

### Sidelights on Official Doings

If the electric light contract is ratified, the suit brought by the company against the city will be dismissed. The company will furnish current for operation of the pumping plants at the springs for \$1 a year. Many other advantages are apparent upon reading the contract. Look it over.

Some confusion may result from the private electric corporation's names. The Ashland Electric Light and Power Company controls the company's local system but is owned by the California-Oregon corporation. The municipal plant and distributing system are owned by the city. Under the proposed plan the city will own the municipal plant, all the distributing systems in the city and will buy whatever current the municipal plant is unable to furnish from the company at wholesale prices.

Along towards midnight Tuesday evening several of the councilmen gave away their "early to bed" predictions by winding their watches.

For the first time in months the council dispensed with the usual executive session after the regular meeting Tuesday night.

E. D. Briggs made a touching plea for "right and justice" in the jail matter. No doubt the council will find a way to build the jail and dispense justice at the same time.

Why not build a glass cage in the park for a jail. It could be used to keep Fred Herrin's baby coyotes in during the greater portion of the time, and the fact that a prisoner would have to undergo the gaze of curious tourists would act as a great detriment to crime.

For goodness sakes don't make the new jail too comfortable. Some of the traveling men who make Ashland might prefer it to the hotels.

Simpson's gas tank was barely mentioned at Tuesday's council meeting. The city attorney is investigating the legality of placing the tank on the sidewalk at a crossing. Meanwhile Mr. Simpson is reaping a harvest from tourist travel.

John Wimer of the police force and E. M. Stannard have been granted leaves of absence for short vacations.

During July one \$5 fine was collected in the recorder's court and \$5 was paid in for dog licenses. Apparently no wave of crime or of fleas visited the city during that month.

Two new residences were connected up to the sewers last month.

The street lights burned only 232 hours during July.

If the city council keeps up this burning of the midnight municipal current at council meetings this paper is going to buy one of these new-fangled dictagraphs and go to the picture show during the evening.

### Clover Leaf Dairy Makes Improvements

The Clover Leaf Dairy has been making extensive improvements and alterations of late. The new milk house is, beyond doubt, the finest and neatest structure of its kind on the coast. The exterior has a bungalow appearance, nestled in beautiful rustic surroundings. The ultimate aim is sanitation in every detail. The floor is concrete with a good drainage. The main walls also are concrete and finished with a coat of snow-white enamel. It is fitted with city water, which greatly facilitates the washing problem. The house contains a refrigerator, bottling machine and milk cooler in one room and a sterilizer with 700-bottle capacity, a bottle washer and steam boiler in another.

Everything is up to date and sanitary. Even the attendants are garbed in white.

The public is welcome at all times and even urged to make visits and become imbued with the fact that the milk they receive is fit for a king's table. Much credit is due L. B. Sander for his undying efforts to serve the public with better and more wholesome milk and cream.

### Prompt Settlement.

The full amount of the policy on the dwelling and contents of J. F. Koehler of Woolen street has been paid by the Billings Agency.

Your best friend is the one who knows your faults and still remains your friend.

### Southern Pacific Is Making Good

The Southern Pacific is making good its promises to help Ashland become a leading resort city of the coast. The latest piece of publicity which has been accorded Ashland is printed herewith. It is taken from the Southern Pacific Bulletin, a company bulletin issued monthly and which is sent to every employee of the great railroad and to newspapers all along the line of the road. Particular attention is called to the fact that Southern Pacific employees are advised to call the attention of patrons to Ashland and her springs:

"Ashland, Ore., whose mineral springs have been known and used since the earliest settlement in Jackson county, has recognized them as a civic asset worth exploitation and has undertaken a new role as the Spa of southern Oregon. Bonds have been voted in the sum of \$175,000 to carry out a project of springs development and civic improvement. The waters of lithia, soda and sulphur springs will be piped into the heart of the city and distributed to the various places where they will be consumed. In addition to piping water, provision will be made to pipe carbon dioxide gas, with which the lithia and the soda springs of the Ashland district are heavily charged. This gas will be used in the sanatorium in administering gas baths under similar methods in the water cures of Europe. Ashland is on the main line of the Southern Pacific and attention of patrons should be called to its springs."

### Lithia Fountain at City Park Entrance

A fitting monument to the pioneer spirit and the pioneers of Ashland will be erected near the entrance to the Plaza if present plans are carried out. The monument will not be in the shape of a tombstone-like shaft of granite such as is usually used for the purpose, but will be an unique and unusual grotto fountain constructed of rustic boulders. The springs commission has promised to pipe lithia water to the grotto and a lithia fountain close to the Plaza will be the result. The grotto is to be excavated into the little hill just west of the falls at the entrance to the city park. It will be visible from the Plaza and will add greatly to the attractiveness of the city park entrance. A unique monument of boulders with a plate stating the fountain's inception and dedication will be a part of the fountain. A committee is endeavoring to secure appropriate plans for the grotto. Funds will be raised by popular subscription among the pioneers, their sons and daughters. No difficulty is anticipated in raising a sufficient amount.

Another plan which will be taken up later is that of the erection of a log building somewhere in the park which shall be dedicated as a museum for articles of interest in southern Oregon's varied history. A very interesting collection could be made up and such a museum would be a fine attraction.

### Famous Dancers at Vining Friday

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Carville, known to the stage as Robert Carville and Barbara LaMar, late stars of the New York musical success, "The Tango Tea," and Orpheum headliners, for the past six months official dancers at the P. P. I. E., San Francisco, where they appeared daily to the music of the exposition orchestra of 80 pieces, are here on a week's visit to Mrs. Carville's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Watson of Ashland. They have composed several new dances that have gained instant favor both in San Francisco and the east.

They will appear in Ashland tomorrow (Friday) evening at the Vining theatre and will feature the Brazilian Maxixe, Fascination Waltz and Zone Promenade. Ashland is these dancers' only stop between San Francisco and Chicago. They leave for the east Sunday.

Together with this attraction a Paramount picture, Victor Moore in "Snobs," will be presented. Admission 15 and 25 cents.

A polite child is usually the fore-runner of an adult gentleman.

### Special Election for August 25th To Ratify Contract and Vote Bonds

At Tuesday evening's council meeting the council authorized the mayor and recorder to enter into the proposed contract with the California-Oregon Light and Power Company and called a special election for August 25 for the purpose of voting bonds not to exceed \$25,000 for the purchase of the company's lines and apparatus in the city and to ratify the contract. Every voter should carefully read the notice of election and the contract, which are published elsewhere in this issue. They explain the proposed proposition fully. The advantages of the deal are clearly apparent. Ashland's municipal plant has always been on a paying basis. Current rates in this

city are as cheap or cheaper than any other city in Oregon. The terms of the contract guarantee continued low rates and provide plenty of current under the wholesale purchase plan from the company. To supply the needs of the city's system a plant which would cost \$25,000 would have to be built, according to former plans, and in addition to this a reservoir which would cost an additional \$25,000 would be necessary. From every viewpoint the proposed contract appears to be most advantageous. Absolute unanimity existed in the council as to the advisability of accepting the contract. The polls will be open from 9 a. m. to 6 p. m. August 25.

### Claim Canal Co. Monopolizes Water

Farmers who use the water from Little Butte creek for irrigation claim that the Rogue River Canal Company is taking all the water at their dam near headquarters and that there is not enough left to keep the trout alive, to say nothing about irrigation. The Little Butte water rights have not yet been adjudicated by the state board of control, so the controversy does not come under the jurisdiction of the county watermaster. H. B. Tronson, one of the farmers of the district, says that the fish are dying by hundreds and that the fish screen on the ditch is a joke and that fish may be found all over the desert. No fish ladder has been built by the company at Fish Lake, but the fish warden has notified the company that such a ladder must be built.

### City Fathers In Extended Meet

The city council commenced Tuesday evening's meeting with the hearing of a request from the park commission that the council define the powers of the commission over newly purchased lands. The commission also reported that one man had been at work cutting poison oak during the past month.

A special committee reported favorably on the opening of an alley east of Garfield street and connecting Iowa street and the Boulevard.

Matters pertaining to the new jail were discussed at some length.

The electric light proposition was decided and a special election called as reported elsewhere.

Four appointments to the fire department made at a recent meeting were rescinded and Manly Brower, Glen Guiley and L. O. Van Wegen only appointed.

Six fire hydrants were ordered. The price is constantly going up on all supplies for the water department and the council decided to "shop early."

Blacksmith Van Leer was given a year's lease of the building on the public market lot on First street at a monthly rental of \$15.

The mayor brought up the oft-discussed matter of the tearing down of the opera house remains and it was decided to push the matter to a finish as soon as title to the building was settled in the courts.

The park commission in a communication brought up the question of why the city parks were charged for water when the Chautauqua park and other departments of the city received free water. The matter was referred to a special committee.

Along about 11:30 the councilmen decided that further business could wait until next week.

### Pennsylvanian Succeeds Mulit

J. M. Logan of Lancaster, Pa., has been appointed national bank examiner for this district, to take the place of Lloyd L. Mulit, who resigned the latter part of June to accept the second vice-presidency of the Northwestern National Bank of Portland. The new examiner has been serving in a Pennsylvania district. His district covers Washington from Tacoma south and east to Walla Walla and all of Oregon north of Roseburg, except the extreme northeastern corner.

### Sheriff Explains Tax Payments

In answer to numerous inquiries in regard to time of payments of last half taxes, Sheriff Singler issues the following statement relative to the payments of second half taxes on 1914 rolls:

If one-half of the taxes on any property for the year of 1914 shall have been paid before the first day of April, 1915, the second half of such taxes may be paid at any time before the first day of October, 1915, without any penalty or interest of any kind or amount.

Taxpayers who have not paid at least one-half of the taxes charged against their property before April 1, 1915, will be subject to a penalty of 1 per cent for each calendar month or fraction thereof on the entire amount unpaid until September 1, 1915, at which time it becomes delinquent.

All taxes remaining unpaid September 1, 1915 (except where first half has been previously paid) will be subject to a penalty of 10 per cent and interest at 1 per cent per month. This penalty will supersede the 1 per cent per month for nonpayment prior to September 1, 1915, and time will be reckoned only from September 1, 1915, in cases of this kind.

Mr. Singler states that about 40 per cent of taxpayers took advantage of the half payment plan and that exclusive of the Oregon & California Railroad granted lands 43 per cent of taxes were paid last year.

In view of the favorable crop conditions throughout the entire county it is expected that the tax delinquency will be smaller this year than for several years past.

### Strong Bills at Lyric Theatre

A motion picture which includes in the cast interpreting it such performers as Robert Edson, Olga Gray, Loretta Blake, A. D. Sears, Otto Lincoln, George Beranger, Augustus Carney and Alfred Paget is an event in itself. All these and more are to be seen in "The Absentee," the five-part allegorical Mutual Masterpicture by W. C. Cavanaugh and F. E. Woods. Power, Might, Evil, Ambition, Contentment, Age, Justice, Happiness, Innocence, Extravagance and Vanity are all personified in this picture, which has created the greatest stir in dramatic circles since the production of "Everywoman." "The Absentee" will be shown at the Lyric theatre next Sunday and Monday nights. Do not stay away because you expect a colorless allegory. The picture is full of action and fire. A fist fight between one man and a mob is but one of many lively scenes.

Special selections from Lohengrin, Maritana and Rusticana especially selected to harmonize with the picture will be played by the full Lyric orchestra. Owing to the fact that these pictures cost the management three times the price of an ordinary film, the price will be 10 and 15 cents.

Thursday and Friday of this week Francis Bushman, the most popular actor in the movies, will be shown in "The Return of Richard Neil." Tonight the Georgia Merry-makers will play a return engagement with a completely new program of skits, songs and dances.

Johnson the jeweler for fine watch work, 97-11

### Road Work at Crater Lake Progressing

Medford Tribune: By the end of the present season 40 miles of highways will have been graded by the government in the Crater Lake national park, leaving approximately 25 miles still to be graded and the entire system to be hard surfaced.

Engineer Goodwin of the war department, in charge of construction, states that an appropriation of \$100,000 will be asked for work the coming year, for use in paving the main traveled roads now graded. This surface will be of the Warrenite type of bitulithic pavement, and cost approximately \$10,000 per mile. The pavement will be laid 15 feet in width, with the road from Anna creek to the rim the first section paved.

From 180 to 200 men are now employed. As only \$50,000 was secured this year, it is impossible to finish the grading as could have been done if the \$100,000 asked for had been appropriated. The completed grading will comprise the road from the new Jackson county entrance to Anna creek, from the eastern entrance up Sand creek to the rim, from the Klamath entrance to Anna creek, and the rim boulevard from a junction of the Sand creek road to Anna creek, from Anna creek to the tavern, and around the rim for a few miles from the tavern.

This is considered by those in charge a critical time in the life of the park. Every friend of the park must work for a large appropriation for the coming year so improvements may be carried on uninterruptedly.

### Treasurer of S. P. Taken Over City

Monday of this week Mr. A. K. Van Deventer, treasurer of the Southern Pacific Company, passed through here in his private car Cheche. An invitation to take an automobile ride was wired to him by Mr. Kramer, which he accepted. On arrival of train 16 Secretary Norris and Publicity Director Duryea of the Commercial Club met Mr. Van Deventer and, in company with Mr. Kramer, local agent of the Southern Pacific, and Mr. Fitzgerald, assistant superintendent of the Shasta division, took him through Lithia park and over the highway to Medford.

Mr. Van Deventer expressed his pleasure at being able to see so much of Ashland and the country tributary to it. He predicted big things for Ashland as a resort city and said he was very much impressed with our wealth of natural advantages in this respect. He spoke in glowing terms of the beauty of the city and the loveliness of the Rogue River valley, and thanked the Commercial Club for making it possible for him to see it in so delightful a way.

Through the courtesy of Mr. G. G. Ogg of this city the publicity department was able to place a box of beautiful flowers on Mr. Van Deventer's car.

### Cars Bump at Plaza Corner

C. M. Stout narrowly escaped a serious accident at the Plaza corner yesterday when he ran into a tourist car from Hillsboro which was headed toward North Main street but which slowed up at the corner on account of another car ahead. According to automobile law, Mr. Stout had the right of way as he was approaching from the right and the tourist driver should have stopped. However, Mr. Stout's brakes apparently refused to hold and the two cars collided. No damage was done beyond a bent fender. A lady who was riding in the front seat and carrying a baby in her arms was thrown against the front of the car, but neither was injured. Had the car been traveling at a faster rate of speed serious results would have been certain. The Plaza grocery corner is one of the worst in the city owing to the narrowness of the street. Drivers should use the greatest caution in approaching this corner. Yesterday's little incident was unavoidable and only Mr. Stout's customary careful driving obviated both cars from further injury.

Remember the man who advertises. He has something to advertise.

Eat at the Cafe Elite.

### New Jail Meets With Objection

Councilman Cunningham instigated a discussion which occupied about an hour of the city council's time Tuesday evening when he charged the committee in charge of building the city jail with violating the letter of the city charter by letting the contract for the new jail without advertising the bids in the newspaper as is required in the charter for bids of over \$500. Mr. Ware explained that the committee had asked for bids for the construction and among others had received a bid of \$103 from A. L. Lamb for the construction of the building, the council to furnish the cement and iron. The estimated cost of the materials Mr. Ware put at less than \$100, the cells would cost \$405 delivered here, and the total cost would come under the \$700 authorized. Mr. Ware's explanation failed to satisfy Mr. Cunningham, who appeared to fall to get the former's point of view that no contract came to over \$500.

This minor consideration was forgotten by most of the council when E. D. Briggs, appearing for Messrs. Butler and Veghte, owners of the Pioneer block, stated that the new jail would block the ingress to Provost Bros.' store from the rear and appealed to the sense of justice of the council while still maintaining that his contentions "were not bluffs and would be carried into court if necessary."

Mr. Briggs stated the Pioneer building was originally on the corner of the Plaza and that the city hall was built with the understanding that an alleyway was to be left between it and the Pioneer block. The city afterward rented this space to Provost Bros. and eventually built the fire station upon it.

Mr. Briggs stated that his clients would be forced to resort to injunction proceedings in case the city persisted in its design. The contention brought out an ancient deed in which Captain A. D. Helman did, in the year 1884, long after he had given the land to the city for public plaza purposes, re-deed it to the city for plaza purposes and the building of a city hall and jail. Mr. Briggs contended that Captain Helman had no legal right to do this, the land already being city property dedicated for plaza purposes, etc. He cited a Portland decision in support of his contention.

The council referred the legal aspects of the jail proposition to a committee consisting of Messrs. Ware, Cunningham and Attorney Moore.

Mr. Ware stated that he had heard of no objection to the jail until Tuesday and that the whole affair was new to him as chairman of the committee. Mr. Ware stated that had he known of the objection before he would have had the matter investigated.

### Auto Service To Klamath Falls

C. B. Howard has put on a regular auto service between Ashland and Klamath Falls. He leaves Ashland Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and Klamath Falls Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. His time schedule for the trip is six hours and the fare is six dollars per passenger. He says business has already developed sufficiently to justify the regular service and he expects to maintain it. He says the Green Springs hill is in good shape this year and easy to negotiate, but there is a bad stretch from Jenny creek this way for several miles almost impassable that could be put in good condition at small expense. If that stretch of road is properly fixed he says a two-thousand-pound freight truck would be put on at once.

Two houses belonging to G. W. Milam, who goes from here to teach school at Gold Hill, have been sold to J. O. Elrod of Portland through the Ashland Real Estate Company.

John M. Wall, a prominent lawyer of Hillsboro, Ore., August Tooze, owner of extensive ranch properties in the vicinity of Hillsboro, and another Hillsboro man, with their wives and families, passed through Ashland yesterday in their autos, homeward bound from the exposition.

Be loyal to the flag of our country. You have need of it more than it needs you.