

State Board of Health Gives Clean Slate

Report States Mineral Waters Are Exceptionally Pure---Puts End to Unfounded Rumors.

Because of stories circulated by knockers to the effect that the mineral waters were contaminated and a health menace, the state board of health was invited to inspect the mineral water plant, and on invitation of the springs water commission, Dr. Roberg, chairman of the state board, was here a week ago and in company with the commission and the local health board made a complete inspection of the physical plant and took samples of the various waters at the intakes and outlets.

The following report from the state board gives the Ashland project the cleanest kind of a slate, states in no mincing manner that the waters are "exceptionally pure," and puts a decisive end to all doubt as to the purity of the waters and sanitary condition of the mineral water plant:

Oregon State Board of Health,
Portland, March 17, 1916.
Mr. Bert R. Greer, Chairman Springs Water Commission, Ashland, Ore.

Dear Sir: This office submits the following report on the analyses made on three samples of water from your supply, namely, No. 1 from the Dodge well intake, No. 2 from the

new lithia well intake, No. 3 from the fountain outlet of the new lithia well. The object of these analyses is to determine the number of bacteria which are present in one cubic centimetre of the water. Tests are also made for the presence of bacteria of the colon group. This denotes contamination. Examination of these three specimens shows the water to be exceptionally pure; in fact, the water could scarcely contain fewer organisms unless it were distilled and kept sterile. Specimen No. 1 from the Dodge well intake yielded 8 bacteria per c. c. and there was no formation of gas in inoculated media of lactose bile. This denotes there was present no organisms of the colon group, consequently no contamination. Examination of specimen No. 2, new lithia well intake, showed but 6 bacteria per c. c. There was no fermentation and consequently no contamination. Specimen No. 3, lithia outlet, showed 4 colonies per c. c. which is very exceptionally low. There was no gas formation, consequently no contamination.

Sincerely yours,
DAVID N. ROBERG,
State Health Officer.

Irrigation of District Feasible

The report of the federal reclamation service, who had several surveying parties making a survey of the water resources and possible irrigation projects of the Rogue River valley, is completed and is published in brief herewith. The report recommends the irrigation of the entire acreage of the valley as an "immediate possibility." The valley is divided into two districts, one embracing the valley from Medford to Tolo, and the other the Ashland district. The report commends the system of the Rogue River Canal Company and recommends that the landowners of the lower valley put their land under the company's water.

The Ashland district has several available water sources. The report advises immediate development of laterals from Bear creek and further investigation and later development of one or more of several available sources and systems. Those interested in valley irrigation, which by the way is deemed by the government investigators to be a necessity in all but years of maximum rainfall, are greatly pleased with the report. A meeting will be held at Talent soon, it is understood, to discuss the matter.

Summary of Report.
The investigations have been made with possible future development in mind rather than the projects already constructed or proposed, although these projects have had a considerable influence on the conclusions reached.

The land is practically all in private ownership. Sections of the valley are closely populated, small rather than large farms being the rule. Approximately half of the valley is planted to orchard, the remainder being devoted to the growing of grain and forage crops. The area is particularly adapted to the growing of apples and pears, and some of the finest orchards in the state are found here.

The soil survey made by the department of agriculture in 1911 shows that the average texture of the soil is a clay loam. The fact that practically all of the soils are desirable, with irrigation, indicates that they will stand the construction charges of any irrigation system heretofore proposed.

Irrigation Necessary.
In years of maximum rainfall irrigation is not needed. In years of average rainfall irrigation would materially and profitably increase production. In years of minimum rainfall the moisture is wholly insufficient and irrigation is necessary to mature crops.

A duty of 1.5 acre feet delivered on the land has been adopted. It is based on the assumption that fruit will always be the predominating crop in the valley. The source from which the water supply for irrigation must come naturally divides the area into two districts, which are treated in the report as the Medford and Ashland divisions. The Medford division includes all the area extending north to Rogue river at Tolo which the Rogue River Valley Canal Company proposes to irrigate. The Ashland division includes all the area south of this division.

Bear Creek and Little Butte.
It is estimated that Bear creek and Little Butte creek, supplemented by storage of Fish lake and Four-Mile

Material For Street Lights Delayed

Some time ago the city council authorized the placing of forty new street lights in dark spots throughout the city's thoroughfares. Some of the residents of the shadowy streets have begun to worry about the apparent inactivity of the light department. Superintendent Strickland tells us that the material for the new lights has been held up by the manufacturers owing to extraordinary war orders, but that the shipment is expected in the near future and the new lights will be put in immediately upon the arrival of the material.

Lithia Attracts Hundreds Daily

The Lithia water is continuously in the park now and hundreds of Ashlanders are getting the habit of making daily trips to the fountain, some just to drink and some to fill jugs and bottles. To the outsider the prevalence of jug-carrying pedestrians may lead to doubts as to the efficiency of the prohibition law until he follows the crowd and learns the common destination in Lithia park.

A daily walk to the park is a good habit and should become a regular daily occurrence with everyone. The walk will do you nearly as much good as the water. One of the main reasons for keeping the fountains in the park was the benefit which the exercise derived from the walk gives. Fifteen minutes after lunch or before dinner every day spent in a walk to the mineral water fountains will make the day's work seem much lighter.

Hang Street Light At Park Entrance

The electric light department has removed the pole which stood at the entrance to Lithia park and has hung a street light at the entrance. The light is suspended from poles placed on each side of the driveway. The pole which was taken out stood in the center of the drive and, beyond disfiguring the landscape was a menace to auto drivers.

Jacksonville School Work To Be Shown

Manual training was introduced in the Jacksonville school this year as an experiment, and the people feel such a pride in its success that they are going to hold an exhibit of the work accomplished along industrial lines about the first of May. Sewing, basketry, raffia weaving and manual department work will be emphasized at this exhibit.

Jacksonville feels that it has one of the best manual training departments in southern Oregon. The work was laid out along practical lines, the pupils making those articles which could be used in the homes. The boys under the direction of their instructor, G. J. Shafer, built eight double work benches equipped with rapid-acting vices, at a nominal cost of \$8 per bench, \$110 was expended for tools and a wood lathe installed.

The work was made compulsory to all boys from the fourth grade up through the grades and optional in the high school. The course has proven so popular that every boy in the high school and a class of nine high school girls are taking the work. Superintendent Smith says that the girls' work is on a par and in some cases superior to that of the boys, three having finished library tables, one a sewing table and another a writing desk. The pupils start with the rough lumber and follow the work through to the last coat of varnish, even turning the drawer pulls and knobs used on the furniture. Electric power will be installed next year and the department enlarged.

Celestano Cano, a Mexican, tried to start a miniature war by shooting at the caboose of a train from which he was ejected near Coram recently. The Mex was captured and is awaiting a hearing in the county jail at Redding.

Militia Team Wins From Central Point

The Ashland Coast Artillery Corps basketball team defeated the Central Point Athletic Club by a score of 34 to 17 in a fast and interesting game Saturday evening. Millard Grubb starred for Ashland, while Ross of Central Point displayed dazzling speed and accuracy. The visitors are accustomed to a small floor and were somewhat at loss on the big armory floor. In a scrappy preliminary the Lincoln grammar school team from Medford defeated the Ashland East Side grammar team by a 17 to 15 score. The form displayed by the lads assures both Ashland and Medford of good basketball material when the present high school stars are gone.

Business Men Plan Valley Picnic

The Ashland Business Men's Association will get behind a "trade at home" campaign as the result of discussion held at a meeting of the business men's organization last Tuesday night.

Another important project discussed was a big valley business men's picnic to be held some time in July. A committee of three was appointed to make arrangements for an affair which will be attractive enough to bring most of the business men of the valley to Ashland park.

Homer Elhart was elected recording secretary to succeed Monte Briggs. An amendment lowering the dues to 50 cents was given its first reading.

The next meeting will be of unusual interest. A talk on banking will be given by an Ashland banker, a musical program will enliven the evening, and if arrangements can be made a banquet will be served.

Big Crowds Visit McGee's Store

The formal opening of McGee's dry goods store and Hargrove's millinery display in the new quarters occupied jointly by the two was held Saturday afternoon and attracted a big crowd. The store was most artistically decorated with spring blooms and a beautiful display of the very latest spring hats, suits and fineries greeted the throngs. Mrs. McGee presided over a booth and served punch during the afternoon. The new store is spacious and affords ample room for the display of what are among the biggest and best dry goods and millinery stocks in southern Oregon. The two business houses are assured of even a bigger patronage than they enjoyed in the past.

A. J. Hanby for School Superintendent

In the proper column in this issue will be read the formal announcement of A. J. Hanby for the nomination on the republican ticket for county school superintendent. Mr. Hanby is a normal graduate and holds a life certificate. He has taught in Jackson county for fifteen years. He is now principal of the Medford schools. Mr. Hanby is a taxpayer in the county and stockholder and director in the Central Point bank. He is well known and popular in educational circles and is a high-classed citizen.

Folder Issued by Southern Pacific

An illustrated folder, "Four Gateways to the Pacific Coast," has just been issued by the passenger department of the Southern Pacific Company. The new publication gives a description of the Southern Pacific routes through New Orleans, Ogden, Portland and El Paso, and the text is set off by no less than eighty fine engravings. A prominent feature of the folder, and an innovation in this field of advertising, is a graphic two-color map which shows at a glance the scenic and other attractions of the western country, bearing out the slogan, "All the Pacific Coast is a Show Place." This map is illustrated with eighty-three inset pictures.

Representation is given to all of the states traversed by the Sunset, Ogden, Shasta and El Paso routes of the Southern Pacific, and a special section displays the varied charms of California. Space is devoted to the Panama-California International Exposition, San Diego, 1916, with views of the buildings and grounds.

The new folder is attractively printed in orange and black. Its whole design and arrangement is calculated to appeal to the tourist, and the publication is to be given wide distribution throughout the east.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Bush left Tuesday evening for Riley, Kan., being called east by the serious illness of Mr. Bush's aunt, Mrs. Amanda Williams. Mrs. Williams is an Oregon pioneer, having been a resident of Portland for many years. She went to Riley, Kan., to visit relatives last October, underwent an operation and is now seriously ill.

Sends Oranges to Commercial Club

Secretary Norris of the Commercial Club has received from Secretary Haig, of the Whittier Chamber of Commerce, Whittier, Cal., a carton of choice navel oranges, which have been placed on exhibit (for the time being) in the Commercial Club rooms. They are of the finest quality and there is no doubt they will bring many favorable comments to the district in which they are grown.

Mr. Haig's letter in part is as follows:

"Mr. D. D. Norris, Secretary Ashland Commercial Club, Ashland, Ore.
"Dear Sir: Some time ago we received a very interesting letter from your organization telling of your wonderful mineral springs and enclosing your very unique and interesting facsimile of a glass of water. We are glad indeed to congratulate you upon the possession of this resource and to assure you of our interest in visiting you should we ever be in the vicinity of Ashland.

"We ask you to accept from the publicity bureau of the Whittier Chamber of Commerce a carton of choice navel oranges grown in the famous East Whittier district. It may be of interest to you to know that Whittier is the center of a restricted district which is primarily growing the finest Valencia, the profitable summer orange of southern California. But we dare say you will agree with us that the navel as well grows to a very delectable perfection in the Whittier district.

"We are asking that you will place this box of fruit upon your exhibit tables as long as your self-restraint will enable you to leave it there, and where as many members of your organization as is possible may see it. At the end of that time we hope that yours' and directors will find from the consumption of it an inspiration and desire to come here and see for yourselves what a prosperous city and what a home-loving people we are here.

"If you do come at any time you will find our headquarters at 116 Berry block, on Philadelphia street. Please be assured it will give us pleasure to extend the usual courtesies to members of our organization.

"With this box of oranges goes our best wishes for the prosperity and success of your organization.

"Fraternally yours,
"WHITTIER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,
"M. J. Haig, Secretary."

Right of Way For New Drive

The city council has appointed a committee consisting of Councilmen Root, Cornelius and Lamb to secure the right of way for the proposed drive on the west side of Ashland canyon. The committee will take up the work where it was left off last year and will endeavor to secure the remainder of the right of way as soon as is possible. Last year a part of the right of way was secured.

While not enough funds may be found available to complete the drive this year, the work will probably be started this spring. @enviv Drive has proven a wonderful asset, and the proposed west drive will be a far more beautiful one. Leaving the canyon at a point a short distance above the intersection of Glenview Drive, the proposed drive will follow the water grade of the old Ashland mining ditch to a point near the head of Wimer street, whence it will make a gradual descent to North Main street. A view which can be only described as magnificent will be obtainable from every part of the drive. The timbered portions and the fact that it is on the shady side of the canyon will make the drive an ideal cool walk on the hottest summer day. When completed the two drives will together form one wonderful skyline drive around Ashland which will have no equal.

Boys who go hunting in the vicinity of Bear creek should be careful where they shoot. Some people were fishing in the creek the other day when a bullet came whistling through the water very near to the fishing party. And the boys came down and waded across to town in high glee over their day's sport, apparently entirely unconscious of the danger they had caused others by their careless shooting.

Prof. Allen Eaton Will Lecture Here

Allen Eaton of the University of Oregon will lecture at the Ashland public library Thursday evening of this week on art. He comes to Ashland under the auspices of the C. L. S. C. No charge will be made for the lecture and everyone is urged to be present. In the past the lecture given by the extension workers of the university were not as well attended as they should be because the general public did not understand that no charge was made. It is to be hoped that a capacity house will greet Mr. Eaton. He brings with him a display of pottery which is well worth seeing.

Siskiyou County Road Soon Done

The Pacific Highway in Siskiyou county will be ready for travel in a few weeks, when travel over the mountains will begin to open up.

The Southern Pacific Company has informed the Siskiyou county officials that work on the two grade crossings yet uncompleted in that county will be commenced as soon as weather permits.

The completion of the two crossings, one located at Bailey Hill, between Hornbrook and Hill, and the other at Black Butte summit, between Weed and Sisson, will complete the state highway in Siskiyou county. The approaches to the Shasta and Klamath river bridges are being rushed to completion and will be entirely finished in about two weeks.

Mary Pickford in Madame Butterfly

Mary Pickford, "America's sweetest" and Ashland's favorite screen actress, will be at the Vining Tuesday evening in an exquisitely artistic portrayal of John Luther Long's classic, "Madame Butterfly."

The pathetic story of Cho-Cho-San—"Madame Butterfly," as her treacherous American husband calls her—is told with infinite artistic skill. There is no pretence of showy theatricalism in the staging of the production, which has been accomplished with the assistance of especially engaged authorities on Japanese costumes and manners. For settings, the most beautiful Japanese gardens in America were used.

Committees were appointed to take up matters of seasonal interest and take care of them in time for the use of the range in that district this year to the best advantage. Drift fences and their locations were discussed, sources of water supply, their development for more water this year and their protection were arranged for, and many other matters of interest to those whose stock use that range.

It was the opinion of a number of those who attended the meeting that this will be a good range year, the wild grasses having started vigorously and the moisture being much more abundant than it was at this time last year.

Stock Raisers Meet at Medford

The Dead Indian Stock Raisers' Association met at the public library at Medford last Wednesday. M. L. Erickson, supervisor of the forestry service for this district, met with them, the co-operation of his service being offered wherever possible. A large attendance participated in the business of the meeting. George W. Owen of Ashland is president, and Fred Neil, also of Ashland, is secretary.

A surprisingly large number of people make Lithia park their daily haunt, and any one of them whom you meet will tell you of new walks and beauty spots which they have discovered. The scope of Ashland's parks may only be realized by several days of exploration. The park workers have constructed several miles of footpaths on the hills above the creek, and one day is just a beginning if one wishes to "see it all."

Ashland Tidings wants ads bring results.