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### Chinese Gunmen Kept from Portland

By officers acting on information sent out from Ashland, seven Chinese tong gunmen, bound for Portland, for whom federal officers have been looking since Sunday, were foiled at Salem Thursday in an attempt to elude Portland officers.

The seven men left the Portland express at Salem with the evident intention of taking an automobile to Portland and thus avoid arrest by Portland officials. Deputy United States Marshal Ryan and two assistant federal officers had been watching for the Chinese at Albany since Sunday. The officers received word from Ashland of the plan of the gunmen and met them. They were searched and then put aboard the train again in charge of the federal officers. Three Salem gunmen met their countrymen at the train and were also searched and not allowed to leave the city. No guns were found.

### The People's Forum

Wanted—A Pipe Organ For the New Chautauqua Building.  
(By H. G. Gilmore.)

It has positively been a humiliating position for Ashland, with a population close upon 6,000 people, to have existed—lo! these many years—without so much as a single genuine pipe organ in its midst when, with the same number of people living in a community east or middle west perhaps as many as four would be found doing yeoman service in the offices of the praise, prayer and thanksgiving in the churches, and contributing in no small degree to the edification and uplift of the people in convention assembled, whether it be of a religious or secular nature. No better piece of good fortune could fall to the lot of our forthcoming brand new Chautauqua than to possess an organ—the king of all instruments—to furnish backbone and musical stamina, so to speak, to the various gatherings arranged for during the 365 days of the year. It is, as a matter of fact, a case of now or never, of securing a communistic ministering angel, and it is up to both the city council and the Chautauqua trustees to see that the unpardonable sin of omission is not committed in dealing with so weighty and indispensable a matter so long desired and prayed for by the community at large.

At the Methodist church convention held here some three years ago Bishop Cooke was full of enthusiasm for everything he witnessed in Ashland, and emphatically pronounced it to be "a city of churches," to which I replied, good naturedly, of course, that with the recollection that we even had "a church of the Brethren" and "Brethren of the church," Ashland was undeniably a city of too many churches.

All regret the situation, but there can be no remedy until such time as people recognize that denominationalism and churchism is one thing and true reverent and practical religion on common-sense principles quite another.

The organ legitimately used and skillfully played is no mean accession of strength to any community. A visit to such a church as the First Presbyterian in Seattle—the largest denomination in the United States and made so through the extraordinary efforts of the Rev. M. A. Matthews—will, after listening to a four manual, fully equipped organ with echo and chime attachments, producing the most charming effects, convince one that not to purchase a pipe organ at this time, and provide a suitable place for it at the rear of the stage, in the new Chautauqua building, would indeed be a dire calamity unconsciously perpetrated, perhaps, by the "powers that be."

A little patient waiting is our purpose just now, with the belief that on so vital a question the trustees of our Chautauqua will unanimously declare themselves in favor of the "king of all instruments."

### Inspect First Company O. C. A.

The First company Oregon Coast Artillery, as the local military unit is now called, was inspected Tuesday evening by Lieutenant Colonel Percy M. Keffler of the regular army. The equipment and armory were found to be in good shape and the drill very creditable.

Phone job orders to the Tidings.

### Ashland High School Notes

(By Leith Abbott.)

**Washington's Birthday Celebrated.**  
Washington's Birthday was celebrated in the high school Thursday morning with a short program consisting of several well-known records on the Victrola from the music department and a short address on the life and works of Washington, which was delivered by Rev. Carnahan of the local Presbyterian church.

**Program Rendered.**  
The public speaking class enjoyed a well-planned program, which various members of the class gave in the high school gymnasium during regular class period Friday morning. The program was as follows:

Opening address.....Miss Lilly Vocal solo.....Gertrude Barber Reading.....Grace Beas Funny stories.....Johnnie Finneran Talk on school spirit.....Leith Abbott Piano solo.....Elma Bailey First critic's remarks.....

.....Mildred Million Second critic's remarks.....Mae Skeen  
The committee who planned the program consisted of Amelia Espartza, Bernice Myers and Edith Moody. A new committee has been appointed to arrange another program for the future, and these enjoyable features are to become regular parts of the oratory course.

**Students Leave.**

Charlotte Chappelle, one of the most prominent members of this year's senior class and one of the school's liveliest workers in student body affairs, left for the east Wednesday evening. Charlotte was one of the three or four present seniors who have completed their entire preparatory school training in Ashland schools, she having started in the chart grade in the East school at the same time that Fern Murphy, Fred Payne and Leith Abbott started their source of knowledge in the same school. She received her required number of credits last semester, but did not see her way clear to remain in Ashland to graduate with her class in May. Leslie Cunningham, for three years a star member of Ashland high football teams, captain of this last season's brilliant eleven and one of the most prominent men in school, left last Thursday with his parents, brother and sister for Los Angeles. "Les" is going to take a position with a lumber concern in Los Angeles, in the clerking department, and his large number of local friends feel confident that he will make good in his profession as he did in his school life. "Les" has been a member of Ashland schools for the past eight years and was a junior in high school. A queer coincidence is noticeable in the fact that "Les" was president of the student body and Charlotte Chappelle was secretary of the same organization.

**School Out Two Days.**

The heavy snowfall of Monday night, which damaged the electric service of the city, made it impossible to run the huge dynamo connected with the school heating system, so that the school bells remained silent Tuesday. On Wednesday further trouble with the heating system made school impossible Wednesday morning, but on Wednesday afternoon school was held, although about half of the students were in attendance. Several of the teachers took the holiday as an advantage and visited the Medford schools Tuesday. Several of them expressed their feelings as being glad that they were connected with the Ashland schools, for after seeing the Medford high school and its equipment some of them were actually homesick for the halls of Ashland high. We are glad that someone appreciated the school, for we never heard of a student expressing homesickness in connection with school.

**Whispers.**

The second typewriter speed test of this semester was given Thursday evening. About ten advanced typists took the test, but Earl Dahuff was the only successful student to pass the forty-word-per-minute test. A new ruling makes the test somewhat more difficult. Formerly the test consisted of writing on an article for ten minutes and deducting five words for every mistake. The new rule says that ten words shall be deducted for every mistake after the first ten mistakes.

Superintendent Briscoe returned to his local duties Wednesday after a few days' absence in Salem, where he attended the first meeting of the State Teachers' Association, of which organization he was elected president during the holidays. He accompanied Charlotte Chappelle as far north as Salem, as she took the northern route to go to Iowa.

The assembly room and the halls of the high school building give forth echoes similar to a bridge over which a band of horses are passing, for the past few days, at the end of every

period. The reason is that it has become a most popular sport of the high school students to wear high-top shoes, most of which are hobnailed, during the heavy snow of the past few days. The halls and classrooms are also beginning to show the effect of the nailed shoes, and is the snow continues future high school students can tell of the days when their ancestors wore loggers' boots and six-shooters to school.

The debaters are working hard for the coming debate with Klamath Falls, which takes place on March 9 at Klamath Falls. It is undecided as yet who will represent Ashland high in the Klamath debate, and all four debaters are working day and night for the envious positions on the team.

The sophomore-freshman party which was scheduled for this weekend has been postponed a week on account of several other prominent attractions which will occupy the time of the students during this week.

Fay Phillips, who enrolled in the commercial courses this semester and who is an old-time member of Ashland high, quit school last week and left on Wednesday for Fresno, Cal., at which place he has secured a position with the Standard Oil Company near that city.

Several school friends of Walter Phillips, '13, happened to be at the depot Monday evening and had a chance to say a few words to him before the train left. "Walt" is a star member of the O. A. C. basketball team which were then on their way to play the University of California and other southern colleges.

The teachers who visited the Medford high school last Tuesday were the Misses Arendt, McCormack, Lilly, Moffit, and the Messrs. Heidenreich, Ruch and Hollowell.

"What is the meaning of 'awe'?" the teacher asked  
Of the pupil who was known to be slow.

His answer made her stare and gasp  
When he said, "Awe, I don't know."

Bandon—More than \$1,000,000 of goods shipped over bar here last year.

### Notice

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### Big Things Rumored For Happy Camp

Medford Sun: The report that extensive development is to take place this summer at Happy Camp is further confirmed by an account given to Welborn Beeson of Talent last Saturday, by a young doctor of Nevada, who is in charge of forty doctors who handle medical work for the Guggenheim interests on a contract basis.

According to the story of this doctor, 1,000 men will be placed at work at Happy Camp this summer in the development of the Thompson holdings. Thompson is a millionaire mine promoter and manufacturer, being heavily interested in the Hendee Manufacturing Company, which turns out Indian motorcycles.

To provide an outlet for the Happy Camp ore production, the doctor stated, plans are under way for the pushing of a railroad from Crescent City to Happy Camp, construction to be done by Twohy Bros. This construction will start during the early summer.

The railroad line would be approximately fifty miles in length. Former reports of railroad construction from Crescent City to Happy Camp have given the route as via Cook and Green Pass. Mr. Beeson, who is thoroughly familiar with the ground,

having made reconnaissance of the country for the government during 1915, stated that a more favorable route would be found by skirting Squaw lake and Elliott creek at some distance, gaining by the additional mileage sufficient elevation to carry the road at easy grade through Wards creek at an elevation of 5,160 feet rather than crossing the Applegate, traversing rough country and going through the Cook and Green pass.

By this route the railroad will pass within three or four miles of the Blue Ledge, and perhaps closer. Also the line would pass directly Cinnabar Springs.

By the construction of this line it will be possible to haul ore by rail to Crescent City and ship by boat from there to Tacoma for smelting, providing a much lower tonnage rate.

Portland—Shipyards are humming. Big steam schooner to be built, owned and operated by Portland men.

Toledo—Lincoln county plans buying a portable sawmill to cut lumber for planked roads.

Independence—Electric service on the S. P. is to be inaugurated as far as this city by March 1.

Lebanon expects to establish a fruit cannery.

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