

Specialist Sees Big Resort Future

Dr. H. V. Pitschmann, formerly specialist in hydro-therapy at Burgess Hill sanitarium in England, and extensive traveler abroad, giving special attention to watering resorts, was a visitor at the Tidings office Tuesday and has the following to say regarding Ashland and its prospects, based on his knowledge and studies of European resorts:

"What wonderful opportunities and prospects Ashland would have as a watering resort if there was a water cure sanitarium here. For over five years I had charge of the hydro-therapy treatments in the Burgess Hill sanitarium in England and have seen the patients grow from 63 at its inception to never less than 1500 during my administration. It has occurred to me that Ashland, with its lovely environment, water and climate, which far exceeds the European resort of which I had charge, has unlimited possibilities.

"My experience has shown me that people from all over the globe attend these resorts, especially those afflicted with pulmonary and nervous diseases and I am quite sure that if these European resorts can keep up such a large number of patients that Ashland with her superior advantages, if properly handled, could be made to become a watering and health resort second to none in the world."

Dr. Pitschmann is a gentleman whose opinions cannot but carry much import. He has made the curative properties of mineral waters his study for many years and during his visits at the great European resorts made a careful investigation of every phase of one of Europe's great industries, that of scientific water cure treatments.

His stay in Ashland extended over several days, much longer than he had intended to stay, so great was his interest in Ashland's possibilities.

As have all of the widely-traveled visitors to Ashland, Dr. Pitschmann complimented the city upon having built a substantial foundation upon which to found a great health resort and upon leaving remarked his expectations of returning some time to find Ashland a resort city of national reputation.

Week's Attractions At Vining Theatre

Thursday.

"The Corner" and "Fatty and Mabel Adrift" are two Triangle pictures, the first a strong drama, the second Fatty Arbuckle's best comedy, which provides what promises to be the best balanced evening's program imaginable.

"The Corner" is the story of a big speculator who caused widespread misery by a monopoly in food products and the retribution that followed at the hands of one of his victims. Willard Mack, George Fawcett and Clara Williams are starred in this picture drama.

"Fatty and Mabel Adrift" is the best "Fatty" comedy yet released, according to all reports. The famous fat comedian and comical Mabel Normand are starred in a screamingly funny comedy based upon their adventures on their honeymoon. The picture has not a single lifeless moment. It is one big laugh.

Friday.

A Paramount feature of exceptional worth is slated for Friday night, with John Mason, the celebrated dramatic star, in a thrilling photo adaptation of Sir Charles L. Young's world-renowned drama, "Jim the Penman," the heart-gripping story of the great forger who sins for love and whose after life is one of remorse and retribution. Mr. Mason portrays with great force and dramatic discretion the title character, the man whose clever pen works so much harm to even his most dearly loved, and which finally writes, with his heart's blood, his own punishment.

Saturday.

Two Triangle features, Norma Talmadge and Robert Harron in "The Missing Link" and Sam Bernard in "Because He Loved Her," make up a Saturday night program of unexcelled excellence.

F. H. Mann will arrive here Saturday from Napa, Cal. He is driving his car up from Napa and upon his arrival will take personal charge of the fitting up of the building at the corner of Oak and Main streets which is to house his novelty store.

FIRST BAND CONCERT.

The Ashland band will give the first concert of the summer season in the new bandstand at Lithia Park next Wednesday evening, beginning at 8 o'clock sharp, weather permitting. This is the Ashland band's first appearance in Lithia Park, and a monster crowd is expected.

Transformation of A Year Amazes

S. E. Batters, assistant general passenger agent of the Southern Pacific, was in Ashland yesterday for his first visit since about a year and a half ago, when the springs project was in its stages of conception. Mr. Batters with his wife and Messrs. Burnbow, Interstate commerce attorney, and McDonald, efficiency engineer for the Southern Pacific, spent yesterday afternoon going over Lithia Park. Mr. Batters said: "You have accomplished a wonderful transformation here. You have accomplished all that you had set out to do upon the occasion of my last visit, and more too." All of the members of the party gave vent to their approval, with exclamation after exclamation of surprise and unstinted words of praise. Mr. Batters has headquarters at San Francisco and his activities extend over the vast tourist country of the southwest, including the pleasure resorts of southern California. When he states that Ashland has resort attractions which in their uniqueness exceed the California resorts, it means a great deal for Ashland.

Canyon Road To Be Made a Drive

The street department of the city will immediately put a crew of men at work putting Granite street, from the end of the pavement to the point where Glenview Drive joins the canyon road, into good shape. This canyon drive has been in very bad shape and the leveling of the road will remove what has been a big obstacle to heavier travel over Glenview Drive. The council appropriated \$300 for immediate use, with the understanding that more would be forthcoming if needed.

When Street Commissioner Fraley has finished with the road, a smooth drive which will make a beautiful approach to Glenview Drive will be provided.

Hundreds of cars drive up into the park, and when the canyon drive is put in shape a majority of them will travel over the wonderful skyline drive which sweeps around Prospect Point.

Ashland Band Needs Your Support

The Ashland band has been working faithfully through the winter and spring in preparation for furnishing concerts in Ashland park during the summer time. Director Carl Loveland, who directs the men's band and is also developing thirty-five ambitious lads of the city into a boys' band, has been receiving \$50 a month, \$25 of which was paid by the city council and \$25 from the band treasury. The band men are now negotiating the purchase of uniforms, which will require what money is left in their band account and considerably more as well. For the summer concerts it will be necessary to pay something to two or three new men who will be needed, and music and other expenses count up fast.

The financing of the band was brought up at Monday's Commercial Club meeting by O. F. Carson, who explained the status and needs of the band. A committee was appointed from the club, who will canvass the town, making the promise of at least one concert a week and asking subscriptions to be paid each month that the band lives up to its promises. Any amount from 25 cents a month up will be welcome, and it is hoped that the citizens of the city as a whole will show their appreciation of the work which the band men are donating for the city's welfare and the citizens' enjoyment by subscribing liberally.

Go to Helman's Bets next Saturday. The water is fine.

Hotel Oregon Opening and Banquet To Be Gala Event

Arrangements are complete for the opening of the Hotel Oregon banquet on Tuesday evening, May 9, at 7.30. Elaborate preparations have been made for the affair and it should be one long to be remembered in Ashland. Only a limited number can be accommodated, and reservations are coming in to the secretary of the Commercial Club indicating that the limit will be reached. A committee will have charge of the sale of tickets, which will be placed at \$1, but it will not be possible for them to reach all of those who will no doubt want to attend, and as many reservations should be made from the secretary as possible. This can be done

by phone, letter or in person. Simply state the number of tickets you want held for you. Every citizen of Ashland, ladies included, is eligible for this banquet, and you will be sorry if you miss it. A committee of ladies from the Civic Improvement Club are co-operating with the one from the Commercial Club. Mrs. C. H. Vaupel is chairman, Mrs. E. D. Briggs and Mrs. F. G. Swedenburg assisting. Tickets may be secured from any of these ladies. The decorating is also in charge of this committee, arrangements for which will be made at a meeting at the hotel Saturday evening. Loveland's orchestra will play throughout the evening.

Blow Up Safe At Central Point

What are believed by the authorities to be the same bunch of safe crackers who blew up the safe in the Ashland Fruit and Produce Association office last Sunday dynamited the safe in R. H. Paxson's drug store at Central Point about 3 o'clock Wednesday morning, smashing several windows and scattering pieces of safe all over the store. A little money and a quantity of watches and jewelry belonging to Runyan, the jeweler, were taken. The stolen goods and the damage to the store is estimated at close to \$2,000. The work in the Central Point and Ashland robberies was similar and everything points toward the conclusion that the same gang did both jobs.

Ask City To Add \$500.00 To Fund

H. O. Frohbach, chairman of the Springs Dedication Celebration Committee, which is made up of representatives from practically every organization in the city, appeared before the city council Tuesday evening and asked that the city donate \$500 toward the celebration fund. He outlined some of the attractions which will be included in the three days' celebration and stated that every organization and he believed every citizen of Ashland was behind him in his request that the city at large as represented by the council assist in the financing. Councilman Lamb expressed himself as surprised that the committee did not ask for more. Several of the councilmen spoke favorably to the donation, the main objection arising being the question of legality of the appropriation of the amount for the purpose. Finally the matter was referred to the city attorney, and the council will meet in adjourned session tonight to act upon his recommendation. The celebration committee has been unable to see many whom they feel would be willing to help put on a big celebration and would most certainly appreciate subscriptions turned in at the First National Bank.

That the fund for the celebration should be raised pro rata by the citizens instead of being subscribed by the few merchants was the opinion of several of the councilmen, and the opinion expressed that in donating \$500 toward the celebration fund the council would be carrying out the desire of the majority of the citizens.

May 6 to 13 Is Gas Range Week

The use of gas for cooking is becoming more common throughout the country with every week. May 6 to 13 has been designated by the gas companies of the United States as gas range week, and in line with the movement the Ashland company will conduct extensive demonstrations and make a thorough campaign in an effort to spread the realization of the economy and efficiency of gas for cooking.

DEFERRED.
The account of the Thursday and Friday Federation sessions is deferred to Monday's issue because of lack of space.

Will Investigate Skating Floors

As a preliminary move toward investigation of the possibility and advisability of constructing a public skating rink or floor for the children, Mayor Johnson appointed a committee consisting of Councilmen Ninger, Lamb and Cornelius, at Tuesday evening's council meeting. This committee will investigate probable cost and confer with the school board in an endeavor to secure their co-operation in the construction of such a floor or floors. Various materials will be considered and a thorough investigation made of the feasibility of such a feature. The recent passage of an ordinance prohibiting skating on the sidewalks led to the council's action in the matter.

Minor Matters Of Council Meet

Tuesday evening's council meeting developed no clasher or vaudeville, and the big crowd which was not there did not miss anything. Only a few citizens were present.

Besides matters reported elsewhere, the following actions were taken: The committee which has been negotiating with Mr. Billings for the piece of land on Park avenue, upon which his barn stands, reported a proposition which was not favorably received, and were discharged and the matter was laid on the table.

The petition of S. A. Hawks, who lives just outside the city limits, for water from the city mains was turned down, the city fathers suggesting that hereafter when residents just outside the city limits wished water they take the necessary moves to have their property brought into the city limits. It seems that bringing even a little farm into the city costs a big amount for election expense, as a separate election has to be held on the land which is to be brought in.

S. Clute was awarded the contract for the construction of 195 square feet of sidewalk on C street near Third, his bid being 10 cents per foot and totalling a dollar less than the next highest bidder.

The electric light committee of the council reported that they were experimenting with the lighting appliances for the lighting of Lithia Park and were granted more time for their work.

A motion passed authorizing the advertisements for bids for the removal of the Kinney barn from the newly acquired property on the west side of Park avenue, to property on Water street.

The resolution creating the new sewer district in the northern part of the city was passed.

In order to act upon the city attorney's advice in regard to the city's appropriation for the celebration in July, the council adjourned to meet Thursday evening.

Foresight Saves City Goodly Sum

The purchase of a carload of pipe by the water department some two months ago saved the city several hundred dollars. The carload of pipe which has arrived cost the city a fraction over 27 cents a foot, or a total of \$2,174.62. Had its purchase been deferred a month it would have cost over 33 cents a foot owing to a raise resulting from war conditions.

Teddy Provost has accepted a position with the depot painting gang of the Southern Pacific Company for this territory and reported for work at Steelman Monday morning. He will cover territory between Ashland, Red Bluff and Klamath Falls. Six other men work on the same crew.

KEEP YOUR CHICKENS UP.

People having chickens, young or old, are notified to keep them from other people's gardens and flower beds according to ordinance. The ordinance will be strictly enforced. Take notice and be governed accordingly.
R. C. PORTER,
Chief of Police.

Indian Hiker Has Handsome Scalplock

"It's a long way to Tipperary yet," quoth White Eagle, three-quarter breed Comanche Indian, who passed through Ashland Tuesday on a walking tour of the United States which will eventually take him 12,000 miles around the border.

With long black hair streaming over his shoulders, White Eagle is possessed of a scalp lock which would have been greatly prized in days prior to the coming of the white man. A string of beads, vari-colored trappings, and other typically Indian ornaments, added to his picturesque appearance.

White Eagle says he is walking for a \$10,000 wager in competition with a white man aged 55 and a boy of 18, whom he has not heard of since leaving them in Montana. He started out from Chicago and will end up in that city after completing the circuit of the states.

"Eleven pair of shoes went to the happy hunting ground in Portland," said the traveler, and the twelfth pair is on the way. The Indian makes his way by giving war dances and "accepts anything anybody wants to give him, but cannot ask help."

Pioneer Ashland Educator Dead

Rev. Joseph Henry Skidmore, founder and long the head of the old Ashland Academy, the first school of above grade class in Ashland, beloved of all the "old-timers" in Ashland, passed away Tuesday morning at the home of his son, N. G. Skidmore, at Image, Wash. Rev. Skidmore guided the search for knowledge of a great many prominent citizens of Ashland, among his former students being E. J. Farlow and wife, Mrs. G. F. Billings, Gwyn Butler and wife, Robert and Leander Nell, C. B. Watson and wife, and many others. He was an early pioneer of Ashland. Just as an instance of how far back his residence extended is the fact that he performed Judge C. B. Watson's marriage ceremony.

Runaway Team Crashes Into Auto

Presence of mind saved G. N. Kramer, his wife and little son from possibly serious injury Monday evening when his car was smashed by a heavy team of frightened horses. The team, which was driven by a man by the name of Smith, was hitched to a wagon used for hauling gravel. The driver got out to fix the seat and the team became frightened at something and ran away, down Hargadine street and turning into Beach avenue. Mr. Kramer had just turned the corner from Gresham street into Beach avenue, where the latter is far too narrow for two vehicles to pass, being in fact barely wide enough for one. The occupants of the car saw the heavy team plunging down the hill toward them and only about twenty-five yards away. Mr. Kramer threw his little son from the car and with his wife scrambled to a place of safety just as the team hit the auto. The horses went one on each side, the wagon tongue hitting the car head on. The force of the impact carried horses, wagon and car through a fence and onto Mr. Hardy's lawn. The horses were practically unhurt, the wagon broken up some and the front end of the car badly damaged, radiator smashed, steering wheel broken and other damages.

The trade-at-home committee and the hotel committee made their final reports and were discharged as having fulfilled their duties with perfect satisfaction. The Commercial Club through this committee deserves a great deal of credit in securing the New Hotel Oregon for Ashland, and goes to show that the club can accomplish things when the proper spirit is shown and an enterprise given the proper backing.

Business Men's Luncheon at Oregon

An effort is being made to form a Business Men's Luncheon Club, and to that end tickets are offered for \$2.10, which entitle the holder to six week-day luncheons at the New Oregon Hotel. On the reverse side of the ticket is printed: "Now that we have a creditable hotel, let us show our appreciation by patronizing it and at the same time help ourselves by 'getting together' occasionally." Ashland is, we think, to be congratulated on being essentially a "home town," and there is probably not a subscriber to this club but would prefer to take his luncheon at home, but it is to the interest of all of us to give reasonable encouragement and assistance in making the hotel a success and, too, an exchange of ideas and the social intercourse across the luncheon table should stimulate and encourage that sentiment which makes for civic betterment and individual success as well. This club is not restricted in its membership and all are cordially invited to join. Tickets may be had of Mr. Norris of the Commercial Club or of Mr. Dobbins at the hotel. This club idea originated with the business men and the hotel has nothing to do with it other than providing the luncheons. The following citizens and business men have subscribed, and it is hoped that the membership may be increased to at least forty: G. F. Billings & Son, W. O. Dickerson, Thos. H. Simpson, H. L. Whited, W. E. Newcombe, E. V. Carter, Emil Pell, J. G. Hurt, White House Grocery, L. Schwein, Beebe & Kinney, McNair Bros., Mitchell & Whittle, Provost Bros., J. W. McCoy, F. E. Watson, H. F. Pohland, Ashland Trading Company, J. P. Dodge & Sons, V. O. N. Smith, D. D. Norris, C. H. Vaupel, H. T. Elmore, Bert R. Greer.
COMMITTEE.

Commercial Club Has Live Meeting

As a result of a well-attended and enthusiastic meeting of the Commercial Club last Monday evening the organization has taken a new lease on life and a new spirit promises to enlarge the scope of the club's effectiveness. Throughout the evening's discussion and business the fact that the club during the past few months had a number of important accomplishments to its credit, and was now engaged in gaining other accomplishments, became evident in such a manner as to remove any doubt of the necessity of the club to Ashland's welfare. Much discussion was indulged in with the idea of enlarging the membership and strengthening it so as to make the club an even greater factor for the advancement of Ashland.

One of the most important accomplishments of the meeting was the appointing of a committee of ten, a motion having been presented by F. E. Watson proposing the same, for the purpose of investigating several different plans for making the Commercial Club a more efficient organization and getting more people interested in the same. There was much discussion on this matter and it was shown very forcibly that the Commercial Club is an essential factor in the welfare of the city and should be made stronger and more efficient. Adjournment was taken to Monday evening, May 15, at which time the committee of ten will make their report and the club will take action on the same.

Owing to the plans for the reorganization of the club or at least the liability of such plans being formulated, the election of officers was postponed until the June meeting.

Extensive discussion of the matter of reorganization drew out remarks from several members and the meeting on May 15 promises to be an important one.

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The Fourth of July committee reported progress.

Corvallis will soon have a \$200,000 library building.