

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

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## The Springs Water Commission's Adieu

The people have voted to abolish the springs water commission, put the care of the springs physical plant in the hands of the council, and allow the newly elected park board to retain care of Lithia park. By this arrangement the life of the springs water commission ceases today.

The commission has enjoyed a splendid support from the people of Ashland in its work. It had to deal



Bert R. Greer, Retiring Springs Commissioner

with an unknown quantity in piping mineral water for great distances for the first time in the history of hydraulic engineering. Engineers differed as to the proper theoretical methods to be employed. Two plans were presented, one to create the water before it was brought to the city and recarbonate it at the central station, and the other to push the water direct from the springs into the fountains at the park, containing their gases and minerals just as they came



J. P. Dodge, Retiring Springs Commissioner

from the spring. This last method carried with it the risk of sedimental deposits in the pipes in transit, and in some cases inadequacy of carbonation. The commission examined carefully into each plan and finally decided that the best method to adopt would be to force the water direct from the spring in its natural state. This method was followed. It had this distinct advantage over the other: By this method the waters will pass the government requirements as "natural mineral water," while the other method left the question to be



Frank Jordan, Retiring Springs Commissioner

later decided by the government department. Time has already proven this method to be practical and satisfactory. The plant generally is in good condition, is doing the work splendidly, and every indication points to the continued successful delivery of all the waters for a long life of a plant of the kind.

The only thing that can be desired  
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## Breaks Arm in Fall to Walk

The second broken arm which has been caused by the icy walks was suffered by Mrs. Ed Steele Thursday afternoon when she slipped on the walk in front of her house on East Main street, falling and breaking her arm. Mrs. Jennie Rogers suffered a broken wrist Christmas day.

## Father Dolphin Goes To Oswego

Father Dolphin, pastor of the Catholic church, has been appointed chaplain of the provincial house and normal school of the Sisters of the Holy Names at Marylhurst, Oswego, Ore., and he will depart for his new field of labor on Friday, January 5. The appointment was made by Archbishop Christie. His successor here has not been named, but will be in a few days.

## Churches Will Hold Union Watch Meet

A union watch night service will be held on Sunday evening, December 31, at the Congregational church, beginning at 10 o'clock. It will be held under auspices of the local Ministerial Union and a number of clergymen will participate under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. G. Southwell Brett. In addition to a formal program, including musical selections, forty minutes will be reserved for open forum discussions, and twenty minutes will be devoted to prayer and praise.

## Boy Scouts To Have Home of Own

The Boy Scouts of Ashland, under the leadership of Scoutmaster George Holly, who is devoting a large part of his time to scout work, are to have a home of their own. The scouts have leased the building in Chautauqua park formerly used as a school, for the winter, and at Tuesday's council meeting the city electrician was authorized to install lights, the cost being approximated at \$4. The boys will fix up the club room in fine style. The Boy Scout work is getting a good hold in Ashland and the boys throughout the city are becoming interested. It is probable that other patrols will be organized.

The stores of the city will be closed Monday, New Year's day. Most of the business houses of the city are now busy with invoicing and preparing for odd-lot sales and other winter sales. The past holiday season was a profitable one for most of the stores, buying being freer than prior to any Christmas for a number of years. Not only were more goods bought, but in most cases a higher quality of goods.

## Mayor Lamkin Says "No Radical Changes"

The most important and, to the average citizen, the most interesting council meeting of the year of 1917 will take place next Tuesday night, January 2, at the city hall council chamber. Mayor Lamkin will take his place in the chair after being sworn in by Mayor Johnson, and Councilman Caldwell will replace Councilman Ashcraft. Recorder Wimer will wield the pen. After the usual preliminaries the portion of the procedure in which the public is most vitally interested, the appointment of officers and superintendents of the city departments, will take place. Mayor Lamkin, when interviewed, would not make any statement regarding the appointments which he intended making and confined himself to the statement that "there will be no radical changes."

The police department, of course, will be turned inside out, Chief Porter having resigned to enter other work and Patrolman Wimer going into the recorder's office. Who the new chief will be is a matter for conjecture only and that appointment will be eagerly awaited. But one patrolman will be appointed as the fund for police departmental work has been cut down for 1917.

Whether there will be any changes in the superintendencies remains to be seen.

## Local Fish Protective Association Formed With Hundred Members

The Ashland Fish and Game Protective Association came into being at an enthusiastic and well-attended meeting of sportsmen held at the city hall Friday evening. By-laws were adopted, officers elected, a number of resolutions adopted, sending of delegates to the state legislature to fight for the things the club is working for, authorized, co-operation with other Southern Oregon associations planned and an instructive discussion of a number of fish and game problems indulged in.

### Officers.

E. D. Briggs, who for years has been one of the hardest workers for a closed river, was elected president of the club; Harry Hosler, another hard worker and true sportsman, vice-president; Louis Dodge, secretary; D. Perozzi, treasurer. Slim Morris, Jack Bailey and Charles Robertson were elected to the executive board and with the officers will make up that board.

### One Hundred Members.

The club comes into being with one hundred members, that many having signed the documents placed at various places about the city and otherwise circulated. Membership fee, including dues for the year 1917, has been placed at the extremely low amount of 50 cents in order that every man, woman and child in Ashland who has the interests of the preserving of one of the greatest tourist assets of the valley, the Rogue fishing, at heart, may join and lend their influence to the movement. It was

voted to put a paid solicitor in the field, and within a few days the association should have several hundred members. Those who wish to join may do so at Dodge Bros. store.

### Primary Aim.

The primary aim, of course, of the association is to protect the steelhead and trout fishing in the Rogue and its tributaries by working for a closed river and stopping the methods used by the cannery at the mouth which have kept the fish from coming up the river. However, the association will make every game problem its problem and will become a great big, live factory in the community.

### Will Send Delegates.

The club voted to send delegates to Salem should Representative Thomas, who is engineering the closed river fight in the legislature, call for them. The lower valley organizations will send several delegates.

### Resolutions.

Several resolutions were passed and will be forwarded to the southern Oregon representatives and senator and to other organizations. In all probability the local organization will join with other valley associations in the issuing of a pamphlet to be sent to each of the members of the state legislature, explaining the exact conditions.

### Closed River.

The first resolution, unanimously passed, was as follows: "Be it resolved that..."  
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Mayor Johnson, Who Retires After Four Years' Service

## Greetings

The year just dying has been the banner year in the history of the Ashland Tidings.

The Tidings now has by five hundred more subscribers than at any time since it began publication forty-two years and six months ago.

The popularity of a newspaper must be judged by the number and loyalty of its subscribers. The net income of the Tidings from subscriptions alone is now more than three thousand dollars per annum. The people take the Tidings, pay for it, and read it, because they like it.

It has been, and is, our aim to keep the tone of the paper always optimistic. Anybody can tear down, but it takes effort and courage to build up. It is the greatest desire of this paper to cultivate courage enough to always stand for a policy that tends to build rather than destroy.

The paper has a deep feeling of appreciation for the warm support it is receiving from this community. Our policies have been approved by the citizens, not in meaningless phrases, but in substantial support. We sincerely thank the people for this good will.

There are enough substantial enterprises in contemplation, with good hope of accomplishment, for the next year to justify and exceedingly optimistic feeling.

There are big things in store for Ashland the coming year. She is promised the greatest year of development and substantial prosperity in her history.

The Tidings has good reason to prophesy three large and substantial undertakings for the coming year. The building of a \$100,000 water cure sanitarium, the erection of a tourist hotel to cost more than \$100,000, and the organization of a \$50,000 corporation which will build a large number of modern furnished bungalows.

These developments, coming all in one year, should put Ashland permanently on the map, and justifies a courage that will warrant a lively forward movement along every line.

We congratulate Ashland on her past success and enter with her upon the conquest of the coming year with an exceedingly lively faith that she will make good beyond her fondest hopes.

We hope for a happy and, we predict, a wonderfully prosperous new year for this community.

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## Rush Re-Building Of Allen Block

A crew of carpenters rushed the construction of the roof over the Allen block and finished last Sunday noon because of the storms. Lathers are now at work inside. Mrs. Allen states that although the work is being hurried as much as possible, she does not expect to get settled down much before February.

## Shivers and Shakes At 8 Above Zero

The entire city shivered and shook Friday morning. Long-suffering husbands got up in the chilly air and dug up extra blankets and comforters. Pipes froze and the plumbers smiled in their sleep. And all because the mercury had a fainting spell and dropped down to 8 degrees above zero. Which is some cold for Ashland.

## Look Out for Coins That Say "Thud"

Five-dollar gold pieces should be scrutinized carefully. At least coins purporting to be gold should be investigated by the time-honored methods of ringing on the counter or in some other way before acceptance. The reason lies in the fact that coins made of lead are said to be in circulation in the valley, two or three having appeared in Medford. The coins are said to be a good imitation of the real thing but will go "thud" instead of "ting" if dropped.

## Masons Install On St. John's Day

Ashland lodge of Masons, No. 23, observed St. John's day Wednesday by installing officers, followed by a banquet and smoker. Speeches were in order, and symbolical illustrations were thrown upon the screen by aid of the new balopticon. Many out-of-town guests attended the installation ceremonies.

The new officers for 1917 are: James A. Graham, worshipful master; Arthur F. Abbott, senior warden; Frederick H. Johnson, junior warden; Ernest V. Carter, treasurer; William H. Day, secretary.

The lodge was chartered June 17, 1875, and has 200 members.

The Belgians have the sympathy of the world, and are getting the amount of practical benefit that sympathy usually affords.

## Mayor Johnson's Farewell Message

Ashland, Ore., Dec. 27, 1916.

To the Citizens of Ashland:

In passing out of public service I wish only to make a brief statement.

It does not appear necessary even to summarize the work accomplished, much less go into detail. Whatever has been accomplished and established in the way of system or method, or what has been accomplished in a material way, bears evidence of its fitness or merit, and I leave the matter of judgment to our citizens. I feel gratified for the co-operation and evidence of interest manifested in good government and pass again into private citizenship conscious that I did the best I could under all the varied conditions and circumstances during my four years of service. I go bearing no ill will toward any one and good wishes for all, and a desire that Ashland as a city may continue to develop her resources and not neglect to let the world know about it, maintaining throughout the process her moral standing as a clean city. It will not come by chance. Ashland for nearly half a century has been a town by chance, more or less. Make it a big, clean city by choice and effort.

Again I thank the good people for their assistance and co-operation.

I wish also to thank those in the city's employ for their real interest in their various departments. For their loyalty they are entitled to great credit.

Wishing all a prosperous year and for a greater continued co-operation in one common aim and purpose, I am, Very respectfully yours,

O. H. JOHNSON.

## Old Council Goes Out of Existence

The city council met Thursday evening in farewell session and cleaned up most of the business on hand so that the new council would have a clean slate to do their figuring on beginning next Tuesday night. Mayor-elect Lamkin, Councilman-elect Caldwell, most of the city employees and a number of spectators gathered to pay their respects at the 1916 council funeral. Councilman



P. L. Ashcraft, Retiring After Four Years on Council

Ashcraft, the retiring councilman, was attired in a bearskin overcoat most appropriate to the occasion.

Reports for the year from the heads of the various departments were read and placed on file, making a fairly complete record of the city's upkeep in 1916 as well as improvements. All of the reports were comprehensive and will be valuable to the coming administration. City Attorney Moore's report was adjudged one of the most educational ever sub-



C. H. Gillette, Who Finishes Four-Year Term as Recorder

mitted to the council and was ordered published.

George Holly, scoutmaster of the local Boy Scouts, stated that the scouts had rented the old school building in Chautauqua park and the council voted to have the building wired.

G. W. Matthews asked that \$10 charged him for keeping in the pound cattle belonging to him, which were found straying on the streets, be remitted, claiming that he could prove that a party had driven them into town out of spite in order to get them



George Taverner, Who Retires as President Park Board

impounded. The matter was referred to a special committee of three with power to investigate.

The pasture ground on which the septic tank was located was leased for the coming year to Walter Hask at the same remuneration as has been customary in the past. The amount was \$30.

Auditing of the city's books was discussed at some length and voted

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