

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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"Oregon's Famous Spa"

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State Com. Includes Greenspring Road

Ashland has due cause to be elated over announcement from the state highway commission that the Greenspring mountain road to Klamath Falls is to be included in the program of state road work.

The Klamath road is to come under the head of roads for which the state will match federal appropriations under the Shackelford bill.

The completion of a good road from this valley into the Klamath country means a great deal to the Rogue river valley. Hardly any fruit is grown east of the mountains and for years freighters have carried fruit from this county to Klamath Falls and Lakeview where it is marketed at good prices. Of late the California fruit growers have been getting the advantage owing to poor conditions on the roads and the availability of railroad transportation from the south. The building of a highway suitable for heavy travel would mean the opening up of a fine fruit market for the valley. It is about sixty miles by the Greenspring mountain road to Klamath Falls. The worse difficulties of construction will be met with on the Greenspring mountain, grades beyond that mountain not been excessive.

In addition to opening up a fruit market the new road will be of great benefit to Ashland's tourist aims in that it will make tributary to this place the wonderful duck and geese hunting regions of the Klamath lakes and also make a trip to Crater Lake with return by way of the Greenspring mountain, offering a wide variety of scenery, an easy two-day trip from Ashland as a base.

Early commencement of work on this road will be contingent upon the passage of the \$6,000,000 road bond measure.

The following letter was sent by the state highway commission to the Lakeview, Klamath Falls and Ashland Commercial Clubs:

Gentlemen.—In going over our state road program and maps, in order to outline our plans to meet government requirements in matching federal money under the Shackelford bill, I find that the road from Ashland to Klamath Falls and from Klamath Falls to Lakeview is not on the program. I think a road connecting three county seats as this will do is of sufficient importance to be included in our program, and I find that the commission has a right to do this. Kindly call on your county court and let me know as soon as possible if there is an objection.

The outlook at present around this part of the state is that the proposed \$6,000,000 dollar bond issue will carry with a large majority. If so, this will take care of our trunk lines and leave our other funds to take care of connecting roads in different parts of the state. Of course, if the bond issue should not carry most of our funds for some little time will have to go on our trunk lines, but, at any rate, I can see no harm in including the above named roads in our state road program. Very truly yours,
S. BENSON,
Chairman State Highway Com.

Decorative Light Stringers for City

Ashland's streets will be brilliantly illuminated, not only during the July celebration but during Chautauqua, and on every other special occasion this summer, as the result of action by the city council Tuesday night authorizing the purchase of 4,000 feet of electric light stringers.

This will give the city a decorative light outfit of its own for all special occasions. The outfit will cost approximately \$627. Last year because of the Lithia Springs Dedication the Portland Rose Festival people kindly donated the use of the stringers which were used, but of course this favor could not be asked again, and rent of such stringers would amount to as much as their cost in a very few years.

The lighting system is one of the most durable decorative features for any city to have in "dressing up" for visitors.

Mrs. George Lewis returned to Grants Pass Sunday evening after a visit of several days in this city.

Eight-Hour Ruling Means Much to City

The acceptance of the railroad managers of the provisions of the Adamson eight-hour law, which was immediately followed by announcement that the supreme court had declared the law constitutional, means a great deal to the railroad men living in Ashland.

While various provisions govern various services the sum of the agreement is to the effect that hereafter all freight trainmen, engineers, firemen and switchmen will be placed upon an eight-hour basis with overtime paid for any amount of work over eight hours. Back pay on the Adamson law basis will be received by all the employees dating from the time of the passage of the law and will amount to a fat little pocket full of money for a number of local residents.

Far reaching effects may follow the establishment of the new basis which may cause some of the longer divisions to be shortened in order that crews may make the runs in eight hours. The railroad men claim that the decision is more likely to make the roads run lighter trains, which will get over the divisions in better time and use more crews for this reason.

The switchmen in the local yards will probably be given straight eight-hour shifts instead of twelve hours as at present, and additional men placed on the payroll.

It is estimated that nearly 400,000 men in the United States will be given better working conditions as a result. The increase in the railroad payrolls will amount to several million dollars annually.

The Adamson law does not take into account the fact that trainmen's wages are computed on both a mileage and on hourly basis. The freight basis is 100 miles or less or 10 hours or less. If they work more than 10 hours or run more than 100 miles they are paid a pro rata excess.

The Adamson law applies only to the hourly schedule, and makes no reference to the distance schedule.

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Ask Ashland To Send Representatives

The local Commercial Club has received the following letter, which is self-explanatory, from the Portland Chamber of Commerce:

"Portland, March 17, 1917.
"To Secretaries of Commercial Clubs, and County Courts of Oregon.

"Gentlemen: Anticipating that British Columbia will appropriate a sum of money to be used by the Northwest Tourist Association, as have the states of Washington and Oregon, and that the work of the association may begin in time to get at least partial results during the year 1917, a conference of representatives of all sections of Oregon is hereby called to meet at Portland on March 31. The conference will be made up as follows: Representatives of commercial clubs and representatives of county courts.

"The purpose of this conference is to organize an advisory committee on which every section of the state shall have representation, and so that the directors who are charged with the responsibility of spending the Oregon appropriation of \$45,000 may, so far as possible, represent the desires of the people of Oregon in going after the tourist business and to see that every section is given fair treatment.

"The conference will be called to order at 10 o'clock a. m., Saturday, March 31. Your organization is invited to participate."

The above was signed by the following officers and directors of the Portland Chamber of Commerce: Emory Olmstead, J. C. Ainsworth, W. J. Hofmann, Phil Motsehan Jr., C. C. Overmire, H. A. Latta, J. H. Koke, J. W. Seimons, R. E. Scott and Mark Woodruff.

Following the announcement of the averting of the impending strike all freight embargoes were lifted by the Southern Pacific.

Miss Margaret Hodgson was home over Sunday from her school duties as teacher in the Debenger Gap district, near Eagle Point.

CLEAN-UP DAY

MAYOR PROCLAIMS FRIDAY, APRIL 3, CLEAN-UP DAY.

Friday, April 3, is hereby designated as "Clean-up" day throughout the city. Don't forget the date. Don't fail to make preparation for it. The city provides the teams. They will call for your garbage some time during that day. Have it ready. Burn everything you can, then put the remainder of garbage in boxes, bags or barrels and have them located where they can be easily reached, in the alley—or in the street if there is no alley—and by all means have it ready for delivery early. Let us make our city if possible the neatest, cleanest and most beautiful city on the coast.

C. B. LAMKIN, Mayor.

Chautauqua Bonds Carry and Work on Auditorium Begins

The \$15,000 bonds for the purchase of Chautauqua park, the money to be used in the new Chautauqua auditorium, carried by over two to one in Monday's special election, and the Chautauqua association has already put a crew of men at work tearing down the old building preparatory to beginning construction of the new building. About 1,055 votes were cast at the special election. The bonds carried 725 to 337.

Reassessment Carries.

The charter amendment providing for reassessment of property in case of technical errors in first assessments carried by a big majority. The city now has power to protect itself against possible errors.

Money For Park Upkeep.

The amendment transferring the \$300 which has been donated to the Chautauqua by the park commission for care of the newly acquired six and three-quarters acres of park carried by less than 100 votes, due probably to the wording of the measure on the ballot.

Ordinance Repeals Lose.

The measures asking expression of opinion in regard to the repeal of ordinances prohibiting minors from playing in billiard halls, and allowing the halls to open on Sunday, both received negative votes and the ordinances will stand as at present.

Results Tabulated.

The tabulated results from the three wards follow:

Park Purchase.		
	Yes.	No.
First	201	142
Second	270	61
Third	254	133
Total	725	336
Carried by 389.		

\$300 Park Upkeep.		
	Yes.	No.
First	146	155
Second	181	110
Third	183	169
Total	510	434
Carried by 76.		

Reassessment.		
	Yes.	No.
First	170	138
Second	201	91
Third	208	141
Total	579	370
Carried by 209.		

Minors Play Pool.		
	Yes.	No.
First	152	190
Second	134	194
Third	159	226
Total	445	610
Lost by 105.		

Play Pool Sundays.		
	Yes.	No.
First	148	193
Second	118	208
Third	150	231
Total	416	632
Lost by 216.		

Fire Bell Tower Is To Be Moved

The fire-bell tower located between the Park Hotel and the Chautauqua building is to be either torn down or moved immediately. The new auditorium will cover the ground on which the tower stands. A committee from the council is investigating possible locations for the tower and will report at a special meeting of the council tomorrow night. One of the most probable locations discussed is to move the bell to the top of the city hall. Superintendent Strickland called attention to the fact that the fire alarm system was not much good

anyhow, but the council did not show any signs of contemplating the installation of a new system throughout.

Will Inform S. P. When Fish Bite

Harry Hosler of this city has consented to act as volunteer fish reporter for the weekly fishing bulletin which the Southern Pacific railroad issues for the benefit of its angler patrons. The bulletin covers conditions in every fishing stream in Oregon.

Mrs. Lundy, Nu Bone corsets, Monday, March 26, Hotel Austin. It

Grants Pass Will Help to Celebrate

Grants Pass will be "with us" at the roundup and celebration on July 3, 4 and 5, word to that effect coming in a letter from the Grants Pass Chamber of Commerce received by the local Commercial Club in response to notification of the plans for this year's celebration. The kindest of feeling is expressed, and Ashland can again be assured of a big attendance from the sugar beet city. The letter from the Grants Pass club follows:

Grants Pass, March 19.

Mr. H. O. Frohbach, Chairman Celebration Committee, Ashland.

Dear Mr. Frohbach: Your letter of the 17th was laid before the trustees of this organization at a meeting held today. The matter was discussed at length. It was the understanding of all present who were connected with this work last year, that Grants Pass's waiving of any celebration of the Fourth last year in favor of a united support of Ashland's roundup was with an understanding that the claims of this city for a southern Oregon celebration this summer would meet with a similar support from Ashland. It is the earnest desire of this chamber that our three southern Oregon cities should work in close harmony in such matters and anything savoring of friction be constantly suppressed. With that purpose, and in view of the fact that Ashland seems to have proceeded so far with its plans for a repetition of its last year's celebration, our trustees voted to cease work on its plans for an aviation meet here on the Fourth, and urge our people to again support your celebration, which we hope will be abundantly successful.

May we add in this connection, that this chamber feels that, for future years, Fourth of July should be "rotated" among the three cities of Ashland, Medford and Grants Pass for community celebrations, and that if your roundup is to become an annual affair, some other date than the Fourth should be selected?

Very truly yours,
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Are Organizing Naval Coast Reserve

Dr. R. G. Davis, Lieutenant H. C. Frazier, Chief Pharmacist Mate J. J. Mitchell, Machinist Mate First Class Roscoe M. Parker and Chief Quartermaster C. Groat, all from the United States navy, are here from Bremerton yards at Seattle to interest Ashlanders in the Naval Coast Defense Reserve.

The Naval Coast Defense Reserve is far different from either the regular army or the militia and should appeal to every patriotic citizen. No previous military training is required and no military service during times of peace. Should war come, the men in the reserve would probably be called upon, but would even then be placed in service in the coast defense and would be near home. A member of the reserve cannot be drafted and is sure of employment at good pay in case of war.

The navy men who are here are after men in every branch of business, and state that in case of war these men will be given work in line with their present occupation. For instance, druggists or anyone having knowledge of drugs or nursing will be attached to the Red Cross. Machinists will be used in work along their line, clerks in clerical work, and so on.

The enlistment in the reserve is for a period of four years and carries absolutely no service or time unless war demands calling out of the reserve. Each member of the reserve is paid \$12 a year, and if he goes into service will receive commensurate wages with services rendered.

The navy men are at Hotel Austin and will be here over Friday. They will have daytime headquarters at the postoffice.

They urgently request that all men not belonging to other military organizations call and talk over the proposition.

John Corbett, owner of the Cassadaga mine just across the border in Siskiyou county, is home for a few days. He reports seven feet of snow at the mine.

Much Business At Council Meet

Canvassing of the vote of the special election took precedence over other business at the opening of the council meeting Tuesday evening.

The purchase of electric light stringers was authorized as elsewhere reported.

On recommendation of the cemetery committee, the usual provisions were made for summer care of Mountain View cemetery by authorizing Sexton Walrad to hire a man through the summer.

Councilman Root reported that he and Mr. Ninger had investigated conditions out in the Lincoln street neighborhood and found that a sewer was needed, but that many of the property owners did not look favorably on putting in the sewer just at this time. The council extended the sanitary committee further time and the board of health will be asked to investigate the need of a sewer. It may be that conditions will demand a sewer put in with a minority petition from the property owners affected.

The electric light committee was authorized to move the fire tower as the new Chautauqua building will cover the land on which it will stand.

The purchase of a pipe locator, which is almost uncanny in its action, was authorized. The water department has had it on trial, and Superintendent Hosler states that he will guarantee that a pipe under ground or pavement can be located within a few inches. It has already proven its worth in several instances and great expense in tearing up pavement saved.

At the request of some of the women of the Parent-Teacher associations, Councilman Ninger brought up the matter of children skating on the sidewalks. At the time of the passage of the present ordinance which prohibits skating and coasting on the sidewalks but not on the streets, one of the most involved and heated discussions of the last year occurred. At that time the matter of building skating floors on the school grounds was favorably regarded but was never carried out. Councilmen Caldwell, Root and Banta expressed themselves as absolutely set against repealing the ordinance. The matter was dropped.

A number of little details concerning clearing decks for action to enable an immediate start on construction on the new Chautauqua building were cared for.

A price of 50 cents a cord stumpage, on the dead timber owned by the city at various places around town, which applications have been received for, was suggested, and led to an extended discussion of timber problems. Finally the matter was left in the hands of City Engineer Walker.

The right of a man to shoot a dog which he saw chasing a deer was talked over, and the consensus of opinion seemed to be that whether or not he had the right, he ought to do it and take a chance.

Lost Man Found Again in Eugene

H. R. Bennard took the examination at the Sanitarium for work at the Southern Pacific shops in this city and was to have gone to work. He disappeared and his wife notified the police. A thorough search was made for him and he was eventually located in Eugene, but not before a queer coincidence in the finding of the body of a dead man whose description tallied with that of Bennard. The dead man was found under a pile of tea at Hill and at first was thought to be Bennard, but later turned out to be Fred Bell of Idaho. The deceased carried an I. W. W. card.

Bennard was located in Eugene, where he had gone while suffering from some kind of mental aberration which one of the men who was investigating the matter describes as "indigestion of the brain." Mrs. Bennard is a sister of Mrs. T. L. Yokum. The wife feared that her husband had been killed in the freight wreck at Voorhes, although at loss to account for his leaving town.

Rev. Van Fossen, superintendent of the Klamath district for the Methodist church, spoke at Wilderville last Sunday.