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## Monster Crowd Sees "So Long Letty"

The largest crowd that has ever assembled in southern Oregon's largest theatre witnessed the production of "So Long Letty" in the Chautauqua auditorium Friday night. That the show was a success in every way is shown by the countless congratulations which the management has received on every side for the efficient way in which the crowd was handled and masterful way in which the play was staged. But one accident marred the evening. This happened when a fuse was blown out in a nearby transformer just as the crowd was arriving and which caused the entire auditorium to go dark for about fifteen minutes. This delayed the starting of the show for nearly an hour.

### Immense Crowd.

The auditorium was arranged to seat 3,000 people, and the building was so near filled that it looked to the average spectator as if there was fully that number of people present. The final report from the box office shows, however, that there was a slight number over 2,000 people present. Scores of people came from down the valley by auto and the special train from Grants Pass was well patronized. Many people were present from northern California, while the local people turned out en masse. The streets were lined with visiting people's autos, and after the show was out the traffic resembled that of the Hyju Hebe days. It took 18 ushers to handle the throng in the auditorium.

### Cast Enjoys Visit.

The troupe's special train, consisting of two baggage cars of scenery, etc., two Pullmans and a chair car, arrived in the city early Tuesday morning. Most of the company were soon in Lithia park. Some of them hired horses and spent the forenoon riding up the canyon and about the many scenic drives above the park; others unpacked baseball paraphernalia and got busy on the wide lawns of the upper park, while some made good use of the tennis courts. The special train left Wednesday morning for Eugene, where the production was staged Wednesday night.

### Management Deserves Credit.

The show is undoubtedly the biggest production that has ever stopped in southern Oregon, and its stopping here was made possible only by the progressiveness of Mrs. Oskar T. Bergner of the Vining theatre, who is continually bringing the best of photoplays and other attractions to Ashland. The show was advertised, planned and executed on the largest scale that a theatrical production has ever received in the valley.

### Crowd Pleased.

Everyone liked the play. They laughed and applauded from the minute the asbestos reached the ceiling. Charlotte Greenwood with her natural style of acting, her slapstick methods of bringing the laughter and her art of costuming made everyone hold their sides with laughter. May Boyce, Sydney Grant, Hal Skelly, Halle Manning, the chorus girls with their enforcements, the music, the lighting effects, the "jazzy" songs, the costumes—all made the show a big success.

## Turpin Convicted In 15 Minutes

Ralph Turpin was Tuesday found guilty of murdering William McAllister, a fellow workman, at a mill near Selma, Ore., on August 10 last, by a jury at the Josephine court house at Grants Pass. The trial began Tuesday morning and the jury was only out 15 minutes. Turpin was on the stand briefly, setting up self-defense as a motive, but the state presented four eye witnesses. He will get imprisonment for life.

All Mr. Hoover has to do in a day now is to give interviews to 76,532 people, dictate 83,497 letters, conduct personally the prosecutions of 135 food speculators, address half a dozen public meetings, issue complete sets of instructions to the housewives, and travel back and forth between Washington, New York and Chicago.

After visiting the shoe store at present prices, the consumer decides it will be cheaper to have his old shoes repaired, and after visiting the cobbler he decides that it is cheaper to have new shoes.

## Davis Resigns Job on Highway

There has been considerable dissatisfaction among the minor officials in charge of the road-building and improvement work in the Siskiyou division of the Pacific Highway of late, as a result of which the state supervising foreman of the division and several others have resigned their positions. State Highway Commissioner Nunn has been called to the scene of the trouble to endeavor to adjust the trouble and restore harmony.

Mr. Davis, who has been the foreman ever since the highway work was begun, will remain in the valley until he hears from Mr. Nunn.

It is understood that there has been friction ever since the California contractor, who has the contract for grading the highway, began work and that Davis and others declare it is an impossibility to work in harmony or get along with the superintendent of this contractor.

## Two Escape Death By Narrow Margin

Two men barely escaped with their lives yesterday when a five-ton separator belonging to the Grant Davis threshing outfit tipped over and almost fell upon them.

The accident occurred on a county road near the Oak street bridge, over Bear creek. The outfit was moving to a new location, and as the tractor was undergoing minor repairs a six-horse team was hitched to the tractor. The team pulled the tractor a little too fast while on a sloping stretch in the road. A rear wheel of the tractor ran over a big rock, the jar of which broke the rear axle of the machine and caused it to tip over down the hill.

The two men, J. McCasner of Talent and James Renwick, a farmer of this district, were walking beside the tractor on the lower side of the road when the accident occurred. They could not run out to the side to avoid the falling separator because of a wire fence which was but a few feet away, so both made a lunge to get behind the machine. With unusual speed they reached the opening just as the separator crashed into the fence.

The threshing outfit and the separator is a late Case model, made almost entirely from iron and steel, so that the machine was not damaged as much as it would have been had it been made of wood, as the old patterns are. The damage is estimated at \$100. New parts were ordered from Portland by wire last night and are expected to arrive here today or tomorrow, so that the work will not be delayed long.

The outfit have been threshing in this part of the valley for the past twenty-five days and have about ten days or two weeks more to work to do.

## Rumors Continue To Interest Boys

What disposition will be made of the coast artillerymen of Oregon who are now at the forts at the mouth of the Columbia river is the all-absorbing topic of discussion among the men, according to letters received here.

One correspondent writes as follows:

"Ever since the arrival of the boys at Fort Stevens, Dame Rumor has been wagging her tongue in a very vigorous and energetic manner. Rumor after rumor, originating from untraceable sources, have created furores in the camps and have often times reached the officers and involved them in the efforts to find whether or not really true or imaginable.

"The main item of rumor is the departure of the coast artillery for other coast defense station or for the European battlefields. Rumor has sent the soldiers around the world a couple of times and back again but nothing authentic has been given out. Whether or not the coast artillery troops will ever be moved from the coast defenses of the Columbia is only a matter of conjecture and the 'back private in the rear' rank knows just about as much about it as the highest officer at the post.

"Just what disposition is to be made of the troops is a secret of the war department, and it is rather

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## Twenty-fifth Annual Reunion of Old Soldiers and Sailors Enjoyed

The old soldiers and sailors of southern Oregon and northern California began their twenty-fifth annual reunion sessions Monday, in Lithia park. Sixty-five old veterans, fifty-six of whom have their wives with them, and 18 sons and daughters of veterans are registered in the assembly. Twenty-six tents have been pitched in the park, which gives an appearance of one of the many army cantonments where future veterans are now camped.

### Ashland Day Tuesday.

The programs of the old soldiers' meetings are held in the Chautauqua building Tuesday was Ashland day, but on account of the appearance of "So Long Letty" in the Chautauqua auditorium Tuesday evening, the Ashland day program was held Monday night. The program consisted of several well-rendered selections by Dr. Woods' family orchestra. Readings by R. P. Campbell, Mrs. Vorman and Mrs. Mellinger, besides several other musical numbers made the evening one of enjoyment.

### Grants Pass Day.

Yesterday was Grants Pass day. In the afternoon session at the auditorium the speaker was Rev. Melvin T. Wire of Grants Pass. The Misses Ellis and Wise, also of the sugar beet city, rendered several well-received vocal selections. In the evening there was music by the Ashland band, vocal selections by Misses Wise and Ellis, and an address by Rev. Booser of the Presbyterian church at Grants Pass.

### Today's Entertainment.

Today is Central Point day and there will be a special entertainment with veterans of Harrison Post, No. 67, in charge, assisted by the W. R. C. organization, No. 27, of that town. The entertainments are open to all and every one is cordially invited to attend the sessions.

There has been less interest shown in the doings of the old soldiers, on the part of the local citizens, this year than last, and the officers of the reunion want it understood that every one is cordially invited to attend their entertainments. Tomorrow will be Medford day, and it is understood that the veterans and the W. R. C. of that city have arranged for a program very fitting for the closing sessions of the reunion.

### Officers of Reunion.

Officers of the reunion association were as follows: Colonel, George O. Van Natta vice James Mattingly, deceased, Ashland; lieutenant-colonel, John Renault, Jacksonville; major,

William E. Palmer, Ashland; adjutant, J. E. Peterson, Grants Pass; quartermaster, J. P. Sayle, and chaplain, Mrs. A. Q. Spencer, both of this city.

At the business meeting Wednesday afternoon it was decided that the association will pay its own expenses hereafter.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Colonel, J. E. Peterson of Grants Pass; lieutenant-colonel, F. M. Putney of Medford; major, G. O. Van Natta of Ashland; chaplain, Mrs. A. C. Spencer of Ashland. The adjutant and quartermaster will be appointed later.

### Registration.

Ashland—G. O. Van Natta, J. P. Sayle, Charles Ganfer, S. Vrooman, Phillip Bonham, W. E. Palmer, E. B. Ramsbey, Francis W. Shaw, Volney Colvig, Oliver Howard, A. W. Thomas, A. C. Spencer, W. E. Campbell, W. F. Songer, Walter P. Powell, J. E. Hutchinson, W. S. Ball, Charles Stennett, E. E. White, J. W. Mills, S. S. Wilcox, W. W. Carpenter, E. H. Coder, D. L. Glenn, W. H. Kanaga.

Talent—F. J. Elliott, J. W. Adams, Samuel Carlisle, G. L. Manning, Marion Yount, John W. Carpenter, O. M. Wilson.

Medford—Foskett M. Putney, L. H. Tucker, Thomas B. Ellison, L. R. Bingham, L. B. Kent, D. R. Anderson, B. F. Joy.

Central Point—B. F. Cummings, W. S. Hoagland, H. J. Gardner.

Eagle Point—G. H. Wamsley, M. S. Wood.

Gold Hill—M. H. Foster.

Rogue River—A. Kyle, Henry Laws, Stephen Beers.

Grants Pass—J. E. Peterson, H. L. Reid, Nathan Edwards.

Jacksonville—John B. Renault, Enos Conger.

Applegate—R. G. Roberts.

Murphy—S. A. Berry.

Klamath Falls—O. A. Stearns.

Fort Jones, Cal.—John E. Crawford.

Lebanon, Wis.—E. Roberts.

Wives of many of the veterans, together with their families, several Sons of Veterans and veterans of the Spanish-American war are also here to enjoy the reunion.

Besides visiting veterans from other organizations, four Grand Army posts are represented in the reunion association—Burnside No. 23 of Ashland, William E. Palmer commander; Chester A. Arthur No. 47 of Medford, Foskett M. Putney commander; Harrison No. 67 of Central Point, and John A. Logan No. 39 of Grants Pass.

## Now Ready For Women's Registration

Arrangements are completed for the registration of women Saturday, September 15. Saturday afternoon representatives from the local women organizations met in the library to receive instructions concerning the distribution of registration cards. It is preferred that these be brought to the registration places Saturday afternoon, but if it is impossible for any one to leave home Saturday afternoon or evening the card may be filled out at home and sent in.

The women living in the country who cannot register Saturday can register at their respective school houses any time from now on until Saturday evening. Any woman who is to leave town before Saturday, the 15th, can register at the public library.

Places for registering are as follows: Junior high school, town hall, polling place on Fourth street, Hawthorne school and high school. Hours, 8 to 6 o'clock.

It was decided to ask the Honor Guard girls to assist in placing the registration cards at the homes and to help on registration day. Bring your registration card with you, as the government has not supplied two for each one.

Those living in the rural districts register at their school houses: Belleview—Mrs. Fred Homes and Miss Florence Query.

Wagner Springs—Mrs. F. H. Elliott.

Upper Soda Springs—Mrs. D. W. Davis.

Neil Creek—Mrs. Geiger and Mrs. Barrett have been chosen to take charge of the work.

Every woman in the city sixteen years of age or over is urged to fill out a card and file it with registrars

## Home Guard Meet Tomorrow Night

There will be a meeting of the Home Guard in the armory tomorrow (Friday) night. The work of the organization has been rather slack during the vacation period, but with the returning of members to the city the organization hopes to become more efficient and to meet every week. Captain O. E. Delbert has received new instructions from Adjutant General White concerning the Home Guard, and a shipment of several thousand rifles for the Home Guard arrived in the state for distribution to the various organizations throughout the state, recently. Every citizen is requested to be present so that an organization can be formed which will make an adequate means of protection to the city should occasion demand.

Those who are now enlisted in the Home Guard are: G. E. Cyester, D. D. Norris, L. J. Orres, William Dickerson, H. G. Enders Jr., E. J. Kaiser, C. E. Sams, H. S. Palmerlee, G. S. Carey, Clark Bush, C. B. Lamkin, R. D. Anderson, O. E. Delbert, R. H. Stanley, D. D. Edwards, Chas. Robertson, J. B. Wimer, C. W. Winnie, M. M. Murray, G. S. Butler, T. W. Acklin, J. H. Thatcher, G. G. Wolcott, P. J. Amer and John Rigs.

E. G. Roberts, of the 401 orchard beyond Medford, spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. E. J. Roberts, and his sister, Mrs. L. O. Van Wegen as did also Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Gall, of Belleview, and all enjoyed a good dinner and a very pleasant family reunion.

Saturday, if any one is in doubt concerning any point, information may be obtained by calling up any member of the committee.

## Bootlegger Taken From Train 16

Special Liquor Agent R. C. Porter and assistant, John B. Wimer, of Ashland, met train 16 last night with a search warrant and located a quantity of whiskey which was being transported from California to Portland, and promptly placed one George Hill, who claimed his residence as Portland, under arrest for unlawful possession of intoxicating liquors.

At a trial before L. J. Trefren, justice of the peace for Ashland district, this morning, Hill pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$250 and serve 90 days in the county jail. Failing to pay his fine, he was promptly committed to the jail at Jacksonville.

Upon search of Hill's baggage, consisting of a suitcase and a roll, resembling a roll of bedding, there was found 28 quarts of whiskey which Hill claimed he was to receive \$2.50 per quart for in Portland, and that this is his first attempt, but information is in the hands of the officers that he has made several trips of late.

## Start Work on Billings Hill

Work on the Pacific Highway at Billings hill, so long delayed, has at last started. All the outstanding difficulties in the matter seem to have been settled, as G. F. Billings relinquished his part in the matter some time ago, and Friday the county court deposited a check for the county's amount of the work, \$3,450, and attended to other necessary details. Under the agreement the county is to pay half of the expense of the grade crossing and the Southern Pacific the other half.

The company's assistant engineer arrived in the city Monday to start the work, Mayor Lamkin and City Engineer F. H. Walker were soon with him and the big undertaking was at last started. The company's pile-driver and other necessary materials have already arrived in the local yards.

The first work was preparing the piles in order that the trestlework can be sustained while the work of excavating so large a quantity of dirt can proceed.

As soon as the excavation work has been completed the state will start on the construction of the new highway, which sweeps to the east of the present road and, skirting the hill, joins the present Pacific Highway just across the Southern Pacific right of way. The dirt from the railroad excavation will be used for the fill of the new portion of the road.

Probably little of the road work can be done this fall, but early in the summer of 1918 the Ashland hill will be a thing of the past and the Pacific Highway will run without a break from Central Point to Ashland.

## Coast Artillery at Gun Practice

Portland Oregonian: Some of the Oregon companies have been getting sub-caliber practice, but this has been interrupted considerably by the frequent rains.

As yet no cantonments have been provided for the troops and they are housed in tents.

Colonel C. C. Hammond of the Oregon Coast Artillery is fort commander. Lieutenant-Colonel Berton K. Lawson of the Oregon Coast Artillery is fort commander at Fort Canby; Major Willard L. Coppennoll of the Oregon Coast Artillery is fort commander at Fort Columbia.

As a result of the progress of small-pox vaccinations and para typhoid inoculations, the men are very careful about their arms.

Much laughable interest happens from time to time at the expense of some of the Oregon recruits and much to the amusement of their more experienced comrades. One sentry at post No. 1, at one of the forts, upon seeing Colonel Ellis, commander of the coast defenses, approaching, became unduly excited in calling out the guard and called "Turn out the guard! Commander of the Columbia river!" Another sentry, post No. 1, at another of the forts, also furnished much amusement upon seeing Colonel Hammond and Lieutenant-Colonel

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## Mining Exhibits to Feature at Fair

The Jackson County Industrial fair will be held at Natorium building and grounds, September 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22, and affords a splendid opportunity for owners, or their representatives, to exhibit the following list of minerals, and premiums paid, but do not stop at just 20 pounds—make it 100 or more pounds, so as to present a generous lot, and some to be taken away.

### Mineral Department

The best 20-pound sample Jackson county product:

Asphalt—First prize, \$5; second, prize, ribbon.

Antimony—First, \$5; second, ribbon.

Chrome Iron—First, \$5; second, ribbon.

Copper—First, \$5; second, \$2.50; third, ribbon.

Cinnabar—First prize, \$5; second, \$2.50; third, ribbon.

Dolomite—First, \$2.50.

Gold Ore (free)—First, \$5; second, \$2.50; third, ribbon.

Gold Ore (base)—First, \$6; second, \$2.50; third, ribbon.

Gold Nuggets—First, \$5; second, \$2.50; third, ribbon.

Lime—First, \$5; second, ribbon.

Manganese (40 per cent)—First, \$5; second, ribbon.

Soapstone (tale)—First, \$5; second, ribbon.

Silica—First, \$2.50; second, ribbon.

Shale—First, \$2.50; second, ribbon.

Tungsten—First, \$2.50; second, ribbon.

Clay (brick)—First, \$2.50, second, ribbon.

Clay (potter's)—First, \$2.50; second, ribbon.

Coal—First, \$5; second, ribbon.

Marble (rough)—First, \$5; second, ribbon.

Marble (polished)—First, \$5; second, ribbon.

Granite—First, \$5; second, ribbon.

Best general mineral display—First, \$10; second, \$5.

Many minerals at this time are much desired and command good prices that heretofore were supplied by other nations, namely, antimony, manganese, chrome, magnesite, potash, phosphorus; also a number of the rare minerals are well worth looking for, such as columbite, tantalite, strontium, titanium, tin and tungsten also the platinum and radium groups. While looking for gold it often leads to other discoveries by being observant in giving detailed attention to other substances.

### In Place First Day

It is especially requisite that all exhibits be in place by 6 p. m. the first day, the 18th. It is well to bear in mind that the mineral drilling contest will bring an unusually large number of mining men, as each contesting team have their admirers and backers, and they will all be much interested in the mineral exhibits.

This should be made a record display of minerals that will lead to industrial development of local resources.

For further information call on or phone E. W. Liljgran, Medford, phone 192-J.

## Peaches Donated to Soldiers' Auxiliary

The Soldiers' Auxiliary meet tonight in the library to discuss plans for sending the next shipment of fruit and vegetables to the boys at Fort Stevens.

Mr. John Kirkpatrick, who owns a small peach orchard near the Granite City hospital, and who expects to leave the city soon, donated the fruit of thirty peach trees to the Soldiers' Auxiliary. Several members of the Girls' Honor Guard and members of the Soldiers' Auxiliary are busy picking the fruit today. There will be fresh peaches sent to the boys and fruit left to dry, so that it can be sent to them later in the winter.

## Last Half of Taxes Soon Due

The last half of the county and state 1916 taxes will be due on October 5. The taxes can be paid now at any of the local banks or at Billings Agency. The penalty for not paying the taxes is a heavy one.

Phone news items to the Tidings.