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Third Policeman Added to Force

After a half hour of heated argument, a third policeman was added to the Ashland police force by the mayor and approved by the council Tuesday evening.

The force was reduced to two men the first of the year as an economical move. The mayor stated that the work had proven to be too great for two men. The patrolling of the business section which is scattered out over many blocks, the handling of the hobo problem which necessitates the presence of a man at the depot, a quarter of a mile from the police station, when all trains both freight and passenger arrive, and the patrolling of the parks, demand the services of another officer and the mayor as head of the police department intimated that he would appoint a special officer to assist in the work under his prerogative to do so given by the charter if the council refused to confirm his appointment of a regular man.

Councilmen Banta and Root held that while a third man might be necessary later when the parks needed more patrolling, that action should be deferred. On a vote Ashcraft, Lamb and Cornelius stood with the mayor, Nininger, Root and Banta against. The mayor having the deciding vote the matter received immediate attention. The mayor appointed W. J. Carpenter and the appointment was confirmed by the same vote, the mayor casting the deciding vote confirming his own appointment.

Argument between the mayor and Councilman Banta grew warm at times. Mr. Banta stated that he had received more commendation for his work in reducing the police force than for any act since he had been on the council. The mayor remarked that a certain element would praise him if he had the force cut down to none at all. Mr. Banta was considerably aroused by this and stated that it was influential, respectable citizens who had praised him.

While shady reflections were cast on past police forces by both sides the present force was conceded to be composed of conscientious men who have been putting in a good deal over twelve hours a day of hard work since the force was reduced.

Annual Inspection Of First Company

First Lieutenant Willis Shipman, U. S. A., was inspecting officer at the annual inspection of the Ashland Coast Artillery Corps company last Monday night. Captain Vance and Lieutenants Foss and Deuel of the Medford company were also present.

Forty-three members of the company were present and gave a good account of themselves in drill, artillery practice and condition of equipment. While no official statement was given out by the inspecting officer, he was very well pleased with the condition of the local company and personnel of the company.

There are now sixty-six men enrolled in the company and an active campaign will be waged to raise the enrollment to its fullest capacity. The general character of the local company has been raised until now it is on a very high plane. Financially the company is in excellent condition, having paid off all debts and having a year's allowance at hand with which to make improvements.

Lieutenant Shipman will hereafter be the instructing officer for the southern Oregon companies, taking the place of Captain Collins, who has been assigned to a post in Washington.

Laying New Main On Granite Street

A crew of fifteen men is now at work laying the new water main on Granite street. The new main will extend from Nutley street to the lower intake and will consist of 3,600 feet of 12-inch steel main and 600 feet of 12-inch wood main. Water Superintendent Hosler estimates that several weeks will be needed to get the main in.

A gold mill is to be erected four miles from Redmond, at Cline Falls, Ore.

Marshfield is to get a \$7,500 fruit and vegetable cannery.

Change in Time Of No. 53 Rumored

It is rumored that train 53, which now passes through Ashland at about 3 a. m., will have its schedule changed and will arrive here about 11 p. m. This will give an early morning train out of Portland. Under the present system No. 11 follows No. 53 by only three hours, and by making the change train 53 will arrive about halfway between No. 15, which gets here at 4:50 p. m., and the Shasta Limited.

The change is to take effect in about two weeks. The new timetable will afford better local connections in the valley and especially from Medford to Ashland.

Council Busy Until Midnight

The city council met in its first March session Tuesday evening at 7:30, with all heads and about a dozen citizens being in the hall.

The minutes of the last regular meeting and a special meeting were read and approved.

The report of the recorder for the month of February, the monthly report of the Springs Water commission, Park commission, street commissioner, water superintendent, and power plant superintendent, were read and approved.

Several transfers of funds were authorized. The time checks were enumerated and approved. The regular bills were allowed and a sum approximating \$260 due on a mortgage ordered paid.

The sexton was authorized to hire a man to assist in cleaning up the cemetery prior to Decoration day.

J. W. Milner petitioned that the council attend to putting a top on the septic tank for the Normal, stating that the top had fallen in. The matter was referred to the board of health.

C. J. Foster, who negotiated with the city last month relative to the purchase of the triangle lot at the corner of the Boulevard and Iowa street, has decided to postpone taking the property but according to a report of the Realty committee had stated that later on he might buy the property under the terms offered.

M. B. Pinion was hired at a salary of \$20 a month to care for the grass and trees in Mountain View cemetery.

The rest room matter was thrashed as elsewhere reported. A general discussion of various matters occupied several minutes and a letter concerning bonds and offering to make a saving in interest was referred to the finance committee.

The council debated for some time the advisability of asking Springs Commissioner Frank Jordan to furnish \$10,000, but finally decided that \$5,000 would be a sufficient amount in view of existing conditions.

Councilman Banta stated that he had inspected some private septic tanks in the northern part of the city and believed that it would be necessary to put in a sewer to that part of the city, and moved that the matter be referred to the sanitary and street committee for investigation and report.

Two houses on Holly street which are not connected to the sewer were mentioned and the council voted to inform the owners that the properties must be connected up.

The alignment and width of O street are in a muddled state, according to Mr. Root, and the straightening out of the lines was put up to the street committee and city engineer.

It seems that the orchard on the Praytor place up the canyon which is the city's property is in bad condition and if not cared for will be cut down by the county fruit inspectors. In view of this the Realty committee was instructed to care for the orchard.

The matter of lands on Park avenue for which the city has an option was referred to the council as a committee of the whole. The city has already paid \$1000 down on the lands and the question of whether the options should be forfeited will be investigated.

Arrangements were made whereby the firemen will receive one day off duty each week.

A third policeman was appointed as elsewhere reported, and the session adjourned at three minutes before midnight.

Ashland Will Re-Organize Its Schools on the Six-and-Six Plan

After considering the six-and-six plan of schools for practically a year, the school board, at a special meeting held March 8, 1916, decided to reorganize the city schools on that basis.

Under this plan six years will be devoted to strictly grade work, three years to the work embraced in the intermediate or junior high school, and three years to the work of the senior high school. In the junior as well as the senior high school departmental teaching will provide better instruction for the pupils, enabling them to save time and accomplish more by permitting them to select work along the line best suited to the special needs of each. Promotions will be by subjects, thus the repeating of studies where one has become reasonably proficient will be saved to the pupil and to the school management.

Grade schools, the first six years of the course as now known, will be

held in both the east and west side buildings. The intermediate or junior high school will, for the present, be held in the west side building and the senior high school will continue in the new high school building.

No pupils will be withdrawn from the present high school building but the ninth year pupils for September, 1916, will continue to attend the junior high school at the west side building.

The courses in vocational work will be greatly strengthened during the seventh, eighth, and ninth years of the school work. In this trial period the pupil will find himself so that upon entrance to the senior high school he may at once pursue the line of work which he has decided to make his life occupation.

Fortunately, the west side building lends itself to the new plan without any modification as it was originally built for the accommodation of the city high school.

Crew Finds Few Leaks in Pipe

The mineral water pipe lines are being gone over for leaks and a few found, which are being fixed. According to experts, the wood pipe takes three to four months to settle and soak up, and leaks may be expected to spring in that time, but after the pipe once becomes settled the mineral water mains will give no more trouble than any other kind of pipe. Any wood pipe springs leaks until it becomes settled, and the same trouble was experienced with the wood pipe in the city water mains at first.

Stockmen's Board Met Wednesday

The advisory board of the Dead Indian Stockmen's Association met Wednesday morning in the Commercial Club rooms to discuss range and stock matters. George Owens is president of the association and Fred Neff secretary. George Nichols, Fred Furry, Joe Rader and John Murphy are the other members of the advisory board. On the 15th the board will meet with government officials at Medford to arrange for grazing permits in the national forest and discuss other matters.

State Health Men Will Go Over Plant

Upon invitation of the springs water commission, a representative of the state board of health will be here on the 12th or 13th of this month to inspect the mineral water plant. Rumors that the pipes are unsanitary have been circulated, and while deemed to be groundless, it is thought best to have the state officials go over the plant and get the seal of their approval.

Butler-Perozzi Fountain Is Here

The magnificent fountain which will be erected near the Granite street entrance in Lithia park by Messrs. Perozzi and Butler has arrived in Ashland and is now at the local freight depot awaiting the arrival of an expert who will install it. The fountain is a large affair and comes knocked down and crated. It weighs 12,000 pounds and will require at least three trucks to cart it to the site in the park. The site is on the hillside above the fountain plaza. A huge cement base has been put in and is ready for the finishing up and installation of the fountain. The fountain is of Verona marble and is surmounted by a cupid and swan. It is the work of an Italian sculptor and was one of the notable exhibits of Italian sculpture at the Panama-Pacific exposition, where it was first seen by Mr. Butler and Mr. Perozzi and later purchased.

The dish towel may be condemned as unsanitary, but the girls can still use their aprons.

A. N. Hilderbrand For County Clerk

A. N. Hilderbrand was in Ashland Tuesday looking after his political fences. He is a candidate for county clerk on the republican ticket. He came to Jackson county six years ago from Washington and has been connected with the Jackson County bank, the Medford Lumber company, and the Medford Sash and Door factory as bookkeeper and accountant.

He has had fifteen years' experience in auditing and bookkeeping. He is making his campaign on the ground of his fitness for the place, and says he can conduct the office with as great efficiency and economy as anybody.

S. P. Engineers Will Inspect Plant

At the solicitation of the springs water commission the Southern Pacific Company will send one or two engineers during the coming week to inspect the mineral water plant and consult with the commission's engineers in regard to it. At all times in the development of the Ashland project the Southern Pacific Company has given their fullest co-operation and sends their engineers as a further token of their interest in Ashland's future.

Final Games of Series This Week

The biggest advance seat sale of the year is reported for the final game of the Medford-Ashland football series which will be played in the local high school gymnasium Saturday night. A bigger crowd than last Saturday's is anticipated. The management has asked us to request all who have reserved tickets at Rose Brothers' to get them before 6 o'clock Saturday evening, as the crush at the door will not allow of sorting out tickets and no tickets will be held.

Medford is counting confidently on winning Friday evening's game and is practicing on a small floor space in order to get in shape for the Ashland floor. The locals are a little overconfident, but if they get their basket eyes will give the Medford team a hard battle Friday. A big delegation will go down in cars for the game.

Arrest Speeders On the Highway

An active campaign against speeders on the Pacific Highway between Ashland and Medford has been instituted by county officials, and at least three autoists were arrested yesterday who were exceeding the twenty-five miles an hour allowed under the law. Officers riding in private cars time the speeders, and many more arrests are likely to be forthcoming.

It has been announced that where drivers have not a sufficient amount of "cash on hand" to meet the fine imposed, a jail sentence will be the result.

Board of Viewers For Billings Hill

The Billings Hill matter is up again. Renewed activity in getting the half mile of tree-eating roughness and gasoline devouring steepness changed into a gently graded, paved highway is augured by the appointment of a board of viewers at a meeting of the county court Monday.

County Surveyor Brown, Road Supervisor Jack True, and D. M. Lowe were appointed viewers to go over the proposed route for the grade up the hill. They will go over the route selected by State Engineer Cantline, pronounce upon its feasibility and award damage, if any.

March Meet of Commercial Club

The Commercial Club met in its regular monthly session Monday evening with a good attendance present. After the regular routine business had been attended to, Mr. Carson, for the industrial committee, reporting on the cannery proposition, said that they had had several meetings and had decided on a plan of action which they would start on in a few days, the plan being to revive the old cannery here and put the same in working condition. He stated that Mr. Rand of the Fruit Association was working with them and they would have more to report at the next meeting. Mr. Carson stated that it was the policy of the committee to stay with one matter until they had either failed or accomplished their end. They were complimented on this trait and asked to continue their activities.

Mr. Carson also spoke of an evaporating concern which Mr. Rand had investigated while on a trip north, and over which the committee were very enthusiastic, but was unable to give the details of the proposition which they had made the committee, they being in the hands of Mr. Dill. They were instructed to further investigate the proposition and bring before the club at the next meeting.

President Smith appointed the following members of the Commercial Club to represent the club on the celebration committee: Frank Jordan, H. O. Frohbach and D. D. Norris.

There being no new business, it was suggested by Henry Enders that the meeting be turned into a sort of love feast or testimonial meeting, and the springs proposition be discussed. Frank Jordan, one of the springs water commissioners, being present, was called on to explain the present status of the matter. Mr. Jordan explained by stating that he would be glad to answer any questions which he could. These questions brought some interesting facts to the surface, on which the public has been misinformed, and which is causing so much unnecessary evil among the outsiders. The main points brought out were that there are very few leaks in the pipe line, that the lithia is satisfactory and running in the park again, and that the greatest trouble with the proposition at the present time is the Dodge soda, and which is being investigated at this time. It was also brought out that the many suits for damages which have been quite a topic of conversation for the curbstone meetings, have dwindled down to nothing and are being settled rapidly and at very nominal figures. Mr. Jordan stated that the plant was in charge of a competent engineer from Portland; that the waters were being analyzed by the Agricultural College at Corvallis, and that report on same could probably be had within thirty days. Mr. Jordan stated that he thought the people should investigate these matters for themselves before making statements to others, and be sure they are right.

At the conclusion of the discussion it was moved that the matter should be discussed at the next meeting of the club, and any one having questions to ask regarding the springs or plant be on hand. Motion was seconded and carried.

Montague Messenger: Report comes from Little Shasta that someone has broken into the houses of Miss Mabel Russell and Len Boyd, ransacking the places and carrying away much valuable property. People in the neighborhood have a strong suspicion as to the guilty parties and it is expected that they will soon be brought to account for their actions.

Beet Factory at Medford This Year

Medford Sun: According to telegrams received in Medford Friday by the beet sugar committee of the Commercial Club, Medford will have a beet sugar factory in 1916. If the required acreage is received a second beet sugar factory will be erected near Medford in 1917.

This cheering announcement is the result of a quiet but persistent campaign by the beet sugar committee of the Medford Commercial Club, which has been carried on unceasingly since the breaking off of diplomatic relations with the Bishop Nibley interests.

The texts of the telegrams were not made public, nor has it been announced just what interests are behind the new enterprise, but in the opinion of the members of the committee all doubt concerning the erection of a beet sugar factory at the Medford end of the valley this year has been removed.

The telegram promising the construction of the factory was received from S. K. Skilrirk of Salt Lake City, now in New York, and it is believed that he represents the Havemeyer interests. According to the telegram, beet seed for 7,000 acres has been secured, and all that is asked is a guarantee of 5,000 acres. Persons close to the negotiations declare bonds assuring this acreage have already been pledged.

The machinery for the factory is now in San Francisco, according to report, the site will be between Medford and Tolo, and construction work will start in a very few weeks. Colonel J. F. Mundy has been influential in bringing the negotiations to a successful conclusion, and it is reported the complete transaction involves many developments in addition to the beet sugar enterprise. Definite announcements of a far-reaching nature may be expected in the next few weeks.

R. R. Held Blameless For Auto's Flight

A "soulless" corporation got a favorable verdict from a jury of 12 Jackson county men in the circuit court at the county seat Monday. Robert Halley instituted proceedings against the Southern Pacific Railroad company to recover the price of an almost new Dodge car, which got stuck on the track at the Voorheis crossing last fall and was gently lifted into an adjoining field by a fast freight. Miss Gladys Wilson was driving the car, the engine went dead at the crossing, and the fair driver was unable to get it off the rails before the freight struck it.

The plaintiff contended that the indifference of the train crew resulted in the machine's skyward flight and subsequent scattering over the landscape. The railroad showed that it was not possible to stop the train in time to prevent a collision and the jury arrived at the conclusion that the railroad was right.

In two other suits the railroad fared not so well.

A verdict in favor of Mick Walsh for \$187 for personal injuries was given Tuesday, the plaintiff asking for \$2500. Walsh alleged that he sustained permanent injuries while riding in a caboose, while in charge of a stock shipment, owing to the sudden starting of the train.

In the suit of L. Brosius of Gold Hill against the company, a compromise was reached, by which Mr. Brosius will receive \$800. His hand was injured. The settlement was affected through Claim Agent Fred Day of the company and the attorney. It is expected to be ratified by the head officers of the company today.

Elks Contribute For Celebration

At last Saturday evening's meeting of the Elks club, that organization voted to contribute \$175 toward the Dedication Celebration of July 4, 5 and 6. The Elks will also get behind the celebration with all the force of their progressive spirit.

Astoria may be the home port for the Oriental steamer line of eleven ships, assets \$9,500,000.

Those who live above their circumstances in a little while have to "Never-Never-Land."