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### STATES ASSOCIATIONS.

As a means of promoting social life and obtaining many of the things which make life worth living, the organization of "states" associations in the valley is well worth while. The former residents of practically every section of this country who are now making their home in the Rogue River valley—and every section of America is represented among the cosmopolitan population of the valley—have organized or are planning to organize into associations. The purpose is twofold: First, to afford an opportunity for broadening the social life of every member among others who have common interest, and secondly to form organizations to execute plans and carry out entertainment for visitors from the home states. The Dixie Association, the eastern states, the Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota organization, the middle west, the several single state's associations, are all organized and every resident of the valley should get into touch with the organization which represents the state from which he hails. And while we are about it, let's organize an "Oregon's Sons and Daughters" association from the Oregon born.

### PREPAREDNESS

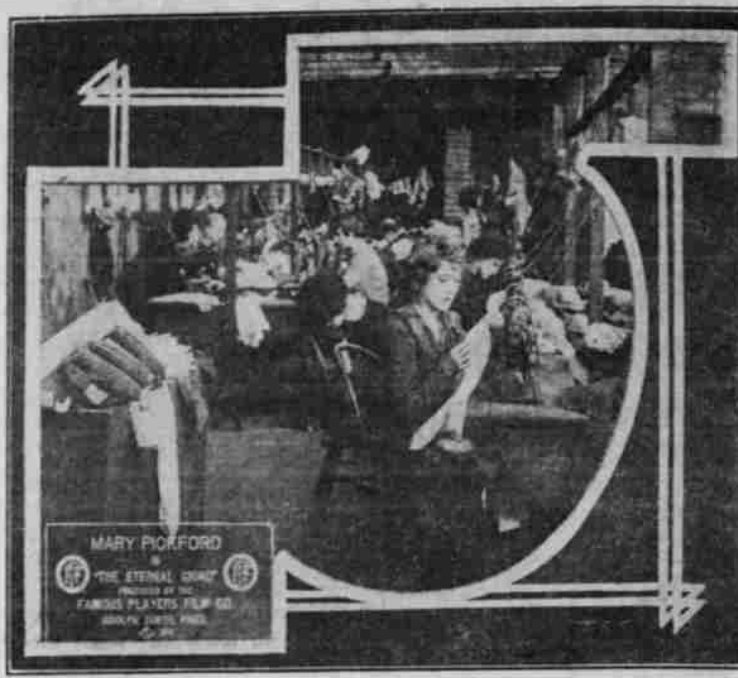
At the present time papers are carrying the advertising of the different colleges for the years 1916-17. We wish to call the attention of the fathers and mothers of boys and girls of college age to the fact that no money which they will ever spend in their whole life will bring them such good returns as that invested in a four-years' course in some good school for their son or for their daughter.

That no legacy which they might leave upon their death—no matter how great it might be—could ever make up for the loss of these four years of education, and that for no other thing will they be so greatly honored by their children, as that which prompted them to provide amply for their education.

Let the boy or girl be ever so good a worker, with practical experience only they can never hope to attain the same level occupied by the well-educated person who afterward secures the same amount of practical experience. The man who digs a ditch, even, will do it better if he has education. The daughter will make better bread on account of her four years of domestic science. For the sake of your sons and daughters, I call on you parents to sell a cow, a colt or a few pigs, sufficient to create a fund to properly educate your children.

Don't put this off and don't think you are too poor to do it. Rather than that, think that you are too poor not to do it. Only the very rich could afford to let their children go without education. Every agricultural college and university should be crowded to the limit, and the taxpayers should be insisting on further facilities for these institutions. —O. M. Plummer, in Portland Livestock Reporter.

High-class dinner at the Bungalow every evening from 5 to 8 o'clock.



Mary Pickford in The Eternal Grind at the Vining, Friday, August 18.

## Mary Pickford Works in Factory

If you were a beautiful young girl whose sister had fallen the victim of a wealthy young chap and that same fellow were to make love to you—and if the sister followed him to your home with the intention of shooting him would you scream and run away or would you take command of the situation? Mary Pickford took the revolver out of the girl's hand held the man at bay with it and sent for a minister. When the reverend gentleman arrived she concealed herself behind a curtain and held the gun to the man's back while he went through the wedding ceremony.

It all happened in "The Eternal Grind," Mary Pickford's latest big feature in which she is being starred by the Famous Players Film company on the Paramount program. It is the stellar attraction at the Vining on Friday night of this week.

In this powerful story Mary Pickford plays the role of a factory girl who battles against frightful odds in her struggle to preserve intact the little home of which the death of her parents has made her the head. She has two sisters, Amy a girl of shallow moral character, and Jane, a confirmed invalid. It is in the effort to save these girls from disgrace and death that the power of Mary's character is developed to its utmost.

Blessed with a naturally sunny disposition, but with the will to fight for her rights, Mary is one of the strongest and most lovable characters that Miss Pickford has ever given the motion picture screen.

The saving of her sister Amy's name in the prompt and efficacious manner already described is only one

of the great crisis which Mary faces during this remarkably powerful story. She fights the avarice of her employer, she battles for the life of her stricken sister, squandering her small savings in restoring her to health. Having won the love of a big, manly chap, she has to nurse him back to life when the miserliness of his own father causes a terrible accident in the factory which nearly costs the life of his boy.

## S. P. Section Gang Has School on Wheels

A school on wheels is operated on the rails of the Southern Pacific Company.

In Southern Pacific extra section gang under Foreman Taft, who has a crew of fifty men on Superintendent Whalen's Los Angeles division, there are twenty-five or more children who are being taught daily in a box car which has been fitted up with benches. They have a teacher who instructs them daily in English and Spanish and in primary work. The results, thus far, have not only been satisfactory, but the class of men in the gang remains high. As the gang moves along from place to place so does the school car, and the children never have to miss a day's attendance. Superintendent Whalen has now made arrangements to obtain an old passenger coach which will be fitted up with benches and blackboards and which will be easier to heat, expecting in this way to improve materially the conditions in this unique schoolroom. He has furthermore arranged to fit up a hospital car for the women and children in the camp who become ill.

J. M. Morgan and family are camping at Dead Indian at present.

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## Proposed Charter Amendment Abolishing Present Springs Water Commission and Park Board

### AN ACT

To amend Articles XIX and XX of the Charter of the city of Ashland, Oregon, said Charter being that certain act of the Legislative Assembly of the state of Oregon, filed in the office of the Secretary of State, October 14th, 1898, entitled "An Act to amend an Act entitled 'An Act to incorporate the city of Ashland, in Jackson county, Oregon, and define the power thereof,' filed in the office of the Secretary of State February 25th, 1895, amending the same," as amended by all acts subsequent thereto, either of the Legislative Assembly of the state of Oregon, or by vote of the qualified electors of the city of Ashland, Oregon; to abolish the Ashland Park Commission, created by Section 2 of Article XIX of said Charter, as said Article XIX was added to and made a part of the Charter by an amendment made effective by the proclamation of the Mayor of said city on the 17th day of December, 1908; and also to abolish the Springs Water Commission, created by Sections 1 and 2 of the Charter of the city of Ashland, Oregon, as said Article XX was added to and made a part of said Charter, and became operative upon the proclamation of the Mayor of said city on the 27th day of June, 1914, and repealing all charter provisions, ordinances and resolutions of the said city of Ashland in conflict herewith; the creation of a new board to be known and designated as Mineral Springs and Park Board, fixing terms of office, defining its powers and duties, and providing for the creation of a fund to be expended in public utility and for the maintenance and betterment of the Auxiliary Water Plant and the Public Parks of the city of Ashland; and directing that all public funds, assets or other property whatsoever, now in the possession of either the Ashland Park Commission or the Springs Water Commission, be delivered to the successors in office of said Commission, and for the leasing, upon a royalty or other consideration, either for bathing or other medicinal purposes, all of the surplus waters, over and above that consumed at the public fountains of the several mineral springs now being piped into the city of Ashland, and to grant concessions.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, OREGON:

That Articles XIX and XX, as said articles were added to and made a part of the Charter of the city of Ashland, said Article XIX becoming operative by the proclamation of the Mayor of said city on the 17th day of December, 1908, as further amended and proclaimed by the Mayor on the 13th day of May, 1912, and the said Article XX becoming operative by the proclamation of the Mayor of said city made on the 27th day of June, 1914, be amended so as to read as hereinafter set forth:

Section 1. That both the Ashland Park Commission and the Springs Water Commission be and they are hereby abolished. Provided, however, that the members of the Ashland Park Commission shall retain their office and perform the duties thereof, as hereinafter set forth, and that the members of the Springs Water Commission shall retain their office and maintain, repair and otherwise care for the Auxiliary Water Plant until such time as their successors in office shall be regularly elected and qualified as hereinafter provided.

Section 2. A Board is hereby created, which shall be known and designated as the Mineral Springs and Park Board, which Board shall consist of three citizens, each a resident, householder and legal voter of the City of Ashland, Oregon.

Section 3. The first members of the Board shall be elected by the voters of the city of Ashland at the general election held in December, 1916, and one of said members shall serve as such for a term of two years from the first day of January, following his election; one shall serve for a term of four years from said first day of January, and the third member shall serve for a term of six years from said first day of January, and each member shall serve until his successor is elected and qualified. The member elected for the long term shall be the Chairman of said Board during his term of office. Membership to said Board shall be regularly filled every two years, as follows:

One member shall be elected at the annual election to be held in December, 1918, and every two years thereafter a member shall be elected at the annual election. The full term of office of each of said members so elected, after the first set of officers, shall be six years, and they shall each take office on the first day of January, following his election, and the member oldest in service on the Board shall be its Chairman. Provided, that in case of vacancies occurring on said Board, the same may be filled by appointment by the Mayor of the city, for the unexpired term, but all appointments so made must, before going into effect, be confirmed by the city council. Provided further, that all candidates for membership on said Board shall be nominated in the same manner, and within the time as provided in Section 3 of Article IV of the City Charter. The vote for members of said Board shall be canvassed and a certificate of election issued and delivered to the successful candidates, as provided in Section 7 of said Article IV, and thereafter such person shall qualify by taking the oath of office, as provided in Section 8 of Article IV of the City Charter.

Section 4. Whenever the members of the said Mineral Springs and Park Board have been elected and qualified as herein provided, the Springs Water Commission and the Ashland Park Commission shall immediately, after such qualification, deliver to the said Mineral Springs and Park Board all public money or other property in the possession of either of said Commissions, by virtue of their office, together with the possession of the Mineral Springs Plant and the possession of all the park lands of the city, hereinafter particularly described, and that thereafter the operation, management and control of said mineral springs water plant, and the park lands of the city of Ashland, shall devolve upon the said Mineral Springs and Park Board, and the said Springs Water Commission and the said Ashland Park Commission shall be relieved of further management, control or responsibility on account of said parks and said water plant.

Section 5. The said Mineral Springs and Park Board, after qualifying as aforesaid, shall immediately meet and elect one of their number as Secretary, and shall also appoint a Superintendent of Parks and a Superintendent of the Mineral Springs Water Plant, fixing the compensation of each of said Superintendents. And the Board shall have power to discharge such Superintendent at their discretion, and to employ additional laborers to assist in the necessary up-keep and maintenance of said water plant and the public parks of the city.

Section 6. That the lands now owned by the city of Ashland (except its streets, alleys and plaza, and excepting also such lands as are now owned by it for the purpose of taking rock for street purposes, city pound, hitching grounds, pest house, septic tanks, public market sites and such lands as have been taken over by the city on account of public assessments), and all lands owned by said city bordering upon or adjacent to Ashland creek, and extending into the Ashland Forest Reserve, and all lands acquired by the city during the year 1915, abutting on either Mill street or Granite street in said city, and also all park lands in the center of the Boulevard and the center of the Plaza, are hereby reserved and forever dedicated to the people of the city of Ashland for park purposes, and shall never be sold, encumbered or used for any other purpose inconsistent therewith; provided, however, that such public buildings as may enhance the beauty of said parks or which shall not detract therefrom may be constructed with the approval and under the direction of the said Board; and provided, further, that nothing contained in this act shall be construed so as to impair or interfere with the proper construction or operation of the city's light, power or water system, or the right to protect the water of said creek from contamination, nor to prevent the city council from making street connections between Mill street and Granite street at any point they may select, and to grade, pave or otherwise improve such street or streets. Lights for the park shall be paid for out of the general fund of the city the same as street lights.

Section 7. The said Mineral Springs and Park Board shall have control and management of all the lands so dedicated for park purposes, and all other lands that may hereafter be acquired by the city for such purposes. And the right to control and manage said park lands shall include and empower said Board to improve and beautify the same, and to grant concessions to individuals, companies or corporations to conduct places of amusement, and also temporary businesses within the boundaries of said park, such as ice cream and confectionery stands, merry-go-rounds, etc., and to charge and collect a reasonable fee for such concessions. Provided, further, that concessions shall in no event be granted by said Board for the conducting, operating or playing of any game of chance or other form of amusement, in violation of the laws of the state of Oregon, or the Charter or Ordinances of the city of Ashland, nor shall permission be granted licensing improper or immoral conduct on any of the parks of the city. Said Board is further authorized and empowered to lease or to charge a royalty for a term not to exceed twenty-five years for the use of the city's interest in the mineral waters flowing into said park over and above that drunk at the public fountains. They shall have control and direct the expenditure of all the park funds and funds created for the maintenance of the auxiliary water plant and for publicity purposes as hereinafter set out, whether said funds are obtained by taxation, donation or otherwise.

Said Board shall also have power, and it shall be the duty of the Board to employ such means as may be necessary to prevent the ravages of the pine beetle now working on the growing timber located on the park lands of the city and to protect said timber from destruction by said beetle or other insects or by fire, and the Board is further empowered to expend from the funds hereinafter created, such amounts as are reasonably necessary in the protection of said growing timber; the Board is also authorized and empowered to sell and dispose of, at the best price obtainable, all dead timber found on any of the said park lands and to deposit the proceeds of such sales in the aforesaid fund, but none of the growing timber on said lands shall be sold or otherwise disposed of, excepting fully matured trees, which may show signs of decay. Provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall prohibit the city of Ashland from removing from said lands a sufficient amount of timber to supply the municipal demands for fuel or other purposes.

It shall be the duty of said Board, and they shall at the beginning of each month, file with the City Recorder and publish in one newspaper, for the information of the city council and the public, a report of their doings for the preceding month. Such report shall specify all funds on hand and the source from whence obtained. It shall carry a clear statement of all moneys expended and for what purpose, all purchases made and all labor performed, together with the cost thereof, shall be embodied in said report.

Section 8. The common council of the city of Ashland is hereby directed to levy a tax annually upon all of the taxable property of the city in addition to the tax authorized by Section 2 of Article VII of said Charter, and in addition to all other taxes authorized to be levied by said Charter, or any of the amendments thereto, sufficient to raise a fund of \$12,000.00 annually for a period of five years, beginning with the 1st day of January, 1917, and when any money is collected on account of said levy, or is received from any other source, for the aforesaid purposes, the same shall be deposited with the City Treasurer, subject to the order of said Board, and the fund so created shall first be economically and judiciously used in the maintenance, up-keep and betterment of the said auxiliary water plant and the public parks of the city, and any excess of said fund over and above the amount necessary to maintain and improve said water system and the said parks, may be expended in the advertising of the attractions, resources and advantages of the city of Ashland and other publicity matters from time to time may arise.

Section 9. The members of said Board shall serve without pay unless the council shall see fit to compensate the members for any unusual service required of said Board or any member thereof, and shall have power to formulate and adopt rules and regulations for their government and for the purpose of carrying into effect the objects of their creation as Mineral Springs and Park Board. They shall enter into the discharge of their duties immediately upon their organization, and each of said members shall give a good and sufficient bond, to be approved by the city council, in a sum of not less than \$1,000.00, conditioned upon the faithful performance of their duties as members of said Board, and accounting for all funds or other property that may pass into their hands by virtue of this charter amendment, the premium of which bonds shall be paid out of the fund hereby created.

Section 10. The power granted to and the duties imposed upon the Ashland Park Commission by that certain Ordinance No. 626, entitled "An Ordinance defining the meaning of the words 'Park' and 'Parks,' and to regulate the use of the public parks of the city of Ashland, Oregon, adopted by the common council on May 18th, 1916, and approved by the Mayor on the 22nd day of May, 1916, and all of the provisions of said ordinance are hereby confirmed and the powers therein granted to said commission, and the duties of said Park Commission as set out in said Ordinance, are hereby extended to and shall be exercised by and required of the Mineral Springs and Park Board hereinafter created.

Section 11. That all Charter provisions, Ordinances and Resolutions of the city of Ashland, Oregon, in conflict with this amendment, especially those Charter provisions of Articles XIX and XX, are hereby repealed.