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City of Sunshine and Flowers

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**Jurisdiction Over
New Lithia Park**

Chairman Greer of the springs water commission presented a resolution drawn by City Attorney Moore to the city council at Monday evening's meeting and asked that the council put up the matter of exactly defining the limits of Lithia park and putting that park under the jurisdiction of the springs water commission at the coming election. Mr. Greer stated that there has been some question of jurisdiction in Lithia park during construction, and on account of this lack of a definite boundary, several incidents had occurred which, while no one was at fault, were of expense to the city. Saying that all of the money spent by the city council, park commission and springs commission comes from the pockets of the taxpayers, Mr. Greer advocated definite settling of the boundaries of the park so that all conflicts should be avoided. He stated that the springs commission believed that Lithia park should be made, at least in part, self-supporting and that everything accomplished in the park should be pointed toward that object. In order that this object might be attained, the commission asks that Lithia park be placed under the commission's jurisdiction, acting on the belief that those in charge of the park should direct their efforts toward Lithia park alone, which should receive the attention of a directing force unhampered by other duties, as would be the city council or park commission should the control be vested in them.

The resolution was laid on the table on motion of Councilman Cunningham and will be considered.

The resolution asks the council to present for the people's vote at the coming election the placing of the jurisdiction over the park in the hands of the springs commission.

At Monday's meeting a communication from the park commission asking that the lands over which they have jurisdiction be definitely defined, and that the council inform them as to whether they automatically take over the new Lithia park at the expiration of the term of office of the springs commissioners, was referred to the city attorney. In regard to the park commission's jurisdiction over lands in the canyon, it was stated that the park board has control of 200 feet on each side of Ashland creek from the Goble place in the canyon to the forest reserve.

In support of Mr. Greer's statement that Lithia park can, at least in part, be made self-sustaining, he reports that the kitchenette in the auto camp paid for the care of the grounds by the caretaker, the gas in the kitchen and a great part of the electric lighting in the auto camp. It is by the innovation of a number of like plans that the commission hopes to be able to realize an income from the park which will pay park upkeep.

**Oxfords the Next
Lyceum Number**

The Oxfords are the third attraction of the Ashland Lyceum Course. They will appear at the M. E. church on the evening of December 4, 1915.

The following press notice from the Daily Star of Miles City, Mont., says:

"It is probably a fair assumption that the five numbers of the lyceum course which will follow the Oxfords during the winter will be of the same standard, and taking this number, which was given last night to a crowded opera house, every seat will be filled at every performance during the ensuing performances. The artists of the Oxford company were not only up to expectations, they exceeded hopes, and everyone who enjoys good music had an evening of delight such as will find scarce company even in a long memory crowded with varied experiences. Their revival of 'The Mikado' seemed a particularly happy conception, and while it is a difficult thing for four persons to attempt to give adequate expression to a composition which contemplates an entire company, the solo, duo, trio and quartet parts were rendered with voice and action that vied with the best that have from time to time interpreted the famous work of Gilbert and Sullivan." 52-2t-Thurs.

Ripe bulk olives, dill pickles, sweet and sour pickles, also raisins and figs in bulk. Ashland Trading Company, phone 122.

**Big Attractions
At Lyric This Week**

Manager Lawrence has secured a week of attractions, both vaudeville and pictures, for the Lyric Theatre this week which he proclaims to be the best lineup yet offered at that popular playhouse. A perusal of the following list of attractions will convince any one of the truth of his statement:

On Thursday and Friday Dustin Farnum, the hero of "The Spellers," in the famous society drama, "A Gilded Fool." William Farnum is recognized as the great star of the moving picture screen of today, and in the six-reel feature film of the famous play he is supported by a cast of wonderful actors and given a fitting vehicle for his ability.

On Thanksgiving night, in addition to the feature film the Thorpe and Thorpe Concert Company will present a musical entertainment of fine merit. The Thorpe company carries some real artists and will give an entertainment worth while.

On Saturday night the Lyric will be crowded to capacity by the big crowd which always turns out when the inimitable Charley Chaplin is billed. This coming Saturday the funniest actor in the world will appear in a new release, "Dough and Dynamite," which has the European war beat for action and anything which you can think of beat for side-splitting humor.

On Sunday, in addition to regular pictures, a musician of extraordinary ability, the versatile Loveland, will present a high-class vaudeville act which includes cello, clarinet solos, songs and other features.

**All Set For
The Big Game**

All is set for the southern Oregon championship game which will be called at 2:30 sharp this Thanksgiving day afternoon on the Ashland high school athletic field. Ashland and Medford battled through a terrific contest to a 0-0 tie on the Medford field week before last, and interest is intense in what promises to be the greatest football contest ever staged in Ashland. Should Jupiter Pluvius favor, a crowd of a thousand fans is expected from Medford and the entire high school is signed up to come, rain or shine. Many original stunts will be staged by the rival rooters. Several hundred tickets have already been sold in Ashland.

The local high school team is in the best of shape with the exception of one or two members who are nursing sprains and muscle soreness. A hard week of practice has been put in since the last game, and the wearers of the red and white will enter the big contest with but one idea, and that is to win. Reports from the Medford camp indicate that the victors are coming to Ashland confident of victory. Coach Klum attended the O. A. C.-Oregon game at Eugene and no doubt will have a couple of new plays to spring in crucial moments. The game appears to be about an even money proposition to those who are in the habit of quietly backing their judgment with cash. Medford backers do not look favorably on even money on account of five years of reverses which have taken most of the backbone out of Medford athletes, and local boosters for the red and white are not willing to give odds because of the recent 0-0 game and no changes in conditions since.

The grounds will be in excellent condition, no matter what the weather, as the granite soil absorbs the heaviest rains as fast as they fall. When the whistle blows at 2:30, every able-bodied man, woman and child in Ashland should be on the sidelines ready to give the Ashland boys the real Ashland support which, added to the Ashland spirit, has so often turned the tide of a hard-fought gridiron battle.

**Business Men
Will Close Stores**

Beyond deciding to close the stores all day Thanksgiving and on Christmas and New Year's, the Business Men's Association transacted little business of general interest at their meeting Monday evening. A representative of a memory system was present and gave some interesting demonstrations.

Sunset Bargain

One more month of Sunset Bargains.
Closes December 31st.

Tidings one full year and \$2.50
Sunset Magazine 10 months for \$2.50

This applies to new subscribers or renewals

\$2.50 for both--strictly in advance

**City Takes Over Electric System
Of Company for Three Years**

At Monday evening's session the city council took final formal action accepting a contract with the California-Oregon Light and Power Company and the Ashland Light and Power Company, which has been quietly investigated and formulated during the past three months.

The contract as accepted by the city council provides for the city taking over the distributing system of the company in Ashland and the wholesale purchase of current for a three years' term. In every respect the contract as entered into appears to be most advantageous to the city and is entered into by the company apparently upon the presumption that a three years' trial of the wholesale service will convince the people of Ashland of the advantages of taking over the system entirely.

The officials of the city and especially those of the electrical department have come to the realization that should a freeze come this winter which would tie up the water in Ashland creek to any extent, the municipal system would be unable to supply its increased list of customers. Had the recent dry spell lasted a couple of weeks longer the city plant would have been unable to supply the demands made upon it. Rather than build additional generating machinery and reservoirs the council decided that wholesale purchase of power would be the more advisable procedure, and met with fine co-operation from the company people in arranging the contract which was accepted Monday night.

The contract is practically the same in every detail as that which was offered last August at a special election, but with the difference that it applies only to a three years' term, and if at the end of that time the people of Ashland wish to return to the

old order of things the company takes back the distribution lines and the customers whom it now serves. The mayor and various members of the council all have expressed their opinion that the reason that the proposition offered in August was turned down was because it was brought up upon such short notice and time was lacking to bring a realization of its advantages before the people. The California-Oregon people, who supply a big proportion of northern California and southern Oregon with electrical current, wish to drop the retail details of the business and engage in a solely wholesale business, hence they are anxious to show the people the advantages of owning all of the Ashland distribution system and entered into the present contract with that hope. A three years' trial will, in the opinion of the city officials, amply prove the advisability of the purchase to the people of the city, and in the contract an option clause is included which allows the city to purchase the system at any time in the three years should the people so indicate their wishes at an election.

All of the terms of the contract as to prices, conditions and safeguards to the city's and people's rights are practically the same as in the twenty-year contract. The wholesale purchase of current will allow the city to furnish all of the consumers in Ashland with a reliable supply of current to any amount at any and all times. The minimum amount which must be purchased by the city approximates a worth of \$700. The company is at present supplying its customers with a good many times that amount. One of the most noticeable advantages of the contract is the fact that the city can take any amount of current from the company or none at all at any hour of the day or night, thus allow-

FOOTBALL

**Thanksgiving Day
Ashland vs. Medford**

ASHLAND HIGH SCHOOL
ATHLETIC FIELD

Game Called

2:30 Sharp

TICKETS—Advance sale 25c At the Gate 35c

**Sweeping Victory
Won By Jackson Co.**

Jackson county has won a sweeping victory over all other Oregon counties in the horticultural department of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, and bids fair when all of the returns are in to be the champion fruit county of the United States.

The announcement made Saturday by the jury in the horticultural department gave the awards won by individual Oregon competitors. Oregon gets twenty-eight medals of honor, the highest award possible to an individual exhibitor. Fruit winning this award is considered excellent, in fact the best commercial stuff. Of these twenty-eight awards, Jackson county takes ten, Hood River county ten, Wasco two, Klamath one, Union one and the Willamette valley counties three. This gives Jackson county just as many of the highest awards as the nearest competing county.

Jackson county also won more than twice as many gold and silver medals as any other county.

The Yellow Newtown Pippins entered by Williams & Graham of the Patterson Orchard Company, and which attracted much attention when displayed in Whited's store window before being sent to the exposition, won one of the medals of honor. A. N. Wright was awarded a medal of honor on peaches and H. H. Leavitt for cherries.

Local fruit growers are jubilant over the great success scored.

**Earl and Countess
Here Next Monday**

In democratic America earls and countesses are not honored by the great majority because of their titles. Curiosity is bound to exist as to just what an earl is like and just how a countess looks, but when fundamentals are reached a title is no claim for distinction in the great west. Accomplishment of great and good work is a distinction, however, and in Lord and Lady Aberdeen, who will speak at the Elks temple next Monday, Ashland will have an opportunity to hear and see a man and a woman who are world leaders, who have accomplished and who are "big" people.

Lord Aberdeen is a former governor general of Canada and lord lieutenant of Ireland, and a leader in several world organizations for humanitarian work. Lady Aberdeen, president of the International Women's Congress, is one of the world's most widely honored women. Their talks are sure to be of the greatest interest. The entertainment is to be held under the auspices of the Civic Improvement Club and all the proceeds go to the Belgian relief work. Remember the night, Monday, November 29, at the Elks temple. Your 50 cents will go to the relief of sufferers in stricken Belgium.

Following the addresses at the temple Monday evening there will be a public reception at which the people of Ashland will have an opportunity to meet Lord and Lady Aberdeen. Light refreshments will be served.

Rose Bros. have the chili killers—tamales, chili, oyster cocktails. 53-3t

ing the city to take current only at the hours when the municipal plant is unable to supply the demand. Should any decrease in current prices be granted in any other city in southern Oregon, the contract provides for a proportional decrease in the price of wholesale current to Ashland. The company agrees in the contract to furnish free current for the operation of the pumps at the mineral springs near Ashland and takes over three big transformers which the city has had no use for.

All of the city officials are greatly gratified over the results of the negotiations with the company.

The contract will be signed up and the few changes necessary in the taking over of the distribution lines made at once. Patrons of the company will suffer no inconvenience in the change. It is confidently trusted that under the new regime the city will be able to provide all of the citizens with better light and electric heating service at a cost no larger, if not smaller, than at present and still be able to show a balance on the right side of the ledger in the electric light department as has been achieved in the operation of the municipal system alone.

**Routine Business
Of City Council**

In addition to the several rather important matters which were brought up at Monday evening's council meeting and are reported elsewhere in this issue, a number of matters of minor importance occupied the attention of the city fathers. Monday session lasted from 7 to 10:30 o'clock.

The meeting was called to order at 7 o'clock with Councilman Biegel, who is ill, absent. Recorder Gillette read his report for the month of October. After the paving petition had been referred to the city attorney after considerable discussion and matters pertaining to supervision of parks brought up, Councilman Ashcraft of the water committee read a list of figures which had been prepared regarding new pipe for the water system, one section on Granite street and one on Ashland street. Prices on iron pipe were read and discussion of the difference in cost of iron and wooden pipe and differences in the life and usefulness discussed. The water main on Ashland street is to be replaced with a larger pipe and that taken up used in other parts of the city. When the new pipe was laid on Granite street some time ago, a section in the middle was left of the old pipe, and the water committee has found it necessary to replace this with ten-inch pipe, the new main on this street being of this size. The approximate cost of the Granite street pipe will approach \$6,500 and the Ashland street pipe \$1,500. Final decision as to the kind to be purchased was referred to the finance committee with power to act. Mr. Ashcraft has secured prices on iron pipe which are a great reduction over prices formerly paid, and the new pipe should, in his opinion, have a life of forty years or more, while wooden pipe would not last as long although costing slightly less.

An ordinance regulating peddlers and hawkers was passed. The new ordinance sets the license which must be paid and provides penalties for violation. An ordinance regulating electrical matters was passed.

The street committee reported that heavy rains had caused water to collect above Granite street in the Lithia park vicinity and the overflow had washed out the road and some of the new lawn in the park, and recommended that tile be laid to drain the offending overflow. The recommendation was accepted and the street committee working in conjunction with the city engineer will put in the tile.

The final hour and a half was taken up with the reading and accepting of the electrical contract with the Ashland electric company. The council will meet again next Wednesday evening, when the paving matter will be finally decided.

**Mary Pickford
At the Vining**

This (Wednesday) night is welcome night for the new Vining manager, E. T. Bergner, and every theatergoer in Ashland should attend and give the new man who succeeds Mr. Vining at the helm of the popular picture and playhouse, a fitting welcome. "The Eternal City," the greatest of all Paramount attractions, is the picture attraction. It is in eight reels, is taken from the famous Hall Caine novel and staged in Rome. The same picture will be the attraction at a matinee and evening tomorrow.

On Friday and Saturday Mary Pickford, the sweetheart of Ashland movie lovers, will appear on the Vining screen in "Rags." Mary Pickford is said to be at her best in this picture. Her name alone will assure the new manager of good houses on these evenings. There will be a 3 o'clock matinee Saturday.

Mrs. Updegraff will serve a turkey dinner at the Ashland Hotel restaurant Thanksgiving day for 35c. It

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- ◆ The stores of Ashland will be
- ◆ closed all day Thanksgiving day.
- ◆ This action was taken by the
- ◆ Business Men's Association at
- ◆ its last meeting. It was also
- ◆ voted to close all day Christmas
- ◆ and New Year's days.
- ◆ M. C. REED,
- ◆ Managing Secretary.
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