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Choral Society to Present "Holy City"

The Ashland Choral Society, under direction of Mr. E. L. Rasor, will give the sacred cantata, "The Holy City," at the Presbyterian church next Friday evening, January 19, beginning at 8 o'clock. Tickets will be on sale at Rose Brothers', there being no reserved seats, but a flat charge of 25 cents being made. There are twenty-five of Ashland's best voices in the chorus and the music to be given is of the world's best, so a full house should be accorded them. The program follows: Part I. Contemplation.

Chorus, "No Shadows Yonder," Solo, "My Soul is Athirst for God." Mrs. Norris

Trio, "At Eventide it Shall Be Light," Mrs. Ashcraft, Misses Anderson and McCormick.

Chorus, "They That Sow in Tears." Solo, "Eye Hath Not Seen," Mrs. Wolf.

Chorus, "For Thee, O Dear, Dear

Chorus, "Thine is the Kingdom." Special solo (by request), "Bright Star of Hope," Mr. Rasor.

Part II. Adoration. Interlude, piano and organ, Mes

dames Parson and Strickland. Solo and choru sanctus, "A New Heaven and New Earth," Mr. Loveland and chorus.

Solo, "To the Lord Our God," Mrs. P. S. Provost.

Solo, "Come, Ye Blessed," Miss Young

Chorus, "The Fining Pot is for Silver."

"These Are They Which Came," Mrs. Elmore. Duet, "They Shall Hunger No

More," Mrs. Ashcraft and Miss Poley. Chorus and solo, "List the Cherubic Host" and "I Heard the Voice

of Harpers." Mr. McCoy. Chorus, "Great and Marvelous Are Thy Works."

Mr. Earl L. Rasor, director; Mrs. A. L. Strickland, pianist; Mrs. J. S. Parson, organist.

J H Provost D. D. Norris. P. L. Ashcraft Jr., Misses Doris Bagley and Margaret Anderson; altos. Mesdames C. B. Wolf, E. L. Rasor, Oria Coffman, Misses Eva Poley, Mary Young and Laura McCormick; tenors, F. P. Keene, J. H. McGee. Carl Loveland, Clark Bush, George H. Yeo, Winn Hayes; basses, J. W. McCoy, H. T. Elmore, H. A. Carnahan, A. L. Strickland, Howard Ewer,

Vining Has Fine **Programs Listed**

Tonight at the Vining theatre William S. Hart will appear in "The Dawnmaker." Mr. and Mrs. Carl Loveland will also appear in an exhibition of the latest dances which they brought back with them from San Francisco.

Friday brings Mary Pickford in "The Dawn of Tomorrow."

Saturday brings Lillian Gish in "Diana of the Follies," a story of stage life.

Sunday, in addition to the orchestra concert, Vining patrons will be entertained with Anita Stewart in "The Combat." The same picture will also be shown Monday. It is a real feature.

Phillips Helps O.A.C. Best Oregon Austin Matches

The Oregon Agricultural College basketball team won two games from the University of Oregon Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. Walter Phillips of Ashland played with O. A. C. The Oregon team is built of new material, that college having dropped the indoor game as far as varsity contests were concerned last year, only to take it up again this year. O. A. C. has a strong aggregation and will be high contenders for the northwest championship.

President W. B. Barrett of the Oregon Woolgrowers' Association predicts 40-cent wool for the 1917 clip.

La Grande's postoffice receipts for the past year show a large increase.

Hang Up \$5 Reward For Information

A reward of \$5 has been hung up by the electric light committee for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person stealing electric current for use in stoves or appliances not reported or paid for under the flat rate system. The offer of the reward resulted from the fact that many people have told city officials of their knowledge of current thievery but have not been willing or public spirited enough to give specific information.

The members of the electric light committee state that the city loses hundreds of dollars through current thefts. The city authorities are determined to put an end to the stealing and are going to actively prosecute every offender who is caught. Attention is called to the fact that such theft is a felony under the state law and punishable by a very heavy penalty. The fine ranges from \$50 to \$300 or a long fail sentence.

Master Mechanic Small Leaves S. P.

It is reported that Master Mechanic Small of the Shasta division of the Southern Pacific has left the services of the company. It is rumored that he has gone into a line of business for himself. A number of changes in the personnel of the motive power department of the S. P. seem to be on the program following the trouble in securing enough motive power to handle the extra heavy freight traffic of the past few weeks. According to remarks of enginemen, the engines on the Shasta division are many of them in bad shape, and sufficient mechanics are unavailable to keep the locomotives up to required standards. An interstate commerce Patrolman and Fireman Pittininspector recently tied up a number of the engines in the local yards and Chief of Police Atterbury.... refused to allow them to go out until Patrolman Hatcher 75 they had received extensive repairs. City Attorney Moore.....

Medford-Ashland Debate Here Friday

The first debate of the 1917 series in the southern Oregon district of the Oregon High School Debating League will take place Friday evening of this week. Miss Priscilla Carnahan and Lloyd Turner will uphold the negative against the Medford team at the local high school, while Cleo Kirk and Ernest Abbott uphold the affirmative against the Grants Pess negative team at Grants Pass. The winner of the valley series will debate Klamath Falls, who won the championship of the southeastern Oregon

The debate at the Ashland high school gymnasium will be free to the public Friday night and this important branch of the school activities should be welcomed by a record turnout. In years gone by Ashland high has not been able to get far in the series, but this year has two fine teams and should stand a good chance of winning the district cahmpionship. In order to arouse interest in debating it was decided to make no charge at this initial contest. The debate will be preceded by a musical program, starting promptly

Will Advertise

The Hotel Austin has just received pocket size, with a three-color photo- Fruit Express." graph of the hotel on the outside and the cover. The little novelties are bound to be a very effective advertis- here. ing medium, not for the hotel alone but for Ashland as a resort. The description of "Oregon's Famous Spa' is well written and paints an attractive picture. The matches will find their way all over the coast and are

Ashland May Secure Dry-Fresh Cannery Plant in Near Future

There is an imminent possibility | The Dry-Fresh process has proven Fresh company, which is a big conwhich already has several successful season. establishments in the state. A mass meeting was held Tuesday and the matter considered, and Wednesday the club trustees authorized the sending of F. D. Wagner to meet a re-Mr Wagner will secure all details and cannery will provide a home maran outline of the company's require- ket for the greatest part of the fruit

land must have.

of Ashland's securing a Dry-Fresh very successful and the plants elsecannery plant. The Commercial Club where have been big money-makers. is in communication with the Dry- One of the plants, a year old, has a payroll of \$7,500 per month and is to backed by Portland capital be trebled in capacity for the coming

The fruitgrowers of this vicinity are mostly owners of small orchards, and owing to the fact that their crops are not large profitable marketing of quest of the company that a repre- all but the very best grades of fruit sentative be sent to confer with them. has in the past been difficult. The crop of the Ashland district, would An outlet for the surplus fruit provide a big payroll and be generally grown in and around Ashland has beneficial to the entire city. The buslong been a crying need, and the Dry- iness men of the city are anxiously Fresh concern would mean a great awaiting the outcome of the negotiadeal for Ashland. The club has been tions with the company, and it is the working for a good many months on universal desire that a satisfactory the cannery proposition, recognizing arrangement can be made so that it to be one of the things which Ash- Ashland may have this industry for

Council Fixes City Salaries

An ordinance fixing the salaries of by the council placing the monthly salaries as follows:

Assistant Plant Superintendent O. E. Deibert

Plant Operator E. M. Stannard., 75 Fire Chief Robinson...... Driver L. O. Van Wegen

dump, is to receive \$5 per month.

Local Boy May **Enlist In Navy**

Chief Quartermaster Norstrom is the city officials was passed Tuesday in receipt of a letter from Lieutenant Commander J. H. Blackburn, in charge of the navy recruiting stations City Treasurer G. G. Eubanks . . \$ 20 of this district, to the effect that up-Recorder John B. Wimer..... 100 on visiting Bend, Ore., it has been City Electrician Strickland.... 100 decided not to establish a station at Plant Superintendent Russill ... 100 that point, and that the station at Medford will be indefinitely contin-

Lieutenant Commander Blackburn Operator L. P. Nicholson 50 will visit Medford on the 19th instant 75 and young men who are contemplat-75 ing enl ting in the navy, as well as 75 station, for the purpose of interview-85 ing the commander if they so desire. Of the enlistments made during the

50 past week the following were of Med-Members of the chorus: Sopranos, The lack of available locomotives Water Superintendent Hosler. . 100 ford: A. E. Watson, W. G.-Laidley Mesdames P. S. Provost, H. T. El- has caused considerable trouble and Street Superintendent Fraley. . . 75 and R. L. Sprague, Applications to City Engineer Walker 75 enter the radio school have been time during next week. Poundmaster Daney is to be paid made by L. D. Minkler and A. Don per dog or cow corralled. A. A. Runyard. Arthur Maxedon of Ash Graves, superintendent of the city land intends to enlist for the Yeomans school.

Lane county's budget has been cut

Keep away from drink or your by \$31,000 below estimates. friends will keep away from you. S. P. Will Build Freight Cars

ment that the Southern Pacific Com- buyers of luxuries. The spending pany had adopted the plan of build- power of the east has helped us and ing all its wooden freight cars, such is helping us, for we are the sellers as box and flat cars, at its own shops, and they are the buyers.

and will make them from lumber York and other eastern cities.

freight cars for the coming season, communities we serve. enough to ward off the hardships through shortages of railroad equip- of the company's prosperity for some ment experienced this season, provided we can get our cars returned to wave of prosperity that has resulted us after they are unloaded at destina- in part from improved domestic contions. The Southern Pacific, as you ditions and in part from the European 100,000 packages of matches of vest know, is half owner of the Pacific war has gained too much momentum

a brief description of Ashland inside ity of the east and middle west is not movement will proceed for a considmerely coming here, but is already crable length without interruption.

"The prosperity we have here," he said, "is different in nature from the largest institution in the west to coneast, but it is just as positive. Our tribute to prosperity out here. Its the way of many tourists to Ashland. the wheat, barley, fruits, vogetables in conjunction with our efforts to I get all the blame." and lumber that we have to offer, keep our service up to the highest Phone news items to the Tidings Never before has there been such a standard."

San Francisco, Jan. 17.—Announce- | vast multitude of the people who are

"The earnings of the Southern Pa produced along its lines, was made cific Company, which have improved yesterday by President William along with other business, are giving Sproule, who returned from New us an opportunity to spend much money for betterments needed upon "The plan," said Mr. Sproule, "is our property. While there are no in furtherance of our policy to favor new extensions contemplated, the home industry, and will provide a shop forces are working full force at good market for a great deal of west-full time, and the maintenance of way ern timber. The construction will be crews are also busy. We are making done principally at our Sacramento heavy expenditures in laying new rail, shops. We plan to build as soon as reballasting track, widening tunnels possible 2,000 box, 450 stock and 500 for greater freight clearances, and flat cars. These, added to the 2,700 other similar improvements. All this new refrigerator cars just ordered by means employment of larger forces the Pacific Fruit Express Company, It means enlarged payrolls, and enof which about 1,000 will be built in larged payroll for our men means California, will give us 5,650 new increased circulation of money for the

"I look forward to a continuance time to come, peace or no peace. The to be easily stopped, and even after Mr. Sproule said that the prosper- the declaration of peace its forward

"As far as the Southern Pacific is concerned, it is doing its share as the

Will Complete Data Of Electric System

property owned by the municipal elecstatus of the plant and system will be compiled by the electric light committee of the city council with the aid of such expert valuation work necessary where accurate data is found lacking. The announcement of thorized. this move will be welcomed by the people of Ashland, who are on the whole rather "in the dark" as to the exact status of the electric situation. No records of a definite nature were kept during the building up of the present system, and hence nothing is available upon which to base accurate information regarding the electrical situation in the city. The committee will go clear to the bottom of the matter and compile a complete digest portant branch of the city's service.

Compulsory School

A movement is being fathered by the Southern Oregon Schoolmaster's Club which seeks to place the compulsory school age at seven years in stead of nine years as at present The educators throughout the state who have been communicated with regarding the proposition regard it with general favor.

Under the school laws now in ef fect in Oregon children between the ages of nine and fifteen years can be compelled to attend school. In the truck, event they do not attend school, their parents are subject to prosecution and punishment. The new law, if adopted, will provide that all children between the ages of seven and sixteen years shall attend school regularly, unless they are able to pre-

The bill is being drafted at the submitted to the legislature some

Ashland Seventh In Size of Debt

In a list of the larger cities of Oregon, excluding Portland, Ashland stands seventh in point of actual debt and sixth in population. Ashland is unique, however, in that besides own-In West and Use Oregon Lumber ing its own waterworks and electric light system, it owns an immense park and mineral water system valued at over a quarter of a million dollars. The list of cities was compiled for use prior to the Hanson plan eletcion held at Medford last

Following is the table as used at

Medford:			
		Capita	Popu
	Debt.	Debt.	lation
Medford \$1	1,689,500	\$188	9,00
	,333,530		12,00
Salem 1	.133,562	75	15,00
Astoria	816,300	81	10,00
Baker	652,800	92	7,00
La Grande	598,000	119	5,00
Ashland	550,000	91	6,00
Klamath Falls	419,709	105	4,00
Grants Pass	410,812	102	4,00
Roseburg	311,655	62	5,00
Albany	306,119	61	5,00
The Dalles	243,500	48	5,00

Police Judge Tired Of Being the Goat

of Medford, who for the past few E. Bagley, resigned. A committee years has presided over that city's was appointed to draft resolutions police court, has tendered his resignation to Mayor-elect Gates. The po- cials for services faithfully persition pays the munificent salary of formed. Mr. Smith will remove to \$25 a month and has been worth double the price in grief to the in- contemplates a return to the central cumbent, he states.

"I am tired of being the goat," remarked Judge Gay. "They call me up at all times of night to permit mining industires are very prosper- principal contributions are added em- drunks to bail and autoists arrested The increased wealth of the ployment, increased payrolls, larger all declare they are being discrimieast has produced a crop of produc- home industry purchases, and new nated against because everybody else destined to do their share in lighting ers who are paying good prices for car building at home. These are all does what they are pinched for. And

Phone job orders to the Tidings.

Routine Work By City Council

After the reading of the minutes and other customary preliminaries at tric light system and accurate com- the council meeting Tuerday, the rapendium of figures regarding the corder read the treasurer's quarterly report. Ex-Recorder Gillette explained some matters regarding the payment of taxes from the county into the city treasury. The purchase from the outside as may be found of licenses for the aut; truck and motorcycles owned by the city was nu-

for the water department was authorized. The machine is to be purchased from the Jordan Indian motorcycle agency for \$290, Mr. Jordan allowing \$50 for the old machine which is several years old.

A bill from the Ford agency of \$390.82 for the new Ford motor truck was ordered paid.

Fifty dollars a month was appropriated for 1917 for the payment of of all matters pertaining to this im- the leader of the Ashland band and boys' band.

A proposition from a bonding company to rebond the city at a lower rate of interest than at present paid on all the city bonds was discussed. Age May Be Lower on all the city bonds was discussed. In view of the fact that at a special election several months ago the people voted down a like money-saving proposition, and that special elections are not especially popular at present, the recorder was instructed to inform the bonding company that there was no chance to do business with Ashland.

Other matters were attended to as elsewhere reported.

The city storeroom at the corner of B and Water streets has been converted into a garage for the city auto

The street committee was granted an extension of time in the matter of the extension of Terrace street because of lack of time up to Tuesday's meeting to investigate the matter.

Councilman Banta stated that Street Superintendent Fraley had traded the lame horse belonging to the city for another horse. The deal present time and will probably be included a ten days' trial, thus giving Mr. Fraley plenty of time to discover any defects, if there are any in the newly acquired animal.

The salaries of the city officials. both elective and appointive, were

The bonds of the various departmental heads were accepted subject to the approval of the city attorney.

Churches Work In Co-Operation

Tuesday, the 9th, a company of Presbyterian and Methodist ministers met at Medford to perfect comity relations between the two churches, whereby the Presbyterians leave the field at Yoncalla to the Methodists and the Methodists leave the field at Jacksonville to the Presbyterians. This change is in the interest of greater efficiency in religious work and will be consummated in a few weeks. Presbyterian ministers present were Dr. Montgomery of Portland, Carnahan of Ashland, Bailis of O Phoenix and Hogg of Medford, and the Methodist ministers Van Fossen and Douglass of Ashland and Rollins of Medford.

Lamkin Vice-Pres. Of Chautauqua

At a meeting of Chautauqua officials on Monday, Rev. J. S. Smith resigned as vice-president and the vacancy was filled by the election of Mayor C. B. Lamkin. C. W. Root. Municipal Judge Charles B. Gay was elected a director in place of E. complimentary to the retiring offisouthern California and Mr. Bagley

> Beaver Creek, on the Willamette Valley Southern line, may get a

Deschutes county may construct a McKenzie pass road with federal aid.

Michigan men will install a sawmilk near Riddle.