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Start Ball Rolling For Normal in 1918

A committee has been appointed from the Ashland Commercial Club which will work in conjunction with the representatives from this county and educators of the state in securing a reopening of the Southern Oregon normal school at Ashland.

Every effort will be centered upon the placing upon the ballot and the carrying of a bill reestablishing the normal at the election two years hence. Realization of the fact that no appropriation could be expected from the legislature this year was made plain by the representatives at a meeting held with the committee last Friday night. The fact that the Pendleton normal bill, with its vastly greater appropriation and with the opposition offered by Weston, came very near to carrying, and that the Ashland normal proposition will have no opposition of the kind, leads to the belief that the voters of Oregon are beginning to understand the need of more normals and with two years of educational work it is hoped that the Ashland normal bill will receive a substantial majority.

A meeting of a number of interested Ashlanders was held Friday night at the Commercial Club to lay out a plan and start the ball rolling.

W. H. Gore and Ben Sheldon, who will represent Jackson county at the next session of the legislature, were over from Medford to exchange views with workers for the Southern Oregon State Normal at Ashland. Representative C. M. Thomas was expected, but was unable to be present.

Mr. Sheldon and Mr. Gore both addressed the meeting—Mr. Sheldon going into the situation quite exhaustively from every angle. He and Mr. Gore both expressed the belief that Ashland's ultimate chances for the reopening of the Southern Oregon normal are excellent and growing better. Both, however, were agreed that the securing of an appropriation from the next legislature is out of the question since the tax limitation bill carried at the recent election.

It was the final conclusion of the meeting that a bill presented to the people two years hence—providing for the establishing of a normal school in Southern Oregon and another in Eastern Oregon—will carry. Sentiment for the normal schools is steadily increasing. The state board of regents has declared for two more state normals. The editors of the state, gathered here in convention last summer, have a broader conception of the issue than ever before. Educators generally see the need.

Brief speeches were made by Mr. Eubanks for the local school board, Prof. Briscoe as to the attitude of the faculty, E. J. Kaiser and others. It was pointed out that the regents practically demand that additional normals be located in cities that provide 1000 or more school children for cadet teaching. It has been found that Oregon's one normal at Monmouth has been hampered by lack of this facility. The local schools have 1040 pupils to say nothing of the Bellevue, Neil Creek and Soda Springs schools contiguous to the normal property. The Ashland schools would gladly cooperate with a normal in the matter of cadet teaching.

Homer Billings, who acted as chairman of the meeting after President Frank Jordan of the Commercial Club called it to order, was authorized to appoint an executive committee to formulate a plan of campaign to be submitted to the committee as a whole and afterward to our representatives in the legislature. The meeting then adjourned.

Park Board to Lay Off Entire Force

The park board has laid off all of the men employed in the city parks, the order to take effect Friday. It is reported that Superintendent Graves has resigned, his resignation to take effect the first of the month, when he will probably return to San Francisco, where a position awaits him.

Blair Quarry Ships Car of Granite

The Blair granite quarry has shipped a carload of finished granite to Portland. Mr. Blair has gone to Portland to attend to the unloading and shipping of the car, which is loaded down to the limit.

Lose Robbers After Fast Chase

An attempted robbery, a thrilling chase, shooting and final escape enlivened the usual Tuesday night quiet of Ashland. Patrolman Carpenter in making his usual rounds found the back door of Simpson's hardware store opened, the burglars having removed an iron panel and bored through the inner door. The burglars must have just effected entrance. Carpenter entered and searched the building with his flashlight but saw no one. He turned on the night light and started to phone to Simpson's house. Just as he had Glen Simpson on the line he heard the front door click. A robber had turned the Yale lock and jerked the door open. He was out in a flash and another followed. They had been crouching behind the counter. Carpenter had dropped the phone and pulled his gun. A command to halt failed to slow up the fleeing men, and fearing to shoot into the street, the patrolman gave chase. The men dashed down the alley next to the Ashland hotel. Calling to Patrolman Wimer, who had just started from the police office on his rounds in the other direction, Carpenter went down Water street and Wimer down Oak. Wimer saw two other men, who had probably been posted in front of the store, follow the first two.

When Wimer got into Oak, two men were hurrying along in front of the armory. They ran at sight of him and he gave chase. They turned down the railroad and into the brush and he followed. When he was down the track a short distance the other two broke cover from near the Fruit Association building and dashed across the track down Oak. Wimer fired three shots, after calling on them to halt, but they disappeared into the shadow. Glen Simpson arrived at the store shortly after Carpenter left it. The robbers got a dollar in change from the cash register.

Endersville Now Busy On Frame-Up

H. G. Enders and his political cohorts have been exceedingly busy of late. It is said that they are framing up to control the politics of Ashland in the coming election. It is stated that Enders' lineup is Banta or Lamkin for mayor, Stone for council from the First ward, Dennis for council from the Second and W. W. Caldwell for council from the Third.

The last rumor is to the effect that the fact that both Banta and Lamkin are known to be Enders' political henchmen, it may prove expedient to select a candidate for mayor who is not so supremely close to the great political merchant, self-constituted boss and does not savor so strongly of his noxious political odor.

It is stated that in case Meyer Johnson decided to make another try, Banta will be his opponent. If another citizen not subservient to Enders enters the field, Lamkin will be put in the race against him on the ground that Lamkin can control the church vote; but if Greer becomes a candidate it will be necessary to select a candidate apparently entirely apart from the Enders machine in order to defeat Greer. Reed has been looked upon by the Enders faction. It is said, as a likely opponent if Greer runs, but the fact that he has been once defeated by Greer and is known to be fairly tied in with the Enders faction, he may be sidetracked for a better vote getter.

However true, these prognostications may prove, the fact remains that Enders, by hook or crook, will no doubt make an effort to control the politics of Ashland. On with the music. We shall see what we shall. Since this was written Mr. Lamkin has filed for mayor.

Free Dinner At Mission Hall

A free dinner will be served at the Mission hall Thanksgiving day from 12 until 1 o'clock. All donations, such as cooked potatoes and all other kinds of vegetables, cakes, cookies, doughnuts, pickles and fruit, will be very gratefully accepted.

Please write your name on all dishes sent to Mission hall, which is located just below Loomis & Nelson's grocery on Fourth street.

Council Trims 1917 Tax Budget Down To Total Of 22.3 Mills

After cutting and slashing every fund from the totals published in the tentative budget and working until 12:30 Monday night and all morning this morning the city council has finally got the city tax down to 22.3 mills, which is absolutely as low as it can be figured. Of this amount 13.3 is devoted to the expenses of the city, a big cut from the original estimate and 1.7 under the limit allowed by the law.

The big cuts were made by carrying over delinquent debts owed by one department to another. These will be handled by the various departments borrowing money from the water department sinking fund. The other big cuts were made in the park commission budget which was cut to 2 mills from 4.7 mills, in the police department which was pruned one man by the simple expedient of reducing the money for next year by \$900. The library department suffered the loss of .2 mills, fire department .3 mills, street .5 mills. While a small tax of .01 mill was added for sewer purposes, .05 for publicity, band and Chautauqua, .05 for springs commission, 2 mills to bonds and interest which was not figured correctly in the first place. The budget now stands:

	mills
General fund	7.1
Interest and bonds	9.9
Fire department	1.2
Parks	2.0
Street	1.1
Library	.9
Sewer	.1
Pub. Chat and band	.5
Springs commission	.5
Total	22.3
The original estimate was	24.8
The county tax is	16
School tax	9

The tax budget meeting at the city hall Monday night was attended by about 75 taxpayers, who made frequent suggestions and asked for information freely. But few suggestions for large cut were made, the only big one being regarding the carrying over of a delinquent street lighting bill for \$3057.30 to next year. This was from last year and was not paid because of an under estimate by the council and a reduction of assessable valuation.

Since the light department was deemed best able to bear that burden at the time it was not paid. The council debated the matter and asked for a straw vote and although the vote favored carrying it over, the council decided to pay it only to change after most of the spectators had gone, and finally cut it out.

Prior to taking up the budget in regular order a request for a levy for the buying of street light stringers for celebrations was laid on the table and a request for a levy for the land of one mill was also deferred.

The various salaries in the general fund being fixed by ordinance or by the next council, were passed over without argument although the recorder's office help salaries required explanation to some who did not understand how they were paid.

The police department fund was cut \$900, thus enforcing the curtailment of the force next year. The council did this with the view of trying out Mayor Johnson's citizen police idea.

Councilman Banta favored a reduction of \$1000 in the police fund but a compromise was finally made. The council talked over cutting out their own salaries but finally found out that they were fixed by the charter and could not be cut out.

The city attorney's salary was not cut. Mr. Nintger stated that prior to his coming onto the council he had always believed that the attorney's salary was an extravagance but that after his year he believed the city had got more than its money's worth.

Recorder Gillette stated that hardly a day passed that he did not consult the attorney about something and always found him willing to give up his own work for the city's work. On an inquiry from Mr. Enders it developed that in the past two years but \$100 had been paid for work outside the city, this being the only extra in the attorney line.

Mr. Banta wanted the city engineer's salary reduced but after Councilman Root, who, being a civil engineer himself, had ridiculed the idea in view of the fact that hiring a man by the day would cost \$5.00 every time they needed him for the smallest job, the reduction would be a costly one. Others made arguments so convincing that Councilman Nintger stated that although he had seconded Mr. Banta's motion he would be forced to vote against it. The salary was left as at present.

All the minor expenses were deemed necessary and no tenable objections could be found to any of them. The delinquent light payment was carried over finally, effecting a big cut. An item of \$100 for legal expenses was cut.

The final general fund amount decided upon Wednesday morning after further cuts by figuring more closely on the cash on hand had been made, was 7 mills raising \$18,147.57.

The library budget which called for 1.1 mills was considered an item at a time and Librarian Hicks called upon frequently for explanations. It was passed as it stood but after the spectators had gone someone made the statement that the library board had stated that they could get along on 1 mill, so the council pruned it down to .9 mills and as such it will go in. The big reduction will have to be made in the number of new books purchased.

The fire department budget was passed without change Monday night but by figuring closely on the cash on hand a cut of .3 mill was effected Wednesday morning. The only item discussed was that of \$25 for glass doors and it developed that the lower floor of the fire station was totally without light and the doors were needed to save electric current and relieve the fall like atmosphere.

By carrying over \$1,800 owed by the street department and possible revenue of \$625 cash, a cut of .5 mill was made. A provision of \$300 for the widening of the Graham corner was allowed. Mr. Roche made the suggestion that by hiring a team a bill of \$178.65 for feeding the city team could be made, but owing to the fact that the city team is used every day in the year this was deemed inadvisable.

Contrary to the general expectation that the park budget would give rise to trouble, the council passed the two-mill tax which is all they are allowed to levy, almost without comment and without any argument arising. The council had most of the spectators realized that the amount was insufficient and, in fact, the park commission in a tentative budget had to come within the two-mill limit had made no plans for lighting or watering the park or for payment of paving assessment.

Mr. Banta asked Mr. Greer if the tent mill tax allowed for plant upkeep was absolutely needed. Mr. Greer replied that while the plant could be kept up for possibly a half mill owing to the fact that the springs commission had a contract with the superintendent for its upkeep at \$1,100 a year and a half mill would allow \$150 for possible breakage and repairs, he believed the full mill could be used to advantage in caring for the fountains and assisting in the park and publicity work for which not near enough could be granted under the law. Mr. Enders asked if it was not true that Mr. Van Wagen was paid \$3 a day auto hire in addition to his salary, and Mr. Greer explained that the \$3 he had been paid for a certain length of time when he was hauling sand for the pipe line and had been paid out of the Smith-Emery money which the springs commission used to finish up the pipe line in satisfactory shape after the company finished. Mr. Jordan appealed to the council not to make the mistake of not allowing enough, as breakdowns might occur which would need money to fix. The council passed a levy of .5 mill.

A levy of .5 for publicity, Chautauqua and band was made. This will raise \$1,296.20, of which \$300 goes to the Chautauqua and the rest

Surplus Water May Be Used as Bait

B. R. Greer appeared before the city council following the budget meeting Monday night and outlined a plan for attracting the investors who are known to be contemplating a sanitarium investment here, asking that the council give an informal expression of their approval. The council did not take definite action owing to the lateness of the hour, but have the matter under consideration and will meet this week again to consider it.

Mr. Greer stated that while of course the outcome of the recent election released the capitalists from their promise regarding a sanitarium, he believed they could yet be induced to make the \$50,000 investment here by offer of the mineral waters. He made it plain that there was just a chance of getting them but that he considered it well worth trying. He stated that arrangements had been made with Messrs. Dodge and Murphy for a tentative proposition for their waters, and asked that the city have their attorney draw up a contract offering their waters under strict clauses which would protect the city in every way. He suggested that the contracts be made in the form of a tentative option which would become an option upon the completion of the sanitarium which in the opinion of the council cost \$50,000, and also contingent upon work being started within sixty days. The contract would protect the city in every possible way. Mr. Greer stated that the only water which the city could donate as a bonus was the surplus sulphur water for bathing and a tap on the lithia and soda for drinking. The surplus lithia and soda for bathing belong to Messrs. Dodge and Murphy.

The matter is being considered by the council, the majority of whom realize that the surplus water is of no use to the city except as a bait to induce a sanitarium investment, and who realize that the contracts could be so arranged as to absolutely protect the city's fountains and interests in every way. The consensus of opinion seemed to be that there could be no possible harm in offering the water with hopes of the bait proving attractive enough to bring a \$50,000 institution to Ashland.

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On Shoulders Or On Stretchers

The football game for the southern Oregon championship will be played at the Medford ball park tomorrow afternoon. The grounds are said to be in fine shape, and covered grandstand and bleachers will afford protection for spectators in case of rain. The locals have nothing to say regarding their chances, but have refused to secure "dukes" for the Elks' ball, and from all indications intend to be carried off the field either on the shoulders of their supporters as winners or in stretchers. The Ashland band is going down to Medford with their hand out. The entire local student body will attend and probably several hundred townspeople. Betting odds remain at two to one on Medford with little Ashland money in sight.

Miss Carol M. Mitchell of Portland, who has been spending a few months in Ashland, has gone to South Pasadena, Cal., to spend the winter with her uncle, S. F. Johnson.

A levy of .1 mill was made to provide a little over \$200 for sewer, this amount having been illegally taken from the general fund in the past.

The largest single fund, the interest and bonds fund, calls for 9 mills, and as is absolutely necessary that these be met, it was passed without argument.

The assessed valuation of Ashland is \$2,318,810. The estimated corporation tax is \$278,200, making a total estimate of taxable property of \$2,592,510. One mill on this will raise \$2,592.50.

From this basis the amounts needed for the various departments can be figured.

One District Forms And Another May

At a meeting of the county court Monday the order calling an election for the creation of the high line irrigation district December 27 was signed by Judge Tou Velle and Commissioner Leever.

Directors for the district were named as follows, to be voted for: For division No. 1, James Owens; for division No. 2, Leonard Carpenter; for division No. 3, Wm. Budge; for division No. 4, J. A. Perry; for division No. 5, George B. Dean. W. H. Gore was named as treasurer of the district.

Polling places were designated as follows: Dr. Piekal's ranch, north of Medford on Eagle Point road, for district 1; W. H. Brown's residence Roosevelt avenue, for district 2; residence of W. H. Hammond, Orchard Home tract, for district No. 3; Oak Grove school house, district 4; West Side school house, district 5.

On account of protests filed by Messrs. Birdseye, Long and others, action on the creation of the Riverside Colony irrigation district was postponed pending investigation.

The final hearing will be held Friday.

The land coming under the proposed district comprises about 1200 acres lying along Rogue river, below the town of Gold Hill. Water for the proposed district will be taken from the river above Gold Hill, the organizers of the district claiming that water in any amount desired is available. The cost will be \$35 per acre, with a maintenance charge which it is thought will not exceed 50 cents per acre.

According to Clarence Boyd of Gold Hill, 97 per cent of the people of the district are in favor of the creation of the irrigation district.

The Ashland-Talent district is going ahead with preliminary surveys and plans.

Reed For Springs Water Commissioner

Mr. Greer will not be a candidate for springs water commissioner in the coming city election. In view of the fact that Mr. Reed, in his campaign against Mr. Greer in the recall election, stated that he was anxious to investigate the whole springs water deal and would give his findings to the public, if Mr. Reed will agree to do that now Mr. Greer will support him for the place. There have been a lot of charges made by Mr. Enders and his henchmen against the integrity and intent of Mr. Greer in the springs matter, every one of which was and is absolutely false. The only way the matter can be fairly determined is by a thorough investigation. Mr. Greer courts that investigation, and to that end will support Mr. Reed for springs water commissioner. If he will agree to make the investigation and give his findings, without reserve, to the public, no doubt Mr. Reed is anxious for such an investigation, and as he failed to convict Mr. Greer in the recall election, without investigation, he should be anxious now that the opportunity is offered, to give Mr. Greer the benefit of a fair trial without prejudice. Therefore, we think Mr. Reed should make the race, with that understanding, and if he does, the Tidings will support him.

Former Local Teacher Killed

Miss Ethel Rigdon, formerly principal of the Ashland high school and who left here in 1911 for Salem, where she has since been the head of the English department at the Salem high school, died Monday morning from the result of injuries received when she was struck by an automobile while crossing a street in Salem. According to word received in this city, Miss Rigdon started across the street at a corner in the company of A. C. Clancy of Portland and was run into by an automobile driven by Asa Tindall, who since her death has been arrested on a charge of manslaughter. Miss Rigdon suffered a fractured skull and did not regain consciousness, dying three hours later at a Salem hospital.

Miss Rigdon has many friends in this city who will be shocked to learn of her death. Her parents reside in National City, Cal. She has a brother and three sisters in Salem.