

"Ashland Grows While Lithia Flows"  
City of Sunshine and Flowers

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## Three Thousand Pay Tribute of Silence

A crowd of approximately 3,000 people greeted the Liberty Bell at the station Friday morning at 3 o'clock. When the train carrying the historic relic drew into the station the packed assemblage paid the highest of all tribute, the "tribute of silence." For several minutes hardly a word was spoken, while the thousands gazed on the greatest of all American relics.

As a bell it deserves little attention. Not very large, cracked and worn, in a thousand steeples there hang sweeter toned bells than this broken relic of the past—so cracked and worn that it must be handled like a precious piece of cut glass. Through age alone it cannot demand veneration. There are many bells which still ring forth glad and sad tidings that pealed forth many years before this bell was cast. But that poor broken, cracked relic of the past is enshrined in the hearts of the people of Ashland and of the entire country in a place of its own.

Bent old soldiers, young school-girls, hard-headed business men, little children, every person present Friday morning was carried away for a few minutes with a feeling remote from the busy buzz of life. Many people have seen the bell since it started out across the continent, bands have greeted it, speeches and flowers, but nowhere has the great relic met a finer tribute than that paid it by the people of Ashland.

The historic relic which boomed forth the message of independence so many years ago and has been carefully guarded in Philadelphia since, is under the guard of a number of Philadelphia officials and six stalwart policemen. While here, several thousand books and cards telling of the history of the bell were handed out. One hour previous to the bell's arrival whistles and bells aroused those who had not remained up through the night. A display of fireworks by the Chinese colony greeted the train. For the last time the city was thrown open for fireworks and the night was a noisy one. Hundreds attended the dances and made themselves at home at the "open house" at the Natatorium while awaiting the arrival of the bell. The night greeting was a typical display of Ashland spirit.

## A Little Match Does Much Damage

Someone threw a match into the grass along the fence of the high school athletic grounds, starting a fire which did several dollars' worth of damage to the fence last Friday afternoon. The fire department was called out and arrived before the fire had got under good headway and extinguished the blazing fence with the chemicals.

This item in itself is hardly worth anything as a news item, but as material for preaching a sermon to the children—yes, and the grownups of Ashland—it is very valuable. Every summer thousands of dollars' worth of damage is done by fire which starts from the same cause, a match or cigarette stub. A fraction of a second of time and an atom of thought is all that is necessary to see that a match is out before throwing it away. The Siskiyou county forest service advises breaking every match in two before throwing it away. This would be a good plan to follow and will insure enough attention to the match to insure against a burning spark. Fire prevention is heard on every side and signs are plastered throughout the national forests warning against fire. To the average person all of this preaching rolls off their minds like water off a duck's back. Some few who have the habit of observation and are accustomed to spend an occasional minute thinking about what they see, remember to take the precautions advised. In time everyone will have the thought of fire prevention pounded into them and there will be no more forest and grass fires except those which start from lightning and kindred natural causes.

Marshfield—Johnson & Larson will erect \$20,000 concrete block at Bandon.

J. A. and Marie Steach have bought the Long Creek Ranger.

The Portland port commission will expend \$22,500 on new dredge.

## Ashland Entertains Many Shriners

Friday and Saturday were busy days at the exhibit building on the depot grounds, where a delegation of our citizens were greeting the hundreds and thousands of Shriners who were passing through Ashland in special trains. Thousands of souvenir cards, Shasta daisies and glasses of Lithia water were given to the visitors. At times the little exhibit room was literally packed with people waiting their turn to get samples of our spring waters. Many of the visitors expressed themselves as delighted with the Rogue River valley and seemed especially pleased with Ashland and its surroundings. Those of our people who worked hard for two days helping to entertain these general visitors were amply repaid by the expressions of appreciation of our simple hospitality on the part of hundreds of the passengers on these special trains.

At one time there were five special trains in the yards and the members of the entertainment committee were literally swamped by the crowds. However, everyone was happy and in a pleasant frame of mind, ready for anything in the way of fun and good fellowship. With very few exceptions these visitors were of a high type, the kind of people who appreciate courtesy shown to them and always ready to show their appreciation by word or act.

Those who helped entertain these visitors were: Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McNair, the Misses Moore, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Cyester, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Newcombe, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Hurt, Mrs. C. P. Christensen, C. H. Vaupel, T. K. Bolton, R. P. Cornelius, T. H. Simpson, E. T. Staples, Miss Natalie Swigart, Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Norris and Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Duryea.

## Park Entrances Portland Visitor

B. W. Richards of the firm of Gerlinger & Richards of Portland and George H. Smitton, general freight agent of the Great Northern railway, with headquarters at Portland, together with their wives, stopped off for two days in Ashland last week while en route from the exposition in the former's automobile.

Mr. Smitton called at this office before leaving, saying that the party felt that they could not leave Ashland without telling of the impressions which Ashland had made upon them. Mr. Smitton said: "You have here the most beautiful natural park on the coast if not in the entire country, and are proceeding along the right lines in your wonderful development work. Ashland is my ideal of a place to live and I certainly envy you who live here." Mr. Smitton has had extensive railroad experience and in the course of his work has made a complete investigation of the tourist traffic. Here in Ashland he sees a resort city which has the attractions to draw the entire tourist traffic which comes to the coast. One of his remarks was that all that we lacked was a good hotel and that there was an opportunity here for a man to build a hotel and become a millionaire in a few years.

The party spent practically all of their two days here in rambling through the park and over the adjacent hills. "We are sure coming back," were their last words.

## Many Camp in Park For Chautauqua

About three hundred people camped in the Chautauqua park this year. A still greater number came up from valley points for single days and to camp over one night. Those who signed up for tents were:

P. N. Grisez, C. F. Tilton, Mrs. E. A. Pratt, A. A. Moody, Mary B. Orr, W. K. Tinker, John Patty, Mrs. Stenmantel, E. E. Kelly of Medford, G. B. Conwell, Frank Tompkins, Mrs. W. J. Elmer, Mrs. Jennie Spender, Mrs. J. D. Heer, A. H. Hayes, J. P. Pace, Mary Payne, J. G. Smith, Robert Tweed, C. H. Jeffrey, G. T. Salsbury, H. P. Holmes, W. S. Ball, R. C. Wimer, O. J. Hawley, J. R. Wlek, Miss Maud Holley, H. B. Mills, Rev. Carnahan, Mrs. Moore, H. C. High, Mrs. E. O. Smith, F. O. G. Club, Miss G. Engle, A. E. Miller, George Holley, George Millner, W. A. Akin.

Phone: Job orders to the Tidings.

## County Court Selects Route Around East of Billings Hill

At a meeting of the county court last week the Billings hill problem was definitely settled. The route chosen is the one swinging around the east side of the hill and crossing under the railroad track at the creek culvert near the present crossing. The route selected leaves the completed pavement at the end running straight ahead through the Arnold property and then in a sweeping curve around the entire hill with a maximum 4 per cent grade to the culvert crossing, the curving to the left and making a gentle grade up into the Ashland paved street about 200 feet from the present crossing.

Mr. Billings has agreed to donate

his right of way, while Arnold's right of way will be purchased by the county court. The contract for this construction will be let in the near future.

Bids for the construction of the Pacific highway route north of Central Point running west of the S. P. tracks and avoiding the three grade crossings have been called for and construction work will be rushed to completion.

The county court has decided to route the highway on the left bank of the Rogue river, not crossing to Woodville, but at Gold Hill it is probable that the road will follow the present highway through that place.

## Injured Fireman Will Recover

Dunsmuir News: Engineer Grant Taylor and Mrs. Loyal Taylor returned to this city last Sunday evening from San Francisco, where they attended the bedside of their son and husband, who was so seriously injured in the railroad wreck which occurred at Ashland on the 6th instant, mention of which has already appeared in these columns. We are informed by Mr. Taylor that from X-ray tests Loyal's hip was not broken as at first anticipated, but instead was thrown out of the socket and twisted. He also stated that no internal injuries existed, and the attending physician believed there would be no permanent injury after his son's recovery.

While his ultimate recovery will be a matter of some time, it is certainly gratifying news to Loyal's many warm friends to know that eventually he will be with us again.

## Annual Chautauqua Business Meeting

The Chautauqua Association held their annual meeting last Friday afternoon. The election of officers resulted as follows: Officers: G. F. Billings, president; Rev. J. S. Smith, vice-president; L. J. Trefren, secretary; G. G. Eubanks, treasurer. Board of directors: E. D. Briggs, C. W. Root, Mrs. D. Perozzi, George W. Trefren, H. L. Whitted.

The problem of a new building was discussed at some length but no definite action taken as to the means for securing one. All of the officers and directors are unanimous in that a new building is an imperative necessity.

Although the financial report of the past session is not quite finished as yet, Mr. Trefren assures us that the assembly broke even if not better than even. The Ellison-White Company, who furnished the talent, was paid \$1,200. An approximate estimate of the receipts at the door is \$2,600.

The association looks forward to a busy year and expect to have a program which will be better than ever presented in a new building next year.

## Portland Chamber Investigates Division

Portland Oregonian: Complaints have been received by the Chamber of Commerce from merchants and business men of Grants Pass, Ashland and Medford to the effect that efforts have been persistently made by interests in Portland to direct tourist automobile travel through central Oregon on the pretext that the roads in southern Oregon are in poor condition.

The chamber is investigating the complaint and will take every measure to offset such activity if it can be found who is engaged in it. Thus far automobile organizations, tourist agencies and other organizations have emphatically denied that they have influenced tourists to the detriment of southern Oregon.

O. W. R. & N. is considering a short line from Ontario to Bend.

East Marshfield gets mile of street improved and may order water system.

Pendleton—Six streets ordered improved with standard bitulithic.

## Grants Pass Voters Ratify Railroad

For the fourth consecutive time the people of Grants Pass have registered a practically unanimous vote in favor of the coast railroad issue. At the election held Wednesday only 76 of the 940 voters who went to the polls voted against ratification of the contract made between the city council and the firm of Twoby Brothers Company, the action of the majority assuring the continuation of railroad building and the pushing of the coast line into the Illinois valley without delay.

At the same election, by a vote of 730 to 196, a franchise was granted the Rogue River Public Service Corporation for the installation of an electric lighting and power system within the city, service to be guaranteed within nine months, by which date at least two miles of wires carrying current shall have been erected within the municipality.

## From Ashland to Brooklyn, N. Y.

The following is a clipping taken from the Brooklyn Eagle, Brooklyn, N. Y.:

Women of Ashland, Ore., Send Floral Greetings.

(Correspondence of The Eagle.) Ashland, Ore., July 2.—That the spirit of Peter Grimm is abroad in this wonderful little city of Ashland was evidenced when our train pulled into the station early this afternoon. The women of Ashland sent to the women of Brooklyn and elsewhere beautiful floral greetings, each one receiving a bouquet of roses. It was a beautiful tribute, and made a decided hit also with the men of the Eagle party. All of us alighted, and during our stay of twenty minutes or more were entertained by the secretary of the Ashland Commercial Club, who spoke of the wonders and beauties of Jackson county and the gateway city, Ashland. Ashland is a city of some 6,000 persons, 2,000 feet above sea level, in the foothills of the Siskiyou mountains, 431 miles north of San Francisco, on the line of the Southern Pacific, and has several mineral springs. One of the springs—the Lithia—has a flow of 23 gallons per minute, and the city has issued bonds for \$175,000 to pay for piping the springs into the city. P. H.

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## Shriners Keep Railroaders Busy

Over two thousand Shriners passed through in two dozen special trains during the past three days, bound from the Imperial Shrine at Seattle to the San Francisco exposition. All except perishable freight has been sidetracked and an almost continuous string of special's has taxed the equipment and force of the Southern Pacific. The local yards have been the busiest place in the city for the past few days. Several of the Shriners carried their own bands and played on the depot platform while here.

Of all the trains, that of Lu Lu Temple of Philadelphia attracted perhaps the most attention. Lu Lu is the Philadelphia Shrine. The special train cost \$140,000 and was in so many sections that it required an hour to pass. The trains did not stop long enough to allow the passengers to see Ashland. Lu Lu Temple represents the last syllable in the application of unlimited wealth to Shrine-dom.

It has a band of eighty pieces, every man in which is said to be a millionaire. This super band scorns the wearing of the same uniform every day. It has five changes. Each uniform is more gorgeous than the preceding one. The Monday uniform has about a thousand dollars' worth of gold dewdada on it. You have to look at the Friday costume through smoked glasses. Besides the band, there is a bugle corps of 30 pieces and a mounted patrol of 24. The mounted patrol scorns such a cheap procedure as renting retired cab horses at each stop. They carried their 24 black horses on the special train with them. These horses have been duly initiated into the Shrine and are familiar with all hand shakes and secret words of the order.

## Highway Amazes Advisory Board

"I am amazed that such a highway could be built through the Siskiyou mountains. It is the final word in road building—the climax of Oregon's highway efforts," said S. Benson of Portland, Oregon's most useful citizen, chairman of the state advisory highway commission, Thursday evening after a trip over Jackson county's mountain boulevard.

"It beats the Columbia highway. A more difficult problem is most satisfactorily solved. In vista and scenic grandeur and perfect roadway the Siskiyou highway surpasses anything I have seen in highways," said J. H. Albert of Salem, also a member of the commission.

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## Accomplished Wonders in Ten Days

The twenty-third annual session of the Southern Oregon Chautauqua closed Friday evening with "The Great American Circus." Of all the most excellent numbers on this season's program this was by far the best. A crowded house greeted the opening number and applauded almost continuously during the succession of drills, games, dancing and acrobatic work. There were nineteen numbers, five of which were given by Prof. Larimore and his two assistants. The remainder were various stunts and drills put on by the various classes. The acrobatic work of Mr. Larimore and the two young men who are with him excelled anything which has ever been seen in that line in Ashland. Some of the stunts which the trio did are exclusive features which only one troupe of professionals in the United States carry in their repertoire.

Over two hundred boys and girls, from little tots of three to high school girls and boys, were included in Prof. Larimore's classes, and it is needless to say that each and every one worship their instructor as the ball fans of New York worship Christy Mathewson.

The results which Mr. Larimore has accomplished during his ten days' stay here were amply exemplified Friday evening in the stunts, drills and dances. "Wonderful" is too weak a word to describe the results of the work of the king of physical instructors and prince of good fellows. To adequately describe each of the features would require more space and more eloquence than this paper can afford. The folk dances were probably the prettiest features of the program. Each and all of the little participants deserves personal mention.

The training which has been given the children of Ashland by Mr. Larimore will have a lasting effect. Many were taught to swim, and it is to be hoped that the parents of every boy and girl will see that ample opportunity is afforded the children to continue the exercises and swimming.

Not only the young people but the parents of Ashland wait the return of Prof. Larimore next year. It is to be hoped that we can get him for a longer stay.

## Home cooking at Cafe Elite. Guide Names Attractions in Caves

R. W. Rowley, government guide at Oregon caves, gave to the Grants Pass Courier the following list of some of the picturesque and interesting features in the caves:

Lower entrance: Judge Watson's Grotto; Petrified Garden; Heavenly Boudoir; Old Satan's Cauldron; Old Satan's Cradle; Old Satan's Backbone; Little Bush Lake; Prison Cells; Royal Gorge; Judicial Hall; Bee Hive; Bottomless Pit; Adam's Tomb; Cape Horn.

Upper caves: Lion's Jaw, where Frank Ellis accidentally shot and killed himself August 1, 1909; American Falls; King's Palace; Neptune's Grotto; Queen's Dining Room; Queen's Reception Room; Grand Column; Paradise Alley; Grandma's Teakettle; Toboggan Slide; Pipe Organ; Niagara Falls; Bacon Room; Elephant's Head; Old Satan's Hitching Post; Fat Man's Grief; Graveyard; Washington's Statue; Joaquin Miller's Chapel; Lake Michigan; Garden of the Gods; Mt. Shasta; Twin Sisters; Across the Atlantic, or Over the Brussels Carpet; Up the Golden Stairs; Dante's Inferno; Bridal Veil Falls; Cascades; Archangel, Presiding Over Inferno; Bridal Chamber; Bride; Three Sisters; Taffy Room; Crystal Lake; Transparent Rocks, In Bridal Chamber; Old Nick's Slide; Ghost Room; Garden of Eden; Paradise Lost; Kincaid's Dance Hall.

The average time spent on a trip through the caves is three and one-half hours, the distance covered being three and one-half miles.

The extreme explored length, from entrance to end of Ghost Chamber, is five-eighths of a mile. Lowest known vertical depth of the caves is 1,600 feet.

Miss Cora Williams of Lexington, Ky., arrived yesterday for a visit with Mrs. Robert Wiley. From here she will go to visit Miss Jessie Ross at Pinewood Place in Klamath county. Miss Jessie Ross returned to her Klamath home last week after an extended visit here.