

Allied Nations In 4th Of July Parade

Among the interesting features of the Fourth of July parade were the following characters and the people who represented them:

- Goddess of Liberty, Miss Emma Jenkins, by the Civic club. Truck furnished by A. W. Walker agency.
- George Washington, Will Coleman, in car furnished by Treichler & Pierson agency.
- Joan of Arc, Miss Harriet Trask and assistants, Misses Dorothy Tinker and Jessie Inlow.
- Abraham Lincoln, W. F. Moore, in car with W. A. Turner.
- President Wilson and Secretary Lansing, represented by J. H. Fuller of Talent and Rev. Edwards, in car with D. M. Watt.
- Speaker of day, C. L. Reames, with E. V. Carter.
- Paul Revere, Dr. Jarvis, mounted.
- Uncle Sam, G. M. Frost, in car with Mayor Lamkin.
- Belgian officer and family, Prof. Wilson and family, in car with Mrs. Bealough.
- French officer, Blanche Provost, in car with Jerry O. Neil.
- Lafayette, Prof. Vining, in car with H. G. Eastman.
- "John Bull," Dr. Webster, in car with T. H. Simpson.
- Canada, W. D. Hodgson, in car driven by himself.
- Scotland Highlander, A. McMillan, in car with Fred Engle.
- Ireland, in car with Mrs. Vaupel.
- Australian group, in car with Mrs. Hal McNair.
- Servia, Charles King.
- Russia, W. G. Curry, in car driven by C. W. Banta.
- O. A. C., in car with Miss Ross Thomas.
- Japan, represented by cars of Ves Patterson and Court Hall, containing George Andrews and others of the Mikado cast, all in gorgeous Oriental costume.
- Italian officer, George Cyester, in car with Mrs. Norris.
- Cuba, Dr. and Mrs. Woods.
- Panama, Mr. and Mrs. George Kramer.
- Greece, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Greer.
- China, Mrs. Wah Chung, daughters and girl assistants, on large float magnificently decorated with Oriental laces and ornaments, rented from San Francisco for the parade.
- Brazil group in car driven by Miss Florence Allen.
- Lifesaving float, operated by Masters Dennis Espy and Kenneth Miller.
- Decorated pony cart, Master Booth.
- Chautauqua float, Mrs. O. Winter.

New Chiefs Elected At Elks Grand Lodge

The administration made a clean sweep Tuesday in the election of officers at the annual meeting of the grand lodge of Elks at Atlantic City, N. J., all of its candidates being successful.

Fred C. Robinson of Dubuque, Ia., and Charles White, Chicago, won over James Richardson, Cincinnati, and J. P. Brennan, Denton, Texas, respectively for grand secretary and grand treasurer.

Bruce A. Campbell, East St. Louis, Ill., was chosen grand exalted ruler, without opposition. Other officers elected were:

- Thomas L. Reilly, of Meridan, Conn., grand esteemed loyal knight;
- F. L. Chapman, Great Bend, Kans., grand esteemed lecturing knight;
- C. B. Horn, Colorado Springs, grand tiler;
- W. H. Brown, Santa Monica, Cal., grand inner guard;
- C. F. J. McCue, Cambridge, Mass., grand trustee, five-year term, and W. E. Brisken, Albany, N. Y., one-year term.

Atlantic City was selected for the 1919 reunion.

A second million dollar fund was voted by the delegates for war relief work. The money is to be under the care of a commission headed by John K. Tener, former governor of Pennsylvania.

Express Co. Asks Increase of Rates

An application has been filed with the public service commission of Oregon by the American Railway Express company for permission to advance all existing commodity rates applying to shipments between points within the state of Oregon. The application asks for an increase of 10 per cent in these rates.

Bad Smashups On Pacific Highway

Two bad smashups occurred on the Pacific highway Sunday night, in which fortunately no one was injured. The first occurred at about 9 o'clock between Medford and Central Point, where a large automobile ran into the wagon belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Belding. Together with Mrs. Belding's brother, Glenn Coffee, this couple was traveling from Bandon to McDowell, Cal., in a wagon drawn by two horses. The impact threw all three occupants out and the wagon's other contents were spilled and badly damaged. Fortunately the people fell on a pile of hay and bedding and were not hurt.

The driver, who was the only occupant of the car, took Mr. and Mrs. Belding and Mr. Coffee to the Dow hospital in Medford, but they were in no need of medical attention. The identification of the driver of the car is not known.

Late Sunday night Vera Orr was driving Mr. Owen of Grants Pass from the latter city to Ashland, when between here and Medford their car and that of Mrs. Josie Offenbacher collided. Both cars were wrecked, but no one was injured.

Navy Continues To Attract Recruits

The naval recruiting officers have been busy during the past week enlisting young men from the county and nearby sections into the various departments of that service. Twelve volunteers have left within the past six days and more are expected to leave shortly. Those enlisting are: Darwin M. Hoagland, Iral S. Stewart and Leonard J. Freeman, all of Central Point, who enlisted July 5, in the radio department, and have gone to San Francisco for training; Elmer E. Kyle of Central Point, Frank Mayfield of Rogue River and James F. Butler of Jacksonville enlisted July 6, as seamen, second class; July 8, Henry A. Owens, Lloyd I. Stevens of Medford, Fred Combost of Buntom and Herbert R. Mitchell of Jacksonville, enlisted as seamen, second class; July 10, Joseph P. Hammerley enlisted as fireman, third class, and Louis S. Merrill of Montague, Cal., enlisted as seaman second class.

Ashland Boy Burned When Boat Took Fire

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hall received a letter today from their son Orville who is chief master mechanic on board the submarine chaser No. 210, stating that his craft had taken fire, and he with many others was badly burned.

According to some newspaper clippings which Orville had enclosed with his letter, the craft was on the marine railway at the plant of the Essington Shipbuilding company on the Delaware river, in Pennsylvania, where it was awaiting repairs. It was reported that the boat was filled with torpedoes, and the residents of Essington village, fearing an explosion, fled from the river front. The fire was extinguished by submerging the stern of the boat.

Orville stated that he was badly burned on the back and leg, and that his clothing and money were all destroyed.

1433 Rejected From Service of U. S.

Total rejections in the draft which reported at Camp Lewis beginning June 24 and finished July 1, are 1433, according to figures given out of the camp mustering office Monday. The percentage is 12.22, an increase over that of last draft.

Eleven thousand, seven hundred and twenty-four men were accepted out of the 13,157 who reported.

Most of the rejections were caused from a failure of the entrants to make the height regulations.

When the war was declared the minimum height for entrance in the army was five feet four. Next to a lack of sufficient height, ear diseases was the next highest contributing factor in the number of rejections.

Fifteen thousand men will arrive at Camp Lewis in the seven days between July 21 and August 1.

Phone job orders to the Tidings.

Greatest Fighting in Albania Where Allies Continue to Gain

In the sector to the southwest of Soissons the French have continued their gains, occupying LaGrille farm, advancing to the outskirts of Longport and penetrating the northern section of Courcy, according to the war office announcement last night.

For the moment, the eyes of the allied world are turned away from France, where the Germans are believed to be preparing for a resumption of their offensive. The most active area in the various theatres in Albania, where the French and Italians are continuing their successes against the Austrians.

While it is not expected that far-reaching results will be brought about by the offensive in this section of the world, the movement has possibilities. The rapid progress made by the French and Italians, the probability that the Austro-Hungarian line to the east past Lake Cehrida may be outflanked, and the possibility that an offensive may be launched along the Salonika front, tend to give the events in Albania some importance at a time when the main battle area is quiet.

There have been indications that an offensive might be begun in Macedonia. It is reported that the Bulgarians are war-weary and a powerful blow might bring about notable military and political results. The Teutonic allies in Macedonia have been savagely attacking the entente lines, but have been driven back.

French troops continue their offensive tactics east of the Metz forest, along the line from the Marne to the Aisne. The fighting has gradually extended southward along the front southwest of Soissons, with the French repeating their operations of pushing the enemy back from strong positions from which he might easily reach vital ground along the French line of defense.

Along the British front there have been intermittent artillery duels, deepening here and there into bombardments of great intensity. This has been the case east of Amiens, where the Germans have drenched

Australian positions with shells and then attacked in an attempt to regain ground lost when the Australians and Americans attacked on July 4. The enemy has been repulsed with losses.

Near Merria the British have improved their positions.

There have been no events of an unusual character along the American-held sector of the line, except at Chateau Thierry, where American aviators have been active. One squadron has penetrated far behind the German lines and it is believed it brought back valuable information.

The situation in Russia remains obscure and Germany has, as yet, made no move as the sequel to the assassination of her ambassador, Count von Mirbach, at Moscow.

In the mountain sectors of the Italian front the Austrians have been pushed back slightly on the Brenta valley and on the Asiago plateau.

Vienna, July 10, via London—The text of the official statement issued by the Austrian war office tonight reads:

"In the Brenta valley our reserve troops repulsed an Italian advance. In the face of pressure from strong enemy forces, our southern Albanian front has been withdrawn across the Berat-Pier line. Since yesterday morning the fighting activity there has been very moderate."

London, July 10—Field Marshal Haig's report from British headquarters in France tonight says:

"In the successful minor operation carried out by us last night in the neighborhood of Merria, we captured six machine guns and two trench mortars, in addition to a number of prisoners. Further prisoners have been brought in during the day by our patrols on different parts of the front."

"With the exception of some hostile artillery activity in the Merlan-court-Hinges and Loers sectors, there is nothing to report."

Found Rattlesnake In Rabbit Warren

Mrs. W. H. Paul, who lives on upper Granite street, had a thrilling experience last Friday morning when she discovered a huge rattlesnake in her rabbit pen. She had gone out to feed her Belgian hares, and saw several young rabbits lying dead in the pen, some of which were crushed, and in the corner was the immense snake that had already eaten one of the rabbits.

Mrs. Paul summoned a neighbor, Tom Praytor, who shot the intruder. The snake had seven rattles and a button and is the first rattler seen in the canyon for years. It is supposed the dry weather had brought his snakeship down from the mountains after water.

House Rifled While Inmates Were Away

The home of the Banta brothers at the Lane place on the Greenspring mountain was entered last week by a man and woman traveling with a team. The owners were in Ashland attending the celebration, and during their absence the marauders took everything in the way of eatables in the house as well as a goat that was grazing nearby.

They were later located at the team camp ground in Ashland and placed under arrest. On their promise to leave the state the couple were released.

Gold Hill Cement Seeks Lower Rate

Representatives of the Southern Pacific railway company and the Beaver-Portland Cement company of Gold Hill, appeared before the public service commission in Salem Wednesday in a hearing on the complaint of the latter against the Southern Pacific, in seeking a lower rate. The Southern Pacific company contends that, since the government has taken over the control of the railroads, the commission no longer has jurisdiction to regulate rates on interstate traffic. The case will serve to test that question.

Park Restored to Pristine Freshness

The park commissioners have been busy this week removing the debris left after the three days' celebration last week. The concession stands have been removed, the walks and grounds swept and cleaned, and the place has been restored to its usual appearance.

The camping grounds for Chautauqua attendants have been staked out, and are ready for those who will come in and spend a period in this delightful manner. Already one tent has been erected and is occupied by Mrs. Eliza Caldwell and Miss Sabrey Pooker of Rogue River, who have come here to attend the session of Chautauqua.

Received Sad News From San Diego

H. P. Holmes received a telegram Tuesday stating that his son-in-law, Charles D. Sheldon, had been accidentally killed in the shipyards of San Diego, Cal., where he had been employed. No details of the casualty have been received, only a later message came this morning saying that the burial would be made in San Diego.

Mr. Sheldon was the son of M. M. Sheldon of Coos Bay, and had been a resident of San Diego for the past two years. His wife was formerly Miss Alta Holmes of Ashland.

Striking Picture Of Naval Battle

Another very successful picture of a difficult nature on display in the windows of Studio Ashland is attracting much attention. This picture bears the title, "Battle of Lithia Lake," and is a very realistic picture of the naval battle fought there on the evening of July 4, 1918, which resulted in a complete victory for Ashland and the Rogue River Round-up.

The service flag tells of someone in the fight. The question is, who is sending him wheat?

Patrols Fighting Bad Forest Fires

Various sections of Jackson and the surrounding counties have been besieged with bad fires during the past week. Federal Supervisor McDuff of the Siskiyou national forest issued a call Tuesday for five experienced firefighters at once to work on a threatening fire in Josephine county.

Supervisor Rankin, who had been subduing fires in the Rabbit Ears district, reports that it is all headed off and will probably be burned out within a short time. He left a corps of men working there the fore part of the week.

A new fire was also reported burning in the Flat creek region on the other side of the Umpqua divide, but it is surrounded and it is thought will soon be under control. The Woodruff Meadows fire in the Prospect district is reported as under control. Assistant Forest Supervisor Harold Foster has returned from assisting in fighting the big fire on the Klamath reservation and in the Crater national forest. This fire is now practically out.

Crater Lake Road Will Be Improved

The Jackson county court this week decided to make several badly needed improvements on the Crater Lake road which will make travel back and forth much more pleasant. The improvements will be conducive to increased travel between Medford and the lake and were desired by the business men.

The court will have the road between Evergreen ranch at Blouise Rock, which is about six miles from Prospect, and Prospect dragged and will install a sprinkler to keep it wet down. A crew will also be set to work at removing the rocks from the road in the vicinity of Union creek and to level and fill up the bumps between Whiskey creek and Silver camp.

Park Commissioner Will G. Steel reports that up to Saturday, Crater Lake travel averaged about the same as last year, although the park was open earlier. A total of 919 persons had registered as against 870 on the same date a year ago and 213 autos against 213 in 1917.

Boy Lost In Forest While Fighting Fires

George Mansfield, the 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. and Mrs. George A. Mansfield of Prospect, was lost in the forest at Rabbit Ears near the Umpqua divide from 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon until Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.

Young Mansfield was a member of the fire fighting crew and was sent back from the fire line at 2 p. m. to take an ax to the cook at the camp headquarters some distance away. In some manner he soon got off the trail and was lost. When night came and it was discovered that he had not returned to camp the fire fighters began a search for him which did not end until 10 a. m. Saturday. Mansfield was pretty well tired out with his wanderings and was glad to see his rescuers show up. He was only three miles from camp when found.

Escaped Prison By Enlisting In Army

According to the Corvallis Daily Gazette-Times, Hal Harrington, who ran a vacuum cleaning business in that city, was accused of stealing various mechanical appliances and at one time breaking into a laundry and taking a blower. For these offenses Harrington was sentenced to serve from two to five years in the penitentiary, last week, then was paroled on condition that he enlist in the army at once.

Harrington was a former well known Medford and Jacksonville resident, and had heretofore borne a good reputation. He had tried to enlist in the Canadian army immediately after the sinking of the Lusitania, but claimed his wife would not let him go.

In spite of scarcity of implements and shortage of farm labor, England, Scotland and Wales have all increased their acreage of wheat this year.

Lightning Struck Hotel Austin Cupola

During a mild electrical storm Tuesday noon a bolt of lightning apparently went astray and landed on the flag pole at the Hotel Austin, badly splintering it and scorching the timbers of the cupola supporting it. But for a radiator pipe running from the top of the house near where the flag was attached, which attracted the lightning and afforded an outlet, the entire building might have been ablaze in a short time.

Several inmates of the hotel were affected by the bolt. Mrs. Lewis, the landlady, and a chambermaid, were looking out of a window, and both were knocked over. They were so badly affected by the shock that the services of a physician were necessary. H. S. Nottler, an express messenger, who was sleeping on the top floor near the radiator, was thrown from his bed to the floor, while Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Perry, who had just arrived from Crater Lake, were knocked from their chairs on the porch. When the bolt passed out of the house at the rear it howled over a boy who was cleaning an automobile there.

The fire department responded to the call and extinguished with chemicals the flames that had started. Very little damage is thought to result.

During the same storm Homer Billings was out near Emigrant creek, and witnessed a tree struck by lightning only a few feet ahead of him. The bolt ran down the tree and jumped to a wire fence where it set two fires in the forest. Very little rain accompanied the storm.

Assures No Danger Of Sugar Famine

Definite assurances that there is no danger of a sugar famine were given by the food administration last Tuesday and the food situation generally was declared to be better than at any time since America undertook the feeding of the allied world.

The American public, however, will be expected to observe closely the new regulations limiting the household per capita consumption of sugar to three pounds monthly and to continue all other conservation measures. Whatever saving other than provided for in the regulations that may become necessary to remove all danger of famine, will be done by manufacturers.

It was pointed out regarding the wheat situation that even with the prospect of 900,000,000 bushel wheat crop, there can be little if any lessening of present conservation measures. A reensuring wheat reserve must be built here and abroad, officials declare, and maintained against a possible short crop next year.

Shrapnel Shells From War Fields

L. J. Orres is displaying in the window of his tailoring establishment some shrapnel shells sent recently by Lieut. Walter A. Phillips, who is in the air service in France, to his mother, Mrs. Lena A. Phillips. Each shell contains 250 steel shrapnel about one-half inch in diameter, and these shells on exhibition were fired by Lieut. Phillips.

Another interesting war relic in Mr. Orres' window is a sabre owned by M. C. Edgington of this city, which his father carried in the Civil war. Mr. Edgington, Sr., belonged to the Illinois Volunteer infantry, and the sabre still bears blood stains on its point which shown that it had seen active service during the War of the Rebellion. These relics of the two wars have created much interest during the past week they have been on exhibition.

Library Closed Sunday Afternoons

The public library is Hooverizing in its service during this month and next. The librarians are going without extra assistants during their vacation period and the library will be closed Sunday afternoons through July and August.

This will not work a hardship on the people of Ashland, however, as the park and automobile during the summer call most of the inhabitants out of doors and very few visit the library.