

3:30 P. M.—TOTAL LIBERTY BOND SALES IN ASHLAND \$96,550—ASHLAND'S ALLOTMENT \$85,000—EXCESS SUBSCRIBED \$11,550

Two Killed in County Jailbreak

After yielding Jailer Basye a death blow in the head with a flatiron, taking his gun and keys and forcing another prisoner from the county jail at Jacksonville at the point of a revolver, and escaping for a short time in a nearby brush patch John Ragsdale, a convicted prisoner from Lake creek, shot and killed himself Tuesday afternoon. Chauncey Florey, county recorder, is also seriously injured as a result of a fall received during the search.

The first intimation that a crime had been committed came about 2:30 Tuesday afternoon when Bert Rippey, a prisoner in the jail, called through his cell window to the employees in the county clerk's office that he heard a man groaning and thought the jailer had been hurt.

The employees in the sheriff's and county clerk's offices rushed into the jail and found Basye lying in a pool of blood on the floor beside his desk. His head was crushed. They immediately gave the alarm. County Recorder Florey and Carl Newbury, son of Attorney Gus Newbury, jumped into a car, the latter armed with a 30-30 rifle, and started down the Medford road, while J. A. Norris, the court house janitor, grabbed an automatic and started on foot, on the back road.

The chase might have been fruitless but for the courageous action of four small Jacksonville lads ranging from six to ten years old, who saw the two men walking rapidly, one holding a gun on the other, by a yard in which they were playing, and who followed them despite the older man's pointing his gun at them and warning them not to follow. They came to the Medford road just as the car containing Florey and Newbury dashed up, and halting them pointed to the two men crossing the field for the brush west of the road near Jackson creek. Newbury jammed on the brakes, the car coming to a sudden stop, which threw Florey, who was riding on the running board of the car, a considerable distance and giving him a heavy fall on his head. Although he lay still, Newbury decided the escaped prisoners demanded first attention, so he jumped out with his gun and tried to push in a cartridge, but the gun jammed. Without a moment's hesitation, however, he covered the one man who was in sight and told him to throw up his hands or he'd fill him full of holes. The man promptly obeyed just as Norris appeared with his automatic. The prisoner proved to be Irving Oehler, the convicted forger, who at the point of a gun had been forced to leave with Ragsdale.

In the excitement of the moment Ragsdale disappeared in the thick brush at this point, and it being foolhardy for one man to attempt his capture while the other held the prisoner, Oehler was taken back to jail by Norris while Deputy Sheriff Leslie Stansell quickly gathered a makeshift posse and notified Sheriff Jennings, who was in Medford, and who quickly gathered a group of the Company I men and rushed them to the scene.

It was shortly after Oehler's arrest that a shot was fired, and the young forger claimed Ragsdale had fired at him when he saw him surrender. This was the shot, however, that killed Ragsdale. The posse surrounded the brush, and as they advanced

Dennis To Open Big Feed Store

J. N. Dennis, who recently sold the grocery stock of his store on East Main to Enders' department store, has taken over the stock of the Klamath Exchange in the Hosley building and will combine it with his present stock in his old business rooms. With this added stock Mr. Dennis will have one of the largest feed supply stores in southern Oregon. His stock includes flour, grain, hay, fertilizers, seed and like necessities. He will also handle potatoes, poultry and wool on a wide scale.

GOAL OF \$85,000 ALMOST REACHED.

Ashland had bought \$72,400 worth of Liberty bonds by 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and a heavy drive is being made in this last day in an effort to bring this city's purchases up to \$85,000, the quota which was apportioned to Ashland. If Ashland does this it will have upheld the city's reputation for patriotism in deed as well as word. The time for subscribing to the loan closes at noon Friday and must necessarily close a little before that in Ashland, as results have to be telegraphed in to the San Francisco mother bank of the federal reserve.

Gay Case Taken From Jury

Probation Officer Charles Gay, charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor, was exonerated yesterday when Judge Calkins in the circuit court instructed the jury to return a verdict of not guilty.

The action of the court followed a motion by Attorney E. E. Kelly, who with Attorney P. J. Neff represented Mr. Gay, that the case be taken from the jury on the grounds that the indictment was faulty and no sufficient evidence had been submitted to justify the case going to the jury.

The evidence of the complaining witness was not corroborated, and in several places under cross-examination the stories fell flat.

Accomplish Much At Chautauqua Bee

The business houses of the city closed all morning Tuesday and nearly two hundred citizens from every walk of life contributed their bit to the construction of the new Chautauqua auditorium. And a great deal of work was accomplished, probably the equivalent of a week's work by the regular crew. Movie Man Hull took motion pictures of the mob of workers. The ladies of the city, under the direction of the Chautauqua Park Club, served a dinner at noon which was ample pay for a day's work, everybody had a good time, and in fact the Chautauqua bee was a big success. The sheeting on the roof of the building extends several feet farther up as a result of the day's work.

A notable feature was that every man of the regular crew donated the full day's work. They were under no obligations to do so, but freely gave their services and were of inestimable service in directing the work.

Joint Concert at Medford Friday

The Ashland Choral Society went to Medford en masse Tuesday night for rehearsal. On Friday evening, June 15, at the Page Theatre, the combined choral societies of Ashland and Medford, consisting of 150 singers and musicians, will participate in a joint concert program. The preparations for this concert have been long and painstaking. The rehearsals have been regularly attended once a week for over a year and a half and they are singing a splendid class of music.

Whole City Heaves Sigh of Relief

At last—after years of bickering and dickering—Jack True started a crew at work on the grading of the new road around Billings hill Monday. Ten men and four teams were started on the job and more will be added later. The crew started at the bottom of the hill and will swing the road around to the east.

Editor Piper of Oregonian and Prof. Vining at Monday Picnic

The great community gathering which will be held next Monday in Lithia park from 12 until 3 o'clock, to usher in the active week of Red Cross campaign, will be addressed by Edgar Piper, editor of the Portland Oregonian, and Prof. Irving Vining of Ashland. Music will be furnished by the Ashland band, by a quartet and Mrs. H. T. Elmore, who will sing a solo and lead a community chorus.

The picnic gathering, at which every family in Ashland should be present, will be held at 12 noon, and each family should bring their own basket lunch. Coffee and ice cream will be sold to those who wish it. The program will begin at 2 o'clock.

The stores of the city will close from 12 to 3 and every Ashlander should attend this gathering, which it is hoped to make the biggest ever held here.

The drive for \$5,000 from Ashland for the Red Cross is now all lined up and next week will see the most efficient campaign for money raising which Ashland has ever seen.

Red Cross Notes.
All the ladies of the Red Cross are urged to meet at the Red Cross headquarters not later than 8 o'clock this evening to attend in a body the Flag day exercises to be held in the Elks' Temple.

To Serve Lunches.
Several of the churches in the city will serve a noonday luncheon to the solicitors of the Red Cross during the Red Cross week as their part in the great Red Cross drive. There are a large number of Red Cross solicitors, and by having this noonday lunch it saves the solicitors the trouble of going home and preparing their lunch and also offers them an opportunity to get together and discuss topics of interest in their work. The lunch will be held in the basement rooms of the Elks' Temple at 12:15, commencing Tuesday of next week. The Red Cross committee for this feature con-

sists of Miss Lillian Patterson, Mrs. Sam McNair and Mrs. Marsh Wagner. The churches which are doing this work are the Wednesday Afternoon Club of the Presbyterian church, under the supervision of Mrs. A. Schuerman, which will serve the lunch on Tuesday; the Christian church, under the direction of Mrs. W. L. Mellinger, on Wednesday; the Catholic church with Mrs. J. P. Wolf as chairman, on Thursday; the Siskiyou Circle of the Congregational church, with Mrs. F. G. Swedenburg as director, on Friday, and the Teacup Club of the Methodist church, under the supervision of Mrs. W. D. Hodgson, on Friday. Mrs. Hinthorne is chairman of a committee from the Baptist church which will decorate the banquet room.

Phoenix Enthused By Red Cross Rally

There was an enthusiastic Red Cross meeting held in Phoenix last evening, the Rev. Bailey presiding. Dr. Hill, Mrs. Osborne and Miss Putnam of Medford gave short talks, also E. V. Carter of Ashland. The main address of the evening was a really eloquent appeal by Mr. Vining, who held the very closest attention of his audience for the half hour which he spoke.

Just at the most interesting and engrossing point in Mr. Vining's address there was a startling crash in the room and Dr. Hill and Mr. Carter were found lying on their backs on the floor. For the moment the audience suspected that some German might have set off a stick of dynamite and gotten results, but on further investigation and upon helping these gentlemen to their feet it was found that their chairs only had collapsed.

Phoenix is showing real enthusiasm and all are expecting that good results will be shown when the soliciting committee are through with their work. Another meeting will be held tonight in Talent.

Flag Day Service Elks' Temple Tonight

Ashland lodge No. 944, B. P. O. Elks, holds its annual Flag Day service this evening at the Temple. The public is cordially invited and it is expected that this year the attendance will be unusually large. The various military and patriotic orders are expected to be largely represented. Special features of this year's service are the address of Professor Vining, who comes from the east where war conditions are marked, songs of patriotic character by Professor MacMurray and Mrs. Henry Terry Elmore and a cello solo by Professor Loveland. The program follows:

1. Music, "Star Spangled Banner," orchestra.
2. Introductory exercises, exalted ruler and officers.
3. Prayer, Chaplain Brother P. K. Hammond.
4. Solo, "The Red, White and Blue," Brother J. S. MacMurray.
5. Flag record, Brother W. Hal McNair.
6. Cello solo, selected, Brother Carl H. Loveland.
7. Altar service, esquire and officers.
8. Music, "Auld Lang Syne," "My Old Kentucky Home," "Dixie," orchestra.
9. Elks' Tribute to the Flag, Brother W. E. Newcombe.
10. Solo, Kipling's Recessional, Mrs. Henry Terry Elmore. Music by DeKoven.
11. Recitation, "The American Flag," Bonnis Jennings.
12. Music, overture, selected, orchestra.
13. Address, "The Spirit of the Flag," Brother I. E. Vining.
14. Song, "America." Audience requested to join.

Bids Wanted for Exhibit Building.
Sealed bids for the sale of the exhibit building will be accepted by the Commercial Club up to June 17. The club reserves the right to reject all bids.
H. O. FROHBACH,
Secretary.

If Stock Arrives Will Buck Sunday

If some of the stock which the roundup boys are expecting daily arrives, some tryouts will be staged at the roundup grounds next Sunday. Two relay stinks, those of Doc Helms and Ray Murphy, will train at the roundup grounds and should provide some lively tilts. Several head of wild horses are being brought in and other stock, including enough bucking stock to make things interesting.

From now on the roundup grounds will be the scene of daily activity. Twenty-three hundred seating capacity will be added to the grandstand and bleachers. A platform for chairs will be built along the top of the grandstand and divided into boxes which may be reserved in advance of the show. Additional bleachers will be built and the seating capacity of the amphitheatre will total well over 17,000.

A barn has been completed for the relay stock, corrals are being built for the buckers and wild steers, etc., and a feed rack seventy feet long is being built and will be covered by an immense tent which will house the stock brought up by Dell Blanchett from Pendleton and Philomath.

Acquit Mrs. Garwood Of Arson Charge

The sensational case which developed out of the burning of the Strickfadden house in this city several months ago came to a close at Jacksonville Wednesday when Mrs. Garwood, the woman whom Mrs. Strickfadden and Mrs. Dreyfus claim engineered the attempt to collect fire insurance, was acquitted by a jury in the circuit court at Jacksonville. The jury was out but a short time. No new testimony of great bearing was brought out in the new trial. Mrs. Garwood was set free.

Roseburg—Work will be started once on \$5,000 dam at North Umpqua fish hatchery.

SEMI-WEEKLY BAND CON- CERTS START SUNDAY.

Next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock in Lithia park the Ashland band will present the first of the regular series of semi-weekly band concerts. Arrangements have been made through the donation of \$100 from the park board, \$50 from the Commercial Club and money from other sources to hold the concerts on every Sunday afternoon and Wednesday evening from now to the celebration, and from then on the concerts will be financed by popular subscription as they were last year. Ashland now has a band of which any city might well be proud, and several thousand people should turn out next Sunday to hear it.

Expects To Have Soda Water Soon

Good progress is being made in the piping in of the soda water from the Songer well. The pipe to connect the Songer well and the main soda pipe line is being laid this week, and it is expected will be all in the ditch by the end of the week. The soda water should be running in the fountains by the middle of next week if all goes well. The work is being done under the superintendency of City Engineer Walker.

The fountains, bowls and faucets are being cleaned up and put into shape. The cup machines have furnished a surprisingly large income considering the few who visit the park in the winter, and the summer's receipts will assist materially in keeping up the fountains and water system.

Club Trustees Lunch And Do Business

The trustees of the Commercial Club met at noon Monday at the Bungalow in Lithia park, the business meeting following a luncheon.

Booklets.
On report of the advertising committee it was decided to have a twelve-page booklet printed, the club being entirely out of Ashland advertising material.

For Band.
Upon motion, \$50 of the club's funds was appropriated to the band to continue the band concerts during the month of June and up to and after the Fourth of July.

The purchase of Economy jars for Mr. Lowe to replace the ones now in use in the office of the club was referred to the house committee.

Park Lighting.
The park lighting question was brought up, and in order to find out the difficulty as to why the park has not been lighted, the president upon motion appointed C. B. Lamkin as a committee of one from the club to confer with the park board and the lighting committee of the council.

To Assist Ticket Sale.
Inasmuch as the Chautauqua Association is making extraordinary efforts to complete their new building and expending a large sum of money over and above the amount given them from the city for the property sold, it was voted that the Commercial Club appoint a committee to assist the Chautauqua in selling as many season tickets in advance of the session in order to make the same a great financial success and thereby help to pay the increased expenditures.

Billboard.
The billboard sign committee was given authority, upon motion, to have the billboard constructed at the spring house near the station.

There will be no meeting for the purpose of nominating school director candidates at 10 o'clock Monday morning, as announced elsewhere in this issue through mistake. The polls will be open from 2 to 7 p. m. and all may vote.

All members of the Honor Guard are requested to be at the Army Monday morning at 11:30 so that the Honor Guard can attend to Red Cross picnic in a body.

Civic Club Has Membership of 234

If there is a more wide-awake, intelligent, capable or efficient organization in Ashland than the Women's Civic Improvement Club, we would like to know it. Its widespread activities and varied accomplishments should place it well up in the ranks with similar clubs in the state as well as make it a power for great good in the community.

While its constant aim and endeavor is to WORK, WORK, WORK along practical lines, yet that on occasion it knows how to relax from the more rigid formalities of current business was pleasingly shown on Tuesday last, when it held an adjourned meeting in Lithia park on recreation bent, for

"A little nonsense now and then is relished by the best of men"—and women!

The occasion was specially intended to celebrate the happy conclusion of its most successful "new membership" campaign. After this no one can doubt the popularity and ability of the organization, and yet voters may well sit up and take notice. Under the leadership of Mrs. Gillette the winning forces were assembled at the city hall and marched to the park in regular and long-drawn-out formation to the stirring music of their own orchestra band, consisting of Mesdames Loveland, Winter, Poley, Gilman, Dodge, Woods, Millner, Hilty, Carleton, Stennart, Jones and others. They were met by the president and executive board and the equally happy "losers," who, themselves, stood ready to put the halo on the crowning result of such splendid work and interest—a campaign that had added nearly, if not quite, two hundred new members to its ranks.

Mrs. Gillette, in a strikingly effective 1860 costume, wielding the baton of authority, and her quaintly and uniquely arrayed contingent, were promptly escorted to the place selected for the exercises of the afternoon, while the nondescript band, consisting of horns, fifes, drums, cornet, mandolin, hand-organ, trombone, etc., pounded forth a wonderful medley of sound, in which each individual instrument strove for special excellence.

The entertainment which the winners provided was quite as varied and interesting. A monologue with musical accompaniment—on an invisible guitar—given by Mrs. Stewart, was cheered to the echo. A C. I. C. clinic was held to investigate the serious condition of a beautiful young maiden named "Ashland," who, reclining gracefully on a stretcher, submitted to the critical examination of such eminent professionals as Dr. Poley, X-Ray Expert Lamkin and Nurse Winter, and whom they found to be afflicted with a complication of disorders—noticeably, hot air on the lungs, insufficient lights, an operahouse ulcer, a depot carbuncle, mud in the intake, and bruises from the "knocking" element. The "clean-up" squad was also called in to prescribe. Mrs. Rocho and her qualified assistants, Mesdames Cambers, Wilshire, Lamb, Orres, Miller, Murray, Oliver, Nesbit and Shell, armed with their implements of office, gave a practical demonstration which should, if practical.

General Liggitt Visits This City

General Liggitt, commander of the Western division U. S. A., was in Ashland yesterday, accompanied by his wife and F. C. Lathrop and wife. Mr. Lathrop is general passenger agent of the Southern Pacific. The party were taken on an automobile trip over Ashland park and scenic drives. They also spent some time at the new Chautauqua auditorium.

The party were traveling in Mr. Lathrop's special car and were met at the station by Agent G. N. Kramer and Commercial Club Secretary Frohbach. The scenic environment of the city, the park and the immense new Chautauqua auditorium made a fine impression on General Liggitt, who told Mr. Frohbach that he had had no idea Ashland had anything of the kind. The army head also visited the armory. General Liggitt has succeeded General Bell in command of the Western division.