

Jackson County to Get \$50,000; Roads

The Oregon state highway commission met at Salem Tuesday and apportioned the highway fund for this year. Fifty thousand dollars each were allotted to Jackson, Hood River and Columbia counties, while lesser amounts were given to Douglas, Clatsop, Josephine and Washington, making a total of \$220,000. State aid was given only to those counties that had bonded themselves for road work.

It would appear that Jackson county will lose the \$5,000 appropriated last year and it is understood that this amount is to go to Josephine county. The appropriation of this fund will lead to a continuance of the work started last year. Whether or not any more hard surface work will be done this year will be decided later.

Home Talent Show Scores Success

The burlesque on the Panama exposition and vaudeville put on by the Ashland Dramatic Club Monday evening was a grand success. A fair-sized crowd was in attendance and many compliments were heard from the amateur vaudeville artists.

The first part of the evening's entertainment was a burlesque on the San Francisco exposition and was a scream from start to finish. Each and every one of the participants was a circus in himself or herself and deserve individual mention which lack of space prevents us from giving them. This skit was written by Miss Winifred Watson, a local girl, and reflects highly upon her ability as a writer. The characters in the order of their appearance were: Miss Minnie Jackson as Samantha Allen, J. J. McNair as Josias Allen, Miriam Gregg as Widow Armstrong, Herman Purrucker as traveling salesman, Miss Armstrong, Ora Diebert and Elbert Greer, Margaret Dougherty and Billy Scott as Mr. and Mrs. Lonzio and the Lonzio children. Ashland visitors at the fair were: Mr. Rasor as B. R. Greer, Mr. Norris as C. F. Billings, and Victor Flint as Mayor Johnson. Andrew McCallen as the Ashland bachelor. The several booths were manned by artistic spellers and the first part was a rapid fire succession of humorous dialogue and stunts.

Following the Frisco fair came a succession of clever and artistic stunts. Miss Florence Clark delighted the audience with a violin solo which was encored. Miss Nellie Briggs won the hearts of her hearers with a reading, "The Littlest Rebel." Billy Briggs created a continuous uproar with his ludicrous sketch and monologue, "I've Got the Mumps."

H. O. Purrucker and Mrs. James McNair in a beautifully staged duet, "In Old Madrid," were well appreciated.

The sunbonnet chorus of Ashland's beautiful young ladies was to most one of the most attractive numbers on the program. The chorus showed the effects of hard work both in the dancing and singing. They were called back for an encore. The members of the chorus were: Misses Miriam Gregg, Nellie Briggs, Grace Milam, Blanche Salisbury, Bertha Borelle, Jean Creeks, Mesdames J. McNair, R. J. Smith and D. D. Norris. The costumes and effects used were especially catching.

Miss Minnie Jackson presented the reading, "Scene in a Street Car," a humorous monologue which brought down the house.

The flower chorus, composed of the same members as the first chorus, was a beautifully executed and sung fantasy. Miss Jean Creeks sang the solo part and with the background of flower-laden damsels made a pretty picture in the selection, "Fascinating Night."

As a surprise number which was not on the program, Miss Catherine Swem of Medford presented "The Shadow Dance," an artistic dance with beautiful music and color effects. Miss Swem is an artist in this line and the opportunity of seeing her was highly appreciated by the assemblage. Miss Swem is the daughter of Mr. Swem, the photographer, who was formerly located here.

The grand finale, "Long Way From Tipperary," introducing the entire cast and the local company of militiamen, furnished a fitting finale to a most auspicious evening.

The evening's entertainment was put on by the Ashland Dramatic Club for the benefit of the Young Ladies'

Working Hard For Dead Indian Road

H. G. Enders was in Klamath Falls last week as a member of the Commercial Club committee which is boosting for a new road to Pelican Bay via the Dead Indian country. He says Klamath Falls people feel very kindly toward the proposition—not only merchants who realize that such a road would bring our fruits in and take their grain out but by the sportsmen and autoists and others who look upon the road as contributing to the public pleasure. The Klamath Falls Herald says:

"With a view to getting assistance here for the road the Ashland Commercial Club proposes to have built over the Dead Indian route from Ashland to the Lake of the Woods and Pelican Bay, thus opening Crater Lake, Upper Klamath Lake and other scenic points in Klamath county to Ashland tourists; H. G. Enders, one of the committee in charge of the project, is here from Ashland.

"According to Mr. Enders, Ashland people are subscribing from \$25 to \$100 each toward the construction of the road. Besides this, twenty-five or more men have volunteered to do some work on the highway. What Klamath county people will be willing to do toward this project will be determined shortly. There is a possibility of help from the county court, as there is some money on hand from forest reserve timber sale, which is to be used in road building in forest reserve territory within the county, and a portion of the Ashland-Klamath route is through government timber lands.

"Besides the tourist advantages to both Ashland and Klamath, Mr. Enders points out possible commercial advantages. He believes that this route, which is less than the Green Springs mountain road, can be used advantageously in marketing Jackson county fruit in Klamath county, and Klamath county potatoes and grain in Jackson county."

Ladies' suit sale at Enders'.

New Bishop Visits Ashland Church

Sunday evening Trinity Episcopal church of Ashland was honored with a visit from the Right Rev. W. T. Sumner, recently consecrated Bishop of Oregon. The bishop, accompanied by Archdeacon Chambers, arrived on the evening train and conducted only the one service. The church was packed to its capacity, chairs being placed in the aisle to accommodate late comers. A choir of twelve voices furnished good music, special Easter numbers being used. In his address the bishop showed himself to be a man of force who does not mince matters or hesitate to express his convictions. He is a man of very pleasing personality, congenial with all classes of people. Monday morning a parish gathering was held in the parish house, at which the bishop spoke more informally. He outlined plans for the work in Ashland and spoke of the possibility of a resident vicar. No definite promise was made for the immediate future, but in all probability Trinity will have a vicar in the course of a few months. At noon a delicious luncheon was served, shortly after which Bishop Sumner and Archdeacon Chambers left for Medford, where the afternoon and evening were spent with the members of St. Mark's parish.

The ladies in charge of the city beautiful plans are busy all of the time and effects are beginning to show. Some big improvements are under way on the motor depot grounds. The work which the ladies have set out to do cannot be accomplished in a few weeks but will take a year before really big changes are apparent and still longer before the plans are carried out.

Shoes. Yes, for men only. They are the real leather kind and made up in good sensible shapes. Prices \$3.50, \$4, \$4.50, \$5. Mitchell & Whittle.

Auxiliary. It was directed by Miss Bertha Calkins, who deserves much credit for the success which was scored. Miss Calkins was assisted by George Watson. Miss Swem coached the choruses in dancing and Mr. Norris assisted with the music. Fine music was furnished by the theatre orchestra during the course of the evening.

Engineer Bell Arrives and Work On Springs Goes Forward

Engineer Bell of Smith, Emery & Co. arrived here from Saratoga yesterday morning and has been going over the Ashland project with Mr. Emery.

He went into the Saratoga matter thoroughly with Mr. Anthony and found him very courteous and painstaking in showing him over the Saratoga development. Most of the million-dollar appropriation already made by the state of New York has been consumed in the purchase of land and boring for additional mineral water. Mr. Bell says he saw more mineral water here yesterday

than Saratoga can produce in twenty years. The flow of our springs here far exceeds those of Saratoga both in mineral waters and gas.

Mr. Bell will assist Mr. Emery on the work here until completed. He is a specialist in handling waters, especially of the carbon dioxide and alkaline variety.

Work on the springs development will start tomorrow. Mr. Emery is again able to be about after ten days layup in the Sanitarium from sprains received from his fall on the stairs a week ago last Saturday.

Appreciated By Vincent Astor

In a recent communication to the Tidings in which Prof. H. G. Gilmore set forth the steps taken by Vincent Astor, the heir to John Jacob Astor's millions, to become a full-fledged orchardist, and also to his many benevolent acts to the poor of the crowded slums of New York city—a copy of the Tidings was sent M. Astor and has, through his secretary, invoked the following appreciative acknowledgment from the scion of immense possessions:

"23 West 26th Street,

"New York, March 27, 1915.

"Mr. H. G. Gilmore, 283 Scenic Drive, Ashland.

"Dear Sir: I wish to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of March 17 which you addressed to Mr. Astor care the Rev. Sidney E. Usher. Mr. Astor is not now in New York, but I wish to thank you in his behalf for both your letter and the Ashland Tidings containing notices which I am sure will be much appreciated both by Mr. and Mrs. Astor.

"Yours sincerely,

"WM. A. DOBBYN, Secretary."

It may, perhaps, be mentioned that Mr. and Mrs. Astor and party have just reached San Francisco from New York in their magnificent yacht, the Norma, passing through the Panama canal, and that they are being very much lionized whenever discovered in their ramblings through the exposition buildings and around the endless stretches of enchanting scenery and floral embellishments.

Auto Smashes Rig Near Voorhies

Careless and speedy driving on the Pacific highway Tuesday evening was the cause and result of an auto and rig accident. One of the autos of the Alco Taxi Company of Medford started to pass a rig on the highway near Voorhies and a large car coming from the opposite direction endeavored to go between the first mentioned car and rig. The driver was going at a high rate of speed, and misjudging his distance his fender caught the hub of the buggy and turned it completely over. By some chance both of the occupants of the rig escaped uninjured. The name of the driver of the big car is not known, but the police have the number of the car and an investigation is being made.

Wanted—One boy with a talent for amateur acting as a "supe" in "My Man and Lady."

A chance for an Ashland youngster to be a real live actor for one night will come on Saturday, April 17, when a cast of ten from the University of Oregon will put on "My Man and Lady" under auspices of the senior class of the Ashland high school. The university students are to receive only their expenses, the class retaining the profits. The production will be directed by Professor Archibald F. Reddie, who is well known in Ashland as a reader, and who was in charge of the university cast that last spring made such a good impression in Ashland with "Huck Finn."

"My Man and Lady" is the story of a gentleman burglar in New York, who with his force operates only in the homes of the wealthy, and whose regeneration is brought about by a complication of circumstances, in which a young woman and the burglar's father, whose home he had deserted about twenty years before, are figures.

The cast in this play is considered superior to that of the ordinary traveling troupes, embodying, as it does, the pick of the talent among the thousand students at the university. While it has been customary for the graduating class to put on a class play, it was deemed advisable on account of this chance to secure a high-class entertainment, and the fact that a class play calls for so much of the participants' time, to invite the university players here, and Ashland people should record the production their patronage.

Autos will run from downtown. Seats are on sale at Rose Brothers'. Reserved seats 35 cents. General admission 25 cents.

One half dollar (50c) will buy a real good sun hat, made in Old Mexico. Mitchell & Whittle.

BESSIE HOMES.

Steel Would Change Name of Park

Superintendent Steel of the Crater Lake park has sent the following communication to Secretary Lane, suggesting that the discoverer of Crater Lake be commemorated by renaming Glacier peak in his honor as Hillman peak:

"April 5, 1915.

"The Secretary of the Interior, Washington, D. C.

"Sir: It is with sincere regret that I have to inform you of the death at Hope Villa, La., on March 19, 1915, of John W. Hillman, who on June 12, 1853, discovered Crater Lake. He was the leader of a party of twenty-two prospectors, of whom he was the first to see it.

"Now, therefore, I recommend that the name Glacier peak, applied to one of the highest points on the western rim of the lake, be changed to Hillman peak, and in justification thereof will say, one of the most important mountains of the state of Washington is known as Glacier peak, as also in the state of California, thus leading to unnecessary confusion, and at least one of them should be changed. Such a change would also be a deserved and appropriate recognition of the first white man who ever saw Crater Lake, and for whom some prominent point should be named.

"Very sincerely,

"WILL G. STEEL,

"Superintendent."

John Kelly pumps at Enders'.

University Cast Presents Play

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Tagging System Proves a Success

The tagging system by the police in an effort to enforce street ordinances in regard to motorists is proving to be a decided success and violations of the various regulations are much fewer in number as a result.

When an auto violates one of the minor regulations and the patrolman cannot find the owner of the car a tag is fastened to the wheel stating the nature of the ordinance which has been violated and asking the offender to call at the station. At the station he is given a copy of the auto ordinance and warned against further violations. Ordinarily no fine is imposed for any of the minor violations, such as lights being out or cars on wrong side of the street, but upon a second violation of the ordinance a fine is imposed. All car owners who find tags on their cars should call at the station at the earliest possible time. The patrolmen take the number of the car and failure to call will cause trouble for the owner.

Some of the clauses which are violated oftenest are in regard to lights, stopping on the wrong side of the street or within twenty feet of a fire hydrant or plaza corners, for leaving standing between Mill and Water streets for a period exceeding ten minutes, for lack of proper license number, and for leaving engine running while car is unoccupied.

Speeding is not a minor offense and will be dealt with according to the law.

Other provisions of the ordinance which are often violated prohibit bicycle riders from hanging onto the rear of autos or motorcycles and from riding without at least one hand on the handlebars.

A copy of the motor ordinance may be had from any police officer, and every automobile driver or bicycle rider in Ashland should secure a copy and read it carefully. Such action will save a possible trip to the police station.

Should Campaign Against Deadly Fly

Ashland should start a thorough campaign against the fly. Moreover, it should be instigated at once. The school children should be enlisted in the fly war, the housewives and citizens. People must overcome the feeling that flies are not so bad after all and should realize the enormous potentiality for evil of which flies are capable. Having done this, the people must be convinced that a flyless town is possible.

Many persons do not really think flies are very nasty. They fish them out of milk and gravy, but they eat the gravy and drink the milk. Convince them that the fly is deadly.

Remember always the motto, "Co-operative good will." You can chase the same fly all summer but you have to catch it only once. Better let it catch itself. Begin early; one pair in April may mean millions of flies in July.

A great campaign against the fly is about to begin in Portland, with local organizations and health officials in charge and the University of Oregon helping in an advisory way. School children are to make 4,000 fly traps and innumerable fly nets. Several upstate cities have asked for trap models and advice.

Hard Frost On Tuesday Night

The frost Tuesday night and Wednesday morning was one of the longest that the valley has seen for several years. The pots were lit in the majority of the orchards in the lower valley about 1:30 and were used continually until 7 in the morning. The cost of the smudging is figured as about \$2,000. The damage done was slight, being confined only to those orchards that did not smudge. The lowest temperature registered was on the Holloway tract, 24 degrees.

In the Ashland district little harm was done by the frost, as near as can be ascertained. The cherries have suffered worse than anything else so far.

We have it—a combination shirt and union suit at \$1.75. It is especially fine for the warm days. Mitchell & Whittle.

Will Haul Gravel By Auto Trucks

The county court has awarded the contract for hauling the backshot gravel from McAndrews Hill to William Holmes of Griffin Creek, who will do the work by auto truck. Valley teamsters also bid on the job, but their figures were higher than those for auto truck so in the interest of economy the contract was let as above.

The county court can now determine with accuracy the exact cost of road construction. "Our policy," said Commissioner Frank Madden last night, "will be to put all the main roads of the county in as good condition as possible instead of spending everything on any one road. We have enough gravel in McAndrews hill to cover the entire county."

Civic Improvement Club Met Tuesday

The Civic Improvement Club met Tuesday afternoon at the library with a goodly number of members in attendance. One hundred and twenty-five new members have been added to the club since the last election of officers. The club is getting bigger every day and is perfecting smoother executive systems, thus getting more work done with less effort.

The bulb exchange reports that they have handled hundreds of plants and bulbs, so many in fact that they could not keep track of the exact numbers. A more thorough report will be made later concerning this department of the club's beautification work.

The Auxiliary club report that the work of installing lights and paper hanging has been donated and that work on their home (the C. B. Watson residence) is progressing finely. The ladies of the Auxiliary request that since trading stamps will not be obtainable after a few weeks and as there will necessarily be a number of people who will be unable to fill their books, that all who have such unfilled books turn them in at Provost's store and they will be used in getting furniture for the club house.

The Odd Fellows have voted the free use of their hall to the club five times during the year for social purposes.

The Civic Club will hire a girl and put her in charge of the distribution of flowers to tourists at the depot this summer.

The club is getting behind the campaign against flies and have induced Mr. A. L. Lamb to build fly traps and sell them at actual cost. These traps may be had for 35 cents or 60 cents, coming in two sizes. Every one is urged to purchase at least one and put it where it will do the most good.

Considerable reluctance in fixing park rows has been evidenced by residents of streets where there is no curbing put in. According to Engineer Walker it is not necessary to wait for the installation of curbing as the owner can either put in a board curbing or merely level it off and plant sod.

Much Band Talk But Little Action

All members of the Ashland band urged to be present at the city hall tomorrow evening for band practice. Important business will be discussed. The matter of a paid leader and an effective band organization has been favorably received by everyone, but no organization seems anxious to take the initiative in the matter.

The idea of weekly afternoon band concerts in the park during the summer sounds attractive to everybody and sentiment is universally in favor of doing something for the band.

Henry Jennings died in Portland last Wednesday night. He was an old friend of J. P. Dodge of Ashland and was well known to many others here. Three years ago he bought the Albert Johnson orchard in west Ashland and has spent much time on it, shipping his peaches to Portland, where they attracted much attention in the windows of his big store.

Telford Bros. will be in Ashland demonstrating Metz cars in a few days.

Notice—The Plaza Market is delivering all orders. Phone 190.