

**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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## Disastrous Fire On Irwin Ranch

Fire Thursday night destroyed the combination barn and packing house belonging to Harry L. Irwin, three and one-half miles south of Medford, entailing a property loss of \$10,000, largely covered by insurance. Spontaneous combustion of the hay is thought to have been the cause of the fire.

A \$2,500 White touring car, one of the best span of mules in the Rogue River valley, and a complete orchard-spraying outfit were lost, besides a large amount of farm implements, feed, etc. For a time it was feared that the fire would spread to adjacent buildings. The fire-fighting facilities were slight.

The Irwin place is part of the old Burrows orchard.

## R. F. D. Boxes Must Be on Right Side

In a communication under date of January 10 the fourth assistant postmaster general makes the following ruling regarding the location of rural mail boxes:

"If the traffic regulations require all conveyances to travel on the right side of the highways, it is necessary that the rural carriers shall be governed accordingly, and the patrons of the rural service should be directed to erect their boxes in such a manner that they may be served without requiring a rural carrier to drive on the left side of the road.

"Patrons who fail to heed your notice within a reasonable time should not be supplied with mail by rural carriers, and their mail matter should be returned to the postoffice to be called for until such time as they choose to properly relocate their mail boxes."

In compliance with the above ruling, Postmaster Kaiser makes an urgent request that all boxes be located to meet the department's requirements by February 1.

## Steel Reports Fine Progress

Crater Lake highway matters are assuming very definite proportions. Will G. Steel has just returned from Washington and Salem, where he was eminently successful in the interest of that road. His work is not yet complete, but he has sufficiently progressed to announce that the road between Prospect and the park line will be built this summer, and he hopes to accomplish considerable more.

While in Washington Mr. Steel was sick for some time, under the care of a physician, but among other things he managed to attend the national park conference, which he pronounces the most interesting and effective ever held, of which he has attended every session. Many questions pertaining to national parks were discussed by eminent men and women, and considerable interest was awakened in congress. One of these matters has already borne fruit, in the passage by the senate of a bill creating the Mount McKinley national park in Alaska.—Medford Sun.

## Telegraphers Get Six Per Cent Raise

The local employes of the Postal Telegraph Company, together with all the other employes of that corporation, have received announcement (and cash to substantiate the announcement) of a 6 per cent salary raise which took effect with this month's pay check. The amount distributed through the local office totals quite a comfortable increase monthly.

Revised estimates place the amount of standing merchantable timber in the United States at approximately 2,767,000,000 board feet. Of this amount 1,464,000,000 board feet, or 53 per cent of the total, is in California, Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana.

It's easy to be patient when you have nothing at stake.

## Rocho Heads Valley Rural Loan Officers

Members of the eight farm loan associations of Jackson county met at the public library in Medford Wednesday and perfected a permanent organization for Jackson county, which will have for its object a uniformity of valuations for farm lands of the county under the classifications of fruit, alfalfa, stock and grain. These valuations are to be arrived at by conferences and by data gathered by the individual committeemen and to be used as a basis in arriving at valuations.

The loan committees elected for their president T. E. Scanlon of Phoenix and for their secretary C. A. Meyers of Medford.

A conference of the presidents, secretaries and treasurers of the eight Jackson county organizations was also held, and at which J. F. Rocho of Ashland was elected president and George Carter of Talent secretary. The object of this organization is an exchange of ideas and to make clear the duties of the presidents and secretaries of the several separate organizations.

At 1:30 a business men's lunch was served at the Holland cafe and thirty-seven plates were laid. Several "after lunch" addresses were made, among them being one by Professor F. C. Reimer on "Orchard Valuations;" Professor C. C. Cate spoke on "Co-operative Value of the Farm Loan Association to the County Agriculturist;" C. A. Gammil of Phoenix spoke on the "Presidents" and J. F. Rocho on the "Secretaries."

Every member of the association in attendance was enthusiastic and the meeting was a crowning success.

## Debaters Win Here And At Grants Pass

Friday night was a banner night for Ashland high school, for on that night the local debaters defeated both Grants Pass and Medford. Priscilla Carnahan and Lloyd Turner defeated the Medford team in a hotly contested argument in the high school gym before a crowd of about one hundred townspeople and students. The locals upheld the negative side. The judges were J. Percy Wells, County School Superintendent Ager and Dr. Webster of Phoenix. Their decision was 2 to 1.

Ernest Abbott and Cleo Kirk, accompanied by Coach Miss Arendt, defeated the Grants Pass team at Grants Pass on Friday evening also. They upheld the affirmative side of the question and got a decision of 3 to 0 from the judges. The judges at the sugar beet city were Superintendent of Central Point Schools Milam, a former teacher of E. Abbott's, Dr. Hart and Mr. Marsh, all of them men from cities alien to the homes of the debaters. An enormous crowd cheered the debaters at Grants Pass and a reception was provided for the visiting team.

The next debate in which Ashland will participate will be between winners of the Glendale-Central Point debate and the locals.

## Cottage Grove Plays Wednesday

The first big game of the season, which will attract sport fans from all over the valley, will be held in the high school gym Wednesday evening. On that date the sensational Cottage Grove quintet will play the local high school basket tossers. This will be the high-schoolers first game with an outside team on their home floor, and it is hoped that a great amount of enthusiasm will be shown on the part of the townspeople and students. Ashland's chances of a championship team this year are very small indeed, but coach and men are entering into the project with a "never say die" spirit. An unusually large number of games have been scheduled for this season, and if the team is supported loyally by the people of Ashland they are sure to develop into a team which will uphold Ashland's basketball fame. The team needs the support not only financially but most of all by the enthusiastic backing of Ashland's sport lovers.

## Klamath Falls Awakens Into New Era of Enthusiasm for Strahorn R.R.

After a couple of years of depression Klamath Falls is "coming back" with the old enthusiasm which built a city on Link river in the space of a year after the arrival of the Southern Pacific. Klamath Falls voted to bond the city for \$300,000 to assist in the building of the Strahorn railroad north from that city, and it is now raising a terminal fund and providing right of way through the city for the new road. The total amount raised in land and cash will approximate \$400,000 and stands as a great monument to the indomitable faith and belief of the citizens of that city.

The ladies are not to be left out of the work, and from the results which they are attaining must be of the same sterling enthusiasm as the men. Five thousand dollars, mostly in small contributions of \$5 and \$10, has been raised by the women, and they are still at it. The amount will go to the terminal fund. Bookkeepers, school girls and women in every business and home are doing their share toward raising the fund.

Tuesday's Klamath paper announced that a total of \$25,552.50 had been raised toward the terminal fund.

Other central and southeastern Oregon communities are coming forward with the same financial aid, and in a statement made to Portland capitalists, Robert Strahorn announced that \$700,000 had been raised by the various communities altogether toward the building of the road. Mr. Strahorn is positive that he has the capital interested to carry on the road building, and his record as a builder and financier stands behind his promise of a vast railroad undertaking in eastern Oregon. It is planned to construct 400 miles of railroad.

Bids of par with a substantial premium have been received by the Klamath council for the \$300,000 bond issue of that city, and everything points toward a commencement early this spring of constructor work.

Mr. Strahorn was quoted as follows from an interview given out in Portland:

## Choral Society Cantata Is Fine

Friday evening at the Presbyterian church the Ashland Choral Society presented Alfred R. Gault's sacred cantata, "The Holy City," which proved a rare treat to music lovers of this city. The Choral Society has for its membership the best vocal talent in the city and is one of our foremost civic improvement organizations, and as such well deserves and should have the hearty support of the entire valley.

Each number of the program was well rendered and thoroughly enjoyed by the audience, which, owing to counter attractions, was almost disappointingly small.

To give each individual number the appreciation which is due would require much more space than can be afforded. Of the choruses the opening, "No Shadows Yonder," and the closing chorus, "Great and Marvelous Are Thy Works," were wonderful. Every one of the solos was fine, "Bright Star of Hope," by Mr. Razor, the solo with chorus by Mr. Loveland, and Mrs. Elmore's beautiful solo being particularly well received.

The Choral Society is to present the cantata at the Methodist church in Medford under the auspices of the Medford Methodist choir next Wednesday evening.

Under the able direction and leadership of Mr. Earl L. Razor this organization has shown wonderful improvement, and it is with much regret that we learn that he intends leaving this city in the near future to resume the study of his vocation in Los Angeles.

In its round trip nearly from pole to pole the Arctic tern covers 22,000 miles. Its daily journey is at least 150 miles, and this is probably multiplied several times by the zigzag twistings and turnings in pursuit of food.

"The work the people of Klamath Falls have undertaken in procuring terminals and rights-of-way to Upper Klamath lake and through the highly cultivated valleys to the east and north is progressing splendidly," said President Strahorn. "In fact, the almost universal effort of the men and women is so supreme you can not hear of anything else on the streets of Klamath Falls or out in the county. It evidences a determination of those people to be connected with Portland, which they consider their natural trading point, more than San Francisco, and to which they are bound by so many other ties.

"It ought to be a great inspiration to the people of Portland to enter into the work we are about to undertake here when we see a little community of 5,000 population raising about \$400,000 in cash and donations of right-of-way and other property worth many thousands more, just for the privilege of closer railway connections with the metropolis of this state, so they can do their trading here. From these transactions we can get the best viewpoint of the extent to which reciprocal spirit and action should go in Portland, which will be the chief beneficiary.

"There are various important projects well organized and practically financed to operate industries at Klamath Falls and in its vicinity as quickly as the principals in action are satisfied that the railway project is assured. Among these are two large sawmills and two box factories which will almost duplicate the present output of 6,000 to 7,000 cars of lumber and box shooks annually. In addition are some drainage and irrigation projects awaiting the beginning of railway construction. They probably will be put through this season. The people of Klamath county have high hope for the future and are backing their faith with their dollars.

"We will have a meeting of our chamber of commerce railway committee in the immediate future and settle upon Portland's participation in the financing of the railway project."

## Ashland Banks Do Not Follow City Lead

Joining in a movement which has become general throughout the big cities of the nation, Portland banks are making charges for many services which heretofore have been performed free for customers, according to a recent Portland paper. The most radical change is the making of a charge of 25 cents a month against checking accounts which do not total \$100 per month. Draft charges, telegraphic transfers, extra printing on checks, escrows, collections and many other forms of service performed by the Portland banks will cost the customers more than formerly.

The Ashland banks will make no changes, however, in order to encourage use of banking facilities and keeping of bank accounts.

When seen in regard to the matter today, V. O. N. Smith, cashier of The Citizens Bank of Ashland, stated that it was a fact that banks all over the country were looking for new sources of income to offset the loss of revenue entailed by the collection system of the Federal Reserve Bank, the low rate of interest received on bonds and similar investments and the increased cost of doing business, one item alone, the corporation income tax, having doubled in the past year.

He said: "Making a service charge on small accounts is not an innovation, but has been advocated for some time by many bankers, and the plan has been placed in operation in a number of places. In spite of the fact that many small accounts are handled at an actual loss, most banks in small towns encourage new accounts of any amount, believing that the practice of keeping a bank account encourages thrift and better business methods."

Oregon's metal output the past year shows great increase, silver being twice and copper five times as much as the preceding year.

## S. P. Is Building 2,700 Fruit Cars

Announcement is made by the Southern Pacific Company that it is having built for the Pacific Fruit Express 2,700 new refrigerator cars to be delivered next April, in time for the last of the orange crop and the beginning of the deciduous fruit crop. The additional cars will give the Pacific Fruit Express a total refrigerator equipment of 15,500 and will effectually prevent a 1917 shortage of refrigerator cars, even should the demand for them be as great as in 1916.

The new cars, according to General Agent J. W. McClymonds of the express company, are of a special model worked out by the Pacific Fruit Express and government experts. They are designed to enable growers to send their fruits and vegetables east in sound condition, reaching the markets without mechanical injury or deterioration. As fast as the other cars are repaired or rebuilt they will be remodeled to the new standard.

"Our cars," says Mr. McClymonds, "have been so well built that we found last year, when facing the car shortage situation, that they could be loaded to greater capacity than ever. For example, the boxes of fruit were placed seven wide and two high, with a total of 462 boxes to the car. Previously the loading was only 396, so we got an increase in car service of 6 per cent. Had we had last season the new equipment that has just been ordered, the car situation would have been greatly helped, for we can use the cars for box shooks or other dry commodities that will not injure the interior of the car. In other words, if necessary we can use them for other loading than fruit.

## Play Billiards One Sunday Only

A week ago Sunday the billiard parlors of Ashland allowed playing all day and were crowded. The action was taken as the result of an opinion secured from an attorney general to the effect that the repeal of the Sunday closing law had rendered null any city ordinances ordering the tables to be covered on Sunday.

Yesterday the ivory balls were silent and the tables again shrouded in their covers. Mayor Lamkin wrote to the attorney general and received a positive opinion in return that the repeal of the state law left the matter entirely in the hands of the city council and that therefore the Ashland ordinance stood. The billiard parlor men took the decision in fine part and will not fight it. As Mayor Lamkin stated this morning: "It is purely a business proposition and neither the city authorities nor the billiard parlor people had any hard feelings about the matter. If the law said the parlors should allow play, we would have allowed it, and as it is, the proprietors of the halls are uncomplainingly standing by the law."

The ordinance means a weekly loss of a good many dollars to the billiard hall men, according to their statements, as Sunday is a big day for them.

## Arrested For Stealing Hog

Tom Kinney, Roy Watkins and Carl Hammond of Medford have been bound over to a hearing next Wednesday on \$250 bonds on a charge of stealing a hog from A. M. Tyrrell of the Lake Creek district. The trial will take place in the Medford court.

The three men are alleged to have camped about a quarter of a mile from the Tyrrell place Tuesday night. In the morning the hog was missing and the men had vacated the camp, leaving pieces of pork hidden in close proximity to the camp. The county authorities visited the camp and gathered evidence which resulted in the arrest of the campers. Game Wardens Driscoll and Walker in their examination of the camp found what they believe to be good evidence of the illegal killing of deer.

## Gold Hill May Lease Phone Lines

Since the rise in rate of the farmers' telephone lines to \$6 a year, many of the rural telephone lines have been disconnected from the Gold Hill exchange. This has been very much the case on the telephone line to Sams valley. At Gold Hill a committee was appointed by the chairman, J. H. Beeman, from each rural telephone line to decide on the matter of taking over the Gold Hill telephone exchange on a lease and report January 20. Those appointed are: Gold Hill, Joe Beeman; Galls Creek, R. M. Cook; Sams Valley, T. Strahorn; Rock Point, Ben Haman; Foots Creek, Grant Matthews; Kanes Creek, J. W. Herron; Sardine Creek, S. A. Dusenberry.

## Armory Team Wins from H. S.

The high school team went down to a noble defeat in the second game of the season played against the crack armory team Saturday night. The inexperienced students played a rattling good game against their stronger adversaries. The score at the end of the first half was 15-15, but lack of condition forced the high-schoolers to slow down on the second period of play. Millard Grubb was the star for the soldiers with six baskets and six fouls. Harrell and Bentley each netted five baskets apiece for the red and white basket heavers, Cunningham also played a banner game for the high school team.

The high-schoolers are practicing day and night now so that they will be in condition for the Cottage Grove quintet which meets the locals this Wednesday. It is hoped that the townspeople will support the team to the limit in their first game at home, because the locals' chances will be slim unless they have the best of support.

## Two Local Boys To Enter Navy

Paul Winter, son of O. Winter, and Arthur Maxedon, son of J. R. Maxedon of this city, have passed their preliminary examinations for entrance to the United States navy at the Medford recruiting station, and expect to leave early in February for Portland, where they will take final examinations and then go to San Francisco for training service at Goat Island for four months, after which they will enter active service. The young men, like many other high school boys and older boys of the state, are being attracted into the navy service by the educational advantages offered and by the short term of service which has recently been instituted in an effort to get the best young blood of the country into the navy. The boys will enlist for four years, but at the end of sixteen months may leave the service if they wish, remaining on the reserve list, subject to call, however.

Arthur Maxedon is entering the yeoman branch and will learn expert bookkeeping and like work. Paul Winter will take the electrical course.

## Charles Bess Is Master Mechanic

Charles Bess, for many years foreman of the Dunsmuir shops of the Southern Pacific, has been appointed Master Mechanic to succeed W. T. Small, who resigned. Mr. Bess has been a foreman of the Roseville shops for the past few years. He is an old employe of the company and an experienced man. Mr. Small has not announced his future plans, but will go to Pacific Grove for a vacation before entering business.

During the past fiscal year there were constructed on the national forests 227 miles of new road, 1,975 miles of trails, 2,124 miles of telephone line, 89 miles of fire lines, 81 lookout structures, 40 bridges, 222 miles of fence, 545 dwellings, barns and other structures, 17 corrals, and 202 water improvements.