

Sidelights On Official Doings

Council meets at 7 o'clock during the winter months, thus giving time for nice long executive sessions before midnight.

Water Commissioner Earl Hosler and City Hall Janitor Harley Holmes are back from visits at the San Francisco exposition.

Councilman Biegel, who has been seriously ill, is improving and will be back in his regular chair at council meetings before long.

Street lights at all hours of the night are much appreciated, and here's hoping that curtailment such as the city has suffered this fall will never be necessary again.

Mayor Johnson, who has been laid up with an attack of grippe, is able to be about town again although still slightly under the weather. He will be able to occupy the chair at Tuesday's council meeting.

Ashland's automobile fire truck is one of the best investments which the city has made in recent years. Under the old regime of the hand-hauled fire wagon, the fire which occurred in Mrs. Smith's house near the top of Church street would have burned the place to the foundations before the old wagon reached the scene, while the fire truck buzzed up the steep hill in a few seconds' time.

Considerable discussion came up at Tuesday evening's council meeting regarding the provisions in the new ordinance governing peddlers and hawkers. The council wishes to frame the ordinance so as to allow a man to peddle products raised on his own place or manufactured by his own hands, without paying a license. The exact wording could not be worked out Tuesday and the ordinance was laid upon the table for further overhauling.

The fire chief and driver have petitioned the council for a raise in salaries. The former asks for \$90 and the latter for \$85. They base their request on the fact that they are obliged to be on the job twenty-four hours of the day and have not time away from the firehouse except at the noon hour which each is allowed. The fireman's job in Ashland is most tedious and the wonder is that the present efficient men have been able to stand the confinement as long as they have.

The Grants Pass city council is considering a plan whereby the mayor will receive a salary of \$50 a month and the councilmen \$2.50 each for every meeting they attend. The proposed expenditure has not been made a part of the city budget, but may be adopted. Such a diversion from time-honored custom would no doubt be most welcome to the officials in Ashland. Few business men are in a position to devote the needed time to council business, and the \$100 paid the mayor for a year's work here just about pays for the shoe leather he wears out while attending to city business. While Ashland is extremely fortunate in having men on the council who are efficient and capable and who are public spirited enough to devote a great part of their time to city business, a little real money would undoubtedly be welcomed.

Fish Hatchery to Be Built at Once

The state fish and game commission met in Portland Tuesday with all members present and decided to go ahead with the construction of a fish hatchery at Butte Falls. The commission based its decision for early construction upon the fact that the residents of the Butte Falls section have given their enthusiastic support to the project and guaranteed help in the construction. Sportsmen throughout Jackson county have taken a big interest in the proposed hatchery, which will mean a big thing for the fishing streams of southern Oregon.

Heretofore all fish which have been planted near Ashland have been brought in on the railroad from a great distance and at a big expense. With the Jackson county hatchery in operation more trout and salmon fry will be obtainable.

A negro who wandered over the valley, visiting country schools and inviting himself to speak to the scholars on "Cannibalism" and like subjects, was finally haled before the Medford authorities and given the alternative of leaving the country or sixty days in jail. He accepted the first choice.

Apollo Concert Company Coming

The Apollos are coming. Second number in the Lyceum course for the season 1915-1916. They will appear at the M. E. church under the direction of the Ministerial Association on Tuesday evening of November 23, 1915.

In variety of musical offerings, splendid solo work and strong ensemble no organization on the platform surpasses the Apollo Concert Company, for a dozen years one of the leading platform companies of America. Every member of this great organization is a finished artist. The personnel this year includes Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wells, the former an accomplished pianist and saxophonist, and the latter a banjoist and guitarist of national fame and a saxophonist of note; Mr. Harry W. Lewis, one of the greatest clarinetists and saxophonists before the public; Mr. George Shutts, celebrated xylophonist, and Miss Gladys Harding, reader and vocalist. The wide range of instrumentation used by the company, and the splendid abilities of the individual performers, make possible an extraordinary variety of pleasing music. Then, too, the apollophone, an instrument built for this company, and combining the best qualities of the xylophone and the zarimbaphone, adds a note of the unusual and provides something distinctive and heard only with this company. For several years past the Apollos have had the distinction of being the first musical company to have their time entirely sold out, and this distinction comes as a result of real merit as shown in their platform appearances.

Pioneer Woman Passes Away

Mrs. Nancy Jane Davis, wife of Allen Davis, passed away at the Davis home on First street Tuesday afternoon, November 16, at 3 o'clock. She was 83 years, 7 months and 15 days of age.

Mrs. Davis was born in Nashville, Tenn., April 1, 1832, and moved to Troy, Iowa, in 1842 and resided there until coming to California in 1856. She crossed the plains with an ox team, leaving the Missouri river on May 7, 1856, and arrived on Bear creek, Shasta county, California, on September 7. She was married to Allen Davis in Trinity county in 1860 and resided in Trinity county and Scotts valley until 1900, when they moved to Ashland, where she has lived until her death. Mrs. Davis was a devoted Christian all her life and a member of the Methodist church for 73 years. She has a host of friends in Ashland who will mourn her death. Mrs. Davis is survived by her husband and three children—Mrs. J. M. McGee of Ashland, Mrs. W. T. Mason of Central Point and Grant Davis of Talent. The funeral was held from the residence Wednesday afternoon. Rev. Van Fossen and Rev. Douglass officiated. Interment in Mountain View cemetery.

World's Notables Here Nov. 29th

On Monday, November 29, Ashland will entertain two of the most noted notables who have ever visited the city. The distinguished visitors are the Earl of Aberdeen, Marquis of Temain, former governor-general of Canada and lord lieutenant of Ireland, and his wife, Countess Aberdeen. These distinguished members of the British peerage come to Ashland direct from the San Francisco exposition, where they have presided over international gatherings and have been feted as the most prominent guests of the west for the past month. Ashland is the only stop made by Lord and Lady Aberdeen between San Francisco and Portland.

On the evening of the 29th, at the Elks temple, Lord and Lady Aberdeen will deliver addresses before what no doubt will be the largest crowd assembled in Ashland in recent months. The affair will be under the auspices of the Civic Improvement Club and will be for the benefit of the Belgian relief cause. Lord and Lady Aberdeen are paying all of their own expenses on the present tour of the United States and every cent of the money taken in goes to the stricken sufferers of Belgium. An admission charge of 50 cents will be made. This will be the biggest event of the winter and everyone in Ashland should and probably will attend.

Countess Aberdeen is president of the International Congress of Women, having been elected to that office for a five-year term in Rome in 1914. She recently presided over a meeting of the International Women's Council in San Francisco. She is recognized the world over as a leading philanthropist of the British empire and is known throughout the civilized globe. Lord Aberdeen is also a leader in humanitarian work and is the head of several benevolent organizations of world scope.

New Manager at Vining Theatre

On next Wednesday evening Ashland motion picture lovers will welcome a new manager at the Vining Theatre. Ex-Manager Vining goes east in January to take up his lecture work, and O. T. Bergner of Portland succeeds him at the helm of Ashland's beautiful theatre and picture house. Mr. Bergner is a man of years of experience in leading city picture houses and was the first manager of the new Columbia, Portland's biggest and most artistic picture house. He comes to Ashland with a big reputation behind him, and Ashland audiences are assured of the best there is to be had in plays, pictures, service, music and everything that goes to make a theatre a success. Second to none on the coast in artistic beauty, comfort and equipment, the Vining Theatre will have a worthy successor to Prof. Vining in Mr. Bergner.

Mr. Vining has given Ashland the best that could be obtained in pictures and has built up an appreciation of good pictures among Ashland people. He goes east in January to take up his lecture work in New York and the adjacent states, where he is scheduled to make over one hundred addresses. Prof. Vining is building up a sterling reputation in the east as a lecturer, and this year has had his territory extended into several new districts.

Ashland will be sorry to see Mr. Vining leave, but will accord the new manager a real Ashland welcome next Wednesday evening, which Mr. Vining announces as welcome night. Every theatregoer in Ashland should attend the Vining Theatre on that evening and give Mr. Bergner solid evidence of their appreciation of good amusements. The evening will also be in the nature of a farewell to Mr. Vining, who has taken a prominent part in all projects for the good of Ashland. Mr. Vining will spend the next month working on his lectures and will deliver several addresses in Medford and other Oregon cities before going east.

"Jewel" at Lyric Sunday and Monday

Everyone who has read the very interesting book "Jewel," by Clara Louise Burnham, will be pleased to know that Manager Lawrence has booked the photoplay based on this pleasing novel. Ella Hall is starred. It will be shown Sunday and Monday in conjunction with an exceptional vaudeville act, Walters and Claremont, who have tabloid sketches of various comic operas. Sunday they will have a twenty-minute version from "Bohemian Girl." The admission will be 5 cents for children, 15 cents for adults.

Telephone 420-J for dry tier wood, \$2. 49-tf
Phone job orders to the Tidings.

Landowners Slow To Take Hold

The campaign for sugar beet acreage in the Rogue River valley is nearing the climax. While no definite figures have been reported, the acreage already secured appears to have fallen woefully short of the 5,000 acres required for the assurance of the factory, and the Medford, Central Point and Grants Pass beet committees are making heroic endeavors to arouse the landowners to the realization of the great opportunity which is slipping from their grasp.

Business men of Medford are raising a \$20,000 fund to form a company to engage in sugar beet culture. This is in addition to the backing for the farmers guaranteed by the sugar company.

Ashland has been asked to secure 200 acres in this district, but as yet no definite progress has been made. Business men here, as throughout the valley, are fully aroused to the importance of getting the acreage, but the farmers seem slow in signing up, and a whirlwind finish will be necessary to get the 5,000 acres.

Lack of irrigation is the one big reason for the lack of available acreage of suitable beet raising land in the Ashland district.

Alex Nibley and C. M. Thomas were up Tuesday and in company with V. O. N. Smith, president of the Commercial Club, visited a good many of the people who had signed up for beets last year in this section. They found very little available for beets and very little already signed up. Ashland must get that 200 acres to do their part, and all landowners who can possibly put a few acres in beets and who have not been seen are urged to call at the Citizens Bank, where V. O. N. Smith has contracts and beet data.

Eternal City is Wonderful Film

The most famous Paramount picture ever turned out by the Famous Players Film Company, Hall Caine's "Eternal City," presented by Daniel Frohman, will be the attraction at the Vining Theatre Thanksgiving day and evening. For many years Hall Caine refused to permit his great work to be presented upon the screen and it was only by a personal visit to England by the president of the Famous Players Company that "The Eternal City," the drama which has created more discussion than any other play of the past half century, was secured for the motion picture public. A selected company of stars, headed by Pauline Frederick, was sent abroad to stage the picture exactly in the locality in which the scenes are laid in Rome.

The production is on an order of sumptuousness which surpasses any past effort and realizes even more than the acted play ever could. It is presented in eight reels with special orchestration, and is the biggest feature yet secured for the Vining screen.

Hotel Business Is On Increase

Manager Dobbins of Hotel Oregon tells us, and his statements are borne out by the hotel register, that the past few days have seen the heaviest arrivals in Ashland for many months. The increase seems to be steady and consistent.

Word of the meals prepared under the direction of Mr. Dobbins and his affable management has spread throughout the coast and many traveling men who formerly stopped at the Medford hotels are making their headquarters here. Mr. Dobbins is getting the results and Ashland business men can be assured of a safe investment in helping make Hotel Oregon a modern hostelry.

Next week Mr. Dobbins will have as his guests Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fee of San Francisco. Mr. Fee is one of the big officials of the Southern Pacific. They will remain in Ashland for two or three days.

The Oregon manager also informs us that he has already received several letters from friends in California reserving accommodations for parties for next summer.

It's too late to get a new suit made for Thanksgiving, but don't let that worry you. Paulsen & Barrett will make that old suit look like new.

Paving Matter Laid on Table

The city council met at 7 o'clock Tuesday evening in regular session with a sprinkling of spectators in the city hall benches. Most of the on-lookers were present to see what became of the resolution passed by the recent citizens' meeting to discuss pavement plans, and were disappointed when following the reading of the minutes and a couple of regular reports, the resolution was read and laid on the table until the next meeting without any great amount of discussion.

Mr. Ware moved that when the council adjourned it would be to meet next Monday, November 22, and the pavement matter will no doubt be further considered at that meeting.

Mr. Guntner petitioned the council to take over his North Main street property for delinquent paving assessments and other assessments. The petition was referred to the special committee on such matters.

The mayor reapportioned Mesdames C. W. Nims, Mae Mullit and R. L. Burdick to succeed themselves on the library board.

Communications from Fire Chief Robison and Driver Gulley, asking for raises to \$90 and \$85 per month respectively, were referred to the fire committee. The firemen stated in their petitions that in view of the fact that they were obliged to be on duty twenty-four hours out of the day, their present salaries seemed inadequate.

A requisition from the electric light department for a transformer for the city hall neighborhood and another for a meter for the high school, was allowed.

An ordinance defining the terms "peddler" and "hawker" and stating the license which must be paid before hawkers and peddlers may do business in Ashland was read, discussed at some length and laid on the table.

Mayor Johnson requested that an ordinance regarding the license on billiard halls and bowling alleys also be tabled since he had not had an opportunity to study it over.

The council then went into executive session.

Beautiful Marble Fountain and Statue

When the land for the new Lithia park was being purchased G. S. Butler and D. Perozzi donated a tract of land and the springs commission set aside \$3,000 for a memorial fountain to be selected by these gentlemen. On a visit to the San Francisco fair several weeks ago, D. Perozzi became greatly enamored of a beautiful fountain of Verona marble, the work of an Italian sculptor and a part of the Italian exhibit. A couple of weeks ago Mr. Butler went to the exposition, saw the fountain, telegraphed to Mr. Perozzi to come down, and the pair of benefactors closed the deal for the beautiful piece of artistry. The price paid when complete will approximate \$3,000. The fountain will be placed on a tract just above the park drive at the Grants street corner of the new park and on a slight eminence.

Mr. Butler also purchased a magnificent statue of Abraham Lincoln which he will erect at some point in the park as a memorial to his stepfather, Jacob Thompson, an Ashland pioneer of 1847. The statue stands about six feet eight inches in height and cost \$2,500.

The works of art will be delivered upon the close of the exposition.

Schoolmasters to Meet at Jacksonville

A meeting of the Schoolmasters' Club will be held at Jacksonville November 20, beginning at 10:30 a. m. This is the first gathering of the year. Program:

10:30 a. m.—Opening address, Superintendent George A. Briscoe, Ashland.
11:15 a. m.—Address, "Supervision of Pupils To and From School," Principal P. H. Dailey, Medford.
Followed by general discussion.

1:30 p. m.—Address, "Some Standards of Excellence in Teaching," Superintendent V. Melde Hillis, Medford.
Followed by general discussion.

2:15 p. m.—Address by Prof. Joseph Shaffer of the University of Oregon.
Business meeting.

No. 67.
REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF
The Citizens Bank of Ashland
AT ASHLAND, OREGON,
at the Close of Business November 10, 1915.

RESOURCES.

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| Loans and discounts | \$205,613.90 |
| Overdrafts, secured and unsecured | 21.21 |
| Bonds and warrants | 1,981.48 |
| Banking house | 22,000.00 |
| Furniture and fixtures | 4,500.00 |
| Due from banks (not reserve banks) | 139.99 |
| Due from approved reserve banks | 62,977.17 |
| Checks and other cash items | 1,124.29 |
| Cash on hand | 22,994.12 |
| Total | \$321,352.16 |

LIABILITIES.

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| Capital stock paid in | \$ 50,000.00 |
| Surplus fund | 6,000.00 |
| Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid | 4,486.67 |
| Dividends unpaid | 30.00 |
| Due to banks and bankers | 340.54 |
| Individual deposits subject to check | 166,173.42 |
| Demand certificates of deposit | 1,639.44 |
| Certified checks | 444.00 |
| Time and savings deposits | 92,113.09 |
| Reserved for taxes | 125.00 |
| Total | \$321,352.16 |

State of Oregon, County of Jackson, ss.
I, V. O. N. Smith, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
V. O. N. SMITH, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of November, 1915.
G. C. McALLISTER, Notary Public.
My commission expires February 3, 1917.
Correct—Attest:
DON B. SMITH,
W. M. POLEY,
J. P. DODGE,
Directors.