

**Routine Business  
Of City Council**

The city council convened in regular session at the city hall at 7:30 Tuesday evening. All the members were present and a considerable number of leading citizens occupied the visitors' benches. After the minutes of the preceding meeting had been read the recorder read the annual report, which showed the expenditures and receipts in every department. The report was accepted and put on file. Mr. Cunningham then moved that owing to the comprehensive character of the report it should be published in each of the city papers. Motion was passed.

The recorder read a petition from several residents of North Main street asking that the water main be extended and a plug put in for fire protection. The matter was referred to the water committee. Three applications were handed in asking for enrollment in the volunteer fire department. Harley Brower and L. A. Wright were appointed members by the mayor.

Seven residents and business men in the neighborhood of the fruit association building petitioned the city to install a street light at the corner of First avenue and A street, saying that the lack of light in that section was a detriment to the sale of property and also subjected them to no little danger from tramps. The matter was referred to the electric light committee with instructions to act.

The bond of C. W. Fraley for \$1,000 was approved.

Reports of the standing committees followed.

The committee on sanitation reported regarding conditions at the back of some Main street business property. Report was placed on file and drains were ordered put in.

Mr. Ware read a report on Boulevard property of the city which is discussed in another column. The matter of condemnation proceedings on a piece of property on the Glenview drive was brought up and put on the table to be considered after investigation.

A communication from Walter Hask asking that the city rent him land near the septic tank as in former years was acted upon favorably, and the city attorney was instructed to draw up a contract.

Ordinances and resolutions were next in order. Mr. Ware brought up a resolution regarding the Pacific highway controversy which has been discussed at so many turbulent meetings.

Mrs. H. B. Sober then addressed the council on matters regarding the establishment of an orphan's home here.

Mr. Ware then suggested that, since it was still early in the evening, the council take up the reading of some of the new ordinances which codify numerous old ordinances scattered through the charter.

Three ordinances were read, dealing with auctioneers, fortune tellers, and one fixing the salary and remunerations of the city recorder. On the latter the rules were suspended and the ordinance was passed to the second reading and carried.

The matter of the councilmen's phones at the expense of the city was brought up and the recorder was instructed to have the telephone company remove ex-councilman Beaver's phone to the residence of the new member, Mr. Biegel. The theatre ordinance was amended and passed, and the council adjourned until Friday evening at 7 o'clock.

Script—one mile in travel for one dollar in trade. Ashland Trading Company.

Remember—Enders' sale.

**Turn Down  
Irrigation**

At a meeting of the residents of the Agate district held at the school house Friday evening, those present voted unanimously against the proposed irrigation district.

Members of the irrigation committee were present by invitation to explain the proposal of those present. An hour and a half was allowed them, and those against the project were also given an hour and a half to state their reasons for opposition.

The committee report was roundly denounced by the opponents of the system. They were present by invitation.

**Local Syndicate  
Is Formed**

If no outside cash bid is made for the Ashland auxiliary water bonds on January 26 the entire issue will be taken by a local syndicate composed of forty-eight of Ashland's substantial and progressive citizens.

These citizens are not purchasing the bonds with the hope of profit, but with the view of supplying funds with which to proceed with the springs work.

The bonds will be offered to investors at par and accrued interest, the same price as the syndicate pays for them.

By this method funds will be forthcoming for the work as fast as needed and the springs work will go right on.

It will take about forty days to have the bonds properly signed for delivery, but as soon as the sale is completed engineers will be put on the work and the preliminaries will be at once finished so that actual dirt can be made to fly by the time the bonds are ready for delivery.

Ashland is waking up. She cannot fall under such a spirit. Her wealthy citizens are getting behind the project in such a way as to insure its success.

Tell the world that the Ashland springs project will be completed by July 1, 1915.

A committee of the council composed of Cunningham, Ware and Ashcraft and a committee from the local buying syndicate composed of Messrs. Nell, Kinney and Jordan have been appointed to arrange the details of purchase so that everything will be in readiness to consummate the deal on January 26, if no acceptable outside bid is offered.

**Shooting Remains  
A Mystery**

The shooting and killing of Charles Thomassen on the north fork of Anderson creek last Thursday afternoon will always be a mystery. Investigation Saturday afternoon by the sheriff's and prosecutor's office brought no new developments on the identity of the hunter who fired the fatal shot. The guns, a 25-36 Marlin and a 30-30 Winchester, were brought to the city by N. S. Thomassen, the father, and who first found the body, in the hope that they would furnish a new clue. They were investigated at Ewing's gun store by the authorities, Chief Hittson, Buck Ewing and other local gun authorities, but they could furnish no new evidence.

The pathetic side of the most baffling case in recent months locally is the grief-stricken father, who is on the verge of prostration from worry over the death of the boy who was his favorite.

Saturday's work, unless new developments arise, will mark the close of the case. Others living in the Anderson creek district were questioned regarding their whereabouts on the afternoon of the shooting and all furnished complete alibis in the opinion of the authorities.

**Move to Establish  
Orphans Home**

Mrs. H. B. Sober spoke before the city council Tuesday evening in regard to the establishment of a home for orphans and other unfortunates. The council now has a property on the Boulevard on their hands which would make a good temporary location for the present at least. Mrs. Sober asked the council to discuss the matter and action upon it will be taken at an early time.

The women at the head of the movement have enlisted the aid of the ministers and charitable women's clubs in the proposition and will bring it up before the county court, from whom they hope to secure county aid.

Mrs. Sober has had experience in the east with such institutions and says that in her home town the county supported a home of this kind. There is no place where orphans can find refuge in this part of the state and such an institution is undoubtedly needed.

The matter was referred to the indigent committee, of which Mr. Ware is chairman.

Daily Telegram and Semi-Weekly Tidings both one year for \$5. Good till February 1.

**Jitney Bus  
Discontinued**

Street car companies in all of the big coast cities are encountering an enormous falling off in their revenue, due to the establishment of jitney (nickel) auto bus service. In Los Angeles it is estimated that there are over a thousand of these in operation. Various cities are passing rules regulating the parasites on the big transportation companies and forcing them to pay licenses. San Francisco has a licensed woman operator of one of the cars.

The local jitney service was suspended recently, owing to lack of patronage. In wet weather the service was used quite extensively, but in nice weather people seemed to prefer to walk. Incidentally nice weather in Ashland overbalances the incentive by about ten to one, hence the withdrawal of the auto street car.

**More Harmony  
Sought For**

Of the several problems which the Ashland Fruit & Produce Association has which should receive early solution, if possible, is that which involves the antagonism existing toward the association by certain retail dealers of the city.

It is regretably unfortunate that there has developed any ill feeling and strife, and a permanent elimination of this matter is necessary.

A proper, systematic handling by the association of the products raised in this part of the valley can surely be done with direct advantage to grower, dealer and consumer.

Also, a fair, equitable management can certainly be effected by which members of the association can secure certain staple supplies required regularly and in quantity, and at reasonable prices.

This is the dulllest period of the year. It is an opportune time for a getting together by association and dealers, and to determine how best to handle what is raised and how best to secure what the members buy in quantity.

Without question a simple, practical plan can be evolved, if temperate, judicious efforts be made by representatives selected by these interests; men who honestly desire a peaceful solution, and who are determined on fair play. Such a plan, approved by the interests involved, cannot but prove very advantageous to the entire community.

**County Teachers  
Get Certificates**

Teachers' certificates have been issued as follows for Jackson county: One-year certificates—Glenn I. Wardrip, Myrtle Creek; Clara Winer, Medford; Virginia Hurd, Central Point; Alta Pearl Norcross, Central Point; Zella H. Nash, Medford; Amy Davis, Ashland; Oscar W. Christen, Medford; John Nealon, Central Point; Lou Bussey, Louella; Marjory Erskine, Prospect; Mabel Everhard, Medford; Donna Bell, Goodwin Brownsboro; Harriet E. Miller, Sarah Huenergardt, Ashland; Eula W. Houston, Trall; Olive A. Hogan, Applegate; Stella E. Kribs, Medford; Pearl Gould, Medford; Fern B. Dally, Medford; Mae B. Nealon, Central Point.

Five-year certificate—Arthur Chase.

Primary certificate—Mrs. Mary White.

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**Oregon University  
Extension Lecture**

Dr. E. S. Conklin of the University of Oregon will lecture Friday evening, July 22, at 7:30 at the library. Dr. Conklin was in Ashland throughout the 1913 Chautauqua and conducted one of the most popular of the morning classes as well as appearing in the Round Table discussions at different times. His work was very interesting and his many friends will be glad of another opportunity of hearing him. The subject of his lecture on this occasion is "The Worried and the Worrier." In these days of "Ich gibbible" that ought to be a popular subject. These extension lectures deserve a good attendance, as the university in this way can serve the whole state, and not simply the comparatively few resident students registered at the college. Admission free.

**Ordinance Creates  
Much Discussion**

Considerable argument resulted from the definition of "fortune teller," when the matter of licensing such people was brought up at Tuesday's meeting of the city council. As defined in the new ordinance drawn up by the city attorney and the ordinance committee, "fortune teller" was defined as "one who professes to foretell future events in the life of another." Somebody wanted to know if the ordinance would cover spiritualists, and Mayor Johnson facetiously asked if the definition would not apply to any member of the council who was moved to orate a little on the future of Ashland and its citizens. The newspaper men present were secretly considerably worried, since if the ordinance was passed in its original form it would certainly curtail their activities considerably in some directions, but the skies were cleared when the worthy city fathers finally decided to look farther into the matter before passing final judgment. Upon looking up the definition of the word in Webster's one finds that it also means "one who deceives people by pretending to a knowledge of future events," and this lets the papers out, as there are few publications that are so lacking in positiveness as to merely pretend to such knowledge.

Found—A place to buy ladies' suits at half price. Enders', of course.

**Thermometers and  
Clocks Installed**

The school board has had a number of clocks and thermometers installed in all of the grade rooms in the two grammar schools. Twelve were installed in the West school and eight in the East school. The clocks were installed under the direction of H. L. Whitely and are the best that can be procured for the purpose, having large dials and being thoroughly reliable in every way. The thermometers are of the new round type of steel instrument and have no mercury or other liquid in their mechanism. During the last week a trial was made of the new heat regulators and, with the exception of one morning when some one left too many windows open, the rooms were kept at a temperature which only varied three degrees.

For Sale—Pure milk delivered twice daily to East Side patrons. Milk for babies, from one fresh cow, if desired. Waite's Dairy, 634 Iowa. Phone 277-J. 69-21\*

**High School to  
Publish Monthly**

Instead of the customary and time-worn custom of putting out an annual publication which puts heavy demands on the advertisers of the town and is in the end of no interest to many outside of the students, the Ashland high school student body will publish a monthly paper which will be live and up to date in every respect. The first paper will make its appearance about the 20th of next month. It will be a four-page sheet of ample dimensions and will contain many features readable not by the students alone but of interest to the general public as well.

The publication will contain one or more stories by the best writers from the student body, articles on athletics, debating, music and other activities by qualified persons along each of the lines. Up-to-the-minute news in the local and outside schools will also be featured together with other items of timely interest.

The people in charge of the sheet hope to make it represent the progressive spirit of the younger generation and to turn out an artistic piece of work which all Ashland people will be glad to send to their friends as a criterion of the progressive spirit of the town. While the price at which it will be sold has not yet been announced, it is promised that it will be low enough so that in a short while the circulation will be very large.

Kenneth Lilly is editor-in-chief. Robert Spencer is business manager. The staff will be announced shortly.

First basketball game Saturday night. Etna Mills, champs of northern California.

**Basketball Game  
Saturday Night**

The first basketball game of the season will be played in the high school gym Saturday evening of this week. Etna Mills high, northern California champions, will oppose the local schoolboys. The Etna team made a trip as far south as San Francisco last year and played all of the best teams of the Sacramento Valley.

The local boys have only one of last year's team missing and have developed a couple of new men who will make it interesting for even the best of last year's players. The lineup has not been announced, but probably Lilly, Plymate, Fraley, Grisez and Delsman will start the contest.

A girls' preliminary will start at 7:30. Song and cheer features by the whole student body, led by Leith Abbott and assisted by the boys' and girls' glee clubs, will make things interesting between halves.

Tickets may be procured at Butler's at the usual prices of 25 and 35 cents. Reservations can be made at any time over the phone or in person. Automobile service will be better than ever.

LOOK! We pay cash for poultry and eggs. Vienna Bakery. 11\*

**Talent Farmers  
Organize Club**

At a meeting held in Talent Saturday afternoon for the purpose of discussing the sugar beet proposition about forty landowners and ranchers were present and decided to form a farmers' club and make it a permanent organization.

Welborn Beeson was unanimously chosen president, Louis Brown of the Talent Mercantile Company secretary, C. M. Thomas vice-president.

The object of the club is to further the beet sugar project at this particular time, afterwards to take up anything that may be of interest and benefit to the members of the club and the community at large. Committees were appointed on acreage for sugar beets. All members pledged to give their entire time Tuesday to securing additional acreage for sugar beets. Merchants are also interested and promise support.

A motion was presented and carried unanimously, that the club offer a prize of \$5 to the citizen growing the largest tonnage per acre on any lot in Talent district.

A number of Talent citizens have already signified their intention of entering the contest.

Suitcases and trunks at Enders'.

**Council Favors  
State Survey**

After long weeks of turbulent discussion the matter of the course of the Pacific highway through the Billings place was finally settled as far as the city council is concerned, Tuesday evening at the council meeting.

Councilman Ware introduced a resolution as follows:

Whereas, a final determination by the city council of Ashland is necessary to be made, without further delay, as to the approval of a route for the Pacific Highway around the so-called Eagle Mill Hill or Farnum Hill in order to expedite the completion of said highway into the city of Ashland, and the expense of such highway may be borne by and paid from the \$500,000 bond issue of Jackson county, Oregon, and

Whereas, the established policy of our own as well as many other states is to avoid grade crossings of railroads in order to safeguard the traveling public, and

Whereas, the state highway engineer maintains that the original route surveyed by him is the most feasible and suitable location for a permanent highway, and

Whereas, the county court strongly endorses this survey as compared with any other made and assures the city council that if said route is adopted and the right-of-way therefor procured by the city within the city limits, that all expenses of excavating, grading, building and completing said highway will be paid from the proceeds of the said bond issue, including any and all expenses of such building and completing within the limits as well as beyond.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the common council in regular session assembled, that it is the judgment of the city of Ashland that it approves the said proposed Eagle Mill route as recommended by the state engineer and the county court on the terms as above indicated, and we pledge the council to heartily and earnestly co-operate with the county court in carrying out this necessary public improvement.

The introduction of the resolution led to long and, what at times grew to be, heated discussion. Mr. Billings was the first to take advantage of the time allowed for debate and stated his side of the case. Mr. Billings attacked the feasibility of the route and quoted numerous authorities on the subject. Mr. Ware answered the objections of Mr. Billings in a way which seemed to convince the council members and disinterested listeners. Mr. Briggs then rose to the defense of Mr. Billings, and if polished oratory could change the minds of the members of the council some of them surely have been wavering when our lawyer-ordinator finished.

Mr. Root and Homer Billings then tried to change the sentiment of the gathering, not by attacking the proposed under-crossing route, but by trying to show that another route would be more feasible.

The matter was finally brought to a vote and was unanimously passed. In closing the matter Mr. Ware said that although he and the council had friendship for Mr. Billings, still they believed that the route as surveyed by the state engineer was the right one to select in upholding Ashland's policy of building for the future.

**REASONABLE CHANGE IN  
RATES OF INSURANCE**

All insurance companies, save those engaged in writing life insurance, will be allowed to make reasonable rates, regardless of whether they have general agents in the state, if a bill introduced by Representative Allen becomes a law. The law now provides that general agents may form a bureau for the purpose, but prohibits companies from doing so.

**Announcement.**  
Dr. C. F. Tilton will change his rooms from Camp building to rooms over the Citizens Bank, February 1. 69-1mo.\*

**No Developments  
In Gold Strike**

No new developments have arisen in the Eneyart prospect near Jacksonville, presumed to be the lost channel. A force of men are at work sinking the shaft, but this is slow work. Mining men in general throughout the valley regard the prospect as both probable and possible. Another feature of the case is that many Jacksonville pioneers entertained the notion that the channel could be found in the locality where Eneyart sunk his shaft, but never pushed the project.

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