

Prof. Anthony's Position

The writer was out of the city at the time Professor Anthony talked at the Commercial Club about our mineral waters. From what we get commonly from those who did attend we find that the professor made two strong points in regard to our waters:

First, that they were high class (especially the lithia waters) for medicinal baths.

Second, that the lithia water should not be drunk continuously and copiously because of its strong mineral content, which, if drunk copiously over a long period, would cause hardening of the arteries. Therefore, he said the lithia waters should be taken under strict supervision of competent physicians.

We agree with Mr. Anthony that the lithia waters are very highly charged with minerals and should be taken with care and under the advice of a physician.

Now Mr. Anthony is exploiting the lithia water as a high class table water. We can not agree with him that waters dangerous to drink copiously over long periods of time constitute good table waters that are to be shipped to distant parts to be drunk copiously and continuously without the advice and direction of competent physicians.

There appears a remarkable inconsistency in these two positive statements of Professor Anthony's.

The first reports from the Pompadour Springs Company, with which Professor Anthony has connected himself, indicate that their plans called for a big mineral bath sanitarium. At that time Mr. Anthony seems to have seen in the lithia water great bathing possibilities and no virtue in them as drinking waters.

Now the plans of the Pompadour company seem to have changed to a simple bottling proposition and the exploitation of lithia water as a drinking and table water, and Anthony appears to have changed in opinion with the company. He is now ready to exploit waters dangerous to be drunk copiously and continuously, and which should under no circumstances be taken inwardly unless under direction of a competent physician, as he put it, as a table water to be shipped to the four corners of the earth to be used without stint and without competent advice.

We wonder if the mere dollar has influenced the professor in his opinions.

More than a year ago the writer went somewhat into the ability of Professor Anthony as a mineral water expert. We were unable to find where he had had the least experience in the practical piping of mineral waters. True, he is consulting engineer for the Saratoga Springs water commission, but that is a political body, and experience teaches that all political jobs are not gained through merit alone. Frequently there is more politics than merit in political jobs and political incumbents.

Our investigations of Professor Anthony convinced us beyond doubt that he was a first class political engineer, but failed to strengthen our confidence in his ability as a mineral water expert.

If properly handled the Pompadour springs project may be made a great asset to Ashland. The Tidings is interested in its development only in so far as it helps the community.

Ashland lithia waters are splendid medicine, but should not be put on the market as table waters to be taken without direction. The lithia is in no sense a common drinking water. It is very strong medicine and should not go to the people as an ordinary drinking lotion to be imbibed without care.

It is the business of Ashland to see that the Ashland waters are not misrepresented by Professor Anthony or any one else.

Postoffice Will Observe Holiday

The Ashland postoffice will observe Washington's Birthday Tuesday, February 22. The general delivery, stamp and parcel post windows will be open from 8 to 9 a. m. There will be one complete delivery by city carriers, one collection from street letter boxes. No letters registered. No money order business transacted. No rural delivery made.

Phone news items to the Tidings.

Auto Drivers Must Be Good or Be Fined

Chief of Police Porter has announced that the Ashland police will from now on wage a campaign against speeding and other violations of the city automobile ordinance. The chief says that automobilists are getting altogether too careless in their observance of the law and that sufficient warnings have been issued and hereafter violators will be faced with the alternative of a fine or a brief incarceration in the inside inn. Incidentally a stay in duress vile will be rather unpleasant these cold mornings since a recent inmate broke up the electric stove.

Chief Porter reports that over 5,000 of the automobile ordinances have been distributed and practically every auto driver warned and rewarned, and that there will be no more fooling. The most frequent violations are speeding, driving with the mufflers open and turning in the middle of the block.

Park Picnics of Valleywide Scope

Already the summerlike weather is drawing dozens of picnic parties to the park and gives a gentle indication of the hundreds who will make Ashland park their Mecca for summer picnics. Ashland has a great duty to perform during this coming picnic season, a duty which belongs to every organization and every man, woman and child. It is—hospitality.

Now is the time to begin to plan for the summer, and already many organizations are talking over preliminary plans for big affairs to be held in Ashland park. Affairs which will not be just for Ashland, but for the entire valley. Ashland park belongs to the entire valley, and Ashland neglects her duty until every resident is made to feel that the beauties and attractions of our parks and canyon are his or her property as well as ours.

The local organizations should take the lead in affairs of valleywide scope. Why can not every lodge, every state society, every church, every Sunday school, every organization in the city plan a big picnic and invite every like organization in the valley to participate and co-operate in arrangements? Let us have a valley Elks picnic, a Baptist church picnic, an Ohio picnic, a Moose picnic, a musicians' picnic, a groceryman's picnic, a Methodist Sunday school picnic, a blacksmiths' picnic, a Scandinavian picnic, a—but we could go on for columns with suggestions. Let every Ashland organization and group begin to plan immediately to take the initiative and invite all of their clan or calling in the valley to attend and help arrange an affair to be attended by every allied member in the valley. The benefits accruing from getting these big crowds into Ashland from the outside are manifold. Lets get busy.

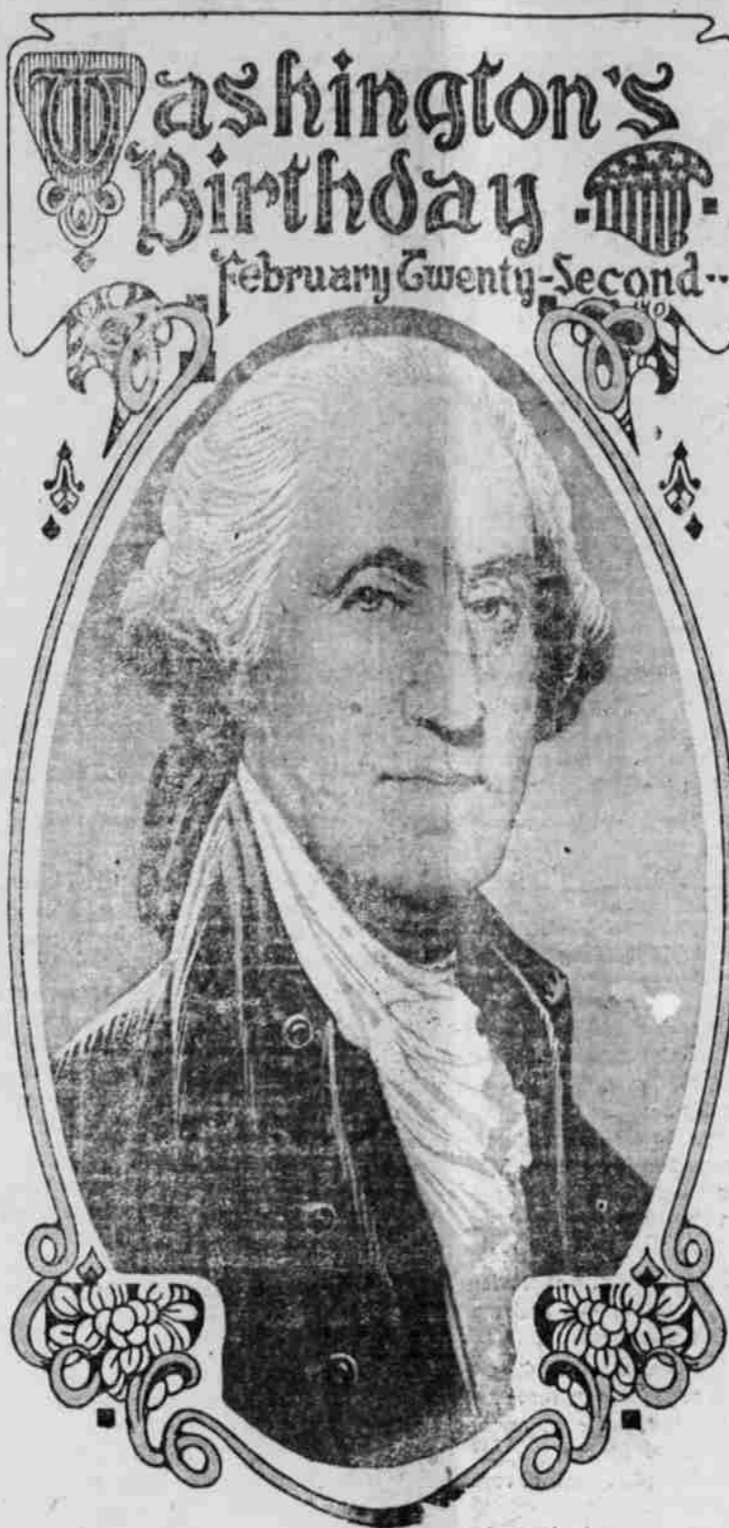
Co-operation upon the matter of dates is necessary, and the secretary of the Commercial Club has volunteered to keep a calendar of dates and offers his assistance in arranging dates so that none will conflict. The Commercial Club also stands ready to give assistance in any other way possible.

Experts Are Examining Plant

J. G. Kelly, M. Am. Soc. C. E., consulting engineer, and W. R. Phillips, M. Am. Soc. C. E., mechanical engineer, both of Portland, arrived here Thursday and are examining the springs physical plant for final determination. The springs water commission was put in touch with these engineers by State Engineer Lewis and has engaged them to represent the commission in the final examination of the Smith-Emery contract. They are instructed to go over all the lines and machinery and report to the commission just the character of physical plant Smith, Emery & Co. have given the city under their contract.

J. D. Bell of Medford, one of the incorporators of the Pompadour Mineral Springs Company, was up Saturday to attend a meeting of the stockholders.

Current taxes (1915) can now be paid at the Billings office, 41 East Main. 75-4t



Coast Champs Play Here Tuesday Night

Oregon Agricultural College varsity basketball team, said to be the fastest team in the west, and who are now tied with the University of California for the championship of the Pacific coast college conference, will play the Ashland high school team in the high school gymnasium tomorrow, Tuesday, night. This will be a game which no lover of the best there is in sport can afford to miss. It will be absolutely the fastest basketball ever witnessed in Ashland. Ashland is conceded but a small chance of defeating the husky collegians, who have a wonderful defensive and offensive system, but the locals are priming themselves for the effort of their lives and will go into the game not merely with the intention of holding down the visitors but with the determination to win. While a win is improbable it is not impossible. Delman will outweigh any of the visitors and the rest of the local team with the exception of Fraley will not be much outweighed. Local dopsters figure it out that if Grisev has a good night and the rest of the team plays the best of which they are capable, Ashland stands a show. It will be "some" game at any rate. The O. A. C. team played four games in the south and are stopping off on their way home to Corvallis. Ashland will be their only real game on the return trip. The O. A. C. team defeated Stanford twice and won one and lost one in the University of California games. It is rumored that if the O. A. C. faculty refuses permission to the team of staying over to night in Berkeley to play off the tie, that the team will arrive in Medford this evening and play the Medford team a practice game. The Medford boys are said to be anxious to get a fifty-point handicap to make the game interesting. No handicap will be asked at Ashland.

The game here Tuesday night starts promptly at 8 o'clock. There will be no preliminary, it being dispensed with so that those who wish may attend both the game and the military ball, which starts at 9. Don't miss this game.

With the approach of spring planting of bulbs and plants is being planned. The Civic Improvement Club plant and bulb exchange is located at the home of Mrs. W. H. Smith on Main street next to the Buckeye bakery. All who need plants

Factory Builders Come From Utah

A party of about a dozen employees of the Dyer Contracting Company, who will build the sugar factory at Grants Pass, arrived in that city the last of the week from Utah. Among the party are several master workmen who have been employed by the Dyer company for years and have assisted in the building of fifteen like factories in Utah and other beet-growing sections.

About two hundred men will be employed in building the factory, which will be completed by September 1. All of the steel and machinery for the factory will be shipped from the east. The brick, of which about a million will be needed, cement, lumber and other material will be secured in the valley if possible.

Canal Company Starts Big Canal

The Rogue River Canal Company put a big force of men and teams at work the last of the week on the Willow Springs extension of the canal system. Tents were pitched for the workmen and work will be rushed. The canal men estimate that the work will be finished by the first of April. Seventy men have been put to work and a force of 100 men will be used as soon as the extent of the work will allow.

The Phoenix ditch is practically completed with the exception of a few laterals upon which work is now progressing.

To Take Waters For Analyses

Henry M. Parks, director of mines and mineralogy, Oregon Agricultural College, is expected here Wednesday to take the waters from our mineral springs plant for analyses, in connection with the settlement with Smith, Emery & Co. The springs water commission has asked the Corvallis chemical department to analyze our waters to ascertain whether they are being delivered at the central station containing their mineral contents as at the springs.

or bulbs or have extra slips or wish to exchange are urged to come to the club exchange.

Political Pot Full of Wilsons

President Wilson's influence is being felt away out here in southern Oregon, but, strangely enough, by the republicans and not the democrats. Three Wilsons are already heard from as candidates and the primary election is still three months away. Considerable confusion is liable to result from the conflicting Wilsons, and as a result two of them are announcing their candidacy with nicknames. E. W. Wilson, present deputy sheriff, who is a candidate for the sheriff's position at the coming election, is known all over the country as "Curly." Joe Wilson of Talent, whose years of accounting experience has led him to aspire to the office of county clerk, is known as "Little Joe." E. M. Wilson of Medford, candidate for assessor, has not fixed his nickname as yet. At any rate, trouble is averted in that all of the three are out after different offices. Maybe some of our good democrats will be influenced by the name and put down a cross against each and every Wilson. The coming year may see a Wilson administration installed in the county under the republican ticket.

"Peg O' My Heart" Vining Next Week

Seats for the farewell engagement of J. Hartley Manners' most compelling and appealing comedy, "Peg o' My Heart," will open at the Vining Theatre box office on Wednesday for the performance on Monday, February 28.

In "Peg o' My Heart" Mr. Manners has written one of the sweetest plays and created one of the most lovable characters seen on the stage in recent years. Peg is the daughter of an aristocratic English woman who has married against the wishes of her family, an Irish socialist. At her daughter's birth the mother died, and Peg has been raised by her whole-hearted father. She is simple, natural and impulsive, and when she is transplanted into the affected surface living atmosphere of the Chichester home, there is trouble of all sorts. Peg's rich uncle has repented and made her his heiress, and, according to his will, she is to be brought to England and educated. The Chichesters act as her guardian, and while this affects their sense of pride, the remuneration which they are to receive, at that time, is very acceptable. She is as much out of her element as the ever-existing "square peg in the round hole."

The three acts of comedy develop the humor, pathos and tenderness of this situation, finally culminating in Peg's running away to a dance, and her frustration of her haughty cousin's elopement with a married man. The harshness and misunderstanding which follows this episode determine the little allen to quit the house in which she has been so miserably used and so unhappy. Oliver Morosco is again sending here the same artistic production as last season with the Boston cast, which includes Miss Florence Martin in the title role.

Will Meet In Ten-Round Bout

On Thursday evening of this week a high-class boxing batch will be staged at the Ashland armory. The two cleverest boys in the Rogue River valley, Burnie Burnett of Ashland and Joe Vashinder, former champion of Arizona and present pride of Gold Hill, will meet in a ten-round go which should give the boxing fans of Ashland a real run for their money. Vashinder will come up from Gold Hill accompanied by a crowd of admirers who believe him to be a world beater. Burnett is seriously training and is in better shape than he has ever been in previous mixes. He has taken off about twenty pounds of excess weight and is faster than a flash. The event will start at 8 p. m. Every objectionable feature will be eliminated and a clean, fast exhibition is assured. Ladies are especially invited.

Auxiliarists Hop.
On last Friday evening a choice gathering of Auxillary Club members, with their gentlemen friends, gathered together on short notice at I. O. O. F. hall and enjoyed an informal evening of dancing.

Prospects Bright For Working Men

The "idle season" for the laboring man was shorter this year than it has been for many years. Practically all of the local workmen were employed up until almost the last of the year before inclement weather forced the closing down of various projects. Already mills are beginning to operate and crews are being put on various projects in southern California and northern California.

A force of 200 men will be put at work constructing the big beet sugar factory at Grants Pass. This building operation will require every class of workmen from the common laborer to the skilled iron and wood worker.

One hundred men are to be put on at Copco, Cal., on the California-Oregon Power Company's dam and generating plant as soon as weather permits.

The lumber mills and logging camps of northern California are preparing for a big year and are already putting on big crews. The Weed camps will be opened up within a couple of weeks, according to report, and the Weed logging trains start the first of the month.

The Ashland Lumber Company will operate their sawmills on Neil creek, eight miles from Ashland, this season and expect to begin work within a short time.

The Blair Granite Company already has a force of men putting in machinery at their quarries near Steelman, and will put on a large quarry force of stoneworkers.

The Rogue River Canal Company contemplates putting in several miles of ditch and dams this spring, besides completing the Fish Lake work which was unfinished when storms put an end to work at the lake last December. Seventy men are already at work on the Willow Springs canal.

The probability of the Ashland-Talent irrigation district passing the vote of the landowners of the district is bright, and should it pass will mean an immense project which would employ most of the men and teams available in the upper valley.

The fruit-spraying season is here and will be closely followed by the other orchard seasons, pruning, spraying, picking and packing, which will employ hundreds.

A good sized crew of mechanics is now busy on the Oregon Hotel remodeling in Ashland.

Several property owners are planning homes to be built this year in Ashland.

Commencement of work on a big sanitarium before many months have passed seems most likely.

The operation of an Ashland cannery is anticipated by the growers and is more than probable.

Grading and paving of the Jackson county Pacific Highway between Central Point and Gold Hill is going steadily forward and will employ more men as the spring comes on. Road work throughout the county will result within the next month as money becomes available. A survey of the Crater Lake road will be made by government engineers in anticipation of an appropriation for paving.

Paving will be laid over a portion of the Siskiyou grade which was allowed to settle during the winter months after being graded last year. The beet-growing industry will require much hand labor of the cheaper class.

Railroad traffic has held up throughout the winter without a serious slump and promises to grow even better as the year progresses.

Mining throughout southern California and northern California is experiencing renewed activity, and exceptional activity is looked for in the copper mines.

A big irrigation project in the Little Shasta valley in Siskiyou county will employ many men and teams. Work on this has already started.

Beyond the many definite construction activities the spring and summer months will bring forth several projects which are as yet in an embryotic state and to the city of Ashland promises building activities which will exceed those of any single year of its existence.

The year's activities should provide work at good wages for every man in the valley. The fine weather of the past few days has given an impetus to every activity, and the few weeks of the winter "hibernation" appear to be over.

Joe Hurt of Ashland was a business visitor to Medford Saturday.