

Refunding Bond Election Carries

The charter amendment to empower the city council to issue general obligation bonds to the amount of approximately \$50,500 carried by a majority of 111 votes at the regular and special city election held Tuesday.

This charter amendment is of vital interest to the taxpayers in view of the fact that the annual city tax budget for 1918 called for a levy of 18.675 mills. Under this charter amendment the budget will be cut to 15.8 mills, a reduction of 2.875 mills. This is a reduction over the 1916 tax of 2.4 mills and over the 1917 tax 6.425 mills. Accordingly, our tax for next year under this issue, including state and county, will be approximately 40.4 mills, a reduction of about 7 mills over the 1917 tax.

Comparatively no competition was made in the municipal election, councilmen and park commissioners being the only officers to be elected. For the former F. J. Shinn and C. W. Banta were elected from the first ward, C. W. Root and T. H. Simpson from the second and A. C. Ninninger from the third. For park commissioner Georgiana Poley was elected to serve one year and W. H. McNair for five years. Following is the result of the election:

Councilman for first ward, to serve one year—Frank J. Shinn, 48; E. F. Smith, 1. To serve for two years—C. W. Banta, 47; George Jarvis, 1.

Councilman for second ward, to serve for two years—C. W. Root, 71; T. H. Simpson, 1; Allen, 1.

Councilman for third ward, to serve two years—A. C. Ninninger, 81.

Park commissioner, for five years—W. H. McNair, 201; Laura Pierce, 1.

Park commissioner, for one year—Georgiana Poley, 188; O. Helman, 1; Mrs. G. B. Lamkin, 5.

For charter amendment—First ward, 43 for, 17 against; second ward, 62 for, 26 against; third ward, 74 for, 25 against.

Honor Guard Plans For Year's Work

At the recent big drive to secure members in the Honor Guard, about fifty members were enrolled in the junior organization.

During the year 1918 there will be four big red letter days for entertainment, which has been arranged by the committee. Every three months one of these affairs will take place. In January a "Rinkumiddle" feed and a marshmallow toast will be put on, in April an April Fool frolic, in August a park picnic, and in October a Halloween festival.

Beginning with the new year, the Honor Guard will be divided into twelve groups, and it is planned that each group will draw a month in the year, and during this month will put on a stunt at the Vining.

One of the interesting lines of work the girls are planning to undertake is that of making a service flag, to contain a star for every soldier or sailor who has enlisted into the service from Ashland or who considers Ashland their home. The work will be under the supervision of Miss Ringheim, domestic economy teacher at the high school.

Six Junior Honor Guards sold Red Cross stamps at McGee's, Vaupel's and Kohagen's, Saturday. Those who sold were Odessa Foltz, Flora Putnam, Margaret Dougherty, Josephine Barber, Violet Provost and Ethel Powell. The sale of these stamps will continue up to December 25.

None of the Red Cross work will be taken up until the first of the year.

An eight-pound boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Davis in this city Sunday. Mrs. Davis is a resident of Midland, near Klamath Falls, and was formerly Miss Elizabeth Koehler.

Join the Red Cross today. Remember the boys who are fighting for you.

Patch that Old Stove with a new one.

We Take Your Old Stove in exchange for new

HEATERS AND RANGES
Provost Brothers

Prizes Awarded To Beet Raisers

Messrs. Nibley and Thierolf have been awarded the two \$100 prizes offered by the Utah-Idaho Sugar Company for the largest acreage and largest tonnage in sugar beets in the Rogue River valley during the past year. The \$50 prize for the highest tonnage on any tract of five acres or more was awarded to R. A. Pierce of Tolo, who on ten and one-half acres secured 20,187 tons to the acre. The highest acre yield was secured by S. S. Stevens, but he had only four acres, which was below the minimum set for the contest. Stevens raised 27.05 tons to the acre. Among the standings of the first eight in the contest was G. N. Davis, who raised 18,379 tons to the acre on his Talent farm.

Company Object To Moving Poles

C. P. Van Houtte of Eugene, district superintendent of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company, appeared before the council last night and questioned the practicability of moving the telephone and telegraph poles from the main streets as petitioned by a number of residents recently. He stated that the matter of moving would involve a tremendous expense to the company at this time, on account of the war. His company had been obliged to suspend all construction work outside of the military camps because of lack of material and of the difficulty of securing labor. He explained the inconsistency of moving the poles and wires when the country is in the present unsettled state of affairs, and it was a huge engineering problem, considering that it would be necessary to duplicate the plant while in course of construction in order to continue service.

After some discussion the council decided to take the matter under advisement, and it was laid on the table until the next meeting.

Will Ask Railroad For Spur to Ledge

Benton Bowers went to Gold Hill Wednesday to meet with railroad officials in regard to installing a siding from the main line of the Southern Pacific at Gold Hill for use at the new lime ledge recently opened there. Mr. Bowers has just returned from the Greenback mines, eight miles from Leland, Douglas county, where he purchased a tramway, which will be brought to Gold Hill and installed to connect with the proposed siding asked for from the railroad. The services of seven trustees from the state penitentiary at Salem have been secured to remove the tramway from the Greenback mine and install it at Gold Hill, where it will be used to transport lime from the ledge on top of the mountain to the railroad, a distance of 5,000 feet.

Evangelist Working In Ashland Church

Rev. Charles S. McConnell, an evangelist from Long Beach, Cal., arrived in Ashland Saturday and will spend some time in this city looking after the interests of the Brethren church. Mr. McConnell has spent twelve years in interdenominational evangelistic work, and has made a special study of the prophecies. Much of this time he has been engaged in the New England states, but the past three years he has devoted his energies to evangelistic work in southern California. He will remain in Ashland for some time, devoting his time to the Brethren church and strengthening the work in that denomination.

Exercises Omitted In Talent Church

The Christmas exercises which were planned to take place at Talent have been given up on account of an epidemic of measles in that town. Rev. M. C. Reed, pastor of the Talent M. E. church, has been devoting some time in writing and arranging a cantata portraying the prophecy of Christ, to have been put on at that time.

Red Cross Drive Making Progress

The committee in charge of the Red Cross drive have finished the work of dividing the city into districts and a valiant band of captains put in a strenuous day yesterday and is speeding up again today. The response is excellent and by tomorrow evening the great drive will be over and every one may feel satisfied that an important patriotic duty has been performed and humanity's work furthered. The Christmas cheer in every household will be augmented because of its members having become partakers in this great work. Ashland will indeed have given itself a Red Cross Christmas.

The following chairmen were appointed for the various committees in charge of the work of canvassing the city: Rev. W. L. Mellinger, chairman of minute men; Rev. P. K. Hammond, speakers; Mrs. H. E. Huls, Red Cross booth at depot; Mrs. Clark Bush, Red Cross booths at banks and postoffice; O. Winter, chairman automobile committee.

Governor Pardons Klamath Falls Men

Three Klamath Falls men, Iver Anderson, Ed Mortenson and John Lund, who were recently convicted of bootlegging and given stiff jail sentences and fines, have been pardoned by Governor Withycombe. At the time of their conviction it was thought they were professional bootleggers, but it has since developed that they are valuable mill employes and that this was their first offense. The employer of the men made affidavit that his operations were curtailed by the imprisonment of the men, and they were released, although the fines were not remitted.

Trains Delayed By Bad Floods

All the south-bound trains have been held up in the Willamette valley on account of floods due to the heavy storm which has been raging north for several days. Reports state that the tracks have been flooded and washed out. No. 53 of Wednesday arrived here at 12 noon and No. 15 arrived at 1:20. No. 15 for today is expected at 7 this evening, and Nos. 53 and 15 have not been accounted for.

Well-Known Man Dead at Talent

Frank Joseph Silva, a well-known resident of Talent, died last Saturday after an extended illness due to cancer of the stomach. Funeral services were held from the Talent Methodist church Monday morning, conducted by Rev. M. C. Reed, the pastor, and interment made in the Talent cemetery. The deceased had been a resident of the Talent district for the past eight years, and is survived by his wife, two sons, Joe Silva of Talent and Frank Silva of Weed, Cal., and a daughter, Mrs. Ambrose, of southern California.

Old People's Home Planned for Salem

Mrs. F. W. Sallee, president of the board of the Old People's Home in Salem, was in Ashland Friday and Saturday, a guest at the home of Mrs. George Way. Mrs. Sallee was here in the interests of that institution, which is raising a fund to erect a new building. An offer of \$10,000 has been made this institution, providing the board raises \$10,000. With the \$5,000 already secured, the institution expects to put up a \$25,000 building soon.

Postoffice Will Be Closed Christmas Day, Tuesday, December 25.

Stamp, general delivery and parcel post windows will be open from 8:30 to 10 a. m. No letters registered. No money order business transacted. One collection from street letter boxes (Sunday schedule). One delivery by city carriers. Regular delivery by rural carriers.

Rose Bros., headquarters for bulk candles and nuts.

S. P. Officials Visit Ashland

John M. Scott, general passenger agent, and Charles S. Fee, general traffic manager for the Southern Pacific, spent Wednesday afternoon in Ashland. They were shown about by Agent Kramer. They expressed a lively faith in the future of Ashland. Secretary Shinn showed them the new Chautauqua auditorium—the first time they had the opportunity of viewing it since its completion. They strolled through Lithia park and expressed surprise and delight at the splendid results obtained there. It was explained to them that now Ashland had delivering in Lithia park over 48,000 gallons per day of lithia water, more than 52,000 gallons of soda and 74,000 gallons of medicinal sulphur water every twenty-four hours. Ample for all bath and drinking purposes for years to come. Mr. Fee said he gained a better impression of Ashland's big asset in her mineral waters and health situation than ever before and that his faith in its future was growing.

Noted Clergyman To Preach Sunday

A clergyman of much prominence is expected to fill the pulpit in the Congregational church next Sunday. This will be Rev. Dr. J. K. Brown, who was announced to be here a short time ago, but who was called to San Francisco and could not fill the appointment. He is announced to be in the city Sunday, however, and much interest in church circles is taken in his visit. Dr. Brown served for 28 years as a missionary in Armenia and Mesopotamia, and is a speaker of rare merit. He will occupy the Congregational pulpit at both morning and evening services.

Aged Ashland Man Called By Death

John M. Dickson, aged 82 years, died at his home on Tuesday after a lingering illness. Funeral services were held from the family residence, conducted by Rev. C. A. Edwards, pastor of the Ashland Methodist church, and burial made in Mountain View cemetery. He is survived by his wife, a son, Thomas E. Dickson of Myrtle Point, and a daughter, Mrs. Charles King of Ashland.

Medford Man Fined For Bootlegging

H. E. Wilcox of Medford and Nellie M. Bowman of Gold Hill were arrested in Ellensburg, Wash., this week on the charge of bootlegging. Wilcox was fined \$100 after he had pleaded guilty to having an illegal amount of whiskey in his possession, and was held in default of bail on the charge of bringing an illegal amount of liquor into the state. The woman also pleaded guilty of bringing an illegal amount of whiskey into the state, but sentence on her has not yet been imposed.

Packing House Was Destroyed By Fire

Fire destroyed the Chris Werth packing house, one of the largest in Siskiyou county, last Friday, together with the contents. Cramer Brothers, lessees of the packing house, lost \$8,000 worth of hams and bacon and \$2,000 worth of lard. The latter carried no insurance on their stock, but the building was covered by insurance. Chris Werth was a former butcher of Ashland and is a brother of Louis Werth of this city.

Presbyterian Church and the Christmas Service.

The services next Sunday at the Presbyterian church will be an observance of Christmas. The sermon Sunday morning by Dr. Carnahan will be on the Christmas spirit. The choir of the church will present a fine service of Christmas music, under the leadership of Miss Anderson. Sunday evening the children of the Sunday school will present their entertainment, "A White Christmas." The program will be a fine one in the spirit of service and patriotism.

Kidnapper Caught In Medford Monday

Mrs. Mary Lynch of Santa Ana, Cal., arrived in Medford Monday, whither she had come on the trail of her husband, whom she charged with kidnapping her baby girl, and had followed over a vast extent of country. The man, Joseph Lynch, was located in the Snell rooming house and a warrant sworn out for his arrest on the charge of kidnapping. According to the story told before Justice Taylor, Lynch had secured a divorce and the custody of the child, but had left California before the decree was granted. Possession of the child seemed to be the sole demand of the woman, and after securing that she showed no further desire to prosecute Lynch, and the case was dropped.

Douglas Co. Boy Dies in France

Private Roy A. Smith, son of W. A. Smith of Glade, Douglas county, is the first boy of that county to give his life for his country. A telegram from Washington announcing his death was received last week by the father. Private Roy Smith was with the United States engineers, with Pershing's expeditionary force now in France. He succumbed to measles and scarlet fever, complicated with acute pneumonia. The young man enlisted in the forestry service October 5, and was stationed at Hoboken, N. J. About a month ago his parents received a letter from him stating that he would probably leave for France in about two days, and nothing further was heard from him until the telegram announcing his death was received.

Mr. Smith, Sr., immediately wired to officials in Washington asking that the body be returned to his home for burial, but received word that the request cannot be complied with. The news of the death of this young man brings the horrors of war closer to the people of Oregon than anything thus far has done.

Chapel Car 'Good Will' Coming Here

Chapel car "Good Will," which is owned and operated by the Baptist denomination in the interest of Christian work everywhere, will arrive in Ashland to begin a series of meetings on December 30. The car will be here several weeks, during which time meetings will be held in it and in the Baptist church. Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Driver are in charge of the car, and they come highly recommended as splendid Christian people, devoted to their work for the best interests of humanity. The Baptist people are pioneers in chapel car work, owning ten of the twelve chapel cars that are now in operation. The series of meetings planned is for the good of the entire community, however, and all Christian people are invited to participate.

Cold Everywhere But in Ashland

Ashland residents should congratulate themselves on the particularly fine weather of the past month, especially when reading reports of the storms and blizzards which have swept the east and middle west. The frigid weather has also penetrated some of the southern states where citizens of this city are now located. Word was received this week from Charles Ramsey and Tom Hudson, who are spending the winter in Hillsboro, Texas, that excessive cold has reigned in that state during the past month. Other Ashland citizens have received letters from friends in Oklahoma stating that the cold wave has extended to that state.

Ashland Stores Close Christmas and New Year's Days.

Ashland stores will be closed as usual ALL of these two holidays.
H. H. ELHART,
Secretary Ashland Business Men's Association.

The owner of several pieces of Portland property wishes home in Ashland and will trade. Box 881, Medford, Ore. 61-21

Allowance Checks Are Being Issued

Santa Claus will deliver Uncle Sam's first separation allowance check to the wives, mothers, sisters, children and other dependents of America's fighting men, has been given out in Washington.

Down in the colossal marble pile built to house the new National Museum and turned into a war factory overnight, hundreds of pretty typists are hammering out the slender, precious little white vouchers for the soldiers' and sailors' folks at home.

It is something new in American war history. Beginning with this first Christmas check and continuing as long as the war lasts, these monthly messengers of aid and cheer will go sailing out from here in their long narrow envelopes. Authority for them is contained in the war insurance bill passed at the special session of congress.

Fearful that they might not get everyone's check delivered before Christmas morning, the tall old man with the red, white and blue suit and the star-spangled stovepipe hat and the fat little man who drives the reindeers ordered a special night shift of clerks which will jump into the work.

The amounts appearing in the upper left hand corner of these unique Christmas gifts range from \$30 up and represent one month's compensation by the government to the dependents of fighting men. The \$30 checks go to wives with no children and represent \$15 from the government and \$15 from the husband's \$30 a month pay. Where there are youngsters, a wee nip is added to each check for each one.

"The aggregate of these first checks," said an official of the war risk insurance bureau of the treasury department, "while large, will not run into the millions we will be mailing out next Christmas."

"We have only a small percentage of men with dependents in the regular army and national guard and practically none in the first draft army and only a few casualties. Nineteen eighteen will be a different story."

New Railroad to Go From Dorris

A new railroad is being surveyed by the Southern Pacific line in Dorris, Cal., to the large timber holdings of the Oshkosh Lumber Company that lie several miles from Dorris in the Klamath canyon. Millions of feet of standing timber belonging to the Western Pacific Railroad, the Oshkosh Lumber Company and the Weyerhaeuser people, which is ready for cutting, and a railroad from the main line of the Southern Pacific to this belt will bring an immense amount of logs to Dorris.

Engineers are expected in that locality in a short time to make surveys for sidings, switches and yards, and it is believed operations will begin at once. A new sawmill and box factory are also proposed to handle the output.

Compensation For Son's Death Given

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Peters of Sawyers Bar have been awarded compensation by the United States Employees' Compensation Commission for the death of their son, Ivan H. Peters, who lost his life by falling over a cliff on the survey of the Salmon river national forest road in September, 1916. Checks covering the amount due from September, 1916, were given to each parent covering the salary he would have earned from the time of his death and the funeral expenses. Mr. and Mrs. Peters will receive \$16.50 monthly for a period of eight years.

Rose Bros., headquarters for bulk candles. 11

State Bank of Ashland

Saving and Commercial Accounts