

"Ashland Grows While Lithia Flows"  
City of Sunshine and Flowers

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## Sidelights On Official Doings

The report of the fire department at Tuesday's council meeting brought out the fact that an alarm turned in because a little steamer runabout caught fire cost the city several dollars. The entire volunteer fire department turned out and each collected 75 cents due him under the present agreement. If citizens would inform the fire department of the nature of a fire and its seriousness when phoning in an alarm it would be unnecessary to call out the entire department for minor blazes, thus saving the city a few dollars.

The police department was not as busy as usual handling hoboes last month, the travel falling off by several hundred. However, activity in other departments and an unusually large number of arrests kept them busy.

Twenty-five business men left the doors of their stores unlocked on one or more occasions during the past month, according to the police report. On several occasions the absent-minded business men were hauled out of the downy couch in the early morning hours by the patrolmen to come down and lock their doors.

After having fried hundreds of eggs and cooked innumerable flapjacks, the electric cooker at the municipal plant has gone on the bum and the city dads authorized the purchase of another. The old cooker did good service for over five years.

"Ashland stands in a class by itself for fire protection," said James N. McCune, secretary of the state board of fire underwriters. "You have the highest pressure in your two-inch mains of any city in Oregon." Which says a great deal for the Ashland water system.

The majority of the council expressed themselves as most anxious to provide the \$500 asked by the dedication celebration committee.

Councilman Banta is worried over the regrettable fact that while certain lads of Ashland who are becoming a little too rambunctious in their behavior will probably have to be disciplined in the near future, legally boys of under 14 years of age cannot be placed in the "public jail," according to his understanding. He believes that a night of confinement would do some of the kids a whole lot of good, and upon his suggestion the city attorney has been asked to render his opinion on the matter. Mr. Banta suggested the providing of a "private jail" for boys. The matter was brought to his attention through the mistreating of little children by a 13-year-old bully.

## Low Railroad Rates Will Swell Crowds

The Southern Pacific company has announced a rate of one fare for the round trip for Sunday trips between any stations between Glendale and Ashland where the one way fare is fifty cents or more. This co-operation upon the part of the Southern Pacific will mean a great increase in the number of Sunday visitors to Ashland.

The Sunday fare will go into effect on May 14th, and continue throughout May, June and July. Tickets may be bought for the one fare price for the round trip on Sunday only and are good for return only on the same day.

Under the new fare Sunday visitors to Ashland will be able to make the round trip from Central Point for fifty cents, from Grants Pass for \$1.35, and in the same ratio from other Southern Oregon stations.

The rates will be advertised by the Southern Pacific company and should mean trainloads of Sunday visitors from lower valley points during the hot weather.

Mrs. A. C. Brown and Mrs. Griffin, recently of Yakima, Wash., but formerly of Chicago, have been visiting a few days with old friends at the Homes ranch south of Ashland. They have been wintering in Los Angeles, but in being motored through Ashland and the valley were enthusiastic in their praise of our attractions. Particularly were they delighted with our park and lithia water.

## BAND CONCERT AT 7:30.

In order not to interfere with the Mathis revival meetings, the concert by the Ashland band in Lithia Park this coming Wednesday evening will commence promptly at 7:30 o'clock and will be over at 8:15. The minutes have postponed the hour of the revival until 8:30. This will be the Ashland band's first appearance of the season. A concert program of unusual merit will be rendered.

## Schools Will Stage May Pageant

On Saturday, May 13, Miss Moffat, director of physical training in the local schools, will give a program in the Chautauqua Park. All the teachers and citizens of Ashland are urged to spend the afternoon in the park with the school people. The program will begin at 2 o'clock and consists of the following:

- "Spirit of Spring," Dorothy Edwards.
- "Little Boy Blue and Little Bo-Peep."
- Folk games and dances: (1) I See You, Swedish folk dance, first grade. (2) First of May, American folk dance, second grade. (3) Danish folk dance, third grade. (4) Ace of Diamonds, Swedish, fourth grade. (5) English ribbon dance, sixth grade of the West Side. (6) Scottish folk dance, seventh grade of the East Side. (7) Gustaf Ehoal, Danish, sixth grade girls of the East Side. (8) Lasse dance, English, fifth grades, East and West. (9) Grecian folk dance, high school.
- May pole.

If time permits, there will be some track events given by the high school boys. Not only the people of Ashland but those of the surrounding country are cordially invited to come and spend an afternoon with the people of Ashland in the parks adjoining the city.

## Land Grant Bill Favorably Reported

The latest developments in the O. & C. land grant case was the favorable report to the house by the house lands committee at Washington, D. C., of a bill under which the federal government would take over for \$2.50 an acre about two million acres of timber land in Oregon which comes under the land grant.

The land, granted to the railroad under the stipulation that none of it should be sold for more than \$2.50 per acre, will be resold to timber interests or opened to homesteaders where the timber is not abundant, by the government. Jackson county has several hundred thousand acres of the land grant and is one of the counties most vitally interested.

Suits to recover several million dollars from the railroad on lands alleged to have been sold by it for more than the stipulated price also would be authorized by the measure. Twenty per cent of the amount so recovered or received from sales of the remaining lands taken over would go to the state of Oregon for school purposes, 30 per cent to the respective counties for roads, 40 per cent to the reclamation fund and 10 per cent to the federal treasury to offset expenses of the proceeding.

## Planing Mill For Grants Pass

Close upon the inauguration of the construction of a big sawmill at Grants Pass comes the announcement that the Frank P. Doe Co., of San Francisco, will erect a planing mill in that city.

The new mill is to have a daily capacity of from 50,000 to 60,000 feet, and will handle the output of the Pass sawmills.

Quartz averaging \$2,500 a ton has been discovered in Bohemia district, near Eugene.

Klamath Falls considers bond issue of \$20,000 to build road to connect Shippington with that city.

## List of Jurors Announced for May Term of Circuit Court

The jury list for the May term of the circuit court has been drawn and is printed herewith. The citizens on the list must report at the county court house at Jacksonville at 10 o'clock on the morning of May 22. Judge Calkins will preside over the term of court.

The most important criminal case to come before this term of the circuit court will be the case against Smith and Noe of Gold Hill, whom it will be remembered were arrested at Gold Hill some weeks ago and found to have stolen a Ford car, machinery, wire and all kinds of junk which they dismantled and shipped away. Noe was arrested only after a hard chase by Deputy Sheriff Wilson, who made good use of his sprinting prowess.

Two men held in the county jail on forgery charges will be tried and a number of civil cases.

The grand jury will make an investigation of the liquor cases tried in the Ashland police court.

Another important case is the appeal of the judgment against Ranso Rouse, of Ashland, who was fined \$200 in the local police court on a charge of distributing a liquor circular in violation of the Oregon law.

This case was not fought by the defendant when tried in Ashland and will be appealed to the circuit court where its progress will be watched with interest as it is the first time this phase of the prohibition law has been tried out in the courts.

The list of petit jurors is as follows:  
Horace I. Pelton, Sams Valley; H. L. Gregory, Central Point; Henry Ap-

legate, Barron; Thomas J. Bell, Jr., Talent; L. B. Haskins, Medford; C. E. Moore, Prospect; Charles W. Roberts, Phoenix; G. F. Pierce, Eagle Point; R. R. Mullin, Medford; C. F. Young, Medford; C. N. Tuttle, Central Point; J. R. Vincent, Sams Valley; M. A. Dickerson, Medford; J. M. Rader, Phoenix; M. S. Thompson, Climax; F. O. Cochran, Central Point; P. F. Swayne, Watkins; F. M. Adams, Central Point; J. H. Patterson, Medford; Otis B. Steward, Rogue River; Orville H. Good, Phoenix; Noah Norcross, Rogue River; John Vaughn, Central Point; E. C. Gardner, Talent, and the following citizens of Ashland: J. G. Hurt, Mark True, A. V. Whitney, Oscar D. Low, J. D. McKinney, Albert C. Joy.

Of this jury list all but two are farmers or fruitgrowers, the exceptions being Mr. Bell the Talent druggist, and R. R. Mullin of Medford, who is a plasterer.

The old grand jury will convene on the fifteenth of this month and is composed of S. S. Smith of Medford, E. T. Staples of Ashland, W. H. Jordan of Applegate, Ed M. White of Climax, Lane Wyland of Beagle, W. F. Yocom of Ruch, and W. Matney of Applegate. This jury will meet to investigate the cases now on the docket and get them in shape for the circuit court. They also inspect the county buildings, offices, poor farm, jail and so forth and make full report to the court before being dismissed.

On Monday, May 22, the first seven jurors drawn from the list of petit jurors will form the new grand jury. They will elect a foreman and prepare to care for the work left over from the former grand jury.

## Auto Camp's Fame Is Nation Wide

The amount of publicity which is accruing to Ashland through the establishment of the auto camp here last year, is becoming more evident every day.

All over the United States the Ashland camp is talked of by motorists who have returned home from a coast trip. The many motoring magazines of the country have nearly all printed articles telling of the camp.

The latest incident which corroborates reports of the widespread fame of the Lithia park resting place for motorists comes from Washington, D. C., where in a speech before the American Civic Association by Cyrus Kehr, which was printed by the U. S. Government printing office and distributed all over the nation, the following mention was made of Ashland's auto camp:

Recently in the city of Ashland, Ore., in a public park, camp lots were marked by suitable boundaries and the free use of these, including water and lights, granted to automobile tourists bringing their own tents.

This remark concerning Ashland is particularly notable because of the fact that Ashland is the only city in the West mentioned in the speech and the only city mentioned in the campground connection.

Mr. Kehr's speech was on "A National System of Highways and Landscape Gardening," and was also submitted to the senate of the United States by Senator Shields, of Tennessee.

## Many Attend Knockers' Funeral

Mr. Knocker and Mr. Pessimist were buried at Yreka last Saturday at one of the most enthusiastic booster celebrations ever held in Siskiyou county.

The funeral was under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce. A monster booster banquet was held in the evening, attended by several hundred people.

Ringling speeches on the development of Siskiyou county and northern California marked the feast. A number of auto loads went over from this valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Denton of Beach street motored to Medford on Thursday, and on their return brought Mrs. Denton's sister, Mrs. Mrs. Phillips, home with them for a visit.

## 30,000 Drink Lithia During Past Month

Approximately thirty thousand people drank at the mineral water fountains of Ashland during the month of April.

The amazing total of over 2,900 cups were dispensed by the machines at the fountains during this month. On four different occasions men kept tab on the visitors at the fountains, finding that an average of one in ten people patronized the cup machines.

These figures are most conservative since but two cup machines were installed for the first two weeks, the other six being added for the last two weeks. The record month runs from March 25, when the first machines were installed, to April 25. Since this was a month of much cold weather and rain the astonishing total is only an index of the crowds which will drink lithia and visit the parks during the hot summer months.

The total receipts for the month from the cup machines was \$63.59. A dim comprehension of the revenue which the cup dispensers will bring during the warm summer months may be gained from the realization of the amount taken in during the past month. The April amount represents 847 nickels and 2124 pennies or a total of 2971 coins.

One vendor at the lithia spring took in over seven dollars on the seventh of April. On four or five other days the receipts were almost as great.

## Senator Cummins Speaks Thursday

Senator A. B. Cummins of Iowa, favorite son of that state and one of the foremost candidates for the republican nomination for president, will deliver an address in the Chautauqua building on Thursday afternoon, May 11, at 3 o'clock. The senator will be introduced by Hon. C. B. Lamkin of Iowa, one of the staunchest boosters for the Iowa candidate in the valley. Special music will be rendered through the courtesy of those who entertain at the Mathis-Vessey meetings.

The senator will be in Ashland from 2 to 4 o'clock and will speak at Medford in the evening.

Gold running \$50,000 to \$80,000 a ton is reported discovered on O'Noyon mountain, near Baker.

## HOTEL OPENING.

A few tickets to the Hotel Oregon opening banquet tomorrow evening yet remain unsold, but only a few, and those who have not already secured their tickets should phone the secretary of the Commercial Club at once. Plans are perfected for a gala event. H. A. Hinshaw, general freight agent, and G. W. Jenkins, assistant passenger agent of the Southern Pacific will be present. Drop in and look over the new hotel.

## Nineteen Autoloads Of Gypsies Coming

Nineteen autoloads of gypsies will arrive in Ashland some time this week, bound for an unknown destination in Oregon, where a Pacific coast reunion of gypsies will be held. The wanderers will then go east to Minneapolis, where they will ultimately meet the gypsy "big chief," Slatcho Demetro, on July 4. About ten autoloads passed through yesterday and were the center of much interest during their brief stay in the city.

The Redding Searchlight tells of the band as follows:

"The entire band, containing 33 women, 42 men, 39 children, nine dogs and one rabbit, were traveling in automobiles. The majority of the machines were of standard make, costing in the neighborhood of \$3000 or more. Each machine was piled high with luggage, upon which the occupants rode. The women were dressed in the gaudy reds and yellows, while the men wore ordinary suits. The little children wore dresses such as Kipling describes in his "Gunga Din": "The uniform 'e wore was nothing much before, an' rather less than 'arf o' that behind," being mostly wrapped with multi-colored rags, the worse for wear.

"During their stay at Marysville the women started on a begging tour. They secured little. One of the ragged urchins had great delight with a small rabbit he kept in a teapot.

"The men of the party confided that they intended to make Chico by nightfall. All of them bemoaned the high price of gasoline and were still kicking because they had been compelled to pay 23 cents per gallon south of Marysville."

## Benton Bowers Not Responsible for Recall

In its issue of May 4 the Mail-Tribune charged that Benton Bowers launched the recall now being circulated for the recall of the Jackson county court. The following open letter to that paper explains itself:

Ashland, Ore., May 6, 1916.  
Editor Mail-Tribune, Medford, Ore.

Dear Sir: I see in your issue of May 4, article headed "Bowers Launches Effort to Recall County Court." Now, as a matter of fairness, I will ask you to state through your columns that the report that I am circulating recall petitions is false and without any foundation whatever.

I will state, since I have been a member of the Tax League, that several men who were factors in getting Judge Tou Velle elected came to me in Medford with figures they claimed to have taken from the county records, showing extravagance of the county funds, and asked if the Tax League expected to accomplish any good for the taxpayers of the county, why they did not start a recall; that would be the only relief. I replied that if their figures and statements were correct, and had I been as much of a factor as they were in electing Judge Tou Velle, I would take the initiative myself and not ask someone else to rectify my mistakes. They said all it needed was a start. I replied that it was up to those who were responsible for his election to start it.

Had I launched the recall, you would have seen me in the foreground and not apologizing for being there. But, the Tribune, in giving me credit for launching the recall, does so in the hope of injuring me politically.

Yours truly,  
BENTON BOWERS.

## Mathis Has Five Great Messages

From Friday night to Sunday night Evangelist Mathis brought five great messages to large audiences in which there were many men. Friday night was Men's Night. In one section gathered about 140 men. After Mrs. Wolf and Vessey had sung "Jesus Will," Mathis announced his text, "Now Naaman, captain of the host of the king of Syria, was a great man—was also a mighty man of valor, but he was a leper." From this text a message of sin was delivered with great power and acceptance with the audience. Often the evangelist was applauded. "Men constantly live in the shadows because of what sin has done in their lives." 1. "Sin has made an unclean mind." "It is an awful thing to think evil thoughts." 2. "Sin makes unclean in word." "If a leper had to cry unclean, should not the law compel the man who peddles dirty, filthy stories to cry out, 'Unclean, Unclean?'" 3. "Sin makes a man unclean in act." "A boy ought to have just as good a chance to be decent as a girl." "The fallen girl is no more fallen than the young man who put her down." "The average man ought to live just as clean as his wife."

On Saturday night after the sacred concert Mr. Mathis found the beginning of his message in the words, "The queen of Sheba came to Solomon; but a greater than Solomon is here." Then the most of the message clustered about two men in the New Testament who were interested in the eternal question of eternal life. Nicodemus came to Jesus by night, and Jesus said to him, "Ye must be born again." This spiritual life is a great mystery. So is the natural life. Things that are the greatest of mysteries are nevertheless facts. When Zachaeus found Christ he took Him home with him. "What a marvelous thing if every man in Ashland should take Jesus home with him this Saturday night!"

At the Sunday morning service Mr. Vessey sang "Salvation." Say, by the way, have you heard Vessey sing. He is certainly some singer. Come and hear for yourself. After the "Love Feast" of gathering the money for the campaign expenses, which was raised, Evangelist Mathis took his audience back to that wonderful old book of Genesis, to the text, "Abide ye here with the ass, and I and the lad will go yonder; and we will worship and come again to you." "True Worship" was the theme. "God asked Isaac because he wanted Abraham." "People ought to spend time preparing spiritually before going to church as well as physically." "There are two kinds of soakers, sermon soakers and booze soakers. It is easier to save the latter." "Since God has put us on the top of the earth he surely did not intend us to be sponges." "If every church were a warm-hearted church, people could not help becoming Christians." When people come to church they do not leave their business and cares behind so that it is very difficult to get a message to them from God, for they are chuck full of other things.

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## Billings Crossing Contract Delays

The contract submitted to the county court by the Southern Pacific company regarding the construction of the subway crossing of the Pacific Highway under the Southern Pacific track at the top of the Billings hill, was deemed too drastic in several respects, making the county responsible for future damages that might result from faulty construction, and was rejected by Attorney Evan Reames, representing the county court.

Attorney Reames and the county court submitted a new contract to the company and approval is expected from the S. P. officials within the next week or so.

With the conclusion of the contract matter, nothing will stand in the way of immediate beginning of the construction work on the under-grade crossing and the paving of the Billings hill. Every indication points toward the inauguration of the work on the hill during the present month.

Oregon, Washington, Idaho and California plan to send shipload of apples to England this season.