

Forty Men to Work At Quarry Soon

N. A. Schanen of the Schanen-Blair Company of Portland returned to Portland Tuesday after spending some time at the company's granite quarry near Ayer's Spur. He informed the Tidings representative that the crew which is now at work at the quarry had taken out two car-loads of fine quality granite. This will be shipped to Portland as soon as a road has been built from the working.

The ledge is located about a mile and a half from Ayer's Spur and half a mile from the county road. It is in a rough canyon and necessitated planning a costly road.

The contract for building the road has been let to Mr. Douglas of that district and work will go forward at once. The contract price is \$2,000 for the road building. When completed the road will have a maximum grade of 22 per cent, over which it is possible to handle the granite in good shape and not too steep to be too difficult for the returning conveyances.

Mr. Schanen was called to Portland to attend to affairs there, but will return in a few weeks and will put on a crew of about forty men. This payroll will be a well appreciated addition to Ashland's too meager list of payrolls and may assume far greater proportions in the future, as the company believe they have a big proposition and will develop it.

Naughty Moon Gets Full Twice

Jokemakers have paragoned at length concerning the moon's exemplary behavior in the month of February just passed, for during that month the moon was at no time full—the first time since 1846.

Now they have the privilege of putting the reverse English upon the time-honored wheeze and deplore the rakish behavior of the moon during the month of March, for having passed February safely, it makes up for lost time by appearing full twice within the present month.

Such behavior might perhaps be forgiven, inasmuch as this is the first time it has happened in sixty-nine years and it may not happen again within the memory of men now living.

Kirkpatrick to Lecture at Medford

Followers of the great war now raging in Europe and all interested in war, which includes almost everybody, will do well to make the trip to Medford next Thursday evening and hear George R. Kirkpatrick in his famous war lecture. Mr. Kirkpatrick is one of the finest of present-day lecturers and has received large amounts of favorable comment by the San Francisco papers. He is perhaps best known as the author of "War, What For?" The lecture will be held in St. Mark's hall in Medford and will commence at 8 o'clock. There will be no admission charged.

Visit the Plant And Bulb Exchange

Visit the plant and bulb exchange on Oak street, next door to the electric light office, and get bulbs and plants for immediate planting. The exchange is open from 1:30 to 5:30 on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at present and will be open every day as soon as a big shipment of plants which is on the way arrives.

Most men like to trade with an exclusive men's store. Mitchell & Whitte.

G. L. Ferguson, now superintendent of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company for the Rogue River Valley, with headquarters in Medford, is in the city for a few days, getting acquainted with policy-holders. Local Agent Purucker is showing him about town.

Buy your fresh home-made candy at Rose Bros.' 500 other people are doing the same. 79-1mo.

Dr. Henry Hart and family of Talent have moved to this city.

Depot hotel pays 13 cents a pound for live fat hens. 81-31

Martin Case Soon In Jury's Hands

The trial of Loris Martin is still occupying the center of the stage at Jacksonville. Numbers of witnesses were heard last week and more remained to be heard today before the case could go to the jury.

The prisoner has lost a great deal of his equanimity and is palpably worried over the outcome of the trial. His mother is a daily attendant at court, as is also the widow of Warden Hubbard.

Scores of friends of the defendant are down from his home country and are pulling hard for him. A number of Ashlanders make the trip to the county seat daily to take in the proceedings.

It is expected that the fate of the defendant will be put in the jury's hands tomorrow.

Opera Martha at Vining Tuesday

Seats were put on sale last Saturday afternoon for the Andrews Opera Company's production of "Martha," on Tuesday evening, March 9. The seats will continue on sale this afternoon and all day tomorrow. The opera will be presented under the auspices of the local Elks lodge and the newly organized Andrews Opera Company has secured a cast of singers who are sure to please the Ashland theatre-going public.

The many years of experience behind this well-known company enable them to know the pathway that leads to success, one of the first essentials being to carry none but experienced and capable people.

An excellent company must have a vehicle for the display of their talents, and the management of the Andrews Opera Company, after a careful consideration of the matter, believe that no better vehicle could have been selected than Plotow's tuneful and vivacious opera of "Martha." The story of the opera is brought out clearly and considerably improved in that respect by the brilliant dialogue, which bristles with humor, that was written especially for them by the noted playwright, George Broadhurst.

Salvatore Giordano, the great tenor, formerly of the Metropolitan Opera Company, will sing the role of Lionel.

O. Winter Appointed Ashland Assessor

County Assessor W. T. Grieve has appointed O. Winter assessor for Ashland. The work is arranged so that the assessors are not expected to be on duty longer than two weeks, although it may take longer in the Ashland district.

As evidence of the United States considering war possibilities, Secretary Benjamin Olcott has notified Mr. Grieve to take the census of those of military age. There has been a law requiring this, but it has not been enforced for a number of years.

Call on Walker For Advice

Last Thursday the committee for the city beautiful from the Civic Improvement Club met with Engineer Walker of the city, President Newcombe of the Commercial Club and G. W. Gregg of the school board and talked over street beautification.

Any woman in the city wishing information as to how far apart to set trees in the park row, concerning grading or any other matter which may come up is urged to call up Engineer Walker of the city engineer's office or at his residence and he will gladly furnish his advice.

About thirty ladies were present at the meeting and report enthusiastic efforts on the part of most of the streets and but indifference from a few.

The ladies have maple, Linden and beech trees on hand and have some Oregon maple and rose settings on the way.

200 votes in the exposition contest with each new Tidings classified advertisement during March. If the advertisement amounts to \$1, 500 extra votes. Must be paid in advance to get the extra votes.

Make it the best clean-up day ever.

Bonds Approved, Sold And Ready For Delivery

The first fifteen thousand dollars of the Ashland auxiliary water bonds were sent for collection Friday. The cash should be back in about a week.

Sixty thousand more are contracted to Denver parties for delivery March 15.

One hundred thousand sold to Smith, Emery & Company's clients are being prepared for delivery and will be sent to San Francisco for collection some time this week.

As soon as these collections are in the treasurer's hands work on the physical plant will begin.

The first work will be completing the surveys and working out details of the improvements and developments about the springs. That will require about two weeks' time by the engineers before laborers will be needed.

In the meantime Mr. Emery is on the ground and is perfecting his organization so that work will go forward in a hurry when started.

On February 10 Dillon, Thomson & Clay sent certificate covering the legality of the issue. Last Monday they wired Recorder Gillette their approval of bond No. 1.

Certificates of genuineness of signatures of the mayor and recorder and receipt of the treasurer for the money may now be forwarded with the bonds to the banks through which the bonds are delivered to the purchasers and that will close up the whole matter. No further delay should now be encountered in delivering the bonds and the funds should all be in the treasurer's hands by March 15.

It looks now as if the work would go forward and be completed by July 1.

The park end of the enterprise has not yet been put into the hands of the landscapers. There are some details still to be worked out before actual work is started on the park, such as procuring other needed lands, etc. It will likely be three or four weeks before actual work will be started on the park improvements.

The entire bond issue was signed by Mayor Johnson and Recorder Gillette Friday. The only apparent delay now will be in making the deliveries and getting the money back into the city treasury.

Ashland Wins Championship of Southern Half of the State

Ashland high school won the basketball cup and the championship of southern and central Oregon when they defeated Medford high school Friday and Saturday of last week. These two victories give Ashland three out of the four games played with Medford. The Ashland girls, after 1 sing to Medford in a hard-fought game a week ago Saturday on the home floor, were conceded losers in the last two games but surprised the fans by taking both of the final games by close scores, thus winning the girls' championship. The entire series was hard fought, Medford having turned out the best teams in the history of that institution.

Friday Games. The Ashland high school basketball team came into their own on the Medford floor last Saturday when, before a crowd of one thousand fans, they played the game of which they are really capable and outclassed the Medford boys. The passing of the locals was speedy and their basket shooting wonderful. Jumping into the lead from the start, they were never headed and with machine-like regularity rolled up the field baskets and three fouls for a total of 23 points while holding the Medford players to 17 points, seven of which were fouls.

The famous cover-up system was amply vindicated and Medford's forwards were obliged to resort to long shots for their five field goals. Grisez started the scoring with a sensational basket from the middle of the floor and, playing like demons, the Ashlanders scored time after time. The Medford defense was unable to cope with the speedy passing of Coach Klum's men, who kept up a rapid passing game followed by terrific following up of basket shots.

Grisez played the stellar game for the champs, throwing six field goals. Fraley scored twice from the field and converted three out of seven foul tries. Plymate was in the game every second and scored twice. "Chimax" Delsman played an invulnerable defensive game and shut out Thomas, Lilly doing likewise with Williamson. Pelouze and Brown each scored twice for Medford and Beacom once. Pelouze threw seven out of eleven foul tries.

The girls' game was the closest ever played in this section, only one field basket being scored. Bomar of Ashland dropped the ball into the basket from the side line for the winning count. Skeen converted one foul out of several tries and Corum for Medford did the same. Close guarding featured the game. Score: Ashland 3, Medford 1.

About two hundred Medford rooters enlivened the evening with songs and yells, while the Ashland rooting section, while smaller, made up in spirit what they lacked in numbers. **Saturday's Game.** The final game was Ashland's almost from the first whistle. Ashland scored eight field goals and four fouls for a total of 22 points, while Medford was held down to two field baskets and six converted fouls for a total of 10 points.

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Taken all in all, the series was the most successful that has ever been held in the valley and the classy brand of ball played by both teams made the games fast and close from first to last.

The Kentner basketball cup comes into the permanent possession of Ashland, the locals having won it three times in succession.

The games of the past weeks marked the close of the basketball season and once again Medford has failed to "Hang it on Ashland."

Autos From Gold Hill to Crater Lake

Gold Hill parties have gained permission from the Department of the Interior to operate automobiles from that city to and through Crater Lake park. The auto drivers must comply with the rules and ordinances of the park in regard to autos and must pay a license of \$10 annually.

In former years the Medford parties who hauled passengers to the park had a corner on such travel.

Follow the crowd and buy Johnston's chocolates at Rose Bros.

Big Fire at Weed Does Great Damage

A fire which threatened the entire town destroyed 15,000,000 feet of lumber in yard No. 3 of the Weed Lumber Company at Weed Thursday. A special train with fire fighters and apparatus was rushed from Dunsmuir and another train was run to Yreka for explosives to blow up buildings to check the flames.

A stretch of open ground saved the rest of the town after several cottages had been destroyed.

The fire is believed to have been of incendiary origin. Holes had been drilled in the fire buckets and the hose in the yard is said to have been cut in many places. A stiff wind fanned the flames for nearly four hours before the fire was under control.

The loss is estimated at \$300,000.

Hayward Writes Athletic Text Books

High school text books on higher athletics are to be produced by the University of Oregon, according to the announcement of Bill Hayward, athletic director. They are to be the first of their kind, it is said.

Hayward is to be the author. They will be written, copyrighted and printed as any other text book, but according to the plans they will be distributed free to the high schools of the state by the university. The series will include fifteen books, each on a separate form of athletics, such as high jumping, pole vaulting, quarter-mile running, distance running and so on, through each of the events.

In this manner a distance man will not get directions for sprinting and it will not be necessary to send directions for shot putting to a 130-pound sprinter. Each book will have a brief amount of material on general training and "first aid" and similar instruction.

The chief feature of the series is to be the development of the fine points of the game, according to Hayward. The development of the much spoken of and little known "form," translated means the method for obtaining the greatest efficiency with the least expenditure of money. And the form, as Hayward in his years of training has developed, will form the chief theme of the books.

Cattle Men do Big Business

During the past year the firm of Mitchell & Beeson has shipped over 1,300 head of cattle from southern Oregon. All of the stock was put on the California market and top-notch prices were received. A straight price of 6 cents was received for steers and 5 cents for cows. The firm is going into the stock raising business more extensively each year and a material increase by the end of 1915 is anticipated. Six hundred head of cattle owned by the firm, now being fed in the Applegate section, will be taken to the Beeson ranch near Talent this week.

Next Monday is Clean-Up Day

Next Monday, March 15, has been set as clean-up day for Ashland. Everybody should put forward their best efforts to make this the most thorough clean-up of all time, as Ashland has a big year coming and must look her best. The ladies of the city are pushing forward a beautification plan which will do wonders for the appearances, and it is up to the people to make everything spick and span. We want a city that will be a revelation to the crowds of visitors who are coming this summer. Do your part.

All rubbish should be put in sacks or boxes and set out in the alley or street where it will be available to the city haulers who will haul the rubbish to the dump grounds. Get the rubbish set out as early as possible Monday.

Do not stop at the front yard, but clean up the back and the park row and sidewalks. Make it a real cleaning. This is going to be a big year.

The city charges nothing to haul the rubbish away, but it must be ready early on Monday, clean-up day.

Exposition Trip Worth Good Effort

There are more specials being offered this week than at any time during the contest. Now is the time to get your friends to take advantage of the special offers and patronize the stores and subscribe for the Tidings. The contest is only just started and no contestant should lose hope as a single day of hard work will bring the lowest up among the first. The San Francisco is pronounced to be the greatest of all time and the trip is worth much hard effort.

Watch the contest page and take advantage of every extra vote offer. The contest manager desires that all votes be arranged so that they may be counted as fast as possible.

Stores giving votes are requested to mark the votes as plainly as possible.

The standings of the contestants are as follows:

Bessie Homes	205,425
Blanche Salisbury	197,389
Madge Putnam	138,557
Effie Oslin	131,549
Mapel Payne	95,888
Ruth Hadley	61,911
Elvera Nelson	39,048
Myrtle Dougherty	29,166
Mrs. Elsie Churchman	17,645
Ruth Scott	14,949
Millie Lowe	9,272
Beulah Caldwell	5,787
Reta Gard	5,780

Medford had three fires Saturday evening. Two residences were destroyed.

Get Your Name On This List

The following members were voted into the Commercial Club at the last meeting. If you are not already a member have your name added to this list by the next meeting and become enrolled among Ashland's public-spirited citizens. The Commercial Club will be Ashland's publicity body and needs the support of every man, woman and child in Ashland. Join now. Application cards may be had from the secretary, the president or any of the members of the membership committee, who are Messrs. Jordan, Lamkin, Banta, Trefren, Croxall and Norris. Do not wait to be asked, but join now:

J. N. Nesbet, A. S. Ames, E. A. Acklin, Harry L. Sinclair, R. C. Porter, E. B. Hunt, E. J. Nedd, Charles D. Cain, R. D. Sanford, Edna V. Jones, Dr. John F. Hart, David F. Fox, W. J. Dougherty, G. W. Kenward, J. O. Hanratty, A. D. Barr, C. A. Swanson, G. T. Salisbury, J. D. McKinney, Rev. Father Leo, E. M. Stannard, G. W. Hoxie, C. E. Roy, M. C. Hast, Emma T. Helman, O. E. Delbert, James W. Bowers, E. O. Smith, Marie Vaupel, Charles S. Lebo, G. W. Leonard, Lydia McCall, C. D. Stoddard, Lorena McNair, Frank R. Dickie, Walter Everett, Will M. Dodge, Mattie A. Johnson, Charles L. E. Rebert, Mrs. Frank Jordan, Alexander McMillan, Interurban Auto Car Co., C. J. Bryant, Charles McClain, G. U. Wenner, A. D. Jillson, D. Ivy, W. W. Watson, George E. Yates, P. B. Theiss, Earl Hosler, F. L. Rush, Ira Shoudy, W. D. Carey, W. H. Wenner, Joseph H. Sander, George Taverner, William Blair, W. G. Phelps, John H. Dill, Charles E. Walls, Teddy Provost, Harris Dean, N. Maude Halley, Della M. Acklin, W. H. Smith, Interested Party, A. W. Arbuckle, Mrs. O. Winter, Alice Stubbs, August Schuerman, Mrs. B. H. Hatch, P. A. Bonney, W. D. Foster, Lillian H. Greer, May Newcombe, Wilbur W. Potter, A. C. Kellar, George W. Scott, Arthur M. Miller.

Dollarhide Would Sell Toll Road

L. D. Dollarhide, owner of the toll road over the Siskiyou, appeared before the regular meeting of the county court Wednesday morning and offered to sell twelve miles of toll road extending from the Pacific highway towards Coletta district for \$1,000, giving the county a deed for the same. The proposition was made verbally and written and was taken under consideration by the county court. Routine matters were discussed and bills for the month taken under consideration.

We have a large assortment of Lilly, Morris and Ferry's package seeds which we have just opened up. For this week we will give 100 extra votes with each package.