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Fourth of July Celebration Was One of Huge Jollification

The managers of the Fourth of July celebration were able Thursday night to retire with the happy consciousness that the events in which they had devoted so much time and expense will go down in the history of the city as one of the best ever presented to an Ashland public...

Belgium: Mrs. Boslough. Panama: Mrs. Kramer. France: Mrs. Provost. Maple Leaf Forever: Mrs. Hodgson. Life Saver: Mrs. Dennis. United States: Mrs. Lamkin. Ireland: Mrs. Vaupel. Cuba: Mrs. Dr. Woods. Lafayette: Mr. Vining. Immediately after the disbanding of the parade the assemblage repaired to the Chautauqua building where a patriotic program was presented...

Confetti Battle Afforded Much Fun

As if to make the most of the last hours of the big celebration last week a large crowd of merry-makers thronged the streets Saturday night and took part in the confetti battle that was waged until a late hour. This was one of the greatest fun-makers of the whole celebration, and everyone received the showers of confetti good-naturedly, and strove to retaliate whenever the chance occurred...

Wins Prize For Expert Shooting

Orzo Withrow, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Withrow of Talent is fast gaining promotion in the naval service. "Bunk," as he is better known among his friends, enlisted in the navy nearly a year before war was declared and was stationed first at Mare Island. He was later sent to Bremerton, where he remained until some time this summer, when he went to the eastern coast, and is now among the armed crew as gun pointer on a receiving ship at Norfolk, Va. Recently he received a prize of \$10 for expert shooting...

Australians and Americans Advance on Front 2000 Yards

The Australian troops have advanced their line northeast of Villers-Bretonneux on a front of 2000 yards, according to Field Marshal Haig's report from British headquarters in France. Except on the Italian front, the closing days of the week witnessed little fighting of an intensive nature anywhere. For the moment the allied plan of local thrusts in the Franco-Belgian area, calculated to upset such dispositions for a new attack as the Germans might be making on any of the numerous fronts involved, showed no developments. There are nothing but compliments for the Americans upon the occasion of their first appearance in an attack side by side with British troops. To the Australians, who formed the main portion of the force which carried out the brilliant Fourth of July attack on the Amiens front northeast of Villers-Bretonneux, is conceded the large part of the glory. The British and American troops are coming in for the highest praise for the part they took in the fighting through Hamel...

The Australians and Yankees today were holding their newly won positions strongly after having repulsed a series of three counter attacks during the night—one on each flank and a third in the center. All these enemy assaults were thrown back easily and still more prisoners were added to the large number taken yesterday while many of the hostile infantry perished in the attempts to regain that which they had lost. Additional reports confirm previous ones that the enemy casualties Thursday were exceedingly heavy and that the German list of killed was very long. Not only did the attacking forces work havoc in the enemy ranks, but the supporting artillery maintained a most destructive fire over the German territory. The Italians have succeeded in clearing the Austrians out of a very considerable part of the terrain the enemy had been clinging to near the mouth of the Piave, between the new and old beds of the river. In hard fighting the Austrian resistance was broken in the area close to the Adriatic, General Diaz, troops driving the invaders across the new bed from Grisolera to the sea, approximately five miles. Four hundred were taken prisoner. In the northern part of this low-lying sector northeast of Cape Sile, where the Austrians are still west of the new stream, they rallied their forces and counter attacked General Diaz' troops stood their ground and repulsed the enemy. "After five days of uninterrupted struggle," says the late official communication, "the enemy was completely driven on to the left bank of the new Piave Saturday afternoon." The Austro-Hungarian resistance was shattered in the area where the River Piave enters the Adriatic. The Italians yesterday pushed forward and reached the right bank of the new Piave from Grisolera to the south of the river and took 400 prisoners. After desperate fighting yesterday the Italians repulsed a counter offensive of the Austro-Hungarians in the direction of Chiesanuova, on the northern Italian front. Further violent assaults by the Austro-Hungarians on the Italian positions at Porte di Salton were repulsed. The battle at the mouth of the Piave river, on the Italian front, continued Friday, the Austrian war office announced. Austrian advance troops were pressed back to their main body by the Italians.

Ashland's Great Patriotic Demonstration and Round-Up

Ashland's big three days of joy, patriotism, pyrotechnic and bronco-busting has come and gone and, all things considered, was the biggest success in the history of the city. Of course, there are those who always measuring successes by the dollars that immediately roll into their purses without effort, will complain that it did not make money, but it did hold the day. It did bring at least \$75,000 of money to town. It did demonstrate again that Ashland not only is the best place in the state of Oregon for a celebration of the kind, but to hundreds of strangers visiting the city for the first time, the impressions that make for town building were a distinct gain. The fact that, notwithstanding the war conditions a crowd more than half as large as the two years previous attended this year, when hundreds of cities with less courage and enterprise are abandoning efforts previously put forth because of war depletions and war depressions, should leave a unanimous feeling of encouragement and success. The Roundup proved to be what it was advertised to be, the biggest and best yet staged in Ashland. Everybody was satisfied with the show. The Ashland Amusement association is to be congratulated and commended for the splendid effort and, although it did not prove a financial success, the deficit aggregating about \$3500, or about \$35 per share which will need be assessed against the stockholders, the show was so well staged and the crowds were so well pleased that larger crowds may be expected for the future. The Roundup has never made money and should never be a money-making enterprise for the stockholders. The shows are held, or should be held, by business men who gain indirectly from the crowds attracted here on these days, and it should be expected that assessments for a deficit would be forthcoming after the show. If it makes money one year, the surplus should be expended in creating a greater attraction for the next year. All in all, the affair was a great success. The patriotic parade was the biggest and prettiest yet staged. The fireworks display was incomparable. The parade, presented in the park Friday night was a magnificent and far-flung presentation. The confetti carnival Saturday night was a howling evening of good will and joy and Ashland's reputation as an entertainer has advanced many steps. The crowd was pleased with Ashland and the way she does things and that means ever-growing popularity and development. Ashland is incomparable as a pleasure resort and thousands of strangers have been made aware of it during the three days' celebration.

German troops attempted to raid the American sector in Lorraine, at Nivray. The war office announced today that the enemy was completely repulsed in this effort, as he was in raiding attempts at points on the French front. Along the whole British front today the main topic of conversation was the remarkable success achieved in Thursday's attacks south of the Somme by the combined Australian and American troops, assisted by a fleet of British-manufactured tanks. Even the German prisoners were admitting ruefully that the drive had been conducted with cleverness and invincible courage. To this praise was added a telegram from Field Marshal Haig to the forces involved, including the American detachment, expressing his warm congratulations on the victory which attended the operations and on the skill and gallantry with which it was executed. Naturally the main interest of the day was in the American soldiers who had made their initial appearance in the battle line and who fought so fiercely that they have established an enviable reputation and drawn the prediction that they would be second to none among hardy warriors.

Wild West Division Going 'Over There'

The Tidings was in receipt of a letter from Captain A. J. McCallen, a former well known Ashland young man who is in the United States service, dated June 27, "Somewhere in Indiana on the New York Central," saying that he is on his way over there with the 91st (Wild West) division. This is the first real large contingent of western troops to be moved across the continent. Captain McCallen stated that quite a number of Ashland boys are with that division, including First Lieutenant Frank M. Moore, First Lieutenant Ward M. Ackley, a nephew of W. F. Loomis; Sergeant W. E. Jeter, Corporal Horace P. Reno, Earl Tate, Homer Pellett, Sergeant Ruth, formerly a train dispatcher, and one of Charley Henry's boys from the Dead Indian country. The division has been greeted with cheers across the continent, the captain said. He especially mentioned the reception received at Milwaukee, where it seemed as if the whole city turned out to greet them at 11 o'clock at night. It reminded the captain of a New Year's celebration in San Francisco. The captain ended his communication by extending his greetings and very best wishes to all his old friends in Ashland.

Chautauqua Building Advertised Abroad

Mrs. W. E. Moore recently received a letter from her brother, Mechanic Earl R. Ross, who is serving with Battery E, 148 Field Artillery in France, containing a picture of Ashland's Chautauqua building and the following account, which he had seen in a Popular Mechanics while in France: "On account of its unusual appearance and certain exceptional features in its construction, special interest attaches to the new Chautauqua auditorium at Ashland, Oregon, which has a seating capacity of 4000. The audience room is circular in shape, and 160 feet in diameter. A circular concrete wall, 12 feet high, supports the dome, which is a portion of a sphere having a radius of 90 feet. The natural slope of the site has been utilized in the arrangement of seats. The stage is semicircular in form, with a proscenium arch 60 feet wide and having a roof of the same type as that of the audience room to which it is joined. The frame work of the superstructure is composed of trusses that converge at the top of the dome and are made of very light lumber, 4 by 1 inch sheathing being used for this purpose. A temporary central tower was built to hold these in place until all were erected. The roof is entirely self-supporting, leaving the area beneath without any pillars to obstruct the view. The frame work of ribs is covered with 3-4 by 1-1-8 inch strips, and this is overlaid with three-ply asbestos, forming a white dome, striking in appearance." The fact that this article appeared in Popular Mechanics where it was read by several thousand of people in the United States is a matter of interest to Ashland residents, but bearing of its circulation in France demonstrates more forcibly than ever the advantages of advertising.

Laborer Killed By Train At Roseburg

A man not yet identified was killed by a Southern Pacific train Wednesday night between Green Station and Shady Point, about three miles south of Roseburg. There was nothing on the body by which he might be identified. His head and face were so badly mangled that it was impossible even to guess his age. The dead man is believed to be one who was seen loitering around Green Station late Wednesday evening, apparently under the influence of liquor. He was warned to keep off the track two or three times, and later is supposed to have started foot along the railway for Roseburg, when he was overtaken by a train. The man was dressed as a laborer. Phone job orders to the Tidings.

Normal School Tag Day Held Thursday

Tags bearing the legend, "I'm not a slacker, I'm a normal school backer," were much in evidence on the street throughout the Fourth of July celebration last Thursday. A committee of energetic women have been looting the normal campaign, and took this unique way of augmenting the fund for campaigning the normal. A neat little sum was raised in this manner, most of the roundup and Fourth of July visitors being glad to donate the trifling sum of ten cents for this worthy project. The various districts in the county were designated by different colored tags and these districts were well patronized by the residents, although no penalty was attached to the wearer of several different colored tags. Card of Thanks We desire to thank our friends and neighbors for the many kindnesses rendered us during the sickness and death of our beloved wife and mother. Especially do we thank all who sent flowers. J. R. CASEY, HELENE CASEY, HARRY D. CASEY, Mrs. CARRIE E. HARGADINE.

Big Season Started At Crater Lake Park

Alex Sparrow, superintendent of Crater Lake national park, reports that the travel in that resort is unusually heavy for this time of year. Where two or three cars entered the park last Fourth, this year there were 69 autos and 280 people at the lake Thursday. They have been troubled with two rather bad forest fires, one on the Medford side and one on "his side" of the mountain, but they were finally gotten under control before any serious damage was done. At the time one of the fires was discovered there was not a sufficient number of park employes to handle the work, and it was necessary to press a number of tourists into the service. Mr. Sparrow says that they entered into the work with a spirit and proved very able fire fighters.

Service Commission Issues Final Report

The result of the hearing of the Oregon Gas & Electric company before the public service commission, which was held in Medford, Grants Pass and Roseburg April 2, 3 and 4, has recently been issued. After a full consideration of the conditions the commission claims it found the existing rates of the Oregon Gas & Electric company unreasonable and unjustly discriminatory, and that under the conditions, the commission declared, the following rates as reasonable and not unjustly discriminatory to be imposed for the service offered: First 5000 cubic feet used per month, \$2.10 per M. Next 7500 cubic feet used per month, \$1.70 per M. Next 32,500 cubic feet used per month, \$1.40 per M. The above prices are subject to a discount of 10 cents per thousand cubic feet if paid on or before the 10th of the month following the month in which the gas was used. A minimum charge of \$1 a month will be asked.

Drafted Men Were Pleased With City

Luncheon was served Monday noon by the Civic club to a large body of drafted men coming from California to Camp Lewis where they will be installed among Uncle Sam's Hun fighters. The men arrived shortly after 1:30 and about filled the dining room in the Elks temple. An efficient corps of waiters had everything in readiness for the troops, who were seated and served with as much order and lack of confusion as if the occupation of table waiting was an everyday occurrence. The tables were beautifully decorated with huge bouquets of roses, and at each place was a rose. "This is the best meal we have received so far," was a universal expression of the boys as they left the rooms. They seemed especially grateful for the attentions and courtesies bestowed upon them, and many remarked that when they return from "hecking the kaiser," they are going to stop in Ashland. One Japanese boy among the drafted men slipped a sum of money into Rev. P. K. Hammond's hand as the boys passed out, saying that he wanted to give that to the Red Cross. Another insisted upon paying for his luncheon, and when told that the government made good their expenses he left some money "for the good of the cause," as he remarked. During the course of the luncheon Mrs. Julia Hockett sang several war songs which met with hearty appreciation by the boys. An equally large number of drafted men were fed at the Depot hotel also Monday. Phone job orders to the Tidings.

Drafted Men Given Farewell Reception

The leading event of Friday's celebration was the farewell reception given to the county's drafted men who were called to report to Camp Lewis Saturday morning. A large company was present at a meeting in the Chautauqua building where 43 young men were bidden God-speed on the eve of their embarking on their great adventure. Mayor C. B. Lamkin presided and stirring patriotic music by the Grants Pass band opened the meeting, and several beautiful vocal selections were rendered by Mrs. Henry Provost. Patriotic addresses were given by Porter J. Neff, a prominent attorney of Medford, and Prof. Irving E. Vining of Ashland, both of whom gave a personal message to the boys who are answering their country's call, in words that will follow them through all their army career. A luncheon to the soldiers-to-be followed this meeting. This was given by the Soldiers' and Sailors' Auxiliary in the park, after which the young men left to muster in Medford Saturday morning to leave for Fort McDowell, Cal.

Wagner Springs 50 Per Cent Over Top

The Wagner Springs district oversubscribed their quota in the recent war savings stamp campaign 50 per cent. This district was asked to raise a quota of \$1000 in round numbers, and when results were cast up, it was found that they had \$1600 in round numbers subscribed. Every person in this district approached has subscribed liberally to all war solicitations and charities, and up to this last one the district has gone over the top.

Union Services Held In August

The Ashland Ministerial association held its regular meeting Monday afternoon, and voted while in session to hold union services in the Chautauqua building every Sunday evening, following the Chautauqua session July 28, and continuing through August. The clergymen from the various churches will preach at these services.