

# THE TIDINGS PREDICTION: Before December 31, 1918, Ashland will have a population exceeding TWELVE THOUSAND. It will be brought about by proper and complete utilization of her best resource—Mineral Waters

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

# ASHLAND TIDINGS

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## City Raids Hotel to Stop Current Theft

The first step in a determined campaign to put an end to the theft of electrical current in Ashland was taken by the city authorities last Saturday when, armed with search warrants, the Depot hotel was raided and six electric stoves found in the first six rooms entered. The Depot hotel is on a flat rate and had been paying for current for lights only. Manager J. P. Wolfe was bound over to the grand jury on \$150 bonds. Theft of electric current is believed by the city authorities to be the greatest problem which they have to fight in making the municipally owned plant remain on a paying basis. It is believed that current lost through unreported electrical devices runs into a total of several hundred dollars loss every month and the authorities are determined to put a stop to the law breaking. Several others are on the list, according to the city officials, and other raids will follow unless there is a general mending of ways.

The unlawful use of current is a felony under Section 1992, Lord's Oregon laws, and is punishable by a fine of from \$50 to \$300 or a jail sentence. The case is in the hands of the state, not the city, as it is a state law.

The Depot hotel was selected to become the "example" because flagrant law-breaking had become evident. A search warrant was issued by District Attorney Roberts, and the electric light committee, consisting of Messrs. Lamb, Cornelius and Caldwell, accompanied by other city officials, visited the hotel. Manager Wolfe objected strenuously to a search being made, but when the warrant was procured, withdrew his objections. The first six rooms entered contained stoves merrily burning, and this being considered sufficient evidence, the stoves were confiscated and taken to the city hall. They were later returned when Mr. Wolfe gave a receipt for them.

## Gold Hill District Votes Irrigation

By a vote of seventeen for and eight against, farmers of the Gold Hill and Foothills Creek districts Friday sanctioned the creation of the Gold Hill irrigation district. This vote gives the required 60 per cent of votes cast.

The land coming within the district embraces about 1,200 acres lying along the south side of Rogue river between the towns of Gold Hill and Rogue River in what are known as the Riverside Colony and Foothills Creek district.

The cost of supplying water to the land is estimated at \$35 per acre. Water will be taken from Rogue river about three miles above Gold Hill and will be carried to the land in a ditch about fifteen miles long. Work will begin at once and will be pushed as rapidly as possible.

The land embraced in the district is devoted to the raising of alfalfa and fruit, but with the addition of water a considerable acreage will be planted to sugar beets. The soil is a light sandy loam and is peculiarly adapted to the raising of either alfalfa or beets.

The following officers were elected for the district: C. W. McDonald, treasurer; directors, George B. Alden, C. R. Boyd and F. D. Elisman.

## Prohibition Bill Due This Week

None of the important measures that are sure to come up have yet made their appearance in the state legislature now in session at Salem. The prohibition bill is due early this week; the insurance bill and the military bill also will come in some time this week.

The road legislation also is waiting. Each house, however, is entertaining a bill designed to provide state funds to match the federal appropriation of \$1,800,000 for Oregon roads. These measures are entirely independent of the general program for state road improvements.

Albany will seek to develop the flax industry.

## Cannery Mass Meeting Tuesday

There will be a mass meeting of the citizens of Ashland and vicinity tomorrow (Tuesday) at 3 p. m. to discuss the possibility of establishing a fruit cannery in Ashland. All who are interested in this enterprise and the future of Ashland are urged to be present.

## Visiting Team Loses in Oregon

After playing and winning all the way from Oklahoma, the Oklahoma Normal School basketball team ran into hard slodding in Oregon, the stronghold of basketball in the west, and lost three games in this state. Roseburg high school, last year's strong contenders for the state championship and this year's possessors of a team which will no doubt come close to winning undisputed honors, nicked the Oklahomans' record of only one defeat by winning 34 to 32 at Roseburg last Tuesday. Then the Chemawa Indians took the easterners down the line and the Multnomah Athletic Club also chalked up a win. The University of Oregon lost to the normal team.

Roseburg high won from Eugene, Dallas, with Pebo Shaw, of former Ashland fame, in the game, won from the university.

## Second Semester Begins Next Monday

The second semester of the Ashland schools will begin Monday, January 22.

All children who are now six years of age or will be by March 15, 1917, should enter school at that time. Usually the beginning classes are smaller at the mid-year than they are in September. For that reason more time can be given to each individual than in the fall semester. Also the severe weather is over, making it quite a favorable time for the little folks to be in school.

All parents are urged to get the children who will be six by March 15, 1917, in school on Monday, January 22, 1917.

The second semester of the high school begins at that time. It may be there are some young men and young women, who have no regular employment, and who should like to continue work along some line in which they have special interest. To such there is extended a cordial invitation to interview the superintendent or the high school principal. The high school is here to serve the people of Ashland, so let's make it serve the greatest number.

The school authorities ask everyone to co-operate with them in making it one of the chief assets of all our people.

## Sells Five Autos In Single Day

Newton Harrison, of the local Chevrolet agency, reports the sale of five Chevrolet cars last Saturday. This is just about the local record for sale of cars in a single day. The purchasers were Lawrence Coder, Paul Eslop, C. W. Banta, H. G. Eastman and O. Helman.

The automobile sales of the past two weeks in Ashland would seem to denote anything but hard times. The Dodge agency sold five cars and several others have also been sold in this city since the first of the year.

## Lyle Carlton Buys Crown Jitney Line

Lyle Carlton, Ashland young man, has purchased the Crown auto line which operates between here and Medford. Two cars are operated upon this line. The three Jitney lines, the Interurban, Crown and Valley, are now working in harmony as far as schedules are concerned and are affording the best Jitney service between Ashland and Medford that the valley has yet had. Cars leave practically every half hour.

## G. S. Butler Retires From Bank Presidency and Board of Directors

G. S. Butler, one of Ashland's most prominent business men and substantial citizens, has resigned the presidency of the board of directors of the State Bank of Ashland, of which he has been president since its organization in 1907, and has also resigned from the board of directors of the First National Bank, of which he is the oldest member. Mr. Butler's retirement from the local banking world is due to impairment of his hearing. He will hereafter devote himself to his extensive property interests.

Mr. Butler was a director in the



G. S. Butler, who retires from bank directorships.

pioneer Bank of Ashland, his directorship dating back to 1895. When the Bank of Ashland was consolidated with the U. S. National Bank, of which he was also a director, he became a director on the board of the consolidated bank, which is the present First National Bank. His sound wisdom and ability have been big factors in the building up of the banks upon whose boards he has served, to their present high standing.

O. Winter, a member of the board of directors of the State Bank, has been elected president to succeed Mr. Butler, and F. D. Wagner has been elected vice-president and director.

J. W. McCoy, present cashier of the First National Bank, has been elected to succeed Mr. Butler on the



F. D. Wagner, new director, State Bank.

board of directors of that institution.

The board of directors of the First National Bank now consists of the following: E. V. Carter, C. H. Vaupel, W. H. McNair, J. W. McCoy, T. H. Simpson, George W. Dunn and F. D. Wagner. Mr. Carter is president and Mr. Vaupel vice-president. J. W. McCoy is cashier, Clark Bush assistant cashier, H. C. Emery assistant cashier, Gerald Wenner and Harold Simpson clerks.

The State Bank officers are now: O. Winter, president; F. D. Wagner, vice-president; directors, O. Winter, F. D. Wagner, E. V. Carter, C. H. Vaupel, W. H. McNair, T. H. Simpson and G. W. Owen. G. G. Eubanks is cashier.

The Citizens Bank also held their annual election recently, there being no changes in the directorship or list of officers. H. F. Pohland is president, J. P. Dodge vice-president; directors, H. F. Pohland, J. P. Dodge, V. O. N. Smith, W. M. Polky, C. B. Lamkin, Don V. Smith and W. T. Loomis. V. O. N. Smith is cashier, Fred Engle assistant cashier, Miss

Ethel Davenport assistant cashier, and Troy Phipps clerk.

Both of the banks passed resolutions as evidences of their appreciation of Mr. Butler's services. These follow:

First National.

Whereas, Mr. G. S. Butler, on account of impairment of his hearing, has felt impelled to tender his resignation as a director of the First National Bank of Ashland; and

Whereas, Mr. Butler has been a stockholder in this bank since 1904 and was a stockholder in the pioneer Bank of Ashland beginning with July, 1899, and becoming a director thereof in May, 1899, he served continuously in that capacity until the U. S. National Bank of Ashland, successor of the Bank of Ashland, was merged into and consolidated with this bank, since which time he has been a director as well as a stockholder in the consolidated institution, this record showing him to be the oldest, in point of service as a director, on the present official board of this bank. Therefore be it

Resolved, That the stockholders of the First National Bank of Ashland at this annual meeting accept the resignation of Mr. Butler from its board of directors with keen regret, and with an expression of the fullest confidence in his ability and wisdom as a counsellor in the successful conduct of the extensive business affairs of this bank and of its predecessors now merged into it. His record has ever been one of harmonious efforts



J. W. McCoy, new director, First National Bank.

with his co-workers to build up a strong, safe and sound, yet progressive, financial institution. The stockholders hereby extend to him their sincere thanks for his efficient efforts in behalf of said banking institution.

State Bank.

Whereas, Mr. G. S. Butler, president of the board of directors of the State Bank of Ashland, has tendered his resignation, impairment of his hearing impelling him to this action; and

Whereas, Mr. Butler has been a director and president of the board continuously from the date of the organization of this bank in 1907 until the present time, and the success of the institution and the reputation it has established for conducting a safe and sound business is due in no small measure to Mr. Butler. He has always been alert in the safeguarding of every interest of this bank, and his relations with the stockholders and board of directors have ever been harmonious and pleasant. Therefore be it

Resolved, That it is with real regret that the stockholders of the State Bank of Ashland at this annual meeting accept Mr. Butler's resignation as a member of the board of directors, at the same time expressing the fullest confidence and satisfaction in his record as the president of the bank. Be it further

Resolved, That this evidence of our appreciation and thanks to our retiring official be spread upon the minutes of this stockholders' meeting.

Albany—Furniture factory is in the market for eighty carloads of coast alder, maple and ash, cut in the following lengths: Four feet four inches and eight feet eight inches, cut in cord-wood style.

Phone job orders to the Tidings.

## New Dispatcher Shasta Division

C. G. Beeth, chief dispatcher of the Shasta division, was transferred and M. A. Wallace, a dispatcher from the Sacramento division, has been appointed to succeed Mr. Beeth. Other changes in the official family of the Shasta division are rumored to be imminent.

## County Cuts Expense \$12,632 in Past Year

From the coming report of George A. Gardner, county clerk, it appears that the expenditures of Jackson county were \$12,632 less in 1916 than in 1915. In 1915 the county spent \$211,738 and in 1916 \$199,106. On roads and bridges the expense the past year was \$68,047. A neat saving was made in election expense this year over 1914, although this year was a heavier election, carrying presidential candidates. In 1914 the election expense totaled \$9,410, while this year it was cut to \$7,407, a net saving of \$1,939. The circuit court expense was \$339 less this year than last. Care of poor, exclusive of widows' pensions, was \$16,464 in 1915 and \$15,041 in the past year—a net saving of \$1,423.

## Sick Woman Hauled Seven Miles on Sled

After being hauled by four young men over four feet of snow for seven miles on a sled improvised from a pair of skees, and brought into Ashland in a buggy, Mrs. S. A. Parker, whose condition demanded immediate removal to a lower altitude, arrived safely in Ashland last Tuesday from the Parker ranch on the Kalmath Falls road. Mrs. Parker was suffering from heart trouble and became weaker and weaker until it became evident that she should be moved into town. Harris Dean, Howard Parker, Leland DeCarlo and Ray Sayles built a sled and brought her over the snow to DeCarlo's station, where the snow is about thirty inches deep. They were able to get through to Ashland with a buggy from there.

## Restaurant Moved To Larger Quarters

Curt's Restaurant, owned by Curt Roberts, has been moved from the building two doors from the corner of Fourth and A streets into the building two doors east which at one time was occupied by Rosenbaum's restaurant. The new quarters are much more commodious and new equipment has been installed. The old restaurant would not accommodate the crowd when two or three trains came in at once.

## But One Change in Association Board

The Ashland Fruit and Produce Association elected officers last Saturday afternoon. All of the officers who served during 1916 were returned with the exception of R. D. Sanford, who did not wish to serve on the board again. G. S. Butler was elected to succeed him. J. H. Dill is president of the association.

## Poultry Show To Close Wednesday

The state poultry show at Medford will remain open for four days longer. Wednesday will be Ashland and Talent day. Some fine birds are on exhibition and the show is well worth a visit by anyone interested in the poultry business. The show will close at 10 o'clock Wednesday evening.

Tests at the forest products laboratory at Madison, Wis., indicate that by the use of four additional nails in each end an increase of 300 per cent in the strength of canned-food boxes is secured.

## State Bank Is In Fine Condition

Granite City Savings Bank, of which the State Bank is the successor, was organized in April, 1907, and was first housed in the east half of the present Provost Brothers' store; later was moved to the corner of Oak and Main streets, after the First National moved to its present quarters, and later the bank purchased the present quarters facing the Plaza.

G. S. Butler has been president from its organization until January 11, when he resigned owing to his hearing becoming so defective as to make him feel unable to longer preside at meetings.

The State Bank of Ashland has an enviable record for careful business management, as the first loan charged off its books since organization occurred on January 11 this year and was for only \$25. The policy of the management has been to declare but few dividends, which have amounted to \$3,250, but yearly, to lessen furniture and future account, or building and lot account. At its last meeting \$1,000 was charged off of building account and \$500 was carried to surplus account, which was done instead of declaring a 6 per cent dividend.

When organized as a savings bank the other banks were not accepting savings deposits, but since they have adopted the savings department the State Bank has enlarged into the commercial department and is the only bank in Oregon so changing.

Mr. O. Winter, who has long been the vice-president, was elected as successor to Mr. Butler.

## High School Wins First Basketball

The local high school basketball team made their first game of the season a victory by defeating the Siskiyou Union high school of Yreka by the score of 34 to 18 at Yreka Saturday night. The game was not as slow as the score would indicate, although Yreka showed exceptional bursts of speed and was plainly in better condition than the locals. The outcome of the game was certain, the locals leading the first half with a score of 20 to 8. Superior basket shooting was responsible for Ashland's success, although their passing and team work were good, considering the brief time they have played together.

Captain Buck was high point man for the red and white basketekers, with six baskets to his credit. Forward Cunningham and Running Guard Furry also proved their ability to locate the basket on numerous occasions. Captain Howard, Yreka's lengthy center, was their star man, with four baskets, and they had a capable set of forwards who annexed several points of the Union high school.

The game was played on the new Yreka high school gymnasium floor. It is a well-lighted, roomy floor, although the slickness hindered the speed of both teams to a small extent. A large crowd of wild, enthusiastic fans was present at the game with the Yreka high school band. The locals report a splendid time and were treated royally by the Californians. They were guests of the Moose club Sunday.

Cecil Grisez, the all-star forward of the locals' spectacular quintet of last year, and who is coaching the Yreka team at present, refereed the first half of the game. Coach Heidenreich of the locals officiated in the second period of play. The locals lined up as follows: L. Buck, center; H. Bentley and L. Cunningham, forwards; A. Furry and L. Abbott, guards. D. Gill was substituted for Bentley in the last five minutes of play, along with Reid Harrell, who took Furry's place at guard. The locals' schedule is not filled out yet, but the next game will probably be with Yreka here in the near future.

The Sigma Theta class of the Presbyterian Sunday school was entertained by Mrs. Carpenter at her home Saturday evening, January 13. The class was organized and other business was discussed. All girls who are in high school, not attending any Sunday school, are cordially invited to become members of this class. All visitors are welcome.