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Soda-Lithia Well Ready For Pump

The soda-lithia, or Dodge, well has been bored down to the original 131-foot level, the casing drawn and the well made ready for the pump. Engineer Phillips recommends that the capacity of the pump be reduced to approximately 25 gallons per minute—it now lifts about 38 gallons—as 25 gallons he considers the safe pumping capacity of the well. This will be accomplished by exchanging the present six-inch cylinder for one four and three-fourths inches in diameter. Negotiations are now on for the exchange, and as the pump manufacturers are located in New York state it may be three or four weeks before the new installation is completed.

The water appears all it was expected to be—good soda-lithia heavily charged with gas. This water, the commission thinks, will now be delivered in the park in fine condition.

This should allay all doubt, if there has been any, as to the successful delivery of all the waters to the park in the same condition as at the spring.

Reports have been received from Corvallis on the lithia water, and it is found by analyses to be the same at the fountain as at the spring.

The lithia and sulphur waters are being now delivered in the park continuously, and there should be no serious intermissions in the future.

Medford baseball enthusiasts have started spring practice and expect to put a strong team in the field this year. Ashland has much good baseball material but owing to a lack of a field where Sunday games may be played, will probably not have a team.

Voters Turn Down Refunding Deal

The voters of Ashland turned down the proposition to rebond the city to the extent of \$43,500 by almost an eleven to one majority at the special election held Tuesday. But 402 votes out of a possible 2,000 were cast. Thirty-four votes favored the proposed deal and 368 voted against it. The first ward stood 18 for and 108 against, the second ward went 9 for and 118 against, and the third ward 10 for and 142 against.

The proposition was to rebond the city, redeem outstanding bonds upon which the city is paying 6 per cent and turn the new bonds over to the Lumberman's Trust Company of Portland at 5 per cent interest, thus saving 1 per cent. The main objection raised was that possibly by submitting the proposition to the open bond market a still better rate might be obtained. Another objection was to stringing the bonds out over ten years or more when under the present system they would be paid off in four. The public generally did not take the trouble to investigate the matter thoroughly, hence the light vote.

Jackson County Registration

The following is a complete list of registrations, showing the number registered in the various parties up to week ending April 8, 1916:

- Republican—Male 1,639, female 964, total 2,603.
- Democrat—Male 843, female 464, total 1,307.
- Progressive—Male 17, female 3, total 20.
- Prohibition—Male 29, female 67, total 96.
- Socialist—Male 95, female 35, total 130.
- Miscellaneous—Male 117, female 77, total 194.
- Totals—Male 2,740, female 1,610, total 4,350.

Arrangements are now being made to reopen operations of the sawmill of the Grand Applegate Ditch Co. located near Watkins at the terminus of the canal of that company, nine miles from the Blue Ledge mine. The mill has a capacity of 3500 feet a day of one shift. It will cut the lumber for the flumes and other necessary improvements in the mines and mining camps of that district.

Easter April 23. We can have your suit tailored for the great dress-up day if you put your order in by Saturday, at Orres' Tailor Shop. It

Civic Club Favors Roller Skating

The Civic Improvement Club met at the library Tuesday afternoon. The delegates were appointed for the meeting of the Federated Clubs of Southern Oregon which takes place in Ashland on April 26, 27 and 28. The delegates are as follows: Mesdames Lamb, Leavitt, Jack, Whitney, Hodgson and Winter.

Reports were made of the pageant which will be put on on May 21 in Chautauqua Park.

Roller skating on the sidewalks of the city came up for discussion and the club members finally went on record as favoring allowing the children to skate on the sidewalks.

The meeting then adjourned so that the members might have an opportunity to inspect the exhibition of bird houses constructed by the school children.

Train 53 Changes Time April 20

Southern Pacific train No. 53 will run between Portland and San Francisco on a changed schedule on and after April 20. The train will leave Portland at 8:30 a. m. and will arrive in Ashland at about 11 p. m. instead of 3 a. m. as at present.

Must Reorganize To Get on Ballot

The socialist party of the state must reorganize to place a list of candidates on the ballot for the next election, according to an opinion handed down by Attorney General Brown in response to an inquiry from Secretary of State Olcott, says the Capital Journal. Any political party, under the state law, must poll a vote of not less than 5 per cent of the total vote cast for congressman in the district. At the last election the socialist party cast more than 5 per cent for congressman in the first district, in the second district they had no candidate, and in the third district polled less than 5 per cent of the total vote for congress. This would prohibit the party from putting candidates in the field except as a new party. The attorney general says the socialists may reorganize and as a new political party may nominate candidates by circulating petitions which contain the required per cent of signers.

James Vance, who is home from the University of Oregon to spend the spring vacation at Medford, was a visitor in Ashland Monday.

S. P. Officials See Lithia Park

A party of Southern Pacific officials, consisting of J. H. Dyer, wife and children in his private car Sacramento, J. W. Metcalf and wife in his private car Shasta, arrive on train 16 this evening and will be met by two automobiles and driven over the Ashland parks while the train is in Ashland. Local Agent G. N. Kramer will pilot the party during their stay in Ashland. Agent Kramer entertained General Manager D. W. Campbell Wednesday while train 16 was in Ashland, he arriving in his private car Siskiyou. Mr. Campbell was very enthusiastic over the springs and environment here and remarked particularly upon the palatableness of the waters.

Would Give Medford Kids Picnic Here

Medford Sun: An auto owner of the city, who asks that his name be deleted, has suggested that his fellow auto owners set aside a couple of Saturday afternoons during the summer and donate the use of their machines to take the children of the city to Ashland, for a play in Lithia Park. "Last Saturday," said the bashful philanthropist, "I was going down the street, and I counted over 100 idle machines. I thought then what a fine idea it would be if boys and girls who never see the inside of a machine could be taken for a ride. It wouldn't cost anybody much, and would do the little folks a lot of good."

Only Four More Days In Which To Register for the May Primaries

Only four more days in which to register. If you have not already registered, crank up the car, hitch up the horse or strike out on foot for the registrar's office of your precinct. You may register up until the evening of next Tuesday, April 18. You must register in order to vote in the primaries which occur on May 19.

Roseburg Will Vote on Bonds Again

Undaunted by a decision of the supreme court which declared \$300,000 bonds voted by the city of Roseburg to construct a railroad tapping the rich Rock creek timber, illegal, the city of Roseburg will submit another somewhat similar bond proposition to the vote of the people. The new bond issue, if it carries, will be legal in the judgment of those who prepared it. A \$500,000 sawmill project, backed by eastern capital, will go in if the railroad is constructed.

Wilson Murder Trial April 20th

J. S. Wilson, former Ashland policeman, who shot and killed a Stockton bartender several weeks ago in Stockton, California, will be tried on April 20. His trial was set for April 14, but was postponed until the twentieth.

Wilson is held for murder without bail. According to advices from Stockton official opinion is that he will be found guilty of manslaughter but may be recommended to the mercy of the court. The killing occurred under rather queer circumstances, Wilson having been ejected from a saloon twice, returning with a gun the third time and opening fire on the bartender. Wilson afterward stated that he remembered nothing of the affair.

Wilson was at one time a member of the Ashland police force but about a year ago was dismissed following a disgraceful attack upon Chief Porter. Wilson was a mining man and has a wife and child. Some few weeks previous to the Stockton killing, he was employed as a guard at the insane asylum at Stockton.

Popular Prices for Musical Comedy

Work on the musical comedy which will be presented under the auspices of the Commercial Club is progressing merrily. The cast are now practically better perfect and are receiving the finishing polish under the tuition of Director George Watson. The choruses are being selected and preliminary work on the music started. The comedy will be presented at the Vining Theatre, and the present indications point toward a full house. Prices will be 25 and 50 cents.

\$200,000 Medford Mining Transfer

A monster mining deal is reported from Medford as being closed last Monday when C. P. Kribs, E. W. Liljeholm of Medford and W. S. Hayes of Detroit, Mich. sold their cinabar property near Gold Hill, known as the King Mountain mine, to an eastern syndicate for \$200,000.

The eastern syndicate was represented by Colonel J. M. Bailey of Rochester, N. Y., and the operation of the mine has already been taken over by W. S. Lashells, a mining engineer employed by the eastern capitalists.

The King Mountain property covers 940 acres near Gold Hill and is probably one of the richest quicksilver properties on the coast. According to the owners, quicksilver can now be panned out in a free state without treatment. The new owners, however, will at once install elaborate equipment, including retorts and furnaces, cook houses and shacks which are erected, and 100 men will be put to work as soon as the machinery is in place.

Local and Personal

Julian Provost, of St. Paul, Ore., is here visiting relatives in the Provost family. He is a brother of Pierre Provost.

J. C. Herring, of Central Point, candidate for assessor on the republican ticket, was an Ashland visitor Tuesday.

George W. Owens, candidate for county commissioner, spent Wednesday morning looking after business and political affairs in Medford.

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Penrow, recent arrivals in Ashland from King county, Cal., spent Sunday as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Grow, in Medford.

Leonard Hinton, special writer from whose pen several special articles have appeared in the Tidings, left Tuesday evening for northern Oregon.

The old wooden coping on the front of Simpson's hardware store is being removed, and the change will much better the appearance of that place of business.

Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Brown leave this week on an extended auto tour of the Northwest, which will include British Columbia points. They expect to be gone for two months.

A small-sized army of candidates for county offices is in the city today from Medford. Among those present are "Curly" Wilson, Roy Maule, A. T. Brown and several henchmen. Sheriff Singler is also in the city today.

J. W. Massey, formerly in the employ of the Southern Pacific as operator and trainman, died at Vancouver, B. C., March 27, and was buried there. For several years he had been connected with the Hotel Columbia in that city. He was a member of Ashland Masonic lodge.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Walker of Liberty street are expecting a visit from some of Mr. Walker's old schoolmates in Wisconsin, whom he has not seen for a great many years. They are now in San Francisco and are expected to arrive here the latter part of this week.

Engineer E. A. Hunter of the S. P. company, has moved from his residence property on the corner of Third and B streets to 505 Boulevard and has rented his B street property to Conductor W. E. Jeter.

J. F. Melke, former Ashland resident and owner of considerable property in the city, arrived this morning and is holding an informal reception on the streets today. Mr. Melke has been in Arizona, his wife and daughters making their home in Berkeley, where the young ladies are attending school.

With but five days more in which to register, over 50 per cent of the voters of Jackson county have not registered. It is to date the lightest registration in years. With a possible registration of 10,000, but 4,350 had registered—2,740 male, 1,610 female, 2,603 republican, 1,307 democrats, 20 progressives.

The Vining theatre has secured "Peggy" with the famous star, Billie Burke, for April 20 and 21. This picture is one of the biggest attractions which has been released in months and the metropolitan papers have been full of it. Manager Bergner was fortunate in securing it for Ashland, as usually pictures of such drawing power do not get out of the big cities for several months after they are released. Ashland has the picture ahead of any of the valley cities.

The original Walking Jarboes, who are on a walk from Kansas City, Mo., to Kansas City, Mo., were in Ashland Wednesday, the first hikers of the season. They left Kansas City broke, and are supposed to get back in the same shape. If they do they will win a purse of \$2,000. They exist by the sale of postcards, and so far have not had to sleep out or miss any meals. To date they have walked 3,635 miles, and before they reach their terminal will have traversed, by putting one foot in front of the other, over 40,000 miles.

New Panoramic Views Catching

The Southern Pacific Company will help advertise Ashland by installing panoramic views of Lithia Park. The following letter from John M. Scott explains itself:

"We can display in the show window of our ticket office, Portland, to good advantage, one of the panoramic views of Ashland Lithia Park, or, in fact, any other Ashland pictures, if they portray some interesting views."

The springs commission will have some of the panoramas enlarged and grouped with other interesting Ashland scenes and send them to Mr. Scott for the display.

Also, we are taking the matter up with Mr. Batters, the California S. P. ticket agent, with the view of getting them similarly displayed at San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Diego.

Auto Stage Line To Klamath Falls

C. D. Howard is resuming the auto stage service between Ashland and Klamath Falls and will make his first trip next Monday, going by way of Hornbrook and Ager. He will make three trips a week at first and later will put on two cars, one to leave each city at 8:30 every morning.

9,272 More School Children

The year 1915 shows 9,272 more children attending school in Oregon than during the previous school year. State Superintendent J. A. Churchill finds in going over the records preparatory to making his next biennial report. The total number last year was 151,799.

In teachers an increase of 302 is shown. In public schools 6,055 teachers were employed and 509 in private schools. Exactly 10,000 pupils were enrolled in private schools. The percentage of attendance was 93.

"The total cost of the public schools last year was \$7,065,018.54," says Superintendent Churchill. "Of this amount \$3,786,679.98 was paid to teachers, \$1,111,461.94 was used in building new school houses and in the purchase of building sites, \$545,286.45 was expended for repairs and janitor work, and \$421,791.34 was spent for fuel and school supplies. School district clerks were paid \$47,198.50 for their services. The indebtedness of the districts at the close of the last school year amounted to \$5,560,894.17, of which \$4,718,849.14 was bonded indebtedness which has been assumed in the erection of new school buildings."

Washington Auto Tourists Camp

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Virden and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kinney of Cle Elum, Wash., spent last night in Lithia Park auto camp, leaving for the north this afternoon. They are en route home after spending the winter at San Diego. The roads between San Francisco and the Siskiyou mountains were found to be in good shape, but they hit the Siskiyou grade immediately after the heavy rains of this week and had quite a slippery time getting over. The women of the party were especially enthused over the auto camp and park, and before leaving Mrs. Virden said: "We will carry away most pleasant recollections of Ashland and the day and night spent at your perfect camp."

Scenic Drive Has Maple Trees

Residents of Scenic Drive have planted seventy-five Oregon maple trees in a concerted effort to secure uniform beautification of that beautiful residence street. The drive proper park rows. These good citizens are setting an example which no doubt will be followed by the residents of other streets.

We are showing some handsome woollens for your new spring suit at \$15, \$18, \$20 and \$22 at Orres'. It

Phone job orders to the Tidings.

Prizes Awarded For Bird Houses

Robert Keller of the high school and Ernest Fulgham of the grade schools hold the distinction of being the best bird house architects and builders in Ashland as a result of the prize competition held at the library this week under the auspices of the Civic Improvement Club. Over thirty-five bird houses were entered in competition, the styles of architecture ranging from the rustic log cabin to ambitious summer bird-hotel size. All of the houses were artistic and the judges had a hard time awarding the prizes.

Bob Keller's prize-winning house was one of several which he submitted for competition and was pronounced by Carpenter Damon, who was one of the judges, to be a very clever piece of woodwork. Ernest Fulgham's house won the grade award on the perfect workmanship and artistic features.

John Fowler, Wence Keeran, Frances Lane and Lea Peachey of the grades won the second prizes in the grade class. Russell Miller, John Johnson, William Lentz, Frank Smith, Neil Fennell, Walter O'Donohue, Donald Wells, Francis Barnt-house and Ernest Cooper won the third prizes in their class.

Calvin McClelland and Paul Winter won the second high school class prizes and Wright Tinker and Raymond Long the third prizes.

Several of the bird houses have already been sold and others will be taken by the park board and other buyers. Much interest was evidenced in the contest and much interest in the birds and their life aroused as a result.

Scotch Capitalist Buys Valley Home

The popularity of the Rogue River valley as an all-year resort is shown by the purchase Tuesday of the Emil Britt property of 430 acres by Sir Francis Webster, a wealthy flax-spinner of Arbroth, Scotland, for \$9,500.

Sir Francis did not buy the property for an orchard or a commercial ranch, but merely for a country estate, where he expects to place his younger son and also spend a few months himself every year. The Britt place has no fruit trees, but is a picturesque tract near Jacksonville, nestling attractively among the foothills with a splendid view of snow-capped Mount Pitt and the Rogue River valley.

Sir Francis is said to be one of the wealthiest manufacturers of Scotland and plans to make the Britt place one of the most attractive properties in the valley. A rambling country house will be erected at once and the grounds laid out by one of Sir Francis Webster's own gardeners.

Sir Francis was the guest of E. F. Guthrie of Medford several months ago and became so attached to the valley that he at once looked over the ground for a future home for his young son. Sir Francis' elder son, an officer in the British army, was killed a few months ago in France.

Two New Teachers Are Selected

Two of the four vacancies in the teaching staff of the Ashland schools have been filled. Miss Margaret Anderson of Central City, Colo., has been elected teacher of music, succeeding Miss Anna B. Harris. Miss Grace Lilly of Portland will preside over the destinies of the English department, which is under the direction of Miss Elfreida Merz this year. Miss Lilly is at present connected with the University of Oregon. The new appointees will take up their work at the beginning of the fall term. Two positions are as yet unfilled.

Died.

Thomas G. Cox passed away at 12:30 a. m. Wednesday at his home on East Main street. He was 82 years, 1 month and 9 days of age. He lived with his daughter, Gertrude Cox. The remains will be shipped to Omeo, Wis., for burial.

The immediate survivors of Mr. Cox of Klamath Falls, Miss Gertrude Cox of this city, and another daughter whose home is in Canada.

I. F. Britton and family have moved to Eagle Point.