

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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To Start Auto Club Organization Here

Our city is the host today to Mr. J. W. Morris of Portland, who is representing the Oregon State Motor Association. This is a new state-wide organization that has taken the place of the former Portland Automobile Club, whose activities have heretofore been largely confined to Portland and Multnomah county. Realizing the need of a larger field, the former club has been reincorporated into an association to cover the entire state.

It starts in with six hundred members from the old club and hopes to build up to several thousand. Its object will be to work in the interest of every man and woman who owns an automobile and at the same time its work will be toward the betterment of every resident of the state. It aims to bring about legislation favorable to good roads and to assist in every way in the development of good road building and the exploitation of what Oregon has to offer the tourist as well as its citizens. The proper logging and mapping of our roads will be gone into very thoroughly. Proper and legible signs will be placed where needed and a strenuous effort will be made to keep them in place and of good appearance.

Mr. Morris has favored Ashland with his initial effort, believing that as the southern gateway to the state we should make a very favorable impression on the stranger. He is enthusiastic for Jackson county and its forward steps for good roads.

Mr. Morris will be with us several days and will arrange a meeting some time this coming week, at which the active work of organizing a local unit of the Oregon State Motor Association will be launched.

Sweeney Wins Road Case From County

In a decision handed down by Circuit Judge Davis at Portland, the award of Jackson county engineers to J. W. Sweeney, contractor, for construction work for thirteen miles of the Pacific Highway over the Siskiyou was set aside and an amount more than twice that offered was adjudged reasonable compensation.

Mr. Sweeney got a judgment for \$73,262.25. The county awarded him only \$35,573.56. He asked in his suit for \$114,861.35. Mr. Sweeney had been paid \$156,000, and brought the action to recover a balance due and losses he maintained were owing to constructive frauds perpetrated by subordinates of ex State Highway Engineer H. L. Bowlby.

Judge Davis' decision was given one year to the day from the date of the opening of the trial in his court. The case opened February 21, 1916, and continued until April 1, 1916. In July, Judge Davis went over the ground in Jackson county personally. The last brief to be submitted in the case, a reply, was received ten days ago. The case has cost the county many thousands of dollars.

The suit was one of the most lengthy and involved to be tried in Portland courts. The transcript of testimony covered 2,600 pages. There were between 400 and 500 exhibits offered and expert testimony was given by fourteen construction engineers.

It is rumored that H. O. Purucker is to leave Ashland in about ten days for North Yakima, where he will accept the superintendency of that district for a life insurance company.

DR. JARVIS ON MINERAL WATERS.

Dr. Jarvis will deliver a talk on mineral waters at the Commercial Club meeting which will be held at the city hall one week from tonight. The meeting will be open to all and a large attendance is anticipated. It is important that Ashland citizens acquaint themselves with the contents and use of our mineral waters so that they may be able to give a good account to inquiring strangers. A large audience should be present.

First Arrest For Bone-Dry Violation

The first arrest for violation of the bone-dry law was made in Ashland last Saturday morning. A Ford automobile belonging to two men who gave their names as Green and Tennenbaum was shipped from Hornbrook to Ashland. Chief Atterbury happened down around the freight house as the car was being unloaded and found a small quantity of liquor stowed away in the car. The owners were arrested, the booze confiscated and the men fined before Recorder John Wimer for violation of the liquor law.

Want City to Curb Jitney Pirates

Managers Williamson of the Interurban and Irwin of the Valley Jitney lines, which operate between Ashland and Medford, appeared before the city council Tuesday evening and made a plea for an ordinance which would license jitney men and regulate them. These two lines and the Crown line operate on regular schedules which give the valley practically a half-hour jitney service during the day and which have proven very dependable.

According to Mr. Williamson, they will be unable to keep up the high grade service if some method is not found to combat the inroads of the "jitney pirates" who cut in ahead of the scheduled cars and run whenever they please and refuse to arrange a schedule. Mr. Williamson suggested an ordinance setting a license on cars loading here. This would enable the council to control the service so that all might make a living and a maximum of good service be gained, and at the same time the dangerous jockeying for passengers on the streets be eliminated. The matter was referred to the ordinance committee.

Says Wool Outlook Is Very Promising

J. D. Welch of the Columbia Basin Wool Warehouse Company of Portland was in the city Saturday, meeting with local sheepmen and cattlemen. Mr. Welch represents a firm which handles wool on consignment and also deals in cattle. The Columbia Basin company is endeavoring, by furnishing loans on wool and flocks, to tide the sheepmen over periods when ready money is at a premium, and, according to Mr. Welch, is endeavoring to promote a movement to place the Pacific coast at the front as a cattle and sheep section. He states that throughout Oregon the tendency seems to be toward better stock and better husbandry of stock, and that the outlook is very promising.

Moser of Portland Aids Normal Bill

The characteristic difference in the attitude of the two houses of the legislature was clearly shown in the treatment accorded the normal school measure, in which all Southern Oregon counties are so exceedingly interested. While our people appreciate the fact that the representatives from the Willamette valley and Multnomah county do not have the need of his school brought home to them, as do the people of Eastern Oregon and Southern Oregon, they ought to be open to the representations made by those who know the situation.

Mr. Sheldon's work, whereby the measure passed the 60 members of the house with only three dissenting votes, was rendered easier because of the open-minded attitude of the members of the lower house of the legislature. We are reliably informed that our measure would never have passed the senate had it not been for the personal interest taken in the matter by Senator Gus Moser, president of the senate. In this matter Mr. Moser showed not only his individual broad minded fairness, but reflected the attitude of the best people of Portland.

Bandon—Woolen mill to operate and employ twenty.

Special Election Postponed Until After Next Council Meet

A legal question having arisen as to the sufficiency of the notice of election, which it was feared would seriously affect the sale of any bonds that might be issued with which to purchase the Chautauqua lands, and wishing to eliminate all doubts as to the record, the city council have concluded to postpone the special election, advertised to be held on March 3, 1917, to a later date, to be determined at the next regular meeting of the council, which will be held on March 6, at which time an early date will be fixed for holding a special election to vote on amendments to the charter.

There has been much criticism in

the past on account of the short time allowed voters to familiarize themselves with proposed charter amendments, and which, no doubt, has caused the defeat of some very meritorious measures. It is a wise move on the part of the council to allow ample time within which to discuss and explain all changes in the charter, in order that the voters may be fully advised before called upon to cast their ballot. It is also commendable in the council to use every means possible to make an absolutely correct record, to the end that no legal objections may be interposed which would in any way interfere with a prompt and advantageous sale of the bonds.

Roundup Directors And Officers Named

The stockholders of the Ashland-Rogue River Roundup Association held another of their rousing meetings at Ashland last Wednesday evening and the following members were elected as a board of directors: A. C. Ninninger, M. E. Briggs, Dr. J. L. Helms, J. J. Murphy, L. F. Ferguson, A. A. Chisholm, Lee Hall, Fred Herrin and J. N. Nibbet.

The board of directors met at the Hotel Austin parlors Saturday evening and elected the following officers: A. C. Ninninger, president; A. Austin Chisholm, vice president; Monte Briggs, secretary; Lee Hall, treasurer. The company will be stocked this year for \$5,000 cash, that being the sum necessary to secure the grounds, seats and for incidental expense in the undertaking necessary before the show is held. The association is laying the foundation for a larger show even than last year. A meeting of the stockholders will be held at the Austin Tuesday evening at 7:30, at which time the matter of stock and other preliminaries will be discussed.

Woodpiles Nuisance On Pacific Highway

Southern Oregon News: At a point near Talent the highway has been and is being used as a loading station for one or more wood haulers. Such a practice should not be permitted. If they would select a place where they could pile their wood back from the driveway, either near the fence or along some intersecting road, it would not seem out of the way. But to pile the wood only a few feet from the pavement and leave their teams stand on the pavement while they are loading and unloading, so that autos and teams have to turn around them, and when two vehicles meet at this point one has to wait for the other to get by before they may pass, is wrong.

Then, too, should the lights from one car blind the driver of another coming toward him, and the one on the opposite side from the woodpile not be able to see just where the edge of the pavement was and crowd to the center of the road, the other driver would have to hold his breath in order to go between the woodpile and the other auto, and then might not make it, in which event there would be a terrible accident. In the event of such an accident who would be to blame—the man who piled the wood there, the county officers who permitted it, or the unfortunate autoist who had the accident? Should someone be killed in such an accident, perhaps some steps would be taken to have the woodpile removed.

The wood referred to is piled at a curve in the road which makes it doubly bad. We copied an article from the Ashland Tidings recently wherein they stated that the woodpiles had been removed. We had hoped that it was a permanent move. If the gentlemen who are using the highway in the capacity an so endangering the lives of people do not see fit to remove this obstacle, we hope that the county officers will take the matter in hand, as it has been a constant eyesore and worry, especially to autoists who pass this way.

Toledo—Farmers are working for a cheese factory.

Celebration Funds Campaign March 1

On Thursday, March 1, will start the campaign for funds for the 1917 celebration. The committee will mail a circular of information as to celebration affairs to about five hundred residents, who in their judgment are financially able to assist. Naturally there will be some, no doubt, overlooked, but that will not in any way interfere with making a subscription. The committee will be more than pleased to receive unsolicited funds.

The committee wishes to establish a record for southern Oregon for the largest amount of money subscribed for any purpose within twenty-four hours from the time the notices were mailed with subscription blanks. When you get your notice do not lay it aside, but sign up right away and mail it in the return envelope or take it to the office of the Commercial Club. You're going to make a subscription later, so why not do it now? All this is for a purpose. If we can establish this record we can get every daily paper in Portland to print same as a news item, and at the same time it is free advertising for our celebration. Can you help? So let's work together.

Eight Measures For Special Ballot

Seven important measures, in addition to the \$6,000,000 road bond proposal, will be on the ballot for consideration of the voters at the special state election on June 4.

In authorizing the special bond election the legislature decided also to refer to this election all but two of the constitutional amendments and other questions which otherwise would have gone on the ballot at the election next November had the special election not been authorized. The normal bill and a bill regarding the establishment of a school for delinquent children will be let go over until the 1918 regular election.

The propositions to be voted upon at the special election are as follows: State issue of \$6,000,000 bonds to begin construction of a comprehensive system of roads and highways embracing the entire state.

Direct expenditure of \$100,000 a year for four years to build a new penitentiary at Salem.

To raise pay of legislators from \$3 a day to \$6 a day, extend legislative session to fifty days and limit number of bills that can be introduced by each member and each committee.

To authorize assessors of western Oregon counties to restore Oregon and California grant lands to tax rolls.

Requiring municipalities to hold their primary and general elections on same day state primaries and general elections are held.

To provide for classical assessment of property with graduated rate of taxation on property of different classes.

To enable port of Portland to build or to subsidize steamships and operate line of steamers to foreign and domestic ports.

To prevent repeal of any part of state constitution by implication.

All acts of the legislature against which the referendum is invoked also will be on the ballot.

Roseburg—Chinese start big truck farm of 250 acres.

S.P. Section Men To Get \$2 Per Day

Section men on the Southern Pacific system have just been advised that on March 1 their wages will be advanced from \$1.75 to 2 for a ten-hour day. Maintenance of way workers are also given the increase with the exception of Mexican laborers, who receive but \$1.50 as heretofore.

For the first five months prior to November 1 last, section men were paid \$2 per day, but on that date were put back to the old scale. The raise affects several thousand workers from Portland to El Paso.

Fourteen Chickens Turn Up Their Toes

Fourteen chickens belonging to Mrs. J. H. McGee died a noble death as martyrs to a cause last week. Home-canned asparagus and its dangerous properties is the cause. Mrs. McGee opened a can of home-canned asparagus and poured the liquid from the can over a bucket of chicken scraps. The asparagus did not look very healthy and Mrs. McGee wisely decided to throw it away. The next morning when it came time to go out and gather the eggs fourteen chickens with toes turned skywards bore mute testimony to the wisdom of the disposal of the asparagus.

The incident calls to mind a case in the east when a family was poisoned by home-canned asparagus. Doctors informed the family that asparagus canned at home is very liable to be poisonous. The canneries always put the vegetable through a bleaching process which turns it white and removes the poison, before canning it. Hence "bought" cans are much safer than the home-canned variety.

Oregon Artillery Ranks As Best

The Eighth company, Coast Artillery, Oregon National Guard, of Portland, established the highest merit mark recorded for the 1916 target practice of National Guard big gun companies, according to figures made public at Washington by the war department militia bureau.

Firing with ten-inch guns at 10-137 yards, the company made three hits out of three shots and was given a mark of 89.72. Oregon's Fifth company of Albany was second with 79.93, and Maine's Fifth company was third.

Washington's Ninth company led the six-inch gun class with 18.844 for two hits out of six shots at 5,742 yards.

California's Ninth company led the twelve-inch rifle class with 42.340 for two hits out of two shots at 8,460 yards.

Trains Collide But Little Damage Done

What came near being a serious railroad wreck occurred late Tuesday afternoon at Doe creek when an extra west freight collided head on with a work train. Neither train was proceeding at a very rapid rate of speed when the collision occurred, the freight traveling at a rate of about twelve miles and the work train at about four miles.

The shock of the collision damaged the pilot on engine No. 3227, drawing the extra west, while the caboose on the work train was practically demolished. The engines were both enabled to drive into Ashland under their own power, the work of clearing the tracks taking only a few minutes. A wrecking crew was dispatched for the scene from Roseburg, but by the time they arrived the debris had been cleared away and the track was opened. The damage will not amount to more than \$360.

Mrs. H. O. Purucker spent the week-end at the home of her mother in Medford. She expects to leave this week for San Diego for a six months' stay.

Ontario—Flour mill projected at Jordan Valley.

City Christian Endeavor Rally

Wednesday will be a big day in Ashland Christian Endeavor circles. The three societies, Congregational, Christian and Presbyterian, are planning for conference at 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, followed by a banquet at 6 and then a big rally at 7:30, all to be held in the Presbyterian church on North Main street. The guests of honor will be Mr. C. C. Hamilton, field representative from Boston, Mass., and Mr. Howard Brown, state president of California. Both are "live wires" in Christian Endeavor work.

The big mass meeting Wednesday evening is open to the public, and at this service all the young people's societies of Ashland are to be represented by full delegations. Mr. Hamilton will bring the principal message, and Mr. Brown will also address the young people. Rev. H. A. Carnahan will preside as toastmaster at the banquet, and there will be responses by Mayor Lamkin, Rev. Mr. Brett, Mrs. Mellinger, Mr. Hamilton and others.

Mr. Hamilton has been in attendance at the conventions in La Grando and at Salem, Ore., and goes from here to California to begin a tour of that state under the direction of Mr. Brown, who meets him here in Ashland, and they begin their work together in California on Thursday of this week.

Three Feet of Snow Since Last Monday

Almost three feet of snow has fallen in Ashland since last Monday, an unprecedented snowfall for this season here. According to Co-operative Observer Louis Dodge, 33 1/2 inches had fallen up to this morning, and it has been snowing intermittently all day. This much snow is equal to three and a half inches of rain and is of great benefit.

Owing to the fact that the thermometer has dropped to freezing only for two short periods in the week, the snow has melted fast and only about a foot lies on the ground. The steady melting allows the earth to get the full benefit of the moisture and the snow is worth probably twice the amount of rain.

The power lines have given some little trouble, but Ashland has not been totally without lights owing to the fact that the city is supplied by the municipal plant as well as the Fall creek and Prospect plants of the Oregon-California company.

The street department has managed to keep the sidewalks opened and streets fairly clear.

New Ass't Supt. of Shasta Division

A. T. Mercier, until his promotion division engineer at Los Angeles, has been made assistant superintendent of the Shasta division, and has already assumed his new duties, succeeding G. V. Gillette.

Mr. Gillette returns to the train service as passenger conductor, and will move from Dunsuir to Ashland.

Asks That Birds Be Given Food

A lady called up the Tidings Saturday to request that our readers be asked to help tide the birds over the hungry times attendant upon snow-weather by putting out crumbs or food of some kind while the snow stays on the ground.

WEATHER

Forecast for the Week Beginning Sunday, February 25.

Pacific States—General rains probable during week in Washington and Oregon, and rains at beginning of week in California. Fair in last named state after Monday. Temperature near normal.

E. H. BOWIE, Forecaster.