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Sidelights on Official Doings

The street lights were kept on until 10 o'clock last night, and if we have a few more days of damp weather the night owl may be able to read his paper on the way home again. One thing which the water shortage and subsequent absence of street lights has revealed, and that is the advantage of street lights. It seems queer now, but old-timers say that there were a great many who objected to spending money for street lighting when the matter was first discussed in Ashland.

During the past exceptional dry spell it was necessary to use as little water as possible late at night in order that the reservoirs at the upper end of the power plant pipe lines would fill up, so that there would be a sufficient head for the next day and evening. For the benefit of those who have not been up the canyon or are unable to understand the workings of the city light and water system, we will explain that practically all of the water which comes through the city mains has first turned the motor in the power plant, hence economizing the power plant, hence economizing in the use of water from the city mains would not help out the street light proposition.

The new city jail has entertained its first guest. The superior accommodations provided failed to receive the appreciation which they merit from the first guest. Possibly had he ever had occasion to fraternize with the inhabitants of the old jail he would be more appreciative.

The fire chief finds time occasionally to inspect premises around the business district with an eye open for fire hazards. Several trash-infested basements have been ordered cleaned up and other hazards ordered removed. The chief wishes attention called to the fact that with the approach of cold weather stovepipes and flues should receive attention. A large percentage of fires start from flues which have been allowed to accumulate soot until choked or from stovepipe which has rusted through.

Councilman Biegel is confined to his bed with illness and has been unable to attend the past two sessions of the city council.

The general election will be held on December 21. The terms of one councilman from each ward expire. Councilmen Ware, Werth and Cunningham are the members whose terms expire.

Water Commissioner Hosler has been granted a ten days' layoff, which he will spend in a well-earned vacation.

Anti-Saloon Men Will Speak Here

Two men of nation-wide fame will be in Ashland on Sunday, November 21, and will speak at the Methodist church. The Hon. Richard P. Hobson, former congressman from Alabama, and Dr. Edwin I. Stearns of New York, a national lecturer for the Anti-Saloon League of America, will speak in behalf of national prohibition, and a big gathering is anticipated to greet the lecturers. The Methodist church was chosen for the meeting because of its greater capacity. The matter of entertaining these gentlemen was brought up at Monday evening's Commercial Club meeting and a committee will be appointed from the club to assist in the entertainment.

Make a Sunday Visit to Park

Decomposed granite is being laid on all of the walks in the new Litchia park. The new lawn is beginning to come up. Everyone in Ashland is urged to walk up through the park Sunday and look over the development. Visitors should be careful to keep to the walks as all of the lawn is sown and should not be tramped upon. Bids for the trees and foliage are being arranged for. The beautiful and effective falls on the old canyon road in the park will be turned on Sunday, as will also the water in the Japanese garden.

Biggest Banquet Planned by Club

The Commercial Club social committee met in the office of the secretary last night and perfected plans for a big banquet to be held Thursday, November 11, at the Hotel Oregon. This will be the first of a series of five or six which the Commercial Club will hold during the winter months. While the program is not complete yet, it is far enough along to say that this will be the biggest thing ever pulled off in Ashland. Any one who has attended a luncheon or banquet at the Hotel Oregon since Mr. Dobbins took charge knows that you will get something to eat. There will be the best of music, good talks by home people and outside people, Alex Nibley, secretary of the Oregon-Utah Sugar Beet Company, and C. E. Gates, chairman of the sugar beet committee at Medford, will be here to discuss the sugar beet situation, and it is quite probable that C. M. Thomas will be here from Talent to talk irrigation. You will be asked to purchase tickets to this banquet, and while the committee will work hard to sell a limited number of tickets, they can not go over a certain number, so you should get your name into Secretary Norris for a ticket if you think you will not be seen by the committee and want to go. The tickets will include cigars, music, eats and everything that goes to make a first-class banquet and all round good time. Buy a ticket to this banquet and you boost the Commercial Club and the Hotel Oregon, and incidentally you will go home feeling much better.

Cutting Brush Will Lessen Danger

The most dangerous crossing in Jackson county is the Boulevard crossing about a mile south of the normal school. View of the railroad track is obscured on the south by high brush which extends within a few feet of the track. Frank Jordan was the chairman of a committee appointed from the Commercial Club to look after the matter, and was given permission to get Mr. Graves to cut the brush so that a view of the track might be had. Mr. Graves has offered to do the job for \$5.



F. E. WATSON—Retiring Trustee, who has rendered valuable service to the Ashland Commercial Club.

Milestones of Life Remarkable Picture

For consistent beauty of treatment and an exceptionally strong characterization by Mignon Anderson, "Milestones of Life" portrays the bitter tyranny of wifely affection more than any screen drama of the kind ever shown. The role of an exacting wife, no matter how truly fond she may be, is not one to elicit sympathy, especially when she offers tears and reproaches instead of the charm of intelligent companionship to her husband. The part becomes all the more difficult in that she has no real cause for suspicion, and that she magnifies an episode of childhood when she and her husband were tiny sweethearts together and he displayed a variation in favor of a lady almost old enough to be his mother. Mignon Anderson puts her heart and soul into this character with a result that can only be realized in viewing the photodrama. The Masterpicture will be shown at the Lyric Thursday and Friday evenings at an admission price of 5 cents to children and 15 cents to adults.

V. O. N. Smith Elected President of Ashland Commercial Club

V. O. N. Smith, cashier of the Citizens Bank, is the newly elected president of the Commercial Club. Frank Jordan is vice-president and Fred Engle treasurer. F. D. Wagner was elected trustee to replace F. E. Watson, whose term expired and who asked to have his name withdrawn because of the many years during which he has acted on the board. The retiring officers, W. E. Newcombe and F. G. McWilliams, have



FRANK JORDAN—Newly elected Vice-President of the Commercial Club.

piloted the club through a busy year, during which a big increase in the club's membership and activity has been made.

The monthly report of the secretary and the reading of the minutes preceded the election of officers Monday evening. All of the officers were elected unanimously by vote of the club and suspension of the rules.

Four club members resigned because of leaving the city and other good reasons, and four newcomers were added to the club membership as follows: Dr. J. P. Johnson, Ken-

neth McWilliams, B. L. Herrick and Miles Humpton.

F. J. Shinn made a brief and pointed talk on behalf of the Business Men's Association urging the people of Ashland to buy at home whenever possible in preference to sending their money to Medford or mail order houses. He stated that several cases had been found in which Medford stores sold goods to Ashland people for less than to their own citizens. Mr. Reed stated that the matter had been taken up with the Medford association, who would remedy the unfair state of affairs.

Mr. Dobbins suggested that the club take up with the county court the matter of having a great rubbish pile near the north entrance to the city limits, removed, stating that the trash blew all over the road and was a poor advertisement at best.

F. E. Watson, retiring trustee, presented a resolution, which was adopted, whereby the club's property will be invoiced and the secretary required to keep a double-entry set of books.

Dr. Julian P. Johnson, who recently returned to Ashland from a stay of several months at Grants Pass, was called upon for a brief speech, and responded with a few reasons why he had come back. He stated that on an automobile trip down the coast and back by the Pacific highway he had met so many tourists who were loud in their praise of Ashland that he had begun to wish he was back, and that this was one of the reasons for his return. He said that he was delighted to see the awakening of the spirit of enterprise in the city and that Ashland was the place for him.

B. R. Greer reported on the Oregon building plan and discussion followed.

Manager Dobbins of the Hotel Oregon and members of the hotel committee spoke concerning the hotel matter.

The meeting was well attended and augurs well for the coming year's activity.

Medford Shows World of Speed

Medford high school football team suffered an awful slump for the first three-quarters of their game with Klamath Falls last Tuesday, and only by almost superhuman efforts in the last few minutes of play were able to score a 20 to 13 win.

Klamath scored once in the second and once in the third quarters, while Medford seemed unable to stop their visitors' line plunging and end runs and fumbled the ball themselves at every opportunity. It looked like a walkaway for the Falls boys, but Medford finally came to in the last period and, exhibiting a wonderful offense, scored three touchdowns in quick succession and won the game just as the final whistle blew. The game was the poorest football and the most thrilling game seen in the valley for some time. The Klamath bunch showed poor generalship toward the end of the game and should have won, although Medford clearly has the best team. The Klamath boys are a clean, hard fighting lot of gentlemen, but unfortunately brought along a referee who gave the poorest kind of exhibition of officiating.

In the last few minutes of the game Medford demonstrated the fact that they have a real team down in the home of the Medynski plan, and if Klum's men put up the kind of game which they finished up with Tuesday, against Ashland on a week from Saturday, the locals will need more class than they have showed yet to win. The coming game should be a conflict extraordinary.

About twenty-five Ashland fans went down for Tuesday's game at Medford, among those attending being E. N. Butler, U. Cole, D. D. Norris, Rev. Carnahan, Chi Pierson, George Irwin, Newt Harrison, Coach Hutchinson and a number of high school boys.

Salem—William McGilchrist planning to erect \$20,000 store building, corner State and Liberty streets.

State levy for 1916 to be \$3,112,000. Was \$4,165,000 for 1915.

Forest Grove lets \$58,448 sewer contract.

Phone job orders to the Tidings.

Six Standard High Schools in County

J. A. Churchill, superintendent of public instruction, has just issued a list of the standard schools of the state. Under the new high school law, districts maintaining standard high schools are entitled to receive tuition for pupils attending school in such districts not maintaining a high school. The law excepts the counties maintaining the county high school fund, but for such counties the state board of education is required to establish the standard for high schools entitled to a share of the county high school fund. In order to be standard, a high school must have not less than 250 reference books, one standard encyclopedia, a sufficient number of dictionaries, and the proper laboratory for each science offered. The teachers must hold certificates entitling them to teach in high schools, and all high schools must follow the state course of study or a course approved by the state board of education.

The schools have all been inspected by State Superintendent Churchill or some member of his department. There are 161 standard high schools in the state of Oregon. Those in Jackson county are: Ashland, Central Point, Gold Hill, Medford, Phoenix, Rogue River.

Scene of Play Laid in Venice

"Othello," a great feature production taken from the Shakespearean play and produced by special permission of the Italian government, in Venice, will be shown at the Vining Theatre Sunday and Monday evenings. The play was produced under the direction of Kline, who produced "Du Barry." It is the third of a series of historical and dramatic productions which are being shown at the Vining. This film is produced under the sanction of the school authorities and literary clubs of Ashland. Prof. Vining will give a brief introductory talk on the characterizations of the leading roles in "Othello." The admission, 10 and 15 cents.

Shirley Keene, dancing. Memorial hall. Phone 702-R. 434f

Club Committee Will Investigate

At Monday evening's Commercial Club meeting B. R. Greer reported upon the possibility of moving the Oregon building from the San Francisco exposition to Ashland for re-erection in Litchia park. He outlined a possible plan for the securing of funds to take care of the tearing down and re-erection and invited discussion of the matter. In order to have something to work upon, all of those present who were in favor of investigating the feasibility of the plan were asked to raise their hands, and the majority of those present seemed to favor investigating the proposition.

The president of the club appointed a committee of ten to investigate the proposition. The matter will be looked into from every standpoint.

Considerable discussion followed upon the matter. C. B. Wolf, B. W. Talcott, C. D. Cane, V. O. N. Smith and J. H. Hill were among those who offered advice and suggestions. The remarks of the latter received an ovation such as has seldom been accorded a speech on the Commercial Club floor. Mr. Hill is a recent arrival in Ashland and came here to make his home. He believes this to be the best place in the world to live and did not hesitate to say so in the plainest of terms.

The sentiment of those present on the whole favored investigating the proposition fully.

The committee appointed by President Newcombe consists of W. H. McNair, C. W. Banta, F. J. Shinn, Otto Winter, Floyd Whittle, B. R. Greer, C. B. Wolf, F. E. Watson, M. J. Durycia and J. J. Murphy.

Many Want to Rent Beet Land

Many inquiries are coming in to the beet factory men at Medford and the commercial clubs and newspapers of the valley regarding opportunities for renting land for sugar beet raising. Most of the inquiries come from men who have had experience elsewhere in beet raising and realize the profit which can be made, especially in the first years before the landowners are in a position to raise the beets themselves.



F. D. WAGNER—New member of Commercial Club Board of Trustees.

Explains Reason For Open Ditches

A few are complaining concerning the fact that the ditch for the mineral water pipes are left open for such a long time. The Smith-Emery people explain that while the pipes which are in have been laid and tested with city water, the mineral water will be pumped through under pressure which will approach 140 pounds in places, and that before the ditches may be closed they must be tested out under the working pressure so that any leaks or defective joints will be made apparent. The pumps are all here or on the way and the company hopes to be in shape to close the ditches before long. While it might be possible to fill up the ditches now, the only safe and practical way is to leave them open until everything is thoroughly tested so that no breaks will occur later. In the meanwhile those who are inconvenienced are urged to accept the inevitable with the best possible grace.

The Ashland Hotel restaurant sells home-cooked food. If

Hotel Outlook Pleases Club

Manager Dobbins of the Hotel Oregon was called upon for a few words at the Commercial Club meeting Monday evening and stated that the hotel was making satisfactory progress. He said that he had just taken off the trial balance for the past month and that the hotel showed a good gain, and although it was not making big money, it was doing better than breaking even. Mr. Dobbins delivered a few facts which have long been apparent to thinking Ashlanders regarding the hotel accommodations here and said that it was imperative that the hotel should be remodeled and brought up to date. He said that he had been actually ashamed at times of the hotel accommodations and that Ashland should use every effort toward making the accommodations here of a class which no one would hesitate to offer people who are accustomed to the best.

Mr. Dobbins favors remodeling and renovating the present hotel and installing hot water in all rooms and otherwise bringing it up to date. He said that Ashland had gained the reputation of being the most enterprising city on the coast and should be ashamed of her hotel accommodations. He stated that after careful investigation he was positive that the hotel would pay good returns on a reasonable investment which would be sufficient to make it first class in every respect.

Mr. Reed of the hotel committee outlined the report of the committee made at a recent special meeting and added that a new feature had come to light within the past few days in which outside parties were concerned and which he could not yet make public.

Mr. McCoy stated that he was sure the hotel would pay a reasonable profit on the necessary investment and that it was up to Ashland to put the hotel in shape. He agreed with Mr. Dobbins that much business was lost because of the accommodations as at present, and stated that he had gone over Mr. Dobbins' plans and figures and found them conservative and practical.

The committee has the matter well in hand, and commercial hotel accommodations equal to the best on the coast are in prospect. It seems to be the unanimous verdict that the first imperative demand is to supply the Commercial hotel and that the tourist hotels would then come.

Electric Problem Set Before Council

Rev. Carnahan appeared before the city council Tuesday night and asked regarding future moves in the electric department. He wants electrical hat for a sickroom and can't get it from the city. The California-Oregon Power Company won't furnish it unless it furnishes lights also. Rev. Carnahan was told he would probably have to accede to the company's demands until the city solved the electrical problems confronting it, and that, as a matter of fact, about fifteen of the largest users of city lights had been compelled to give up the same and use the company's lights, otherwise it would refuse to furnish heating current.

Mr. Carnahan suggested if meters were used it would prevent the present waste of current and save enough of the city's to heat half of the houses in town.

Litchia Water Pipe Laid to Spring

The pipe to the litchia spring is all laid and the pipe to the Dodge well will be in by the last of this week or the first of next. The pumps and motors are here for the pumping station at the litchia spring and final testing will be done as soon as the jackets for the pumps arrive. The gas pump is on the way and the other pumps here.

While waiting for the arrival of all the pumps the work on the inside of the central station is being pushed. The base for the litchia fountain in the park is done and work on the soda base is under way. The copper and glass for the fountain domes is here. Work on the fountains at the depot is to be started soon.

Condon—Fifty thousand bushels of wheat sold at 90 cents.