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Pacific Highway Election Tomorrow

While most of the special Pacific highway fund of $500,000 has been expended, there still remains enough for the grading of the Eagle Mill hill, if the county board are enabled to do the work early this spring, as they desire.

The county court has decided on the so-called Billings route under the railroad tracks. This plan has been unanimously endorsed by the city council. It involves using a narrow strip of land now lying within the city and belonging to the Billings properties.

If the city undertakes the condemnation and the work on the road is commenced, litigation can be brought which would stop the work. The suit can be long continued in the courts and thus prevent the grading of the hill at the expense of this special $500,000 fund.

If the strip of land is set outside the city at the election of February 12 by a majority voting "Yes," then the county court can at once take all steps necessary and no litigation can stop the work, and the hill will be graded early and the expenses will be paid out of the $500,000 fund.

The Billings interests will have the same protection and will receive compensation for any damages done, whether the strip of land is left within the city or is set outside.

If the election is favorable—a majority voting "Yes"—then the city of Ashland will have no expense of litigation or of construction, and there need be no delay in the completing of the Eagle Mill road.

If the election goes "No," the work will be delayed and probably not done; or, if done, the city will be liable for the expense of litigation, for the Billings damages, and also for the work done within the city—upward of $9,000, and very likely more. Every citizen should vote tomorrow—the matter is far too important to neglect.

R. H. Dunlap, manager of "Tillie's Punctured Romance," together with the assistant manager, is registered at the Oregon.

Valley May Not Get Sugar Factory

The outlook for a beet sugar factory is steadily growing hazier. When the movement was first started it was thought that five thousand acres would not be very hard to sign up if the right spirit could be aroused among the various organizations throughout the valley. The enthusiasm was not hard to arouse, but when it came right down to brass tacks it was found that the real difficulty was, not in getting the farmers to see that it would be a good thing, but to get them to put their names to a contract which would bind them to plant their land in beets for the designated period. No doubt if the movement had been started earlier it would have been successfully consummated long ago, as the company's expert says that there is plenty of good land but the chief difficulty lay in the fact that the farmers had nearly all planted their best land and did not wish to plow it up this year.

Only about half of the required acreage will be signed up, according to those at the head of the movement, but they also say that they are sure that several thousand acres could be secured for next year and the factory men will no doubt be asked to build this year with what is signed up and a guarantee of more for next season.

THE BOOSTER.

Boost and the world boosts with you,
Knock and you are on the shelf,
For the world gets sick of one who'll kick,
And wishes he'd kick himself.
Boost when the sun is shining,
Boost when it starts to rain.
If you happen to fall, don't lie there and bawl,
But get up and boost again.
Boost for your own advancement,
Boost for the things sublime,
For the chap that's found on the topmost round
Is the booster every time.

Local Militia Has New Non-Coms.

Four entrants were successful in the examinations for positions as non-commissioned officers in the local company of the state militia. Corporal Millard Grubb is now a sergeant and Privates Lee Porter, G. L. Irwin and Bert Freeman are corporals. There yet remain three appointments to be made and examinations for these will be held again at a later date.

There was a large attendance at Monday night's drill and the company men are working hard to get in readiness for the annual inspection which is soon due.

A challenge has been received from the 7th company at Medford for a series of four basketball games. The local company voted to accept the challenge and a big squad of candidates is coming out for practice and hope to turn out a team which will give Medford militiamen the time of their lives.

The Mission, 223 Fourth Street.

Services each evening at 7:30, to which the public are cordially invited. There will be good speakers at all of the meetings.

We need children's clothes and shoes badly for poor children. We need second hand clothing for men and second hand shoes and socks.

Sunday school at 10 a. m. every Sunday and Young People's meeting at 6:30 p. m. COMMITTEE.

Saturday Lecture At the Library

"The Peace Movement and Its Relation to the Great War" is the topic of a lecture to be given at the library Saturday, February 13, at 7:45 p. m., by Prof. E. E. DeCou of the University of Oregon. Prof. DeCou is a deep student of our international relations and his treatment of the above subject will no doubt be much appreciated by our people. This is a part of the university extension work and no charge is made for the same; it is only up to the people of Ashland to show the extension department that the lectures are being enjoyed so that the work may continue. Prof. DeCou will also lecture at the Belleview school house Friday evening on Canada, and this lecture will be illustrated with views of that country.

FUNDS FOR PAVING MAY BE SECURED

Representative Vawter has secured a favorable report upon his bill for diversion of state highway funds for paving the Siskiyou grade, but the outlook for good roads legislation is not bright. Representative Wagner reports determined opposition to the half mill levy from the Willamette Valley counties. A delegation from Douglas county appeared before the highway committee Monday evening, requesting $80,000 for the Cow Creek canyon road, conditional upon the county's appropriating a similar sum.

Phone news items to the Tidings.

Medford Knights At Crater Lake

The members of Talisman lodge No. 31, Knights of Pythias, of Medford, are rehearsing "The Lesson of Friendship" to be given at an early date this summer in the crater of Wizard Island in Crater Lake. After much consideration the order has decided to stage this degree, which is the degree of friendship, based on the story of Damon and Pythias.

From two to four thousand knights will doubtless be in attendance. The Medford lodge will be the hosts.

There is not a more suitable spot in America to stage this degree and it will be an event long remembered by every knight who is so fortunate as to be in attendance.

If you are interested in the egg and poultry business in Ashland don't fail to attend the opening of the Ashland Poultry and Egg Market, at 345 C street, on Saturday.

Standard legal blank forms of every kind may be procured at the Tidings office in any quantity.

Poultry and eggs bought and sold at 345 C street. Ashland Poultry and Egg Market.

Springs Commission Negotiating With Smith, Emery & Company

Mr. Emery E. Smith of Smith, Emery & Co. has been in the city since last Thursday negotiating with the springs water commission for the complete installation of the auxiliary water system. He still holds his offer good to install the physical plant and take bonds for the contract.

Negotiations between Smith, Emery & Co. and the springs water commission has been delayed awaiting termination of negotiation between the local bond syndicate and the bond buyers. No doubt an agreement will be reached today or tomorrow, as the springs commission and Mr. Smith are in continuous conference, going over the terms of an agreement.

If an agreement is reached now the engineering work will be started at once and dirt will be flying on the main construction within thirty days.

All Invited to Armory Friday

The Lincoln birthday anniversary occurs at the armory Friday night at 8 o'clock, under the auspices of the G. A. R., the public being invited. J. W. Hicks is commander of the local post, which is Burnside No. 23. There will be music by the Ashland band as reorganized; prayer, Rev. Mr. Blackstone; solo, E. L. Rasor; address of welcome, Rev. J. S. Smith, quartermaster of the post, who will incorporate in his remarks a biographical sketch of the great emancipator; song, Crater Lake quartet; recitations by Rose Thomas and Alberta Knowles; song, men's quartet; Lincoln's Gettysburg address; music by the band. The main address of the evening will be given by Dr. Carnahan, Presbyterian minister. The observance will be an eminently patriotic one, and will conclude with "The Star Spangled Banner," sung by the audience. On Sunday, February 14, there will be a religious observance of the anniversary at the Baptist church in which, in addition to the general public, the Grand Army, Relief Corps, Sons of Veterans, Elks and Spanish Veterans will participate.

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Build Up Your Home Paper

"It is not enough for a live community that advertising should be correctly used to stimulate business and to promote general prosperity. The home newspaper is a social and intellectual thing as well as a medium of business. One cannot serve the community better than by seeing that interesting items get to the editor; call him up and tell him. To do so is the neighborly thing—a courtesy not to the publisher alone but to everyone in the district who might be interested in your little item."

Whenever Eric W. Allen, head of the department of journalism at the University of Oregon, speaks in a town, he urges the citizens to get behind their home paper in both a business and a news way on the ground that the newspapers can be made a wonderful agency for building up a community. Mr. Allen means not merely the community whose business men are prospering, but the community that is a real social and intellectual center. He looks to the home paper as the most powerful means within reach to bring about this kind of "success."

"If you can once get all your people into the way of voluntarily pouring interesting scraps or news into the weekly paper, you will add immensely to the general friendliness of the community," says Mr. Allen. "You will be helping to make your town the kind of place where people want to stay and to which former residents will want to come back.

"So try to get ideas into the paper. Write a little for it once in a while. Don't let the editor do all the thinking for the town. If you publish ideas, you start others to thinking, and you raise by just so much the general level of intelligence.

"Encourage the home paper to be a business, social and intellectual center of the community. It will repay richly."

The Commercial Club requests the names and addresses of parties who are considering coming to the coast this summer. We wish to send them literature and give them a good conception of Oregon. 74-tf

If Ashland is good enough to live in it is good enough to boost for.

Fire Destroys Another Home

An empty residence on Mechanic street owned by W. G. Prescott was destroyed Monday about midnight, the fire gutting the house and damaging it so far that rebuilding will be impossible. "Brick" Moody discovered the fire while on the way home and tried to turn in an alarm from the Wimer street box, but the bell failed to work. Brick then sprinted to the station with the news. It was discovered yesterday that the wind had torn some shingles off of the fire tower and let the rain in on the delicate mechanism of the fire bell.

With the assistaice of some nearby residents the firemen had a stream on the fire before the volunteers began to arrive, but the wind fanned the blaze, and although the pressure was good the fire was not conquered until the house was practically destroyed. The fire company had the pleasure of wearing their new rubber coats, respirators and so forth, and some of the younger members seemed to take delight in testing the waterproof qualities of the coats.

Nothing can be discovered concerning the origin of the fire.

In this country we "shoot the chutes" and over the way they "shoot the shooters."

Former Valley Man Invents Amphibion

The Marshfield Record gives the following details of the invention recently perfected by V. C. Gorst, a former resident of Grants Pass:

"V. C. Gorst's invention, which he terms an amphibion, is likely to solve a transportation problem that many minds had puzzled over since Coos Bay was first settled. The machine is a combination invented by Mr. Gorst and is a peculiar looking affair. It is built on the frame of a Hupmobile and the motive power is one of the 80-horsepower aeroplane engines taken from an old aeroplane." The engine is mounted about six or seven feet high, back of the automobile, and the power is generated in the aeroplane propeller, which revolves at a tremendous speed. There are no chain drives and the machine is sent forward at a terrific speed by the propeller.

"Mr. Gorst has made two trips from North Bend, going into the water, speeding to Jarvis Landing, thence across the sandspit to the seawall and up the coast to the Umpqua river. There are pontoons on each side of the craft to support the machine while in the water. The trip from Ten Mile creek to Jarvis Landing, a distance of ten miles, was made in eleven minutes on one of the return trips.

"There was a big crowd at North Bend to see the initial introduction of the amphibion this week, and although Mr. Gorst went through to Jarvis Landing over the water at a 15-mile rate, he is not satisfied and desires to get more speed for water out of the machine, and will therefore experiment some on improvements.

"As an instance of the excessive speed to be gotten from the amphibion, the trip from Ten Mile creek to the Umpqua the other day is an illustration. Mr. Gorst had several trunks on the machine and waited till the automobiles and their passengers were out of sight and then passed them all before the Umpqua river was reached. The machine carries the chauffeur and five passengers."

Beautiful fabrics and designs for ladies' suits may now be seen at Paulsrud & Barrett's. Finest line of spring samples to pick from.

Bathtub Strays Down Main Street

Many humorous incidents occurred during the wind storm last Sunday. Among the stories told about the pranks played by the gale, the tale told by Cack Patterson takes the cake. Cack says that he was tacking his way through the wind toward the safety of a downtown smoke shop when he heard a rattling and banging which seemed to be fast approaching down the street. He looked around and was surprised to see a big bathtub sailing down the street. "Sailing" is his word, not ours. He quickly decided that the proper thing for him to do as a chivalrous citizen was to look into the matter more fully. He did so and found the tub to be empty. Cack rigged a storm anchor on the watery craft and tied it up to a telegraph pole. It is supposed that the owner came and recovered his property, since nothing could be found of the evidence when a committee went to find proof of the story.

Benton Bowers Returns from Mexico.

Benton Bowers returned home the last of the week from a cattle buying trip to the Mexican border. The cattle he bought were sold on the spot, thus relieving him of the trouble of bringing them north. Roy Walker, who made the trip with him, stopped off at Los Angeles on the return trip to visit a brother. Mr. Bowers reports flood conditions in the southern district to be very bad.

K. F. Merchants War Over Stamps

Klamath Falls merchants are having a hot time over the trading stamp proposition. A petition was circulated by the representative of the stamp people, asking the legislature to vote against the proposed stamp legislation, which puts a special tax on merchants using them. A restaurant keeper got hold of the petition and says he will hold it until a majority of the signers vote to have it put back in circulation. The trading stamp people threaten to make it hot for the restaurant man and the Klamath Falls papers are full of the controversy which is ensuing. A canvas made by a newspaper revealed the fact that hardly any of the merchants believed the stamps to be a good thing, but gave them in self-defense merely because "everybody's doin' it."

In all probability a canvas of Ashland merchants who handle the stamps would reveal the same state of affairs here.

Medford Typewriter Company.

The Medford Typewriter Company, recently established at 24 South Grape street, Medford, is a branch of the Oregon Typewriter Company at Eugene, where they have a complete plant to rebuild machines in charge of F. A. Rudrauff, an expert typewriter, cash register and adding machine mechanic, and the Medford people will have the advantage of his skill. The company carries all kinds of typewriter supplies and are sales agents for Wiles adding machines.

Standing In Trip Contest

The votes keep coming in. Watch the special sales on the contest page for extra votes. Following are the standings:

Blanche Salisbury	13,896
Ruth Hadley	12,619
Mayple Payne	8,433
Ruth Scott	7,699
Myrtle Dougherty	7,506
Elvera Nelson	6,921
Mrs. Elsie Churchman	4,514
Millie Lowe	4,410
Bessie Homes	3,812
Beulah Caldwell	3,606
Madge Putnam	3,372
Natalie Swigart	3,024
Reta Gard	3,000
Gladys Norton	890
Effie Oslin	500

For Rent.

Nicely furnished room with hot and cold running water, private bath, fine location. $6 per month. Inquire of Mrs. S. J. Irwin, 156 North Main street. 75-tf

Get scrip with your meals and all purchases of 10c or over at the Vienna Bakery. 75-4t

Phone job orders to the Tidings.

Closest Game Is Predicted

Tonight and Saturday night Ashland basketball fans will have a chance to see what no doubt will be the two fastest and most closely contested games of basketball of the season. Roseburg high school is to buck up against the as yet undefeated Ashlanders in the high school gymnasium, and if there is a team in the state that is better than Ashland it is the Umpqua Valley boys. Roseburg has defeated Eugene, Independence, Corvallis, Newberg and other strong northern teams and has a big fast bunch.

Ashland has a fast team of well-built youngsters who have yet to find the team that can out-fight them. The passing of the local boys is improving every day and in Fraley and Grisez the locals have two forwards who are just about as clever as they make them when it comes to hitting baskets from any angle. And finally Ashland has the fight which has pulled many a game out of the hole in years gone by, during the last minutes of play, and which will continue to do so as long as the Ashland spirit lives.

A close finish is expected and the locals need the encouragement which a big crowd furnishes. All kinds of special features will be staged between halves, and anyone who wishes to get the red blood circulating in his or her veins should come out to the high school Thursday or Saturday and get the tonic of some real excitement.

There will be good preliminaries between Ashland and Talent teams, starting at 7:30 each evening. Autos will run from Butler's, where seats are on sale.

Band Meeting.

All band members and musicians: Band practice at the city hall tonight at 7:30. To rehearse numbers at the armory tomorrow evening.

BOOST! A little word with big results.

John Kelly shoes arrive at Enders'.

Roseburg Man Finds Beer Joker

While devotees of Bacchus have been bewailing the 24-quart limit set by the legislature, and have figured that they would have to go dry on each Sunday and on some Saturdays in the month, a Roseburg man who has made a study of the matter declares that there is a colored gentleman in the woodpile, and that the bibulously inclined will be much better off than they have heretofore fancied.

The little "joker" in the measure, he declared, lies in the fact that a so-called quart bottle does not contain a full quart, and that 36 "quarts" of the amber fluid are necessary to make up the legal limit.

Thus the lover of malt liquors will have a bottle for each day in the month, and six over at the end of the thirty days. If he prefers to drink pints, it will take six dozen of the alleged half quarts to make the equivalent of the 36 "quart" bottles.

Buy your Texas black land plows from Peil's. You know there is none better, and will do the work in all conditions of land. American woven wire fence for less than 5 cents per pound at Peil's. 74-2t

If you cannot talk of anything except your troubles, then keep still.

Gold Prospect to Be Developed

The Enyart property near Jacksonville, which aroused considerable excitement at the time of its discovery a few weeks ago, is being developed by Mr. Enyart. He has stopped operations for a couple of days and is planning the installation of heavy machinery which will be necessary to the proper development of the claim. He is also securing leases on adjoining property along the supposed course of the old creek bed which is supposed to be gold bearing. He is making arrangements with the owners of the property whereby they will receive a royalty on all gold taken out.

School supplies at Enders'.