

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

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City of Sunshine and Flowers

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Think Wolf Pack Story Pure Fake

An Associated Press dispatch from Gold Hill won first page space in practically all of the coast newspapers Monday with a vivid story of the supposed death of John Hammersley, noted southern Oregon hunter. The story revolved around the reported finding of a skeleton of a man and the bodies of three wolves in the Evans creek district. Hammersley was employed by the government in that district to kill wolves and other predatory animals, and since he had not been heard from for several weeks, the story seemed to be borne out in fact. However, on Tuesday Hammersley showed up and laughed at the story. He is quoted as being skeptical of the presence of a large enough band of wolves in southern Oregon to kill an armed hunter, and believes the whole story to be a fake.

Later rumors are to the effect that the body found may be that of S. D. Miller, a homesteader of the district, but in view of the apparent unwillingness of anyone to stand responsible for the story, it is more likely, in the opinion of local woodsmen, that the whole story is pure fake.

Local trappers and woodsmen who are conversant with conditions in Evans Creek valley state that while there is a possibility of an occasional wolf straying down from the high mountains of the Umpqua divide, where there are known to be a few of the animals, the presence of a wolf pack is most unlikely.

The story which was sent out from Gold Hill credited the finding of a skeleton from which the flesh had been torn, a pile of empty cartridges and the bodies of three wolves by "some timbermen."

Hammersley and others are now on a trip to the supposed scene of the wolf fight to ascertain if any truth is attached to the matter.

Former Clerk Here Shoots Denver Tough

Frank S. Amick, employed as drug clerk in McNair Bros' drug store here in 1911 and 1912, shot and killed a masked burglar who attempted to hold up the drug store in which he was employed in Denver, Colo., on the 18th of January. According to word from Denver, the robber was masked and entered the front door of the store. Amick warned him to stop and then started shooting. The man finally turned and ran and was found next morning dead about two blocks away. One of the bullets had taken effect in his lung. A heavy calibre revolver was in his coat pocket and the handkerchief with which he was masked still hung around his neck. This is the second or third holdup which Amick has had thrust upon him. He was released by the police and commended for his actions.

New Irrigation District Formed

Residents of a new irrigation district on the south side of Rogue river across from Grants Pass voted almost unanimously last Saturday for the establishment of the district. The vote stood eight to one. Surveys will be made immediately and the state engineer asked to approve them, after which construction work will be rushed.

A district has been formed near Gold Hill to take water from Rogue river by a three-mile ditch, and surveys are now practically completed.

The Ashland-Talent district is going ahead steadily with their plans and keeping measurements of water flows in all available stream sources. The problem of water for this district is the biggest in the valley.

Miss Helen Moore has resumed her teaching at the Laurel Hill school near Eagle Point. She left for her school the first of this week. Graduates of the Ashland high school teachers' training course are filling a number of positions in the rural schools of the county as well as in the city schools, and are uniformly establishing excellent records which speak highly of the efficiency of the training course.

Rumor of Liquor Arrests Unfounded

A rumor was circulated on the streets the first of the week that three men had been arrested for shipping suitcases loaded with liquor through the express office in Ashland, where they were claimed. As a matter of fact the suitcases were claimed by three men here, but their brief acquaintance with the police was caused by the fact that the officers were on the outlook for men of like description who were wanted in Roseburg. The men here were released when they proved an alibi to the satisfaction of the officers. They had shipped their suitcases in order to beat their way over the mountains from California.

Borrows Team and Is Shot By Woman

Suffering from a gunshot wound in the head which may cause his death, Earl Rasmussen was brought to Gold Hill Tuesday. Rasmussen is alleged to have gone to the Harper ranch near Gold Hill and entering the barn attempted to take away two horses, intending, as he claims, to only borrow them, as his own team had run away. The housekeeper at the ranch, Mrs. Pearl Bozart, refused permission for the horses to be taken, but who fired the shot that wounded Rasmussen is questioned. It is alleged that Mrs. Bozart fired the shot, intending to frighten the man, and accidentally hit him.

Rogue Closing Bill To Be Reconsidered

After the most spectacular fight of the legislative session the fish committee bill to close Rogue river to commercial fishing lost out by two votes in the house at Salem yesterday, only to be saved for reconsideration by an adroit move on the part of Representative Thomas, who, when he saw the bill was lost, changed his vote to "no" and then asked for a reconsideration. The matter will probably be reopened for discussion and another vote within a few days.

Frequent charges of lobbying by the fish interests were made in the debate which preceded the vote. Representatives Sheldon, Gore and Thomas of this county, Belland of Clatsop and Tichenor of Coos and Curry were strong in support of the bill, while Callan of Multnomah led the opposition.

When the bill came to a vote 28 voted for and 28 against. A tie would have lost the bill, and Thomas's move to change his vote saved the bill from becoming irretrievably lost.

Fewer Hunting Licenses Sold

According to figures compiled by the county clerk, there was a distinct falling off in the sale of fishing and hunting licenses during the year 1916 from the figures of the previous year.

During the last year hunting licenses to the amount of \$2,190 were sold; fishing licenses, \$1,732; combination, \$504; non-resident hunting licenses, \$40. Sixty-six combination licenses were issued without charge to Civil War veterans. The total sale for 1916 was \$4,466. The sale in 1915 was \$5,154, or a loss for the past year of \$688.

Would Abolish Florey's Office

Joint Representative Gore has introduced a measure before the house at Salem which would abolish the office of county recorder in Jackson county, a position now held by Chauncey Florey. The bill would incorporate the duties of the recorder with those of the county clerk.

The high school basketball team goes to Central Point Saturday night to play the Central Point team. One of the big Interurbans will probably be chartered for the trip.

Bill To Place Normals on 1918 Gets All But Three Votes of House

Representative Sheldon's joint resolution placing on the ballot for the election two years hence the measure for a southern Oregon normal school at Ashland and an eastern Oregon normal school, to be located by the normal school board regents, was passed by the house of representatives Monday afternoon shortly following the passage of the bone-dry bill.

Mr. Sheldon had carefully canvassed the entire house before allowing the resolution to come to a vote, with the result that there were only three votes against this measure.

Representative Sheldon is making the re-establishment of the normal school here his chief aim in the legislature, and so far has met with good success in his efforts. The bill which will be presented to the people in 1918, if the senate gives it a favorable vote, will establish a normal at Ashland and also another normal in eastern Oregon at a point to be selected by the board of regents. The bill was framed with the co-operation of the local normal committee and prominent educators throughout the state, and is believed to be the best normal bill conceived since the Ashland normal was abolished through political juggling.

Poultrymen Plan For Coming Year

The annual meeting of the Southern Oregon Poultry Association, held at the public market at Medford Saturday afternoon, was one of the largest and most enthusiastic assemblages of poultrymen ever held in Jackson county. An interesting discussion of the present year's work was held, the result being that the scope of the association's activities will be much enlarged along practical lines, including the market end of the industry. Concerted action is promised in that respect, the producers of poultry and its products expressing a desire to organize their forces especially with a view to promoting economic handling of the output as a whole, more generous consideration on the part of those who establish transportation costs, the cultivation of market improvement and the creation of a more regular demand for southern Oregon poultry products.

Interest in the poultry industry is more pronounced than ever before in this region. The valley association felicitated itself on its progress during the past year and laid definite plans for greatly enlarging the output this year. Farmers find it an easy way to pay taxes, many stating that their improved method of handling their flocks has given them a satisfactory profit. It was conceded that Jackson county can easily be made the banner poultry region of the state and that the production of poultry should be made one of the big industries of this entire section.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, Henry W. Frame, Talent; vice-president, J. L. Demmer, Medford; secretary, W. W. Watson, Medford, assistant secretary, C. F. Carpenter, Medford; treasurer, J. R. Woodford, Medford. Board of directors: Ernest Webb, Central Point; E. H. Westerfield, Medford; A. E. Strong, Eagle Point; M. F. Sheets and W. T. Grieve, Medford. The president and secretary are also members of the board.

W. W. Watson, H. B. Patterson and P. E. Wynkoop were appointed a committee to revise the constitution and by-laws.

J. R. Woodford, J. A. Bickerdike and J. L. Demmer were appointed a committee to audit the association accounts.

A vote of thanks was extended unanimously to the Big Pines Lumber Company, the California-Oregon Power Company, Paul's Electric Store, W. J. Fulmer of the Fisher Flour Mills Company, J. A. Van Waning, Southern Pacific Company's local agent, city of Medford, and the newspapers of the county for favors to the association during the state poultry show period.

Renewed interest was manifested in the Junior Thrift's feature of the poultry industry in this county. Its members made very creditable exhibits in the recent show, displaying extraordinary concern in the improvement of the local flocks. Special care will be given that department of the work this year. Professor V. Melde Hillis, superintendent of the Medford schools; A. E. Strong of Eagle Point; C. F. Carpenter, the Medford pigeon fancier; Howard A. Frame and R. H. Paxson of Central Point were appointed a board of

Bone Dry Bill Passes House

The bone-dry bill passed the house at Salem Monday afternoon with only seven, none of whom were from southern Oregon, voting against it. The bill is now in the hands of the senate committee, who are preparing recommendations which will make it still more drastic. It should be up for vote in the senate this week. Those who voted against the bill did so on the grounds that the people should be given the right to vote on its immediate enforcement.

The senate is considering the abolishment of the "five days of grace" clause.

Gore Submits Law For Sunday Closing

Joint Representative W. H. Gore of Jackson county has introduced in the house a bill which provides for the closing of all lines of business except drug stores, hotels, restaurants, ice cream parlors, garages and motive supply houses on Sunday. Under the act submitted by Representative Gore, baseball games, theaters and other forms of amusement will be prohibited from operating on the Sabbath. Mr. Gore explained that he introduced the bill at the request of the Oregon Retail Merchants' Association. Any person of a faith not observing Sunday as the Sabbath will be exempt. The bill presented by Representative Gore is considered a "blue law" by many of the legislators.

Shriners Report Fine Ceremonial

The Ashland delegation representing the Illlah Shrine at Portland have practically all returned, nearly all stopping over for the automobile show, to attend to business matters in Portland or to visit the state legislature at Salem. The wearers of the fez report one of the best ceremonials ever held in the state, there being 1,500 present at the ceremonial and attendant festivities last Saturday.

Five Shrine temples were represented there, three from the state of Washington and two from Oregon. Several drill teams were present and presented the work in a very able manner.

At a reception held at the Multnomah Hotel on last Saturday evening 1,300 were seated at the banquet tables and the remainder who were unable to be accommodated there were placed in the dining rooms of the Imperial Hotel.

During the convention 97 novices were initiated into the mysteries of the Shrine and seemed to enjoy the festivities held in their honor.

Mrs. Updegraff Takes Over Hotel

The Hotel Ashland will be opened under new management Saturday, February 3. Mrs. Updegraff, who conducted the dining room of the hotel last summer for a successful period, has taken over the entire establishment and will conduct both the dining room and the hotel. The Hotel Ashland is equipped to offer good accommodations at a moderate price, and under the management of Mrs. Updegraff is bound to prosper. Her success with the dining room last summer and the extensive clientele which she built up is bound to bring her success in that line also.

Bill Would Admit Search of Autos

Representative Sheldon introduced a bill in the house of the Oregon legislature yesterday providing a system of search and seizure of automobiles and trucks running across the state line from California into Oregon and suspected of carrying prohibited liquor.

Port commission to build two new dredges at Astoria. Will improve Skipanon river.

Crater Lake Park To Have Elk Herd

A dispatch from Enterprise, Ore., to the Portland Telegram says:

"Deputy Game Warden George Mitchell brought to this city Saturday a band of elk which he captured at the Billy Meadows pasture thirty miles northeast of here, and acting under orders from the state game commission, they will be shipped at the earliest opportunity to the Crater Lake national park in southern Oregon. It is likely that two of the elk will be left at Salem. The herd is made up of yearlings and two-year-olds and they are fine specimens.

"This constitutes a part of the increase from a shipment of elk made to this county a few years ago from Jackson's Hole, Wyo.

"They were placed in the government pasture and have since been under the guardianship of the state game officials. Through the winter the elk have been fed hay and throughout the year a watchful eye has been kept on the herd with the result that they have grown and multiplied from a little bunch of half-starved scions of a noble race to a large and healthy bunch that is worthy of the name they bear.

"The captured elk will be sent by express over the Southern Pacific via Weed, Cal., to Chiloquin, Ore., where they will be taken from the train and hauled to Crater Lake. Mr. Mitchell will accompany the shipment.

"The capture of the elk was the least of Mr. Mitchell's troubles, he said, when asked how they were caught. They have a series of pens in which hay is fed to the elk and during the night when they come in to eat they trip the latch that holds the gate open and in the morning when the attendant goes out there is Mr. Elk all hemmed in without a scratch on him. He is then let through a chute to a larger pen to join those of his companions who have fallen for the same bait that he did."

Commercial Club To Hear Good Talks

The regular monthly meeting of the Commercial Club will be held next Monday evening, February 5, at 8 o'clock, in the council room, city hall. The club will endeavor to make its meetings more interesting as well as educational by having a series of addresses on topics of vital importance to the community.

At Monday night's meeting Mr. Keene of the Ashland branch, government Bureau of Entomology, will give a talk on their work, particularly as pertaining to the pine beetle, that is destroying our timber. An invitation is extended the public to attend this meeting, and it is hoped there will be a good attendance of both ladies and gentlemen. Come out and see what the club is trying to do.

Farewell Recital Captivates Crowd

A good sized crowd turned out Tuesday evening to hear Earl Rason in his farewell song recital at the Presbyterian church. Never has this talented young singer acquitted himself better, and the realization that in Mr. Rason's departure Ashland is losing a really talented vocalist and musician was brought to his hearers with renewed force. Every number was heartily applauded and the soloist was forced to give several encores. The instrumental numbers by Carl Loveland, cellist, and Mrs. Olive Parson, organist, were also very well received. Mr. Rason left yesterday for Aberdeen, Wash., where he will conduct the music at a revival meeting, after which he will go to Los Angeles to study.

Astronomers announce that a big comet, called the "giant comet," will appear early this spring. It is awaited by many interested people, especially since it is announced that it will resemble in size and brilliancy the comet of 1858 rather than that of 1910.

The Dollar mill at Coquille which has been idle since 1912, to again operate and employ 40 hands.