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Quarry Operation Is Assured

Development of every kind is opening up in southern Oregon. Among the projects of the greatest interest to Ashland is the commencement of operations at the Blair granite quarry upon a scale never before attempted in quarrying in southern Oregon.

J. F. Blair of Portland, the owner of the quarry, and whom, by the way, we are told is able to properly finance an immense proposition, is rushing the work preparatory to the opening up of the quarry. Christensen Bros. gave Mr. Blair a right of way through their timber property to the quarry last year, and a road was commenced which is now being finished up. The road makes connections with the railroad at Steinman, the quarry lying about a mile and a half from that railroad point.

About twenty men are now at work installing machinery and working on the preliminary development. A power line is being erected to tap the California-Oregon company's electric power line at the Nell Creek school house and will carry power to operate the giant electric motors which will operate the hoists and other machinery. An electric hoist which was used on the Roosevelt dam has been purchased by Mr. Blair and is on the way.

The quarry development is a "sure thing." There will be no half-hearted attempt and then a failure, but real development. Mr. Blair is a quarry man of many years experience in the business, and was a partner in the Schannen-Blair company which created a sensation and captured highest awards at the exposition with their exhibits of granite. Among the exhibits was some stone from the Ashland quarry which was pronounced to be equal to the best granite quarried anywhere.

The exact number of men who will be employed has not been announced, but a large crew of highly paid workmen will be required, and Ashland will of course be the supply point for the quarry.

For years the Ashland granite has been acknowledged to be the best on the coast, and sooner or later development on a large scale was bound to come. It is extremely fortunate that the development comes with a man of the experience, ability and means of Mr. Blair behind it.

Expert Here to Erect Fountain

The French expert arrived from San Francisco this morning to superintend the erection of the Perozzi-Butler memorial fountain in Lithia park. As do most of the visitors to the park, the Frenchman waxed enthusiastic over its beauties and proclaimed the chosen site for the fountain a fine one.

The foundation of cement which has been put in will have to be changed around somewhat. This comes from what Mr. Perozzi calls "trying to do something you know nothing about."

The fountain is a reproduction in marble of Antonio Frilli of Florence, Italy, of Gondi's fountain.

The expert does not speak a word of English and has some difficulty making himself understood. Mr. Perozzi is quite a linguist, speaking several languages, and is the only man on the works able to understand his expert's directions.

Vista from Drive Impresses Alter

J. C. Alter, the United States Weather Bureau man who came from Portland to take charge of the frost-fighting campaign in the valley this spring, was a delighted visitor to Ashland and Lithia park Friday. Mr. Alter explored every part of the park and was especially impressed with Glenview Drive, which in his opinion exceeds any of the famous drives of Colorado Springs. "The impressiveness of the wonderful vista of scenic beauty which lays before one from the vantage points of the drive, the grand sweep of the valley and the somber beauty of the wooded canyon leading up to the snowy summit lined out against the wonderful blue of your southern Oregon sky, have made an impression upon me which I will not soon forget," said Mr. Alter. "I will be a frequent visitor to your park and never miss an opportunity to motor over the high drive."

First Auto to Siskiyou in 1916

The first car to reach Siskiyou station, at the summit of the Siskiyou grade, this year made the trip to the summit Friday. The car, a Cadillac, which was used on the Crater Lake run last year, was driven by Seeley Hall of Medford. His passengers were Engineer Frank Kittredge, Paul Leonard and the California highway engineer.

The party started at 7:30 a. m. and reached the summit at 6 p. m. They encountered snow about six inches in depth about half way up, and the depth gradually increased to two feet at the summit. Many difficulties were encountered and at times the car was forced to take the old road. A considerable amount of work, removing small slides and filling washouts, will have to be accomplished to put the road in shape for summer travel.

Business Men's Meeting Postponed

The Business Men's Association will meet in the Commercial Club rooms on tomorrow (Tuesday) evening at 8 o'clock, in place of this evening, on account of counter attractions. There will be important matters pertaining to the organization which are of vital interest to all the members, and a good attendance is desired to dispose of the same. There will also be interesting talks by different members.

F. J. SHINN, President.
D. D. NORRIS, Secretary.

Lewis Auto Line Gets Hot Dose

The following article appeared in the Medford Tribune of last Friday: "The public will be especially interested in the disposition of two cases in Justice Taylor's court Thursday, involving the enforcement of the anti-speed laws in this vicinity. Ed Wall and Lester Weiss, two jitney operators for the Lewis valley line, were arrested by Constable Hammond for violation of the law. In Justice Taylor's court they pleaded guilty to the charge and were fined \$10 and costs each. The penalty for a repetition of this offense is heavy. The court warned them not to appear again for an infraction of the speed law in the hope of leniency.

"Officials claim the Lewis jitney line's operators have been persistent violators of the speed law, defying that and other public safeguards in practically every town on their line, subjecting human life to danger from violent collisions all along the Pacific Highway, both day and night. They are said to manifest no respect for the repeated warnings of officers or for the parking of their machines at any of the points touched by their service.

"Complaints against them are numerous at Ashland, Central Point and other places for various infractions of the law, as well as ordinary highway rules and ethics of travel."

When interviewed Saturday, Driver Weiss of the Lewis line stated that he had never been warned by the police in any city or on the highway, or accused of violations, and that he was at loss to see why both drivers of the Lewis line should be made into "examples" in view of this fact and in view of the fact that cars on other lines often passed them like they were standing still and yet escaped the clutches of the law.

Drivers of other auto service lines between here and Medford state that the Lewis drivers observe rules of the road as carefully as any. The fact that they have never had a serious accident, even although they often carry ten or twelve people in their cars, is held by the drivers to be proof of their care in driving.

J. R. Croxall has sold his Valleyview ranch of two acres, on Terrace street, to John S. Dale of Florence, Ore., who is now in possession. Croxall came here six years ago from New Albany, Ind., and developed Valleyview into one of the model orchard tracts of this section, notably as regards cherries and peaches, fine boxes of which have been shipped from time to time to all parts of the country.

Ground has been broken for a new \$600,000 auditorium at Portland.

Ashland High School Wins 7th Southern Ore. Championship

The Ashland high school basketball team won the seventh consecutive southern Oregon championship which has come to Ashland by defeating Medford high school both Friday and Saturday nights, making it a clean sweep of the four games of the series. Ever since basketball has been played in the valley Ashland has won the high honors. All four games were close, the differences in score ranging from two to seven points, but with Ashland always on the long end. The class of ball played would rank well with the college game, and was equal to the best ever seen in this part of the state. More interest was taken in the series between the ancient rivals than ever before. At a conservative estimate 3,500 people must have been the approximate attendance for the series. This is a larger attendance than turned out in the entire season for the games of Portland's best team, the Multnomah Club.

No hint of lack of sportsmanship marred the series. The games were rough but clean. The best team won, but only after a hard battle, and the losers went down doing their best.

Friday Games.
Ashland clinched the valley championship by winning the third consecutive game Friday night at Medford by a score of 16 to 18. Superior basketball shooting did the business, combined with heavy guarding and speedy floor work.

Medford scored the first basket, Ashland soon tying when Grisez shot a beautiful basket from the center of the floor and going ahead when the Ashland star repeated the performance a minute later. Medford tied the score almost immediately, and from then on to the end of the game Medford would tie the score and an Ashlander would put his team ahead. The locals seemed to be able to get a basket whenever it was necessary and contented themselves with playing safe most of the game. The Medford team showed a big improvement, but, as it always has, lacked the fight and punch which brings victory. Grisez shot three more of the phenomenally long baskets which at the first of the year won him the name of being lucky, but after a repetition in every game this season has won him the name of the best basket shot ever developed in southern Oregon. The big surprise of the game and the series was "Climax" Delsman, who up to Friday night had

shot but one basket in his two years on the first team. Climax electrified the crowd and sent the Ashland fans into paroxysms of joy by shooting two beautiful baskets from the center of the floor. Harris suffered an off night and was superseded by Buck in the last few minutes, Buck playing a consistent game and scoring once. Frady worked like a demon, but his heavier guard held him down closely and one basket and two fouls converted was the sum of his contribution. To "Gravy" Plymate must go the greatest credit for Friday's win, and in fact for Ashland's victories throughout the series. Plymate was in the right place at the right minute all the time, blocking plays, commending his teammates injecting doubt and starting almost every play which scored. It will be a long time before Ashland high develops another man of the quality of "Gravy."

The game was clean although quite rough. Referee Cooper had the players well in hand all of the time.

The Medford students staged a very effective stunt between halves, Indians costumes and costumes adding to the united efforts of their entire student body. And right here we must pay a compliment to the Medford student cheering section. Whatever hint of unsportsmanlike conduct occurred in any game of the series came from outsiders, the Medford students carefully refraining from any hint of lack of sportsmanship. And in fact the students of both Ashland and Medford, while always behind their own team to the very limit, were true sports.

As was promised in one of the Medford papers, there was a serpentine after the game, but instead of red and black pennants waving, the entire Ashland contingent took the floor and rocked the building with yells while the Medfordites filed out silent.

Girls' Game.
The Medford girls again demonstrated their ability and won the third game and the series from the Ashland girls by a score of 9 to 7. The Ashland girls were game to the core and played a wonderfully fast passing game, but the heavy Medford guards proved too much for them. Gertrude Moore scored all of Ashland's seven points.

Saturday.
The Ashland girls defeated the
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Believes In Better Stock

R. D. Sanford, residing on Lower Helman street, and a breeder of fine Jerseys, this week shipped one of the registered Jersey bulls advertised in the Tidings to L. S. Irvin at Banks, Washington county, Oregon.

Mr. Sanford is a firm believer in better breed and better feed. In his opinion too many dairymen in Jackson county pay too little attention to using better sires and therefore have a lot of "star boarders" that reduce the profit on those who do produce a profit. Many dairymen go on from year to year without weighing or testing their milk to ascertain which are the profitable and which the unprofitable cows. He says that he finds that by weeding out the herd and putting the same feed in one-half the number of cows more profit can be made.

Take Chunk of Wood from Face

S. A. Parker had a piece of pine splinter as big as a lead pencil removed from his cheek recently. Mr. Parker was nearly killed in an accident at his sawmill twenty miles from Ashland, a few months ago, one side of his face being torn terribly by a piece of timber which struck him in the face. The wounds healed up, but Mr. Parker continued to experience pain in his cheek, and an operation was performed at a local hospital Saturday and a chunk of wood which the squire proclaimed to be "pure timber" was taken out. Several splinters had been taken out previous to finding the big one, but neither the "Squire" nor the doctor suspected that he was harboring a young two-by-four in his face.

Mutt and Jeff Drink Lithia Water

The fifty people of the Mutt and Jeff company arrived in Ashland today, and most of them hastened to make a visit to Ashland park, of which they say they have heard much from other show people. That little bit of shortness you met on the street this afternoon was Jeff. The tall, ladderlike gentleman was Mutt. Neither requires much makeup to mold themselves into likenesses of Bud Fisher's famous cartoon characters.

The curtain will go up at 8:15 tonight on the funniest comedy Ashland has had an opportunity to see in many days. Don't make the mistake of staying home tonight. The show is worth seeing. Loads of pretty girls, snappy music, a big orchestra, and a thousand laughs are promised. Vining Theatre tonight.

JACKSON COUNTY REGISTRATION.

The following is a complete list of registrations, showing the number registered in the various parties up to week ending March 4, 1916:

Republican	1,109
Democrat	624
Progressive	13
Prohibition	44
Socialist	44
Miscellaneous	129
Total registration	1,963

The male registration is about twice that of the ladies, except the prohibitionists, who number 24 ladies and 20 men.

Commercial Club Comedy Is Here

Secretary Norris has received the manuscript for the musical comedy which the Commercial Club is to put on soon, and the parts are now being arranged. The play will be "The Empire," a rapid-fire musical comedy taking in from twenty-five to forty people. It will be something different from anything Ashland has ever seen in the way of a home talent play. George T. Watson will have the direction of the play in charge and the musical end will be in charge of D. D. Norris, assisted by Mrs. A. L. Strickland, formerly Miss Natalie Swigart. The date will be made in the near future, but it is thought that the same will be early in April. The committee in charge of all arrangements are D. D. Norris, H. G. Eufers Jr., V. O. N. Smith, A. L. Strickland and Lynn Mowat.

Questions Come From Thirty States

Secretary Norris of the Commercial Club made a very interesting report at the meeting Monday evening regarding inquiries received during the month of February by the club.

There were 120 inquiries received and answered. These were divided as follows: California 26, Oregon 17, Colorado 15, Washington 11, Iowa 6, Idaho 5, Arizona 5, Pennsylvania 5, Canada 4, Nevada 3, Oklahoma 3, Illinois 2, Missouri 2, Arkansas 2, Wyoming 2, New York, North Dakota, Michigan, Indiana, Wisconsin, Ohio, Alaska, Maine, Minnesota, South Dakota, Utah, Massachusetts, West Virginia, Kansas and the Philippine Islands had one each.

Will Direct Valley Frost Fighting

J. Cecil Alter, of the United States weather bureau at Portland, is coming to the Rogue river valley and will make his headquarters at Medford to direct the frost-fighting work this spring. He gave the following interview to the Eugene Register while in that city investigating orchard conditions:

"The weather man hits it 86 times out of 100," said Mr. Alter.

In the Medford district there are 14 sub-weather stations in the valley according to Mr. Alter.

"We have found that with varying weather conditions, some parts of a valley will be affected and others will not. By knowing the general weather conditions and by reports from all parts of the world, Mr. Beals, in charge at Portland, can forecast for the local district. By knowing what the conditions are there, whether it be a clear or cloudy night, a local forecast can be made as to which parts of that valley will be touched with frost. Thus by lighting the smudges only where the frost is predicted, a great saving can be made," says Alter.

"The weather man does not hit it always," said Mr. Alter, "but we found and know of instances where we have saved people a great deal of money.

"For instance a new branch of work was undertaken recently under Mr. Beals' direction. Sheep men all over the state have lost heavily from storms or sudden changes following the shearing or during the grazing periods. We found by inquiry that they wanted a weather forecast and now have a system working by which we can reach every large sheep district with a forecast that will be likely to cover conditions for the next three days.

"The warnings are sent to such centers as Klamath Falls, Bend, Burns, Lakeview, and others and from there sent over private phones, forestry rangers' phones and by various methods to the sheep tenders in the recesses of the mountains.

A cougar hide, one of the largest ever killed in southern Oregon, was presented to the county clerk Monday for bounty, \$10 from the county and \$15 from the state. The varmint measured ten feet six inches from tip of tail to tip of nose. It was killed by Mrs. Irene Ulrich, nee Plotner, of Skookum Prairie, and in life was a ferocious beast, preying upon stock in the Union creek district for months.

For long mileage, U. S. tires. It

Ashland Mine To Be Re-Opened

It is persistently rumored that the Ashland mine has been sold to a group of Portland capitalists who will re-open it and put a large crew of men at work. The Ashland mine was at one time considered to be one of the biggest producers in southern Oregon and is considered by mining experts to be one of the best gold mines in Oregon. It has turned out hundreds of thousands of dollars of gold ore and taps a great ledge of gold-bearing ore when former development barely scratched. Two mining engineers were here recently and carefully went over the property with E. D. Briggs, who recently gained control of it. The experts are reported to have pronounced the mine the best buy in Oregon after going over the records and personally investigating it. The records show year after year of money-making runs and great development. There is one tunnel which slopes into the mountain for a half mile and many cross timbers.

E. D. Briggs is in Portland on business and confirmation of the sale of the mine could not be obtained, but all indications point toward an early activity on the great gold mine.

There is a stamp mill, hoist and other necessary machinery at the mine, but the machinery was damaged by vandals recently and extensive repairs will be necessary. Most of the buildings will also require extensive repair before the mine can be re-operated. According to report, it is the intention of the Portland people to commence active work in the immediate future.

The Ashland mine has passed through the hands of a number of owners, none of whom were able to finance the operation upon the scale necessary. Finally E. D. Briggs gained control of it and interested the Portland mining men.

Throughout Southern Oregon a big revival of mining interest is being noted, and news of the coming operation of the greatest quartz mine of them all comes as a most pleasant and agreeable surprise. It will mean the employment of a big gang of miners and highly paid workmen who will naturally make Ashland their base for supplies and recreation. To the mining men of Ashland who really know the worth of the property the only surprise is that the development did not come sooner.

Train Kills Two Pass Autoists

C. L. Dillon was killed and his son-in-law, George Barrett, was probably fatally injured Tuesday when an automobile in which they were riding was hit by an "extra" freight train on the Southern Pacific crossing at Hugo, Ore., fourteen miles from Grants Pass.

The train was traveling at only a moderate speed and repeated warnings were blown, but Mr. Barrett apparently became excited and tried to clear the crossing ahead of the train.

The conductor of the train was W. E. Kurtz and the engineer J. V. Hale, both of Grants Pass. Mr. Dillon was a farmer living at Hugo, coming to Josephine county from Kansas three years ago. He was about 65 years old. Mr. Barrett was a druggist and came for his health three weeks ago from Fort Rupert, Idaho. He was 35 years old. Both men are married and leave families. Mr. Barrett was being treated by a specialist for a nervous affection, and to the strained condition of his nerves is attributed the accident.

"The Only Girl" Motors Through Park

Miss Edna Munsey, star of "The Only Girl" musical comedy which played at Medford Friday, together with her mother and Mr. and Mrs. Herndon, the manager of the show, and his wife, were met at the train Friday evening at Ashland by A. S. Ames and taken up through Ashland park and over the highway to Medford. The train was late and Miss Munsey was greatly disappointed in getting but a few minutes in Ashland park, which she enthusiastically proclaimed to be "just adorable." The ride over the highway and glimpses of orchard work was greatly enjoyed by the party.