

## Enders Still Kicks On Commission

H. G. Enders complains lately on the street because the Tidings is charging the regular rate for printing the expense account of the springs water commission. He says the Tidings ought to print it for nothing.

For fourteen months prior to the month of January, this year, the Tidings paid a man \$100 per month salary to take the place of Mr. Greer on the newspaper so that he could devote his time to the springs work for nothing.

After the subscription notes had been returned to those who signed them Mr. Greer was the only man in Ashland who was out any money on this enterprise, and he was \$1,400 behind on that one item besides other money he had spent out of his pocket in the enterprise.

Now if Mr. Enders will be kind enough to pay back to Mr. Greer the \$1,400 he spent last year in order to be able to give his time free to the city, then the said Enders will be in a better position to ask Mr. Greer to print the financial proceedings of the springs commission without pay.

In the meantime the Tidings will go right on performing the service and charging for it at five cents a line, the same price that Mr. Enders pays for his business reading notices. Such foolish and unjustifiable criticism makes us tired, but it is to be expected from that source.

Five cents the line is the price paid for legal notices by all lawyers, by Jackson county, by the city of Ashland and by every other municipality in the country.

Why should not the Tidings be paid that price for the service? Enders talks like a man with indigestion.

## College Will Furnish Farm Help

The Oregon Agricultural College offers its services to farmers needing some farm labor this summer. Many of the students are glad of a chance to work. In the past, farmers who have employed students have expressed themselves as well pleased with the character of their work. Many of these young fellows are specializing and can give extra good service in their own lines, such as creamery, cannery, cheese factory employment and the like. Any Oregon farmer who wants help from the college will be furnished a blank on application, and can be fairly sure of getting the type of men he needs.

**Medford Golfers Beat Eugene.**  
The Medford Country Club defeated the Eugene Country Club in both tennis and golf matches Sunday. The visitors scored four points in golf and none in tennis. Chandler Egan, who was runner-up in the Panama-Pacific golf championship, is a member of the Medford golf team.

Phone job orders to the Tidings.

## Talent Party in Auto Smashup

Levi A. Stagg of Talent is in Sacred Heart Hospital at Medford in a very serious condition as a result of an auto accident early Sunday morning. For a time his life was despaired of, but he is now resting easier and will no doubt recover. Stagg is well known to many Ashland people, he having been engaged in the auto livery business out of Talent and spending a great part of his time in this city.

The car turned turtle while going around a curve on the highway near the P. & E. crossing below Medford. According to occupants of a car which was following, the car was going at a high rate of speed and leaped high in the air when it left the road, turning a complete somersault and lighting in the ditch. Stagg and Guy Quackenbush of Talent were pinned underneath, the other five occupants being thrown clear and escaping with minor scratches. Quackenbush was bruised about the face and head and his chest crushed. Several reasons are given for the accident, the most commonly accepted being that Stagg misjudged the curve. The party was returning from the Gold Hill celebration.

Stagg is married and has two small children. He is a young man of exemplary habits and was considered a good driver.

## Grand Jury Closes Shortest Session

Seven true bills, three of them against one man, were returned by the grand jury Monday, which closed its deliberations in the shortest time of any inquisitorial body in the history of Jackson county. Four not true bills were returned.

Harry Foster was indicted upon three counts, two for larceny from a dwelling and one for arson. Foster is alleged to have burglarized the home of County Jailor Wilson, who befriended him, and then set fire to the house to cover up his crime. Foster afterwards attempted to sell his loot to second hand stores in Medford.

Bert Collins, recently brought back from Seattle, was indicted for larceny by bailee. Collins is alleged to have appropriated a suitcase belonging to M. E. Craig, which was given him to express to Portland.

Dave Alexander, indicted under the name of John Alexander, is accused of an immorality charge. J. Reiney was indicted upon a burglary accusation.

The petit jury for the May term will be called next Monday, and also promises to be the shortest session in the annals of jurisprudence in this county.

## Sunday Concert Promises Much

Manager Lawrence of the Lyre Theatre will direct an eight-piece orchestra in a number of popular concert numbers Sunday evening. Among the old favorites will be the "Sextette from Lucia" and grand selections from the "Bohemian Girl." This will be the biggest orchestra both in numbers and in quality that has ever been gathered together from local musical talent. A great amount of special preparation is being indulged in for the Sunday evening concert and music lovers are assured of a rare treat. The concert will begin at 7:30 sharp and will be given together with a picture program of exceptional merit, with no advance in the price of admission. Such an ambitious musical undertaking has never before been attempted in a low-priced moving picture theatre and will no doubt become a great drawing card.

## Free Methodist Conference

The southern Oregon annual conference of the Free Methodist church closed its fourth session at Grants Pass last Sunday, at which the following appointments were made: D. D. Dodge, district elder; Medford, J. E. Bradley; Trall and Derby, J. E. McDonald; Ashland, J. F. Smith; Klamath Falls, to be supplied; Grants Pass, T. W. Oliver; McDowell, Cal., W. E. Goode; C. E. Glazier, evangelist; J. W. Sharpe, J. H. Brown and H. J. Blair, supernumeraries; Roseburg, R. H. Dollard; Cottage Grove, Rhoda Burnett; Springfield, Marsula and Fall Creek, M. F. Childs. Mrs. M. F. Childs was elected delegate to the Woman's Foreign Missionary conference to be held in Chicago commencing June 9. Mrs. Childs will visit friends in Manhattan, Kan., on her way to Chicago.

## Hotel Builder Is Interested

French Lick Springs in Indiana constitutes one of the big watering resorts of the United States. Tom Taggart, who owns and manages them, is one of the big politicians and promoters of the middle west. He has a friend in Ashland, who recently wrote him and sent descriptions of the Ashland springs and development project. Taggart is noted for building hotels at favored places and opportune times. He writes back to his Ashland friend that the proposition here looks good to him and that he expects to look into the matter further later on. Just now he states he is unable to do anything owing to the fact that he is expending a large sum of money improving his holdings at French Lick.

Don't forget that Saturday is the last day of the big reduction sale at Orres' tailor shop. Suits tailored to your measure for \$18. Values up to \$30.

## Chester Stevenson Named For Springs Water Commissioner

Mayor Johnson has appointed Chester Stevenson to succeed R. A. Minkler on the springs commission. The selection was made after weeks of thorough discussion, and the mayor believes that a better man could not be found for the place. The appointment of Mr. Stevenson will be ratified by the council Tuesday evening.

Mr. Stevenson came to Ashland four years ago from North Yakima, Wash., where he owned and conducted the largest department store in the city. He has had years of business experience and was highly regarded for his business ability in the Washington town. Mr. Stevenson came to Ashland for health considerations and has not engaged in business here, being well off in this world's goods. He bought the Johnson place on Wimer street on his arrival here. He has spent a goodly part of his time in pursuance of a bent for photography since coming to Ashland and has made a statewide reputation as an outdoor photographic artist. He is a man of ideas and his artistic qualities as well as his business and executive ability will be an invaluable aid to the commis-



CHESTER STEVENSON,  
New Springs Commissioner.

sion in the work of laying out the park.

Mr. Stevenson is in a position to devote a great part of his time to the work and is universally conceded to be the man for the place.

## Noted Lady Speaker Saturday Night

Miss Meddie O. Hamilton, field secretary of the great New York Chautauqua, the oldest and largest, who is visiting the coast, will speak at the Presbyterian church next Saturday evening at 7:45, on "The American Idea." Miss Hamilton is one of the finest of speakers and a lady of great ability. The demand for her work is far greater than she can fill. Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis recently spoke very highly of Miss Hamilton's lecture. This is the first time that Ashland has been honored with a representative from the Mother Chautauqua. Let us give her a large audience and a warm reception. No admission. No collection.

Get right on your feet—try a pair of Scholl's Foot Ezers. Briggs & Shinn.

## Land Purchased For a Park

Tuesday night the city council appointed a committee to investigate the purchase of land for the park between Granite street and the creek, and from the old mill property to where Mill street intersects Granite.

While the committee will not report until next Tuesday night, it is understood that it has made satisfactory prices and terms with all of the property owners within that district and will take the property over at once.

Mr. McLaren will be here the first of the coming week, ready to draft a general plan of park development.

The property will be at once cleared of improvements. Already the Carson-Fowler Lumber Company have cleared the old drykilm away from the upper end of the Chautauqua ground and are getting their lumber out of the way so the mill can be speedily moved.

It is understood that Butler and Perozzi have let the contract for removing their buildings from the Messenger place and they will be gone within thirty days.

The park situation is now cleared so that the plans can go at once forward for transforming it into a place of beauty and accommodation for tourists.

## Ladies Give Tourists Roses

The Civic Improvement Club ladies commenced distributing roses to all passengers on the north and south bound trains at the depot Tuesday and will continue to do so throughout the summer. Hundreds of roses will be required daily and everyone is urged to send flowers to the Commercial Club or depot. The ladies sent the first shipment of wild flowers and roses to Mr. Frohbach at the Oregon building at the exposition today and will send others later as required.

Briggs & Shinn for shoes.

## Find Fewer Vacant Houses

The report of the water inspectors at Tuesday evening's council meeting brought forth some interesting facts. The fact appears that there are about seventy-five less empty houses than at this time last year. This with the increased school attendance points toward a material increase in population.

A new proposition for handling the cases of those who wished to irrigate property upon which a vacant house stood and where there was no separate cutoff was discussed. Hereafter by giving a bond such irrigation can be carried on and the property owner is obliged to notify the authorities when the vacant house becomes occupied or when water is used in it.

Anything good in meat at the Plaza Market. It

## Ashland Plan To Be Discussed

University of Oregon, Eugene.—On May 27, the day before the annual commonwealth conference at the State University, the second annual session of the League of Oregon Municipalities will be held.

Charters for Oregon towns will be discussed during the forenoon. Benjamin Sheldon of Medford is to read a paper, and Willamette Valley officials are scheduled to lead the argument. A second forenoon topic will be ideas for making Oregon towns individual. A town that is setting out to make itself individual is Ashland, which has voted bonds for a municipal watering place and which hopes to become the spa of the west. American watering places are operated privately, and Ashland hopes to model its enterprise on European municipal watering places.

B. R. Greer will speak at the session.

Cheaper town government and better town government will be the opening afternoon topic. "Excess Condemnation in Municipal Improvements in Oregon" and city-planning movements will be other subjects. An illustrated lecture on city plans will be given.

Let us shoe you. Briggs & Shinn.

## Band Practice Tomorrow Night

The Ashland band will hold their regular practice tomorrow (Friday) evening at the city hall. All members are requested to turn out and inform others who may not have a chance to see this paper. The band is putting in some hard licks in preparation for some coming events and expect to be in shape to render a concert which will be worth while in a couple of weeks.

New harness shop, new stock, new pads, straps, bridles and collars at Pell's. 85-11

## Many High School Positions Open

University of Oregon, Eugene.—Changes in high school staffs, or additions to them, are uncommonly numerous this year, according to the requests so far made by the boards of directors for candidates whom the University of Oregon appointment bureau will recommend. "More requests have come this year than during the whole of last year," said Fred C. Ayer, professor of education and director of the bureau.

Professor Ayer suggests two reasons for the numerous openings: Oregon boards of directors show increasing tendency to look for state trained teachers; and the new union high schools are providing numerous teaching places.

The drift toward state trained teachers instead of eastern teachers is due to improvement in state standards and to the fact that much thorough investigation of the qualifications of candidates is possible when their education has been obtained in Oregon. Often they can be looked over personally; usually the references they give are of persons well known in the state, and the appointment bureau of a state institution can be consulted.

## Can't Agree on Highway Location

Friction has developed over the location of the Pacific highway from Central Point to the Josephine county line in which William C. Leever and F. H. Madden, Jackson county commissioners, are arrayed against County Judge Tou Velle and E. I. Cantine, state highway engineer. The commissioners, as the majority of the court, officially decided on the route to be followed in making the road and the county judge refused to sign the order. He filed a protest and Cantine, when in this section of the state, sided with the judge.

Judge Tou Velle and the new highway engineer assert the route selected necessitates three railroad crossings between Central Point and Tolo. They say that by keeping the highway on the east side of the track one crossing would be enough. Cantine recently named Engineer Clark of Seven Oaks to have charge of the construction of this section of the road.

## McKee Receives Light Sentence

J. D. McKee, former assistant postmaster here, received a sentence of thirty days' incarceration in the Multnomah county jail as a result of the tangle over postoffice affairs in which he implicated himself. E. D. Briggs has been in Portland at the trial in behalf of Mr. McKee during the past week. McKee's offense must have been a slight affair in view of the sentence which he received, and his many friends here will be glad to learn of the light punishment because of his wife and children. Portland papers exaggerated the affair and made it appear that he had fled from Ashland to the east, a statement distinctly untrue as everyone who knew him here knew. Mr. McKee moved from Ashland to Indiana and made no effort to conceal his movements.

## Lure of the West Draws Educators

The lure of the great west is drawing a class of school teachers to the west which could not be obtainable under any other conditions. Superintendent Briscoe has received stacks of applications from eastern teachers who desire to come west. It is said that the Portland schools have received three thousand applications for the thirty positions which are vacant. According to President Campbell of the University of Oregon, he has received fifty applications from exceptionally high-class educators in the east for the ten positions which are open.

## Stockholders' Meeting.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Ashland Fruit and Produce Association is called for Friday, the 21st, at the Commercial Club rooms at 7:30 p. m. for the purpose of taking action on the resignation of the board of directors, and for such other business as may come before the meeting. J. W. GRAHAM, Secretary.

## Short Session And Much Routine

Tuesday evening's council meeting was short and to the point. Nothing came up of momentous importance, but the city fathers waded through a lot of routine business. After the reading of the minutes the fire committee was instructed to investigate the request of John Rusk to build an addition onto his Fourth street bakery. Permission to move a building through the streets was referred to the street committee. The fire committee was ordered to consider the purchase of 500 feet of 2 1/2-inch fire hose and the rereading of the fire truck tires.

On recommendation of the sanitary committee the Ashland Trading Company was given permission to put in a temporary outlet from the vegetable stand in the vestibule to the gutter. It was made plain that this permission was revocable so that as soon as other arrangements be made, overflow of this kind may be otherwise disposed of.

Councilman Cunningham reported that a telephone had been installed in the city electrician's office.

Mrs. Chapman appeared before the council in regard to the petition to redress for the death of Lloyd Chapman, which occurred a year ago the Fourth of July. It was decided to take up the matter in executive session.

The recorder reported in regard to a matter of irrigating lots where no cutoff had been provided. The matter was referred to the ordinance committee.

A petition from Mr. Minor requesting the use of the normal grounds for the purpose of holding a camp (Continued on Page Eight.)

## Ships Carload Of Dairy Cows

A carload of dairy cows was gathered up hereabouts last week for shipment to California. The shipper, J. L. Napton, although a resident of Roseburg, is sending these cows to Willows, where he has extensive ranch interests. A clean bill of lading health being a requisite preliminary to interstate shipment, Doc Helms, Medford's veterinarian, passed upon the merits of the animals. A man was also engaged to go along and milk the cows en route. This makes the sixth car which Mr. Napton has purchased in various parts of the state for export.

Several Ashland visitors in Medford Monday evening had the pleasure of watching the Medford police force arrest an obstreperous drunk who created a disturbance on Medford's "Great White Way." As big a crowd collected to see Officer Crawford crack the drunk's head open with his night stick as attended the evening performance at the circus.

You need a \$30 suit. I need \$18. Let's swap. Orres' tailor shop.

## Work at Springs Is Progressing

Preliminary work on the actual development of the springs by the Smith-Emery people is going steadily forward. Work so far has been confined mostly to the Berkeley and Dodge springs. Mr. Emery returned this morning from San Francisco, where he went to make arrangements for a drilling outfit. An expert driller will arrive from that city tomorrow and the wells will be reamed out to ten inches. Very satisfactory progress has been made so far and it will be only a matter of a few weeks until the big crews of men will be put on the ditch work.

The springs commission has approved the detailed plans for cement work around the Berkeley sulphur spring and work will be started thereon in the near future. Excavation for the central station in the park has already been started and plans are practically complete for same. They will be submitted to the commission and approved within a few days.

An artesian bore will be made near the lithia spring in an attempt to develop still further flow of lithia and a possible gas flow.

A new meat market, the Quality Market, with new and up-to-date fixtures and best meats, open Saturday morning. Enders block. Meat delivered any part of city. Try us. Phone 118.