have a special spite against us.'

"Sherman passed along some hours afterward when the commissary was issuing rations and found the colonel's men returning on the run from under the bank of the river, where they had taken shelter from the firing, and in a few minutes nearly all of the lost 700 had rejoined and were boiling coffee and eating a hearty meal with an appetite that showed they were still very much alive."

## BABYLON AND NINEVEH.

The Incident That Led Sir Henry Layard to Explore Their Ruins.

The first man to undertake extensive and important explorations among the ruins of Babylon and Nineveh was Sir Henry Layard. It was due to his friendship for a young man who had a great fear of seasickness that he was led to begin what was to be his life work. Layard was educated in the law and started for Ceylon to practice his profession.

He was accompanied by another lad, who had a horror of the ocean, and Layard readily agreed when his companion suggested that they make the trip by land across Europe, Asia Minor, Persia and India. It was while on this journey that Layard was inspired with the ambition to delve among the ruins of the ancient cities of Asia.

"When I first beheld the mounds of Nineveh," he wrote, "a great longing came over me to learn what was hidden within them."

He yielded to the desire and largely at his own expense carried on these excavations at Babylon and Nineveh, which were chiefly responsible for the discovery of the lost records and relics of a people who lived 3,000 years ago. Many cities and palaces, including the palace of King Nebuchadnezzar, were unearthed by Layard, and the most valuable treasures in the British museum serve to commemorate his name and fame.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

**Parting of the Ways.**  
It was over, then—the dream. The wife rose unsteadily and put on her hat.

She was weeny—weeny to the bone of it all—his threats, his unmanly evasions, his weak, despicable subterfuges.

But her eyes were resolute. "It's no use, Henry," she said bitterly. "I'm going."

At the door she paused—paused with set lips and unplying eyes, while he poured forth a husband's soul in one last anguished appeal.

"Think of me!" he cried desperately. "Think of your father and mine! Think of our son!"

"It's no use, Henry," she repeated wearily, as the door closed. "I shall vote the straight ticket."—Judge.

## An Ancient Builder.

Probably the greatest builder the world ever had was Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon from 604 to 561 B. C. There is scarcely a ruin in Babylonia which does not show traces of his work. Nearly everywhere in Mesopotamia and even in Persia are found bricks bearing his name. He delighted in restoring the old temples. He surrounded defenseless cities with walls and moats. He confined the rivers to their courses with huge brick embankments. Shortly before his time Babylon was completely destroyed, but he rebuilt and enlarged the city.

## And One to Carry.

The high school freshman was not doing very well with his studies and the principal called him into the office one afternoon to find out what the trouble was.

As a preliminary question he asked: "Er—Ralph, how many subjects are you carrying?"

"Why, I'm carrying one and dragging three, Mr. Buford," was the unexpectedly accurate reply.—Woman's Home Companion.

## Warsaw.

Warsaw, the capital of Poland, is the third city of the Russian empire. Beautifully situated on the left bank of the Vistula, it is 700 miles from Petrograd and 400 from Berlin. It is a recognized center of science, art, industry and commerce and has a population of well over half a million.

## Soothing.

The professor looked worried. "I don't think," said he, "that my lecture last night was very much of a success."

"But, think dear," replied his wife, "what a splendid audience you began with."—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

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**Obliging Conductor.**  
The fussy lady had noticed that the rude man sitting beside her on the street car had expectorated on the floor. The fussy lady immediately signaled the conductor, and that official came in to see what was wanted. "Do you allow spitting in this car?" demanded the fussy lady. "Well, no," replied the conductor. "But you can come out on the platform if you want to, lady."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

**Knew His Limitations.**  
"I don't want to brag about myself. I've done many foolish things in my time, but I've been wise in one way." "What's that?" "I never had an idea that I could paper a bedroom myself."—Detroit Free Press.

**The Careful Wife.**  
"Wife, I wish you'd buy me a couple of five cent collar buttons. I need 'em badly." "All right; just as soon as somebody has a sale."—Kansas City Journal.

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