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News From 1st Co., Brightens Homes

The mothers and friends of the 1st company boys were made to rejoice last week on reading the breezy letter from the camp written by our former city editor. One mother said: "Wasn't that a fine letter! It made us all feel better to read it."

The company of boys who keep "the cleanest and best camp in the bunch" in every sense of the word are the boys who are sure to win out on the homestretch.

Ashland expects splendid reports from this 1st company, and we are not at all surprised that good reports are already beginning to reach us, since some of the best and most talented young men of our city went out with the 1st company last Sunday morning.

The Ashland people, as the years come and go, have had many pictures, pleasant and otherwise, painted upon the walls of memory, but never has this city witnessed a picture that will remain in indelible colors upon the minds of the people as the picture of the boys' faces will remain framed as they were in the car windows four and five deep that Sunday morning as the train pulled out from the depot.

We are proud of our boys who were willing to go at their country's call, and proud of the mothers who were willing to give the dearest treasures of their homes. "Old Glory" means to us now what it has never meant before to the younger generation in all the history of their lives.

Some time ago the call came to Ashland for Red Cross finance. We met the requirement and more. Another call came for men. We met that requirement and more. Now another call is coming, and that is to meet with brave hearts the vacancies in our homes, and, God helping, we will meet the requirements there and more.

O. A. C. Offers Course in Dietetics

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Aug. 4.—Oregon women who wish to learn to be dietitians for hospitals and other civil, military or Red Cross institutions having to feed large numbers of people may do so at their state Agricultural College. A course in dietetics has been added in home economics, which is said by Miss Milam, head of domestic science, to be of much interest to young women who are not able to take a full four-year college course. They must be at least 21 years of age to enter this course, and graduates of a four-year high school course, or its equivalent. Many inquiries are coming in for further information.

Shipbuilding Stopped By Strikes

Seattle, Wash.—Six wooden shipbuilding plants in this state have just been closed by strikers, and Dr. Carleton Parker, representative of the United States Shipping Board, said that the United States government might intervene to prevent spread of the strikes to other yards. Four plants in the Grays Harbor district and two at Olympia are closed. Of the Grays Harbor plants three are at Aberdeen and one at Hoquiam.

St. Helens, Ore.—Work at the Starstrom shipbuilding plant at Columbia City is progressing rapidly. The large hotel, which will provide the men with comfortable quarters, is nearing completion and the warehouse and temporary docks will be finished in a few days. Preparatory work is being done for the construction of a machine shop and, after this is under way, four ways which will hold the keels for four government vessels will be started.

Portland, Ore.—The second steel vessel was launched last Friday in the yards of the Northwest Steel Company.

Band Concert in Lithia Park Sunday

Sunday afternoon a good crowd assembled in the vicinity of the bandstand in Lithia park to enjoy the concert given by the Ashland band. Many visitors from valley points were in the park yesterday and enjoyed the band music. That the crowd enjoyed the concert was evidenced by the frequent clapping of hands. The last number rendered was "The Star Spangled Banner," and everyone rose to their feet promptly, practically all of the men standing with heads uncovered during the rendition of the song.

Besides the Sunday afternoon concerts there will also be a band concert each Wednesday evening in the park. These free band concerts will continue through August and possibly September.

Southern Pacific Strike Deferred

San Francisco, August 3.—The threatened strike of 8,500 employes of the Southern Pacific Company, which was to be called tomorrow night has been deferred pending action by federal mediators. It was announced tonight by representatives of the four railroad brotherhoods involved.

The following statement was issued at the headquarters of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen tonight, after representatives of the four brotherhoods had been in conference all day with officials of the road:

"The strike has been deferred. The Southern Pacific Company has appealed for federal mediation and, at the urgent solicitation of the Federal Board of Mediation and Conciliation, representatives of the trainmen have decided to accept the good offices of federal mediators."

Fort Stevens Has Tragedy

While enjoying a swim with a number of companions in the Columbia river near Fort Stevens last Tuesday afternoon, Private Walter B. Scott, 8th company, Oregon Coast Artillery, was seized with cramps and sank before several men who hurried to his assistance could reach him. His body has not been recovered.

Many Men Rejected at Fort Stevens. According to word received the other day, many of the members of the Oregon Coast Artillery, who are undergoing the physical examinations now, are being rejected. Twenty-one out of a total of 109 in the Albany company were rejected.

The regular troops at the fort are packing their belongings preparatory to leaving for more active service "somewhere."

Crescent City Date of Celebration Set

The date for the big day of the Crescent City celebration has been set for August 15, at which time Governor Stevens of California will attend. The Ashland Commercial Club has received a special invitation for all Ashlanders to attend that day.

The wise guy and the fool's money soon wed.

Boys Severely Lectured by Court

In juvenile court Friday afternoon Judge Tou Velle severely lectured John Parker, the youth who purchased the automobiles of Frank Owens and County Prosecutor Roberts recently and used them for joyrides. The court then paroled Parker into the custody of H. C. Garnett. Judge Tou Velle exonerated Fred Southern, who was arrested on a similar charge, as the testimony showed that he had nothing to do with the taking of the cars and innocently took part in the joy rides, thinking each time that the car was rented by Parker.

California Soldier Killed in Tunnel

Dunsmuir, Cal., Aug. 3.—Simon Campas, private in Company K, which has been doing guard duty on the Shasta division since the declaration of war, was killed and a comrade, Michael Carlie, was badly hurt, apparently struck by a train, in tunnel 7, between Antler and Delta, some time in the late afternoon last Friday.

The naked truth is sometimes mistaken for a deliberate slam.

Lithia Park Becoming Popular Among Western Auto Tourists

Lithia park is becoming popular among western auto tourists. On the register at the auto camp grounds you can see names of tourists from almost every section of the United States. Up to August 1, 1,066 people have registered already this season, and the tourist season still in its prime. The number registering to August 1 is as follows: April 14, May 234, June 338, July 480, making a total of 1,066. This number of course does not include all who have stopped at the camp grounds. Besides, in many instances only a part of the party registered. After many names you find "and family" or "and party." So if the actual total of all persons who have stopped in Lithia park to camp was known, it doubtless would increase the above figures materially.

During the recent Chautauqua session there were 300 persons camped in the lower part of the park, the part that lies south of Ashland creek and nearer the Chautauqua building. In connection with the Chautauqua, Lithia park is also becoming popular. Every year her fame spreads farther and farther away as more new people attend the Chautauquas. Not only have large numbers visited Lithia park already this season, but everyone, without exception, has nothing but praise for the beauty of the spot, the many conveniences placed at their disposal and the fine mineral waters that are found in the park. One feature of Lithia park that is worthy of special notice is the fact that it is a "natural" park, requiring a comparatively small amount of extra work on it to make it ready for the public use as a real park. Another feature that probably no other city park in the United States can boast of is the proximity of mountains. The restful, quiet mountainsides begin at the canyon walls of the park. It is but a few steps from the heart of the business part of town to the park. The weary stranger stopping at a hotel, the tired business man, or the tired housewife can in a few minutes be within the midst of nature with its refreshing beauty, its restful quiet and soothing influence on tired minds, wornout nerves or weary muscles. Nothing is more truly restful than a trip to Lithia park under such circumstances, or if you prefer to hie away to a more secluded spot you can be on the mountainsides alone with the birds in just a few minutes. How ideal! Mountain breezes, rippling brooks and waterfalls, cool, shady spots and the songs of the birds to cheer your weary spirits, that is one of the best nerve tonics ever found—and it costs you nothing.

School Begins Monday, Sept. 3

The Ashland school board, after considerable discussion, decided to open school as usual this year, so the first Monday in September was the date decided upon.

The school board at this time makes a special appeal to the young men and young women in the community for a large attendance.

The commissioner of education at Washington has sent out strong appeals to the school people of the United States asking them that special effort be put forth to increase the efficiency of the schools. There has never been a time in the history of our country when trained young men and young women were in greater demand. Whether the war continues for a long time or ends speedily the demand for well-prepared young men and young women will be great for a number of years.

It will be the aim of the schools this year to fit as nearly as possible all those in attendance to function promptly in the affairs of life. The appeal for attendance upon school is important not only to young men and to young women but to everyone who is interested in qualifying better for the needs of any vocation.

As long as the classes are not crowded the school board offers the facilities of the school to adults of any age. Persons having home duties may attend school part of the time in order to fit themselves in any special line. This laboratories in the departments of household economy, science and commerce are here to serve the people of Ashland, and it is hoped that many will avail themselves of this opportunity.

Persons interested are asked to interview the superintendent or the principal of the high school. They will be glad to make arrangements with any who are interested. Parents are especially asked to cooperate with the school board in securing regular attendance. It is important that the children be in school every day. For grades 7 to 12, school will be in session six hours each day. This gives the regular time to the academic studies with two periods for hand or laboratory work. The morning session begins at 8:45 and ends at 11:45. The afternoon session is resumed at 1 o'clock and closes at 4.

Children who are not needed at home will be permitted to remain upon the playground about one hour each afternoon for supervised play. One or more teachers will be upon the playground to direct the games and oversee the property.

The superintendent of schools asks the co-operation of the parents and the children in making the work of the year effective and pleasant. For the schools to mean most to a community there must be a high grade of co-operation on the part of everyone. Throughout the state Ashland has the reputation of a fine school spirit. By earnest endeavor on the part of everyone we can go forward yet more rapidly.

Y. M. C. A. Big Benefit to Army

Securing the services of some of the leading ministers on the Pacific coast, the National War Work Council of the Y. M. C. A. has announced through F. A. McCarl executive secretary for the western department, that Dr. Mark Matthews, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Seattle, has consented to speak before the enlisted men at the training camps at American Lake, Wash., Palo Alto and Linda Vista, Cal. Dr. James A. Francis, pastor of the First Baptist church, Los Angeles; Dr. Albert F. Palmer, pastor of the Plymouth Congregational church, Oakland; Prof. Norman Coleman of Reed College, Portland, Ore., and others have volunteered to appeal to the enlisted men at services to be held in the camps under the auspices of the National War Council of the Y. M. C. A.

Wherever the enlisted men of the United States army are sent, the Y. M. C. A. will follow. It will be with them in the training camps, on the ocean, in concentration camps and at the front. It will be the nearest approach to home that the million men called into service in this country will know once they are away from the family circle. In order to handle this great work the National War Work Council of the Y. M. C. A. was brought into being. Immediately it effected an organization to undertake in a comprehensive and united way to promote the physical, mental, social and spiritual welfare of the enlisted men of the military and naval forces of the United States.

This organization is today serving the enlisted men through a corps of trained secretaries stationed at military camps, with splendid equipment for the use of the soldiers, clean, wholesome quarters where they may write letters home or find entertaining reading. As General Pershing in speaking of the association says: "It gives the soldier an opportunity of improving himself physically, mentally and morally. Physical fitness demands correct living. The association encourages that kind of life. It affords clean amusement and associates whose instincts are worthy; men banded together with aims, mutually assisting each other. It stimulates a man's intellectual life. Strong muscles, clear brains, high ideals in the soldier, increase the fighting efficiency of the army, and these qualities of the citizen insure the permanency of our institution."

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In the judgment of the superintendent, the schools have never been manned by a stronger corps of teachers than this of 1917. The outlook for a year's work is encouraging. Regular attendance, close application and a spirit of co-operation will bring the results hoped for. Let us keep together and make the schools of Ashland one of its great assets.

GEO. A. BRISCOE, Supt.

Traveling Man Strikes His Wife

Ben Eiting, a traveling salesman, with headquarters at San Francisco, was arrested in Roseburg the other day for striking his wife, by Marshal Wilcox, and taken before Recorder Whipple, where a \$5 fine was imposed on the fellow for the demonstration.

The wife of the traveling salesman told the judge that her husband often struck her. In fact, it had become a regular practice with him and that she was "used to it." Like many women, she did not want him prosecuted, and when fined \$5, which he was unable to remit and was placed in the "cooler," she lost no time in assembling the money from some source to get the "dear boy" out.

Wife of Civil War Veteran Is Dead

Mary K. Thomas died at her home on the Boulevard last Saturday, August 4, at 6:20 p. m., at the age of 64 years, 8 months and 23 days. Mrs. Thomas had been ailing more or less for the past five years. In order to wait for the arrival of a son from the east, the funeral will not be held until Wednesday afternoon. The funeral will be at the home and interment will be in Mountain View cemetery. Rev. Brett of the First Congregational church will officiate with Rev. Douglass of the Methodist church assisting.

Mrs. Thomas was born in Indiana. A sister, Mrs. Sophia Jenkins, also of Indiana, has been here with Mrs. Thomas for a number of weeks past. Mrs. Thomas is survived by her husband, A. W. Thomas, a Civil War veteran and member of the G. A. R. Mrs. Thomas was a member of the Woman's Relief Corps.

Besides the husband six children survive Mrs. Thomas. They are Albert W. and Rose Thomas of Ashland; Mrs. Bessie Stalabury of Towers Lake, N. D.; Mrs. Sophy J. Sherwood of Roseglan, N. D., and Levi N. Thomas of Fargo, N. D., who is on his way here to attend the funeral, and M. E. Thomas of Bartley, Neb.

"Home Guard" to be Organized At Once

At the meeting held at the public library last Thursday evening it was agreed that Ashland should organize a "Home Guard" company at once, now that the 1st company is gone and the city is left without any military protection. O. E. Delbert, a former sergeant in the 1st company, has been selected as captain in command of the company.

Notice to Men of Ashland. Those who wish to join can call or send in their names to the city recorder, Mr. Wimer. Any one can join who wishes. There is no obligation attached except to protect the city.

In case any fires are set, the city fire whistle will blow "two long and two short" whistles. In case of a riot, the whistle will blow "two long and three short" whistles. All should then hurry to the city hall, where Captain Delbert will be in command. In case of riot, bring any firearms you may have at home.

C. B. LAMKIN, Mayor.

K. of P. Conclave At Crater Lake

All arrangements have been completed for the big conclave of the Knights of Pythias which will be held at Crater lake August 14, 15 and 16, and indications point to a very large attendance of knights from all over the state. The conclave will be held under the auspices of Tallsman Lodge, No. 31, of Medford.

All the grand officers of the state will be in attendance and will put on the knight rank on Wizard island, August 15. Members of the order are coming to the conclave from all over Oregon by auto and train.

A. C. Ninger of the White House Grocery, who has been confined to his home some time with sickness, is out again. His friends will be glad to hear that he is able to be out again.

It has been said that a soft answer turneth away wrath, but sometimes it turns into a love affair and later marriage that ends in war right.

Dept. Employees Working Here

A crew of government employes have been here for several days getting data for the Interstate Commerce Commission. They are civil service employes of the Interior Department representing the Interstate Commerce Commission. When interviewed by the Tidings representative they explained that the United States is divided into five districts for this work and each district is being covered by twelve different parties, each party traveling in a Pullman sleeper because they are ever on the move. This party has been on the road since February, 1914, and has covered 250,000 miles already. Each crew gathers data covering different features of the railroad's property, this party involving the roadbeds, trackage, right-of-way fencing, crossings, etc., the data being the basis for placing the valuation on which the Interstate Commerce Commission will figure interstate railway rates. When asked if they were here at this particular time because of the Medford rate case being before the commission at this time, they said not. The crew is made up of young men, all of whom are subject to draft. Three in the party have been drawn and are expecting to be called to Jacksonville or Roseburg any time soon to take the examination. The three drawn happened to be Oregon boys who lived in southern Oregon before going into the government service. They have finished their work here and were moved to Medford this morning. The crew is in charge of E. E. Bellinger. The rest of the party are J. V. Rast, C. S. Johnson, G. H. Kilgore, F. M. Earl, C. M. Hartssock, W. D. Yakeley, W. Y. Nelson, W. W. Brookiey and Charles Dutcher, the cook. When asked if he was a Dutchman, they said he was, and a "full-blooded one at that."

Camping, Fishing and Hunting Guide

We are in receipt of an attractive booklet, entitled "Camping, Fishing and Hunting Guide," which was compiled by the Forest Service and published by the Southern Pacific Company.

The forest reserves of western Oregon with roads, trails, resorts, camping places, mountains, fishing streams and lakes are described in detail. Complete instructions are given to prepare for a hunting or fishing trip, even to cooking utensils and amount and quality of food.

This booklet contains much useful information regarding western Oregon and will be invaluable to anyone contemplating a fishing, hunting or camping trip in that territory.

Copies can be obtained from any Southern Pacific agent, or will be furnished free on application to the general passenger department of the Southern-Pacific at Portland.

Rogue River Valley Under Dense Smoke

The Rogue River valley is hidden from view by a dense blanket of smoke. In Ashland, which is five hundred feet and more higher than the floor of the valley, the tops of the hills across to the east where the valley narrows down were barely discernible Sunday. Today even the hills right back of Ashland are entirely hidden from view as well as the hills to the east.

While there has been no fires in the vicinity of Ashland lately, the smoke has been gathering from the fires in the Prospect district and other points in the hills surrounding the valley farther to the north. We have had more or less of smoke for a month or more, but nothing like the smoke that envelops the Rogue River valley now.

No Commercial Club Meeting Tonight.

At the regular meeting of the club in June it was voted that there be no regular monthly meeting held in July and August. The board of trustees will meet tonight at 8 o'clock to consider several matters which need attention immediately.

This is sure a strange old world. The man who is always on time wastes more time than the fellow who isn't, because he always has to wait for those who aren't on time.