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City of Sunshine and Flowers

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## Farmers Recommend District Treasurer

Tuesday the Talent Farmers' Club held an important meeting at the town hall. Some time ago a meeting was held for the purpose of recommending directors for the irrigation proposition, and the men recommended for this job are O. A. Manning of Talent, R. E. Robison of Talent and J. W. Millner of Ashland. At that time the treasurer of the district was overlooked, so at the Tuesday's meeting Mr. Emmett Beeson was recommended. The question of whether an irrigation district will be formed will be decided at the primary election on May 19, and if at the election the majority of votes are for the irrigation district, the above mentioned directors will have full charge and will proceed with the consideration of the irrigation projects.

At the same meeting J. J. Chambers, who owned Buck Lake water supply, submitted a report. He was asked by the club to submit more definite plans.

Another important meeting of the Farmers' Club will be held within the next two weeks, and all farmers who are interested are expected to be present.

## Local and County Registration Total

The total registration in Ashland was 1,670 at the close of the registration for the May primaries. Barron and Bellevue precincts are included in this total. C. L. Loomis registered the largest number, 521 voters, in the East Main, Southeast and Boulevard precincts, affixing their names to blanks in the Loomis confectionery. Mrs. Susie Allen registered 429 from the Northwest Ashland and Ashland West Central precincts. J. A. Lemery registered 299 from the East and Central divisions, and G. F. Billings registered 421 names from the Oak, North Ashland, Bellevue and Barron districts. Republicans led in the registration by a large majority. The women were very well represented.

The registration for the county shows a total of 7,650 voters, with twice as many republicans as democrats. Three thousand, seven hundred and forty-seven men designated their political faith with the G. O. P., and 1,915 women did likewise. In the democratic party there are 1,405 men and 881 women. The Bull Moose still retains the affections of 27 men and 9 women, a total of 36.

The prohibition party has 42 men and 114 women, the only party in which the women lead. The socialist party contains 137 men and 60 women, a total of 197. One hundred and seventy-four men and 139 women, a total of 313, registered as possessing no particular political faith, and are classed as miscellaneous. About fifteen of the registrations were sent back for minor corrections.

## Will Stage Pageant In Ashland Park

One hundred students of the expression and physical training classes of the Medford Conservatory of Music and Art will stage a spectacular pageant, "The Masque of Myths," in Lithia Park in this city on the evening of May 23. Music will be furnished by two bands and an orchestra and elaborate costumes especially designed. The Medford students are being trained under the direction of Mrs. Hovious of the conservatory.

The pageant will be given under the auspices of the Ashland Civic Club and the Greater Medford Club.

## Lured Minors From Phoenix Home

Mrs. Lizzie Thurman Colby, eight-year-old girl who was arrested at Hornbrook last Wednesday on a charge of contributing to the delinquency of minors, was bound over to the grand jury by Justice Taylor at Medford Friday. One of the jitney drivers between Ashland and Medford is mixed up in the case and an abundance of sordid details developed at the hearings.

According to the testimony, Mrs. Colby induced the two minor girls to accompany her to Ashland, first having the girls retire, and then meet her when their mothers were asleep. They attended a dance in Ashland

## Buck Lake Project Is Considered

The Buck Lake irrigation proposition, which is offered the Talent-Ashland irrigation district by J. J. Chambers and the company which backs him, is receiving serious consideration from the irrigationists. Mr. Chambers has been asked to submit detailed data concerning the project. Through misinformation the statement was made last week that the main stream which feeds Buck Lake is thirty yards wide and twelve feet deep. This should have read thirty feet wide and four feet deep, according to Mr. Chambers. This river flows from an immense spring.

## The Mathis-Vessey Meetings Attract

The Mathis-Vessey revival meetings are attracting big crowds at the Chautauqua building every evening. Special services for every evening this week and afternoon services on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday have been announced. Tuesday night will be devoted especially to the young people and the high school has been invited to attend. Wednesday will be Medford night, Thursday women's night and Friday men's night. On Saturday evening the choir will give a sacred concert.

The concert given by the children last Saturday evening was heard by a large crowd. Sunday was a great day, with three services. Hundreds of women attended the afternoon meeting.

## Churchill Outlines Rural School Plan

Superintendent Churchill, head of the Oregon school system, outlined a campaign which has been instituted to raise the standard of the rural schools of Oregon, before the Southern Oregon District Federation of Women's Clubs last Wednesday. Mr. Churchill first told of the deplorable conditions which had existed in the rural schools of Oregon prior to the awakening of interest in this important division of the state's educational system three years ago.

He stated that for twenty-five years absolutely no record was kept of the rural schools and no standard demanded. The rural schools commanded no attention outside of their little circles and were not recognized as a part of the state's system. Now, however, the rural schools have become recognized as a vital part of the educational system everywhere and all the states have made some kind of systematic effort to raise the standard.

At the last session of the legislature Miss Towne of Jackson county introduced a bill which required a minimum term of eight months in every school in Oregon and required that teachers have at least one year of elementary training in teaching.

The school authorities have now outlined a plan which they designate as the county unit plan, and Superintendent Churchill is working in the interests of this plan. The plan is to divide every county into five districts. At an annual meeting each district is to elect one member to a board which will have the handling of school funds and elect the superintendent of the district. The board will place the teachers and buy and install equipment. The county will then be the unit of taxation for the rural school systems.

This plan has the backing of the United States board of education and is considered the ideal way of handling the problems of the rural schools.

A part of the campaign for a higher standard of rural schools includes more normal schools in the state. Mr. Churchill's statements regarding the re-establishment of the Southern Oregon Normal were applauded enthusiastically. He stated that the time is coming when there will be no state teachers' examinations, but the teachers will be required to keep up to the minute by reading circle work.

and secured a jitney for the return trip. There were three young men along. It was alleged that they drove the car into the brush near Phoenix and extinguished all the lights. The prosecuting attorney's office is investigating the conduct of the boys on the trip.

Tidings "For Sale" ads are active little real estate salesmen.



Kathryn Williams in "The Ne'er-Do-Well" at the Vining Monday and Tuesday, May 1st and 2nd.

## Here's Where Greer Got the Money

It is unfortunate that Ashland officials are compelled to resort to affidavits to defend their reputation against false and malicious charges. The following affidavit and receipt show where Greer got the money to pay off the \$4,000 mortgage which enemies recently insinuated likely came out of the Smith-Emercy contract on the springs enterprise, and that the Tidings was put out of Greer's name to avoid deficiency judgments.

**Number One Nailed.**  
Just to bring out the truth, the following items are copied from the vouchers which the Springs Water Commission issued for printing letter heads, and include every letter head printed by the Tidings for the Springs Water Commission:  
June 14, 1915, 1,500 letter heads for publicity department ..... \$ 7.00  
Sept. 25, 1915, 2,000 letter heads (one color) ..... 8.00  
Nov. 23, 1915, printing glass of water on 500 letter heads Jan. 13, 1916, printing 1,000 letter heads ..... 6.00  
Jan. 26, 1916, printing 1,500 letter heads, two colors ..... 10.00  
March 10, 1916, printing 1,000 letter heads, two colors ..... 7.50  
It will be seen that in not a single instance did the Tidings charge \$10 for 1,000 letter heads. The only item that nearly approximates that is the item of January 26, in which 1,500 letter heads—not 1,000—were printed for \$10. These were printed on twenty-four-pound Exchange bond, in two colors. This the Tidings supplied and charged the same price it gets from other customers for the same service, \$10 for 1,500 of them.

## Blow Up Produce Association Safe

Some time early Sunday morning, burglars, who must have been experts, from the thorough and workmanlike job which they performed, blew up the safe in the Ashland Fruit and Produce Association's office, securing about \$20. Entrance was secured through a window by breaking the glass. The door was blown off the safe, the explosion breaking several windows and scattering fragments all over the office. Probably because of the proximity to the railroad yards, the explosion was not heard by anyone in the neighborhood. No traces of the burglars were left except two heel marks in front of the safe. Not a single finger print could be found or other clue of any nature. Swift's Packing Company was engaged the same night, but nothing taken except a can of pineapple. E. E. Bagley left last night for an extended business trip in the east.

## Motors from Beyond Roseburg to Lecture

Virgil O. Strickler, the Christian Science lecturer who spoke here last Thursday evening, underwent a trying experience in getting to Ashland in time to meet his engagement. On account of the train wreck at Rice Hill, north of Roseburg, Mr. Strickler drove all the way from Yoncalla by automobile, arriving at 9 p. m. and immediately taking the platform. Yoncalla is just this side of Drain and several miles north of Roseburg. Mr. Strickler had to go hungry all day. Several hundred people crowded the Elks temple to hear him lecture Thursday.

## Mrs. Canby of Grants Pass Is President

The following officers were elected at the concluding session of the Southern Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs' annual convention in Ashland last Friday: President, Mrs. W. W. Canby, Grants Pass; vice-presidents, Mrs. E. D. Briggs, Ashland, and Miss Marian Towne, Phoenix; recording secretary, Mrs. C. D. Hoon, Medford; corresponding secretary, Mrs. L. O. Clements, Grants Pass; treasurer, Mrs. Madge Buchanan, Roseburg; auditor, Mrs. F. C. Smith, Jacksonville; district organizer, Mrs. J. F. Mundy, Medford.

The president-elect, Mrs. Canby, was for four years national president of the Kappa Kappa Gamma fraternity.

## Berkeley Ranch Sold To Howard

W. H. Howard has purchased the Berkeley ranch, four miles east of Ashland, from A. F. Berkley. This ranch property is considered one of the most fertile farms in the south end of the valley. The sulphur spring from which water is piped to Lithia Park is on this place. Hodgson & Reed negotiated the deal.

## Report of District Federation Meet

The following comprehensive report of the third annual convention of the Southern Oregon District Federation of Women's Clubs was written for the Tidings by Mesdames Jack, Whitney and Roland of the Ashland clubs. The account of Wednesday's sessions appears in this issue, and the reports of the Thursday and Friday sessions will follow in Thursday's issue.

The First Southern Oregon District Federation of Women's Clubs held its third annual convention in Auxiliary hall at Ashland April 26, 27 and 28, 1916.

Miss Marian B. Towne of Phoenix presided in her happiest vein throughout the entire session. She furnished an unusually instructive and classy program.

Following the registration of delegates, the entire audience made "America" ring, giving promise of the enthusiasm and intense interest that would prevail.

Then we came right down to solid thinking in State Superintendent Churchill's address on "The Influence of School Legislation." He spoke earnestly on what can be done to improve rural schools, but does not advocate the "teacherage" of which the Washington state superintendent is so optimistic. By this plan rural teachers have a cottage in each district which becomes a real home to them during their incumbency. There are twenty-eight such school-cottages in Oregon, but in Mr. Churchill's opinion they are a failure. Then he gave us some measures necessary to carry out the program of improvement through legislative enactment. He explained at length the county unit system and the county unit of taxation. The schools of our state lie near to our hearts, and any measure that will better them or our teachers when set forth by so able an advocate as State Superintendent Churchill has great weight with us. If we learned nothing more during the three days' convention we should have been heartily repaid for attending.

## "The Ne'er-Do-Well" Tonight and Tuesday

Tonight and tomorrow night the Vining Theatre offers the greatest production which has been thrown on the screen in months. As great if not greater than "The Spellers" is the great Rex Beach story of Panama, "The Ne'er-Do-Well." The cast is much the same as made the great Alaskan picture, the story is Rex Beach's greatest, and the Selig players journeyed to Panama to get the actual settings for this wonderful and fascinating nine-reel picture. Kathryn Williams, Wheeler Oakman and a supporting cast of virile, "live" players was gathered together to produce this great Selig feature.

The story of the Ne'er-Do-Well is familiar to almost everyone. Containing, as it does, unrivalled opportunities for plot, action and thrilling incidents, it is the ideal motion picture story. The greatest achievement of the age, the building of the Panama canal, furnishes inspiration for the greatest picture of the age.

Special music and concert by the Vining eight-piece orchestra accompanies the picture. Don't miss this attraction.

## Grants Pass Gets Monster Sawmill

A sawmill of 50,000 daily capacity is to be established in Grants Pass. Seven carloads of machinery are on the way and the erection of the mill will be rushed. Logs for the mill will be brought in over the newly constructed railroad which extends into the Illinois valley. Edgar Hafer of Medford will manage the mill, being associated with representatives of the Twoby company.

The mill is one that is shipped in the first instance to Butte Falls about four years ago, and was to have been erected to cut the fir timber there by the Hart interests. About the time the mill arrived Mr. Hart died and the estate was closed up without putting the mill into operation. It was taken over by the Owens of Medford, by whom it has now been transferred to the new company which is moving it from Jackson county to Josephine county.

The mill will be erected upon the line of the Twoby railroad, on the north side of the river, and within the city limits. This mill is but one of several new industries which will materialize in Grants Pass within the next few weeks, resulting upon the opening of the vast territory to the west by the new railroad.

## Summer Opening of Crowson's Wednesday

Wyn Crowson has secured the services of David Wicker, head dispenser from the Hazelwood Confectionery of Portland, to preside over the fountain at Crowson's Confectionery in Ashland. Mr. Wicker is a real artist at compounding fancy drinks, sundaes and other fountain delicacies, and is a valuable addition to the attractions which Crowson's have to offer.

A formal opening of the summer season has been announced for Wednesday afternoon and evening of this week at Crowson's. Special entertainment afternoon and evening, including Loveland's orchestra, will be offered, and the public is invited to drop in and spend a pleasant hour some time during the day.

Mr. Crowson will have orchestra music and other attractions afternoon and evening during the summer. He intends to make Crowson's Confectionery one of Ashland's most attractive recreation centers.

We can duplicate any broken lens. Bring us the pieces. H. L. Whited, optician. 97-2t

## COMMERCIAL CLUB TONIGHT

The Commercial Club elects officers tonight. The future policy of the club will be discussed and some definite action will be taken outlining a policy. Several other important matters are to be voted upon and the meeting will be an important one. Every member should attend. Eight o'clock.

## Steamer Afire Attracts Crowd

Attracting more attention than the revival meeting or the attractions of Ashland park, a crowd of several score pedestrians and dozens of autos poured down Oak street in the wake of the fire truck Sunday afternoon. An alarm was turned in from the vicinity of a barn just below the Ashland lumber yards, where a little steamer car of the vintage of '97 was on fire. By the time the truck arrived the blaze was put out. The car is the property of Henry Hammond. Genuine Panama hats at \$8, \$4.50 and \$5 in the latest high crown shapes, also the regular styles. Mitchell & Whittle.

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