

# 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 White Lithia Flows"  
City of Sunshine and Flowers

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## Old Rivalry Will Burst Out Tonight

While Ashland basketball fans have been bemoaning the "lack of material and chances for a high school team which could win from Medford this year," a bunch of earnest young athletes have been quietly building one of the hardest fighting basketball machines which Ashland has yet possessed. Nearly all of the games this season have been played away from home and several were lost, but the team has shown a steady improvement which is little short of wonderful, and a surprise is in store not alone for the Medford team, but for our own fans as well, when the whistle blows which starts the annual clash between Ashland and Medford tonight at the high school gymnasium. The local lads have just as good a team as several which have represented Ashland high school. They lack one thing, and that a most vital thing, the confidence and support of the townspeople of Ashland. Used to year after year of winning teams, the Ashland fans have not shown their usual loyalty this year. The Medford contests are sure to arouse the latent rivalry which always will exist between the two cities in athletic contests, and the same mad enthusiasm which turns a dignified gathering of Ashland men and young people into a boiling, yelling mob, who are behind the red and white team to the last pass, is bound to be aroused Thursday night.

The girls' team here this year is small but fast and should give the larger Medford girls a run for their money. The girls' game starts promptly at 8 o'clock and will be followed immediately by the boys' game. Ashland has never lost the basketball series to Medford, and only once has the local team gone down before the red and black tossers, and then to come back with two overwhelming victories which wiped out the score. Since away back in 1911-12, when Ashland won 55-1 from Medford, the locals held the supremacy, and it is the one ambition of Coach Klum of Medford to lower the basketball colors of Ashland.

The Ashland team will probably line up with Harrell and Bentley at forwards, Buck at center and Abbott and Furry guards. Winnie may be used. Harrell is small but built like a torpedo and with about the speed of that instrument of destruction. Bentley tops the scales about fifteen pounds heavier and is at times a brilliant basket shot, although inclined to be erratic. Buck is the steady plugging player which is always needed to provide the element of steadiness in a team. Furry and Abbott are both hard fighters from the word go and will give the visiting forwards a pleasant evening. The Medford team is better this year than ever before and is a heavyweight combination. It will be a furiously fast game and the locals' main chance of a win lies in a brain-killing brand of support. Be there.

## Keene Creek Stock Men Elect Officers

Keene Creek Stockmen's association met March 5, at Jack Walker's store, near Neil creek, and elected the following officers for the coming year:

President, George W. Dunn; vice-president, M. M. Tucker; secretary-treasurer, Fred C. Homes.

An advisory board of four members was also elected, as follows:

E. B. Barron, Butler Walker, W. H. Elliott and A. D. Kincaid.

The Keene Creek Stockmen's association is endeavoring to follow closely all rules and regulations set forth by the U. S. forestry service, and are working in perfect harmony with the local forestry officials.

About twenty members were present at the meeting, out of a total membership of about twenty-two.

The wonderful Lawrence summer home, formerly known as Tolman Springs, and which includes on the premises several varieties of mineral waters, mud baths and the like, and was once a favorite resort before being closed to the public, has been placed in the hands of local real estate men.

Lebanon has an assured cannery project.

## Celebration Name Must Be Unique

There seems to be a misunderstanding as to what the celebration committee desires for a name for the three days of festivity in Ashland during July. It is not necessary that the name be connected with our mineral waters, nor is it necessary to include the name of Ashland in the title. You can make a composite word or two that will have some meaning as to what we have here or what we want to have known in an advertising way.

It is not necessary that the English language be used exclusively, so if there are any expressions in a foreign language the same will be given due consideration. Indian names or names of historical events connected with this western country would be appropriate, for that matter the committee wants something original, something that is different than that which has been used by others and yet wants it so distinct that when the name is mentioned you cannot help but think of Ashland, the same as you think of New Orleans when Mardi Gras, or Portland when the Rose Show is mentioned.

Contest for this name closes on the 10th of this month—next Saturday. You may send in as many names as you wish. There is a two dollar and a half cash prize to any Ashland school girl or boy who sends in the name the committee adopts. Leave your suggestions at the Commercial Club and be sure to have your name and address on same.

## Routine Round Of Council Meet

After the reading of the minutes other business was sidetracked by the council Tuesday evening and Mrs. Fielding given an opportunity to speak in regard to the movement for a new passenger station which is being backed by the Civic Club and in which they are receiving the aid of other organizations of the city. The council agreed to meet with the ladies and the Commercial Club Friday.

Mr. Moore brought up the matter of the purchase of a small triangle of land in Lithia park from Mr. Wagner, stating he had discovered a deed at Jacksonville covering the land but had not had time to inquire into the necessity of an abstract. The land is a little piece comprising about a twentieth of an acre, and Mr. Wagner asks \$25 for it. The matter was referred to the realty committee.

Attorney Moore then read the resolutions covering the special election. A petition from the owners of the four billiard parlors of the city was read, asking that the expression of the people be asked at the special election in regard to two ordinances governing them. Attorney Moore was instructed to prepare the matter in shape for the ballot.

A resolution was passed releasing the ex-springs water commissioners from future liability under their bonds. A like resolution was passed releasing the bonded city officials of last year from their last year's bonds.

A petition regarding the condition of a sewer in the east end of town was referred to the sanitary committee.

A number of reports were read.

A matter regarding the purchase of a sprinkling attachment for the street sweeper was referred to the street committee with power to act.

Two petitions from persons who are anxious to cut down trees belonging to the city, for the wood, were referred to the realty committee. Mr. Banta stated that in view of the present high cost of wood, he believed the city should get something out of the trees.

The purchase of a second-hand mimeograph at a very reasonable price was authorized. The machine will be used in the recorder's office.

Since the electric light department has requests for all the meters at hand and the price of meters is going up, 24 meters were authorized purchased.

The jitney question was briefly discussed and Mr. Banta instructed to go to Medford with a representative of the Jitney men and endeavor to secure the co-operation of the Medford councilmen in passing suitable Jitney regulation.

Watch Vaupel's ads for real values.

## Special Election Called for Mar. 19 to Vote on Four Measures

The city council publishes elsewhere in this paper the call for a special election to be held on Monday, March 19. The matter of the issuance of bonds for the purchase of Chautauqua park for the sum of \$15,000, this amount to be used by the Chautauqua Association in the immediate erection of a new auditorium which they announce will seat 4,000 people, is of course the main question to be settled at the election, but three other measures will also be submitted, making four in all.

**Chautauqua Measures.**  
Two of the four measures have to do with the Chautauqua park purchase, which is generally understood. These were to have been submitted at a special election to have been held a week ago, but on account of lack of time to secure proper publication and other legal irregularities, the election was postponed.

The first amendment provides for the purchase of Chautauqua park by the city for the sum of \$15,000 and the issuance of bonds which will be paid for over a number of years and add the interest fraction of a tenth of a mill to the taxes. The Chautauqua people, if the measure passes, will then build the big auditorium which they have planned in time for the coming summer's session. City officials and the Chautauqua people are positive that this will be the only possible way of getting a new Chautauqua building, and the proposition is meeting with general favor.

The second amendment cares for the minor matter of \$300 which has been paid to the Chautauqua for upkeep. This is transferred to the park commission and will enable care of the newly acquired park without ad-

## May Operate Local Cannery This Year

Through the Ashland Commercial Club we are informed to the effect M. C. Lininger reports that as soon as he hears from the manufacturers of tin cans he will be in position to know whether he will operate the Ashland cannery this year. Cans this year have advanced about 100 per cent in cost and it is doubtful if it will be possible to get as many as he would like to have, as the manufacturers are taking care of the canneries that have been running right along, and the Ashland cannery, which has been closed for some time, is thereby handicapped. The reason for the advance in price of cans is because iron is high and the coating used comes from Europe and is difficult to get at this time.

Mr. Lininger states that should he operate the cannery it would be necessary to invest about \$1,000 in new machinery, besides putting money into the building for repairs. There will not be much fruit put up as the price of sugar is too high and the uncertainty of the price for which it will sell for. If in case Mr. Lininger can get cans, he will be in position to contract for not less than thirty to forty acres of tomatoes. As to what fruits will be put up depends entirely upon his ability to get cans.

Mr. Lininger reports that if anyone will raise a carload of sweet potato squash he will pay \$15 per ton cash for same f. o. b. Ashland. Two acres ought to produce twenty tons, which would ent the grower \$300 for the carload.

Mr. Lininger calls attention to a condition as to Ashland's strawberry crop the last few years. He claims that he did not see a crate of Ashland strawberries in Klamath Falls last year and that it was necessary for them to purchase California berries to the extent of twenty crates a day. This is business that is getting away from the Ashland growers. Twelve years ago Ashland produced an average of 300 crates of strawberries during the season and on some days shipped as many as 500 crates, but during the last few years strawberry production has fallen off to such an extent that last year it was necessary to ship berries from Medford to supply the local demand.

L. D. Lindley and wife of Hollywood, Cal., are guests at the L. W. Herrick home.

ditional expense. A vote for one of these amendments should of course carry the same vote for the other.

**Reassessment.**  
The reassessment amendment is also to be placed upon this ballot. This measure is more thoroughly understood than when it was voted upon last fall and should receive a large favorable vote, as it is deemed imperative to safeguard the city and property owners against anyone sliding out of paying their taxes through taking advantage of a technical error such as might slip into any assessment, thus throwing the burden on the other taxpayers.

**Billiard Ordinances.**  
The fourth measure is not a charter amendment but is merely placed on the ballot to get an expression of the people upon the two problems of Sunday closing of billiard parlors and allowing boys from the age of eighteen up to play billiards. The council will repeal the two ordinances which cover the propositions and allow the state law to take precedence in both if the people vote that way. There are state laws which cover the allowing of minors in billiard parlors, but they are not enforced generally, according to the billiard parlor men, and the city ordinance is held to be discrimination which drives the youths of Ashland to Medford to play billiards, where conditions may not be so morally high as they are here. No doubt full discussion of both sides of the question will appear in this paper before the election.

The voting places are to be the city hall, McCarthy building and Fourth street fire station (or police station, as it is now called).

## Says Many Laughed Out of Intentions

Postmaster E. J. Kaiser announces that a recruiting officer will be in Ashland this week for the purpose of enlisting men in the regular army, and all those interested in the matter are requested to mention their interest to the postmaster, who will have the recruiting officer call and explain the new law. The postmaster is anxious to get the attention of anyone interested, as he has been unable to secure a single enlistment in Ashland, notwithstanding three recruiting officers from the United States army have visited Ashland the past few months. The federal military law passed last June made postmasters recruiting officers and allows them \$5 for each person enlisted through their efforts. Postmaster Kaiser will present the \$5 to every person making a successful enlistment.

"There appears to be no sentiment in Ashland for enlistment in the United States army," said the postmaster this morning. "The few that have made inquiries seem to have been laughed out of their intention by friends as soon as their thoughts became known. As far as I have been able to learn, none of those interested have received any encouragement from any of our prominent and substantial citizens. Unless some concerted effort is made by some of our numerous public and civic organizations or some co-operation by our substantial citizens to modify the public opinion on the matter of enlistment, it will be a waste of time and effort for recruiting officers to come to Ashland. The power of inertia in this matter must be removed or the reputation of our citizens for upholding the president's hands will eventually become a grim joke. There never was a time that the enlistment requirements were so advantageous and the social and moral conditions were so good."

## MOTOR ASSOCIATION.

There will be a meeting of the Ashland unit of the Oregon State Motor Association tonight at 8 o'clock at the Hotel Austin. Organization will be perfected and officers elected. Interested citizens all urged to attend.

## Will Contract for Fruit Here Soon

Although it will be impossible for Wittenburg, King & Co., of the famous "dry-fresh" process to establish an evaporating plant at Ashland this year, the company will send a representative to Ashland in about a week to contract for peaches and other fruits and vegetables to be shipped to The Dalles for evaporation. This and much other interesting information regarding the dry-fresh company and their intentions was explained to the Commercial Club Monday evening by V. O. N. Smith, cashier of The Citizens Bank, who called upon the company officials upon the occasion of a recent visit to Portland. The company is making extensive enlargements of their Dalles plant and other extensions, and will not be in a position to consider building in the Rogue valley this year.

Mr. Smith gave a very interesting talk on the process and the success which it had met with, and also gave figures indicating the immense amount of products which one of these plants could handle. The offer to take Ashland peaches will mean a great deal to the peach growers of this vicinity, as the peach market has been wobbly in recent years.

Following the meeting, Mr. Smith displayed and allowed the visitors to partake of the many products of the evaporating plant. The plant puts out its goods in pasteboard packages and the list includes potatoes, carrots, peaches, apples, soup, vegetables and, in fact, practically every fruit and vegetable.

## Going After a New Passenger Station

The Civic Improvement Club appointed a special committee to investigate the possibility of getting a new station at Ashland, urging that the present depot accommodations are inadequate, unsightly and unsanitary—conditions that give offense to the traveling public, provoke unfavorable comment from strangers and reflect discredit upon a too-tolerant community as well as upon the management principally responsible for them.

The committee is as follows: Mrs. Harriet C. Fielding, Mrs. O. Winter, Mrs. Nellie Briggs and Miss Lillian Patterson. Upon request of this committee they will meet the trustees of the Commercial Club and the mayor and common council on Friday evening, March 9, at the council chamber of the city hall.

Tuesday evening the committee, reinforced by a number of other ladies of the club, appeared before the city council and secured that body's co-operation in the campaign for a new depot.

The ladies present were the club's president, Mrs. W. M. Barber, Mrs. Otto Winter, Mrs. E. D. Briggs, Mrs. Fred Putnam, Mrs. C. H. Gillette, Mrs. J. J. Cambers, Mrs. P. H. Whitney and Mrs. Fielding. The last named lady acted as spokesman.

Mrs. Fielding, a comparative newcomer, has the "first impressions" of Ashland's depot vividly in mind and handled it without gloves. Originally designed to accommodate railroad employes, it has become inadequate to the accommodation of present passenger traffic, she declared, and added in effect:

"We are advertising Ashland's beauties and advantages. Our guests embarrass us with comment on our disgraceful depot. The reputation of Ashland is at stake. The huge, hideous, architecturally obsolete building shuts off the magnificent panorama of our hills. The traveler enters a narrow, grimy door and finds himself in a dirty, ill-ventilated room whose chief assets are a lunch counter with food exposed to germs, a sheetiron stove, three slatted benches, an indescribable toilet room. Add to this the fumes of hoboos loafing about the stove on stormy days, and we doubt if it has a counterpart between Seattle and San Diego."

Mrs. Fielding believes Ashland is discriminated against. She cites the depots at Medford, Klamath Falls, Grants Pass, Roseburg, Eugene and elsewhere as examples of what can be done by an aroused public sentiment. She asked that the mayor appoint a council committee to work with the club. Mayor Lamkin appointed the whole council and set

## Commercial Club Meet Fills House

For the first time in many, many months, standing room was at a premium Monday night at the monthly meeting of the Ashland Commercial Club. The meeting was a "live" one in every respect, and even the twenty or more men who had to stand were well repaid for the inconvenience. The ladies were out in almost equal proportion to the men, and the interest taken by both women and men presages good things for future club meetings. Probably 150 people were present. Additional chairs will be furnished at the next meeting, and then if the crowd overflows the room, as it most likely will, the meetings will be held in larger quarters.

**Jarvis Talk Big Feature.**  
The talk of Dr. Jarvis on the Ashland mineral waters and their use and effect should have been heard by every Ashlander. Handling a subject which almost demands technical language, Dr. Jarvis succeeded admirably in putting the most technical medical problems into understandable terms by the liberal use of every-day examples. His talk will be published in the next issue of the Tidings. It may also be published in pamphlet form by the Commercial Club, as it was considered by several present to be valuable advertising matter and its use as such was advocated. A motion to have it published was passed.

V. O. N. Smith told of the evaporating plant which the Commercial Club hopes to get for Ashland, his talk being elsewhere reported.

The club endorsed the Chautauqua park purchase, deeming the new Chautauqua building to be one of the best things Ashland needs.

Chairman Frohbach of the celebration committee gave a brief and very encouraging report of progress being made. He also read a report concerning the possibility of operation of the Ashland cannery by M. C. Lininger, which is reprinted elsewhere.

E. D. Briggs explained a couple of points about the Chautauqua proposition, calling special attention to the fact that the city was to get the revenue obtained from the park camping grounds during the Chautauqua session.

Mrs. O. Winter made a suggestion that the Chautauqua assembly should be included in the advertising for the roundup and celebration, as many automobile parties and others would plan to come here to camp or visit over the whole July period if made aware of the attractions. The suggestion was received with hearty applause.

To fill the position made vacant on the board of trustees by the resignation of H. O. Frohbach, who was elected secretary of the club, V. O. N. Smith was unanimously elected.

Brief reports of routine business matters were made. The financial report showed the club to be in very good condition, with a substantial bank balance.

## If Election Carries Will Build at Once

The chautauqua building committee held a meeting on Monday evening, March 5, at Attorney G. W. Trefren's office in the Citizens Bank block. If the proposition to sell Chautauqua park to the city carries at the special election, President M. C. Reed states that building operations will begin immediately.

At the Commercial club meeting Monday E. D. Briggs announced that the building committee had settled upon plans for the building and that it was to be of circular shape with the stage built on at the lower end. It is to seat 4000 people on the main floor and have provisions made for later addition of galleries to seat 1,400 to 1,500 more.

The old building is to be torn down and the timbers used in the forms for the cement work on the new building.

George Millner is carrying his right arm in a sling as the result of an infection in his hand, caused by some poisonous substance which entered an abrasion while he was overhauling a car at the Overland garage.

**Phone Job orders to the Tidings.**  
Friday night as the date of meeting to lay plans.