

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

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Thomas Takes Hard Whack at Hornbrook

During the discussion of the bone dry bill at Salem, Representative C. M. Thomas of Jackson county, took a healthy crack at Hornbrook. He made a strong plea for efficient legislation to establish more stringent regulations to prevent illegal shipments of liquor from California. According to reports from Salem he "declared that a community composed of the scum of the earth has sprung up in the 'mail order' town of Hornbrook, just across the line."

Minor Depredations Becoming Frequent

From every part of the city come reports of minor depredations of various sorts, thought mostly to be the work of small boys. The thievery epidemic seems to be almost as contagious as the grippe, and usually keeps on growing until the police make an example of some of the offenders and scare the genus small boy into the paths of righteousness. Thieves entered the H. G. Gilmore preserve closet at the rear of the house last Monday night and availed themselves of some of its contents. They partook of a portion of the spoils before leaving and were considerate enough to leave the remainder of a jar of excellent fruit. This same night the clothe-line at John Dill's home on North Main was relieved of some of its wearing apparel. The thieves were driven away from the Van Natta home on Chestnut street by Mr. Van Natta.

Cottage Grove Gets Ashland's Goat

The Cottage Grove high school basketball team cornered the famous goat belonging to Ashland high school early in the first half of the basketball game at the high school gymnasium last night and kept the goat successfully corralled until the final whistle blew, with the score 19 to 12 in the visiting team's favor. The locals held the Willamette valley huskies even for the first ten minutes and then allowed them to forge slowly ahead. The locals failed to play up to the pace which they maintained throughout the contest with the militia team last week, and could not locate the basket although having far more easy shots than the Grovers. The visiting aggregation passed well, however, and handled the ball in better shape, and while foregoeing any spectacular shots, worked the ball up by fast passing until an easy shot usually resulted in a score. The game was rough but clean. Followers of the game here are much surprised over the progress which the green squad has made under Coach Heidenreich's tuition, and in view of the fact that he started with but one letter man, the present development points toward the turning out of a team by the end of the season which will give Medford a run for their money. A fair-sized crowd turned out for the game. In an interesting preliminary the girls' second team lost to the first team by a big score. The lineups and points scored were as follows: Ashland—Forwards, Bentley, Cunningham 2, Gill; guards, Abbott 2, Harrell 2, Furry 2 (fouls); center, Buck 4. Cottage Grove: Forwards, Dugan, Smith 7 (3 fouls); center, Randall; guards, Anlouf 9 (1 foul), Coffman 6. The Cottage Grove team plays tonight at Medford and will afford the first basis for comparison of the Medford and Ashland teams. The locals left this morning on a four-day trip over into Scott's valley, during which they will drive in sleighs over the mountain from Yreka to Fort Jones, playing there tonight, and then playing the Etna Mills high school and town teams on the two succeeding nights. Salem's corporation commission has cut costs from \$37,468.84 to \$33,853.80. Milk condensing plant at McMinnville is to be enlarged.

Bill Would Slow Trains at Crossing

If a bill introduced in the house of representatives at Salem by Representative Barber passes, the Southern Pacific company will have to either establish a watchman at the Billings crossing or else slow down all trains at the crossing to 15 miles per hour speed. The crossing on East Main street would also doubtless be affected although it is so near the yards that few trains are proceeding at a much faster rate of speed than 15 miles per hour when crossing it. The bill makes the maximum speed or steam and electric trains at grade crossings on public highways 15 miles an hour, except where the crossing is protected by a watchman employed by the company. The bill makes it possible for the estates of the persons killed in grade crossing accidents to recover any amount the jury may see fit to award, doing away with the \$7500 limit for accidental death in Oregon. The railroad company guilty of a violation of the act is liable to a fine not exceeding \$10,000.

Fuses Bring Light Customers to Time

According to city authorities, electric light customers in great numbers all over the city are notifying the department of the possession of toasters, heaters and the like. A great majority did not realize that the use of these was a punishable offense, and in fact most thought that by economizing on light current they had a right to use a toaster or iron once in a while. Now that it has been made plain that the city intends to stop these practices the customers generally are accepting the matter in good grace. Fuses are being installed on the poles at many residences in the city where there is a suspicion of unlawful use of current and many peculiar incidents result. At one place where a man was supposed to have four lights only, using a maximum of four amperes, it was found that a ten-ampere fuse would not carry the load. The man was told to unhook the heater or whatever appliance he had attached, but denied having anything of the kind. Finally, however, when the city employe threatened to leave him without lights, he disappeared in the house and the small fuse did the work thereafter. Another customer refused to take off some appliance he had attached and the current was cut off. Along toward 9 o'clock at night he phoned to the electrician's office to have the lights put on and apparently recognized the superior logic of the fuse system. The enforcement of the law is turning scores of customers to the meter system, where just what current over a certain minimum is paid for. The city has a great number of applications in and are contemplating the ordering of additional meters to meet the demand.

Fruit Company Will Enter Valley Field

The Oregon Fruit Company, which recently affiliated with the Pacific Fruit & Produce Company, is to enter the Rogue River valley field. This company is one of the biggest buyers and shippers of fruit in the northwest. C. E. Patterson was in the valley last week getting acquainted with the growers in the interests of the company and investigating conditions here.

Rogue Fish Fight Is Growing Warm

The Rogue river fishing fight is growing warm at Salem. Rod Macleay and his supporters and the advocates of a closed river had their first hearing before the fisheries committee at Salem Tuesday and the matter will probably be decided within a week. Representative Thomas of Jackson and Tichenor of Curry are fighting hard for a closed river or at least a little more fish protection.

Sheldon's Bill Placing Ashland Normal on 1918 Ballot Submitted

After more than two months' work on the part of Benj. C. Sheldon of Medford, in consulting and studying with leading educators of the state, members of the board of control, members of the board of regents for normal schools, representatives from Weston and Pendleton, and the attorney general's office, the proposed measure for submitting to the people at the next general election the matter of two more state normal schools, one to be located at Ashland and the other at some eastern Oregon point, was introduced into the state legislature Tuesday morning.

As an indication of the care with which the measure has been drawn, Mr. Sheldon's draft of the proposed constitutional amendment went through the hands of two of the representatives and senators from eastern Oregon, two attorneys representing them, and the attorney general's office without change. As introduced it has the approval of the friends of normal schools in eastern Oregon, Portland and the leading educators of the state, as well as our Ashland committee.

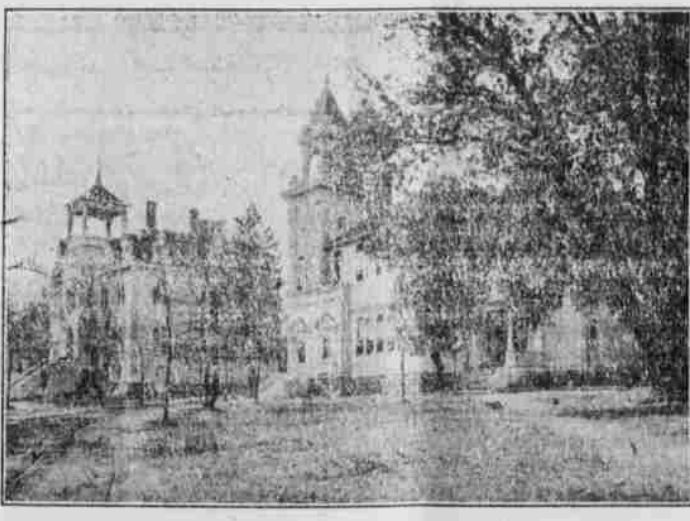
The full text of the joint resolution, as introduced by Mr. Sheldon, is as follows:

"Be it resolved by the house of representatives and the senate, jointly concurring, that a proposed amendment to the constitution of the state of Oregon be submitted to the people for their approval or rejection at the regular general election in November, 1918, as follows, to wit:

"That Article XIV of the constitution of the state of Oregon shall be and is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section, which shall be designated as Section 4 of Article XIV:

"Section 4. In order to provide adequate normal school instruction for the teachers of the grade schools in Oregon, two normal schools are hereby established: one, to be known as the Southern Oregon Normal School, shall be located at Ashland, Jackson county, Oregon, and the other, to be known as the Eastern Oregon Normal School, shall be located at such place in a county of Oregon lying east of the Cascade mountains

and donated to the state of Oregon for the purpose of said Eastern Oregon Normal School, grounds suitable, sufficient in size and acceptable to the said board of regents of normal schools, and said board is hereby authorized to accept such grounds as the property of the state of Oregon. Promptly following the adoption of this amendment the said board, with the authority conferred pursuant to Chapter XXII of Title XXXII of Lord's Oregon Laws, is hereby directed to provide for the establishment and maintenance of the two schools mentioned in this section and to do all things authorized by law necessary and advisable in order to build, organize and conduct such institutions. This amendment is self-executing and all provisions of this constitution in conflict herewith are hereby repealed. To carry out the provisions of this amendment, and for the location, construction and equipment of said normal schools, there is hereby appropriated out of any money in the general fund not otherwise appropriated, the sum of one hundred and twenty-five thousand (\$125,000) dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for each of said schools, to be expended by said board in the manner provided by law. To provide two funds for the support and maintenance of said normal schools, including the payment of salaries of teachers and employes, to keep buildings, grounds and other property thereof in good condition, for the construction of buildings and additions thereto if necessary, for the purchase of library books, laboratory supplies and apparatus, and for the payment of necessary incidental expenses, there is hereby levied an annual tax of one twenty-fifth of a mill upon each dollar of all taxable property within the state of Oregon for each of said funds. Such tax shall be collected and the funds arising therefrom shall be paid into the state treasury and shall be known respectively as the "Southern Oregon Normal School Fund" and the "Eastern Oregon Normal School Fund," and shall be paid out only on warrants drawn by the secretary of state on the state treasurer against said funds respectively, under the supervision



A Portion of the Southern Oregon Normal School Campus.

as the board of regents of normal schools may designate; provided that, should the location selected for said Eastern Oregon Normal School be one that the state does not now own, there shall be, within sixty days after the adoption of this amendment,

Stockmen Meet With Supervisors

The Keene Creek Stockmen's association, composed of about twenty of the prominent stock raisers of the upper Rogue river valley, met at the Ashland city hall Tuesday afternoon with Chief Forest Supervisor T. L. McKenzie and District Supervisor Erickson. A definite understanding regarding many matters of ranging on the forest reserve was consummated and co-operative salting and cattle care outlined. The local association is a flourishing organization and has been of much benefit to its members.

Cereo Manufacturing Co. has moved to Portland and will employ 25. Total Oregon mineral output in 1916 was \$5,500,000.

and direction of the said board of regents of normal schools. If any portion of said funds shall not be used during the fiscal year, the balance remaining shall be carried over and added to the fund for the next fiscal year."

Bound Over for Killing Hog

Tom Kinney, Carl Hammond and Roy Watkins were found guilty in the justice court at Medford Wednesday of killing a brood sow belonging to A. M. Terrill of Lake Creek, and were bound over to the grand jury under \$250 bonds. Attorney E. F. Newman, for the defense, grilled the game wardens for their activity in his plea. It developed that game wardens were called to the scene by telephone, upon the information that deer were being slain recklessly. When they arrived they found six or seven men gathered around the remains of a hog and deer. The case attracted considerable interest in the Lake Creek district. Cliff Payne makes plate racks.

Delinquent Tax List Is Saved

As a result of a determined fight led by President Bede of the State Editorial Association, and in which Editor Greer of this paper, who is now in Salem, took a prominent part, the committee on assessment and taxation has reported the senate bill providing for notification of delinquent taxpayers by postal cards instead of through the newspapers, with the amendment that it apply only to Multnomah county. The original bill applied to the whole state and its introduction was the signal for the appearance of members of the country press. An effort was made to amend the present law so that the notification of delinquency would be printed in only one Portland paper, but this failed. Prospects for the measure passing both houses are good. Delinquent tax lists will be published in the future as in the past, allowing no opportunity for property owners to allow their property to go to sheriff's sale unknowingly in this county.

Two Bills Affect Autoists of State

Two bills of interest to autoists have been introduced at Salem and will probably pass, according to the manner in which they were received. This bill is one similar in contents to the California law which prohibits glaring headlights on automobiles on highways. The city of Medford has an anti-headlight ordinance which is being enforced and throughout Southern Oregon motorists are becoming courteously observant of the rights of others by dimming their headlights as they approach a machine to pass. A law will make the observance of the point compulsory. The other bill was introduced by Representative Sheldon and provides for the registration with the secretary of state of all chattel mortgages on automobiles.

Oppose Using Normal For Wayward Girls

Word comes from Salem of a movement started to turn the old normal school properties at Ashland, Weston and Drain into branches of the state girls' reformatory. A committee has been appointed to investigate the matter. Local normal school workers do not regard the matter seriously, as it is becoming generally recognized that more normal schools are needed and there are many good reasons for having normal schools located in more than one part of the state, while the home for wayward girls can just as well be in one location as scattered, with the cost of maintenance of several. Local people generally do not favorably regard the proposition of locating such an institution as a reform school here.

Langell Valley Murderer Guilty

William Doyle, who was charged with the murder of Mary Wilcox and Maggie Jones, which occurred in Langell valley on February 8, 1916, was found guilty of manslaughter at Klamath Falls. No eyewitnesses were present at the tragedy, which occurred at the home of the women. Doyle insists that the women were killed by the accidental discharge of a gun which the women were attempting to wrest from him.

Movies to Impress Fish Screen Need

A. C. Allen, who took the Rogue valley motion pictures which were shown at the San Francisco exposition, has secured some fine pictures of the Aitken fish screen and has taken them to Salem, where he will show them before the legislature in an endeavor to convince them of the need of adequate screen legislation. Oregon is given \$119,111 from the forest road fund.

Dunsmuir Has \$60,000 Fire

Dunsmuir was visited by a fire which destroyed \$60,000 worth of property Monday. The business blocks at the lower end of the main street in that city were entirely wiped out. Buildings burned were occupied by the Dunsmuir News, of which Samuel Hill is proprietor; Dr. E. J. Cornish, grocery of S. Manfredia, Frens lodging house and saloon, the Bellingham restaurant, Warren's grocery and the Thomas dye works.

Militia Will Play Cottage Grove Sat.

The Cottage Grove high school team which defeated the Ashland high school last night will return to this city Saturday after playing two games down the valley, and will meet the fast militia team on the armory floor. The militia boys are confident of giving the Willamette valley bunch a better game than did the high school, and those who are familiar with the really speedy organization which the soldier boys have developed predict a defeat for the visitors. The game will be preceded by a preliminary between the second teams of the militia and high school, which will start at 7:30 sharp. The main event will commence at 8:15. Around Millard Grubb, lightning forward, and Climax Deisman, who made such a record with the high school team last year, the militia have built up a strong team. They are entitled to the backing of the basketball fans of the city.

Association Works For Million Hatch

A communication from the secretary of the Southern Oregon Poultry Association to the Tidings states that farmers, poulterers and business men all over the country are coming to the rescue of the organization in its campaign for "A million-dollar hatch in Jackson county for 1920." In addition to receipt of the dollar for membership for the year (no assessments and absolutely no other expense) from many persons all over the county, who are interested in the promotion of this vital industry, business houses in all of the towns of the valley are taking a membership each from a committee now soliciting for the enlargement of the organization. The membership fees and the admission to the shows are sufficient to cover all the expenses of the organization. Recently the association had manufactured at home the necessary American standard coops at considerable cost; but the county has agreed to help to equip the organization with that necessity, as is done all over the state in the district associations. Owing to the lateness of the date at which the recent state poultry show was held in Medford, the unfavorable weather conditions and the brevity of the time in which to prepare exhibits for the event, the combination with the state association was a poor investment. The Southern Oregon Poultry Association has a larger and more active membership than the state organizations, and it proposes to make its exhibits annually so attractive hereafter that other districts will come to it without further invitation. The poultry business of southern Oregon ought to be one of its big industries, and, judging from the manner in which the local association has begun its work of development, it will soon be. Ashland and Grants Pass will be asked to bid for the 1918 poultry show of the local association.

Choral Society Sings at Medford

The Ashland Choral Society, twenty-five strong, journeyed to Medford last night and presented the cantata, "The Holy City." The efforts of the local singers were well received and a fair-sized crowd turned out. Phone job orders to the Tidings.