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Siskiyou Grade To Be Paved Soon

S. S. Smith and Bert R. Greer, who were selected by the Medford and Ashland commercial clubs to appear before the State Highway Commission at Portland Friday to consult upon the plans adopted for road work through Jackson county, returned Saturday well satisfied with the work accomplished.

The State Highway Commission, the highway engineer and Governor Withycombe were unanimously and heartily in favor of paving the Siskiyou grade sixteen feet wide from the California line to the base of the mountain. Equipment is now being assembled for the work. Owing to a contract entered into by the former highway commission for sixteen thousand yards of crushed stone, part of which was used last year, the first work will be rock macadam eight inches thick and sixteen feet wide. The work will be done by force account and the macadam will lie through the winter before the bituminum top is put on.

The commission unanimously favor the completion of the Pacific Highway from California to Portland as the work of first importance. Already, besides the funds available for the Siskiyou grade, \$450,000 is now available to grade and otherwise improve Pass creek, Cow creek and Wolf creek hills in Josephine and Douglas counties.

Work on the Billings hill is again held up, this time by the railroad company. Agreements between the county and railroad company are all completed. The construction plans have been turned over to Superintendent Metcalf and the work ordered done. The delay is caused by scarcity of labor. Mr. Dyer told the writer that labor was getting to be a great problem. On some of the road sections only the foremen were working, being unable to hold men enough to do the section work.

The Ashland Commercial Club will take up the matter at once with Superintendent Metcalf and try to arrange some plan of co-operation to supply labor so the work can go forward.

"The Barrier" Big; Strong in Realism

From Portland Oregonian, July 1. —Rex Beach's latest photoplay is powerful in realism. In this new play he has given to the public a ten-reel epic of the frontier and racial conflict that grips you, for its characters do not stoop to picaresque quarrels; their fight is over something big, and the spectator is immediately caught with the power of the great play.

Ed. Note—This picture will be shown in the Vining Theatre Tuesday and Wednesday instead of at Chautauqua, as originally advertised. The first company will be guests of the theatre on Tuesday night. In addition to the picture there will be two acts of vaudeville each night.

Jackson County Registration

The following is a complete list of registrations, showing the number registered in the various parties up to close of registration on July 14:

- Republican—Male 3,282, female 2,448, total 5,730.
- Democrat—Male 1,907, female 1,412, total 3,319.
- Progressive—Male 27, female 7, total 34.
- Prohibition—Male 56, female 166, total 222.
- Socialist—Male 213, female 96, total 309.
- Miscellaneous—Male 221, female 170, total 391.
- Totals—Male 5,706, female 4,299, total 10,005.

If you want to buy or sell anything, try Tidings want ads. They do the work.

U. S. WEATHER FORECAST.

For week beginning July 22. Pacific states: Warm in interior, moderate on coast; fair except scattered showers in Oregon and Washington by the middle of the week.

FIRE! FIRE! FIRE! TAKE NOTICE.

Protection of your homes is now urgent. The forest fire is spreading about the upper waters of Ashland creek and is hourly growing beyond control. All the help that can be possibly obtained is needed to protect the Ashland watershed. Every household in this city is interested, and nothing is at the moment so urgent as fire fighters. Mr. Grebble, the forest supervisor, is calling frantically for help. No hoboes need be sent, as he has no use for them, but MEN, MEN, MEN are wanted and wanted badly. Now is the time to show patriotism at home.

Report to Mayor Lamkin.

Examining Officer To Be In Medford

The examining officer for the second officers' training camp applicants will arrive in Medford July 28. All applicants for the second officers' camps will then be examined for final acceptance who live in this section of the state.

Forest Fires Nearby Beyond Control

Word was received this forenoon that the forest fire near Humming Bird springs is beyond control and an effort is being made today to procure additional fire fighters. The fire is burning down the slopes into the government reserve and is endangering the city's water supply.

The big fire, which has been raging for the past week, has been under control several times, but has again gotten a big start. It has burned over about 200 acres already, and unless gotten under control very soon the city water supply will be permanently crippled. If it continues, the business houses of Ashland may have to close their doors to help fight the flames as they did in 1911.

Light and Power Rates Equalized

Rates for electric and water service furnished by the California-Oregon Power Company in Oregon are readjusted by an order issued Saturday by the Oregon public service commission. Towns affected by the order in the Rogue river division include Medford, Central Point, Gold Hill, Grants Pass, Jacksonville, Rogue River, Phoenix, Tolo-Gold Ray, Prospect, Graves Creek, Wolf Creek, Glendale, Eagle Point and Talent.

It will be noticed that Ashland is the only incorporated city in this division that was not affected. The commission asserts that changes are made to maintain as nearly as possible the present total income of the company.

"The commission is satisfied that the company has not received an unreasonably high return upon its property, but on the other hand has obtained less than investors might reasonably be entitled to expect from investments involving like risks, and less than the prevailing rate of interest throughout the territory," said the order in part.

"In view of these findings no general reduction in rates is justified, nor is it believed that total returns can be satisfactorily increased by advanced charges. All charges in present tariffs will, therefore, be designed to maintain as nearly as practicable the present total income and to erase any possible unjust discrimination between consumers."

Big Party For 1st Company Boys

The young people's societies of the local churches will give a lawn social on Thursday evening at the First Presbyterian church in honor of the 1st company boys, who may leave soon for war service. Arrangements are about complete for the affair and a fine time is assured. All young people and especially the friends of the soldiers are cordially welcome.

Daring Attempt To Rob Safe Made in Broad Daylight

On Sunday afternoon daring yeggmen attempted to break open the safe in the office of the Swift & Company plant. Frank Crouch, the superintendent of the plant, had been in the office till noon. Intending to return in the afternoon, he only closed the outer door of the big safe in the office, but locked the inner door. Upon his return in the afternoon he found the glass broken in the front door, the safe badly damaged and a crowbar lying on the floor nearby. While the deed of unusual daring was attempted in broad daylight, no one noticed the yeggman around. Mr. Crouch notified Chief of Police Atterbury at once and he hurried to

the scene, but no clue could be obtained whereby to get trace of the robbers.

The bold yegmen obtained entrance by breaking the glass in the door, reaching through and unlocking it. They were careful to carry the broken glass across the driveway and hide it behind a fence. Then they took a crowbar that they had picked up somewhere in the vicinity and evidently tried to pry the inner door of the safe open. The safe was considerably damaged by the yegmen evidently gave it up as a bad job as they did not succeed in obtaining entrance to the strong box. Chief Atterbury says they were undoubtedly experienced yeggmen.

Goddard Concert Is Disappointment

The James Goddard grand concert given last Thursday evening was the only disappointing number on the entire program of this year's Chautauqua. The noted bass-baritone singer of the Chicago Grand Opera Company had been advertised so extensively as the "greatest living bass-baritone" that the audience naturally expected much of him. While many in the audience doubtless had not the musical appreciation that the true musician has, and therefore were not capable of just criticism, the noted singer disappointed even those capable of judging the best in music. So there is really ground for saying that James Goddard did not come up to expectations.

James Goddard is a giant in physical build and size, standing six feet and a half in his stockings, and reminds you of the pictures of Jess Willard. When he first appeared on the platform he fairly shocked the audience with his bulk and height. By the side of his pianist, Robert Yale Smith, the latter appeared as a mere boy in size.

If the people had not expected so much of Goddard, it is safe to say that the audience would have enjoyed his singing, for he has a voice of wonderful range and power. Even the untrained ear could readily detect the fact that in his singing he shows that he has had many years of the very finest training that could be obtained. In his technique you could not find much room for fault-finding, but in the quality of his tones you could. The range of his voice is wonderful and it is of sufficient power to fill the largest auditorium. However, in Miss Ruth Ray, a violinist of remarkable ability for one so young, the big crowd was truly delighted. This wonderful young violinist is destined to reach the topmost round in musical fame. Her playing alone was more than worth the entire evening. Her numbers were marked by a finish and a beauty of tones of transcendent quality. Robert Ray Smith also played exceptionally well. Both in technique and in quality of tones produced he deserves to rank among the best. Both of these assistants won loud applause and were called back time and again.

In the singing of "Old Black Joe" and "Drink to Me Only With Thine Eyes" James Goddard was most appreciated. In these songs he appealed most to the cosmopolitan audience present.

Auto Replaces Team on Farm

Last Thursday, late in the afternoon, the pedestrians on Main street witnessed the novel sight of an auto hitched to a farm wagon with a big load of hay moving along with comparative ease. It has not been many years since the modern automobile first came into existence. The use of an automobile to pull a farm wagon instead of Dock and Dobbin, while not entirely new, is a real novelty today. Tomorrow will we see big loads of hay floating through the air suspended to a Zeppelin or some other air craft?

Although it is impossible for a motorcycle to knock a heavy automobile off the street, many motorcyclists feel called upon in the interest of science to try the experiment.

Phone news items to the Tidings.

Sheriff Warns People of I. W. W.

The following notice has been sent out through the sheriff's office:

"In view of the recent destructive activities of the I. W. W. in Klamath county, I deem it expedient to ask you to keep this office posted about any suspicious characters or occurrences in your precinct.

"While no trouble is anticipated in this county, owing to lack of labor union organizations, etc., it must be remembered that there is considerable floating population, and undoubtedly members of the I. W. W. who might run amuck, and poison stock, fire mills, fields and farm buildings as they have in the Klamath country.

"Anyone caught committing any of these felonies should be held and this office notified (Sec. 1769, L. O. L., provides that private persons may arrest without warrant for (1) crime attempted or committed in the presence, or (2) crime when he has reasonable cause for believing the person arrested to have committed it). I am prepared to make deputy appointments in each precinct in order to minimize any possible danger, and invite volunteers for this purpose.

"Yours very truly,
"RALPH G. JENNINGS,
"Sheriff.
"By L. W. Stansell, deputy."

Back From Tour Of Valley Points

Prof. "Heins" Heidenreich of last year's high school faculty and Lynn Mowat, ex-city editor of the Tidings, returned this morning after a week's jaunt through the Willamette valley. They were guests at the Delta Tau fraternity house at Eugene, and are displaying coats of tan obtained during an extended canoeing trip on the Willamette river. They say that Eugene is full of college men returning to answer the call with the Coast Artillery and that they enjoyed a royal good time.

Mr. Heidenreich's name was well along toward the head of the list in the Lane county draft, but since Lane county, like Jackson, had furnished its quota of volunteers, he will not be called until the second draft. Mr. Mowat is a member of the local artillery company.

Mr. Heidenreich has entered the service of Lane county as a deputy sheriff and will return Thursday to take up his duties.

Dog Poisoned by I. W. W. Is Claim

A telephone message received today stated that the dog owned by the "call boy" at the depot was poisoned by a member of the I. W. W. The dog died after suffering untold agony. We were unable to confirm the facts related.

Rev. W. F. Shields, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Burns, who is here on his vacation, preached at the First Presbyterian church Sunday morning.

Rev. H. A. Carnahan, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, leaves for Salem to attend the Presbyterian Synod of Oregon, Tuesday.

The Tidings is on sale at Poloy's drug store, 17 East Main street.

DON'T BUY OR RECEIVE PLASTERS FROM VENDERS

Reports from various parts of the country to the effect that vendors are distributing cart-plaster and com-plaster carrying germs of leprosy and other diseases are current. Don't take a chance.

Trained Animals Shown in C. P.

Arthur Atchley, the well-known animal trainer who lives west of Central Point, gave an exhibition of his work at the Central Point Opera House not long ago. The wonderful miniature horse that he received from the east last spring was exhibited for the first time. This little pony stands only a little more than two feet high and has been taught by Mr. Atchley to do many remarkable tricks. He also showed his two dogs, Dodo and Dum Dum, which he has been training. The many stunts performed by these animals were very nicely done and is a credit to Mr. Atchley's ability as a trainer of animals. These animals will soon be ready for the road, says Mr. Atchley.

Federal Probe of I. W. W. Actions

Government officials left San Francisco last night to investigate the activities of the I. W. W. at Dorris and other points along the Oregon-California line and at Klamath Falls on telegraphic communication from Washington. The party included United States Attorney Casper A. Ornaum, Chief Deputy U. S. Marshal George B. Burnham and Deputy Marshal Thomas B. Mulhall. They have full power to act and will decide as to the advisability of sending troops to quell attempts to burn crops and livestock, to hamper transportation and to damage the waterworks at Klamath Falls. Mr. Ornaum will co-operate with United States Attorney Clarence L. Reames at Portland. Fifty arrests have already been made in Dorris alone.

O. & C. Land Grant Opening Delayed

Opening of the Oregon & California grant lands, for which arrangements have been practically completed by the general land office at Washington, D. C., is clouded with uncertainty as a result of the attorney general's opinion advising against payment of any penalties or interest on taxes to be paid by the government.

Senator Chamberlain believes the attorney general's office is wrong on the law in saying the taxes are not a lien on the lands. Congressman Sinnott held the same view, and it is also known that some of the attorney general's advisers do not agree with the opinion, which is rendered in his name by Assistant Kearfut.

Commissioner Tallman of the general land office plainly is stumped by the opinion. He withholds comment and is undecided whether to follow the advice of the department of justice and proceed with the effort to dispose of the lands, with an apparent cloud resting upon the title.

Sinnott has written Attorney General Brown of Oregon, inviting suggestions for solutions. It is considered certain that congress will do nothing, since its legal advisor reports that no lien for taxes exists and any payment by the government would be mere gratuity. Assistant Attorney General Kearfut, commenting on his opinion, was positive in the declaration that the taxes create no lien on the lands. He does not feel called on to advise congress as to its policy, he says, but no legislation is needed as the lands may be disposed of without delay. Oregon counties, if not satisfied with settlement on this basis, have their remedy by a test in court, he suggested.

In the way of stage adornment at the Chautauqua auditorium, Miss Hortense Winter, Ashland student at one of the leading California art schools, painted the cupids at the apex of the stage arch. Her aunt is Miss Mabel Russell, an artist of more than local celebrity.

1st Company Now Ready for Duty

The local 1st company, Coast Artillery, are now recruited to 104 men and it is probable that it will come to full war strength of 109 men before or soon after the call for mobilization, which will be issued Wednesday. Captain Malone is highly satisfied with the company, and under his able captaincy the local organization will prove to be one of the finest organizations of Coast Artillery on the coast, a record which it has held for the past few years. The personal appearance of each man is excellent, and during the encampment at Fort Stevens in the past years a member of the 1st company could always be picked out from the men of the other companies by the cleanliness and neatness of his attire.

The men are all anxious to be called and thus settle the unsettled condition which they have been placed in since last March. The men who are out of town are returning daily and every man will be on hand tomorrow night to report to the armory Wednesday morning.

Considerable equipment has arrived, but a good many of the men will have to go to the mobilization point in their civilian clothes. This is the condition all over the state, and over seven hundred men in the state who will be mobilized Wednesday will have to leave without equipment.

Several new non-commissioned officers have been appointed and the arrangement of squads will take place soon. The out-of-town men will live in the armory after mobilization, while those who live in town can eat and sleep at their homes if they desire.

The company has no idea when they will leave or where they will go, although it is highly probable that they will leave within ten days after the call for mobilization and their destination will probably be Fort Stevens, at the mouth of the Columbia river.

'Quaker Show' Gives To Red Cross

The manager of the "Quaker Show," which runs every evening this week, is willing to give 10 per cent of the door receipts to the local Red Cross Auxiliary. The show will be in the Vining Theatre and will be free to everyone the first night—Monday. The show consists of high-class vaudeville and comedy drama. Tonight a valuable present will be given to the oldest lady and the oldest gentleman present. If you want to spend pleasant evenings go to the Vining this week and help along the Red Cross cause at the same time. You will do well to read their ad in this issue.

Josephs Arrested; Pleads Guilty

Klamath Falls, July 20.—The capture of Joe Josephs, for whom a complaint was issued for transporting liquor from a wet state into a dry state, was effected last night by Sheriff George Humphrey and Federal Officer William Byron, when Josephs returned to his home in Mills addition.

He was arraigned before Justice E. W. Gowen this morning and plead guilty to the charge. He will be sentenced tomorrow at 10 a. m.

Josephs was caught Wednesday attempting to bring two cases of whiskey into the city by means of a launch from a point two miles below town, where he had cached it the night before on his return from a trip to Dorris. He was held up by a plucky Klamath county woman, who thought he was an I. W. W. bringing in dynamite.

It is predicted that congress will be released on suspended sentence about August 15.

Washington, July 21.—The house bill appropriating \$640,000 for the aviation service was passed late today by the senate without amendment or a record vote and with less than an hour's discussion. It now goes to the president.