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Ban on City to Prevent Contagion

In accordance with a proclamation issued by Mayor C. B. Lamkin all public functions were closed last week on account of the epidemic of Spanish influenza that is so prevalent throughout the country. While Ashland has had only a few cases reported, a large number of people have been suffering from severe colds, and it was thought by the city board of health and officials that it was better to take time by the forelock and guard against an extensive spread of the contagion, rather than fight it after it had gotten a strong hold in our midst.

As a result of the order the schools, churches, lodge meetings and social functions have disbanded for a time, the length of which will be stated by the state board of health, upon whose order the closing ban will be lifted. According to statements issued the worst of the influenza epidemic was reached several days ago in the army cantonments of the country and medical officers think they have brought the disease under control.

P. J. Hendricks Killed in France

Mrs. Eugenia J. Hendricks of Sacramento, Cal., was officially notified last week that her son, Private Preston F. Hendricks, with a machine gun battalion, had died September 6 in France as the result of wounds received in action.

This was the first official word the mother had received that her son had been injured. Several days previous friends and relatives had letters stating he had died as the result of breaking his neck in a dive while swimming.

Preston F. Hendricks was 26 years of age and a former resident of Ashland. He is survived by his parents, four sisters, one half sister and one brother.

Ashland Quota Set For U. W. W. Drive

E. V. Carter, chairman of the Ashland Patriotic Fund, who with Prof. Irving E. Vining, had been in Portland attending the conference of the state workers for the United War Workers campaign, stated on his return that this drive will begin November 11 and continue until the 18th and will include all the war charities combined. Jackson county was given a quota of \$20,850, of which one-third, \$6,950, will be apportioned to the Ashland district which includes Talent and Phoenix and the south end of the county.

Mrs. Bailey Died At Central Point

Mrs. Mary Bailey, wife of Arnon Bailey of Central Point, a former resident of Ashland, died Thursday, October 10, at a Medford hospital after a brief illness, due to obstruction of the bowels. Mrs. Bailey was only sick a few hours when death resulted. Funeral services were held Monday morning and burial was made in the cemetery at Talent. The deceased was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Arnold of Ashland and is survived by her husband, two little sons, her parents, one brother, Albert Arnold of this city and Mrs. C. P. Good of Long Beach, Cal.

Prisoner Escaped From Moving Train

Norris H. Pyron, a prisoner being conveyed from Los Angeles to the federal penitentiary at McNeil's island, Wash., Sunday, October 13, escaped from the train near Ashland and has not been discovered. The man was being taken north to serve a sentence of 15 years, and managed to slip his shackles and jumped from the moving train near Ashland. Despite the vigilant search by all the police and sheriffs of southern Oregon and northern California no trace has been obtained of the fugitive.

Claims Normals are Necessity in State

Pointing out that \$1,000,000 is expended annually in reconstructing pupils falling to make their grades in the state's elementary schools and declaring that 40 per cent is due to untrained teachers, State Superintendent of Public Instruction Churchill has announced the establishment of two additional normal schools in Oregon a wartime problem, and necessity, saying it was secondary only to the winning of the war.

Superintendent Churchill made the above statement in advocating the adoption of a measure at the coming general election, providing for two additional normal schools—one to be located at Ashland, and the other at an eastern Oregon city to be chosen by the normal board of regents. "It costs \$50 per pupil each year to educate a child in the elementary schools," continued Superintendent Churchill. "As about 20,000 pupils in this state fail each year to make their grade, it costs the state about \$1,000,000 annually to have them repeat their year's work. Exactly what proportion of this sum is due to the untrained teacher there is no absolute way of determining, but from superintendents, principals and supervisors, I am satisfied that 40 per cent of the \$1,000,000 spent yearly in repeating work of pupils in the grades is due to incompetent teaching. The millage tax provided in the measure on the ballot for maintaining two normal schools would save the difference between \$400,000 and \$75,000.

"The maintenance fund and normal school facilities at present provide for about 350 to 400 students. Whenever the present normal school undertakes to provide for many more there is danger of lowering its efficiency. From this enrollment we cannot expect more than 150 to 200 graduates each year, whereas, as before stated, 1000 teachers are needed in Oregon each year. "There are about 1000 teachers in eastern Oregon. A normal school in eastern Oregon would, by the end of the first year, have an enrollment of 300 and would soon be furnishing the state with not less than 150 trained teachers annually for rural school work. What is true of eastern Oregon is true of southern Oregon and for these reasons both the normal schools should be established."

Orlie Powers Died In Military Camp

Orlie Powers of Talent died Thursday of pneumonia following an attack of Spanish influenza at Fort McDowell, where he was stationed as a private in the national army. He had been ill in a hospital for a week previous, and on Thursday morning his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. O. Powers, received a message telling them of their son's serious condition. They prepared to leave for San Francisco, when a second telegram arrived appraising them of his death.

The deceased was 26 years of age and was a member of the Ashland lodge of Elks. At the outbreak of war he attempted twice to enlist, but was rejected on account of minor physical causes. He was later accepted, however, when called by the draft about a month ago. He was a popular young man and a well known musician in this section.

The body was brought home Saturday night and funeral services were held in the Talent cemetery Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, in charge of Ashland Lodge, No. 944, B. P. O. E.

New Paving Near City Almost Finished

Automobilists are gladdened by the fact that the new stretch of paving around the Billings hill is almost completed, and providing no delays intervene the entire road should be open to traffic in a few more weeks. The cement is laid around the hill from the Eagle mill to the underground crossing of the railroad and work is being pushed rapidly to completion.

The Sitka spruce mill at Coquille will go on three shifts.

BELGIAN COAST CLEARED OF ENEMY FRENCH AND YANKS ALSO GAIN

Allied troops on a front of more than 120 miles from the North Sea to the Oise are pressing closely the retreating Germans. The enemy is given no rest and may have difficulty in holding his supposedly prepared lines when they are reached.

On the north the allies are approaching Ghent, French cavalry being reported in the city's environs; in the center the British are marching on Tournai, while the British, French and Americans north of the Oise are threatening the important railway lines south of Valenciennes. In the Argonne west of the Meuse the Americans have improved their positions near Bantheville.

Unofficial reports are that the Belgian coast has been cleared completely and that 6000 German troops have been caught between the advancing allies, the Dutch border and the North Sea. Allied troops are reported near Eecloo, 15 miles east of Bruges and the same distance northwest of Ghent, and also are approaching the Dutch frontier near Sluis. The allied troops in Flanders have regained 800 square miles of territory in the last four days.

Between Bruges and Courtrai the main resistance is somewhat stiffer than further north, but south of Courtrai the British are advancing rapidly from the Douai-Lille line. The Marcq River has been crossed east of

Lille and the town of Chereung, eight miles west of the important junction of Tournai, taken. From Chereung, southwest to east of Douai, the British have pressed forward nearly eight miles on a 30-mile front in three days.

South of Valenciennes the British, American and French forces are widening the wedge driven into the German defenses and have forced the enemy behind the Sambre Canal on a wide front west of the important railway center of Guiso.

The Selle has been crossed in force southeast of Cambria and the British are approaching the formidable obstacle of the forest of Mormal, guarding the Valenciennes-Avesnes railroad, the main German support line in this region. The French maintain strongly their pressure between the Oise and the Serre and eastward along the Aisne.

There are some indications that the Germans are preparing to retire from their position in front of the Americans northwest of Verdun between the Meuse and the Boul forest. The American advance threatens the security of the Kreimhilde positions. A further advance would increase the menace to the Germans. East of the Meuse the enemy Saturday attacked the American position in the Bois de la Grande Montagne, but was repulsed.

ASHLAND RAISED BOND QUOTA BY VOLUNTARY SUBSCRIPTION

Without any noise or excitement Ashland went over the top in raising her quota of the Fourth Liberty loan, and at the close of business Saturday night the city had \$6,778 over the quota to its credit. This was done by volunteer subscriptions alone. Not once did the executive committee in charge of the campaign bring any pressure to bear other than to put the matter up to the consciences of the citizens and establish places where the subscriptions could be taken. The patriotic people of Ashland did the rest, to their everlasting credit.

Ashland's share of the Fourth Liberty loan was the largest that had been apportioned to her. For the

first loan Ashland was asked to subscribe \$85,000 and raised \$96,550. The second quota was \$40,000 and she loaned her country \$185,050. The third quota was \$102,200, and the people of this district responded with \$139,900. Then when the fourth call came and Ashland was apportioned to raise \$181,672, 1175 citizens responded to this call and subscribed voluntarily \$188,450.

Jackson county has again gone over the top by a comfortable margin and the state has also oversubscribed. Portland's over subscription of its quota in the Liberty Loan will be well above \$1,500,000, while the over-subscription of the state outside of Portland will be above \$550,000. Portland's quota was \$18,323,400 and that of the remainder of the state \$15,384,707.

Lieut. Tooze Gave Life For Liberty

People of Ashland heard with regret of the death of Lieutenant Leslie O. Tooze of Salem, which occurred in France September 29, at the hands of a German sniper. Lieut. Tooze, it will be remembered, was a visitor to Ashland last spring, when in company with Lieut. Hector McQuarrie, he spoke in the Chautauqua building at the opening of the Third Liberty loan campaign. According to the dispatches Lieut. Tooze was killed while engaged "with conspicuous gallantry," and was accorded a military burial.

The young lieutenant was 23 years of age, and was serving his country in France with his twin brother. In a letter written to his father just before leaving for overseas duty, Lieutenant Tooze penned these memorable words:

"We leave for France soon. I expect to return. But if I fall, you will know that my life has been purchased at the highest price it could ever command, for the greatest cause history has ever known, the great cause of human liberty in the world."

U. S. DEPARTMENT

WEATHER BUREAU
Forecast for the period October 21 to October 26, 1918, inclusive. Pacific coast states: Fair except rain in Washington and Oregon Monday and Tuesday, and probably Friday; slight temperature changes.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank our friends for their help, sympathy and floral offerings during the sickness and death of our beloved daughter and sister. —Mr. and Mrs. John Arnold and Family.

Sudden Death of Mrs. Julia Hodges

Word was received Saturday night of the death of Mrs. Jesse Ray Hodges, formerly Miss Julia Adams, of this city and daughter of Mrs. Emma Adams of Grant street. As no previous intimation had been received of her illness the news came as a great shock to her relatives and friends.

Mrs. Hodges left Ashland two years ago to accept a position of responsibility in the Pacific Hospital at Los Angeles. A few months later she enlisted in the service of the Government and became one of the Hospital Corps at Marfa, Texas. While there she became acquainted with and afterward married Sergeant J. R. Hodges.

She leaves, besides her mother, a sister, Mrs. Ruth McAllister, and a brother, Lieutenant J. Quincy Adams of the U. S. A.

Well Known Lady Pneumonia Victim

Word was received here last week of the death of Mrs. Sarah Anderson Burrall, daughter of the late E. K. and Mrs. Anderson, who died in Seattle October 10. Mr. and Mrs. Burrall had but recently returned from Alaska where she had contracted pneumonia, but it was thought that all danger was past when she suffered a relapse and death followed shortly. Beside her husband Mrs. Burrall is survived by her mother, one brother and four sisters.

O. H. Johnson expects to move into his Johnson new home some time this week.

Peach Pits and Nut Shells to be Saved

How many Ashland people know that 200 peach pits or seven pounds of nut shells will produce enough carbon for a gas mask? This waste material that has been thrown away by the ton heretofore in this land of abundant platted fruit is now one of the most important war necessities of the present day. Fruit pits and nut shells, it is claimed, produce the best carbon for this purpose.

In order to conserve and ship these pits and shells N. S. Bennett of Medford was in Ashland Thursday arranging to place receptacles in convenient locations to catch these pits and shells as they are gathered up from the homes and on the streets. Barrels for this purpose have been placed at the Ashland Trading company store, the Salvage Depot, the fountain at the S. P. station and various other localities will be made a depository for this purpose.

Only the shells of the nuts and pits are utilized for the manufacture of gas masks. The former should be gathered and dried, then they may be cracked and the kernels extracted for home use or they will find a ready market. Two hundred peach pits are not difficult for a school boy or girl to secure in a day, but it may be the means of saving a beloved brother's life.

Set Clocks Back an Hour Oct. 27th

Before going to bed next Saturday night don't forget to set your clock back an hour, as sometime after midnight Sunday morning, October 27, the change in the daylight saving will be made. To insure no mistake the following law on the matter will be republished:

"That at 2 o'clock ante-meridian of the last Sunday in March of each year the standard time of each zone shall be advanced one hour, and at 2 o'clock ante-meridian of the last Sunday in October in each year, the standard time of each zone shall, by retarding one hour, be returned to the mean astronomical time of the degree of longitude governing each zone, respectively."

George Stannard Called by Death

George Stannard, a well known instructor in the public schools of Jackson county, died at his home on the Boulevard Sunday evening at 8:45 after an extended illness, the immediate cause of which was blood poisoning. Mr. Stannard had been principal of the schools at Phoenix for a number of years, after which he followed ranching until this summer when his falling health compelled him to abandon that work. Funeral services will be held from his late home at 1089 Boulevard this (Tuesday) afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, conducted by Rev. C. A. Edwards of the local Methodist church, and Dr. J. K. Ballou of the Phoenix Presbyterian church, and interment will be made in Mountain View cemetery. The deceased is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ada Stannard, son George, father Orlo Stannard, and four brothers in the east.

Survey of Nurses Made in Ashland

A survey of the nursing resources of Ashland is being taken this week. All graduate nurses, pupil nurses, undergraduates, trained attendants, practical nurses, midwives, and women who have taken Red Cross courses are urged to report to Dr. Hawley and fill out a questionnaire. This is an enrollment, not an enlistment. The Surgeon General of the U. S. Army has ordered this survey, and Dr. Hawley has it in charge here.

Major J. Edw. Thornton of the Sixth Separate Battalion, Oregon state militia, has been promoted to the rank of colonel of the several units in southern Oregon. He is at present in Portland with the other commissioned officers of Company E, attending the four-days' school of officers.

The Gresham will send two carloads of jam to France.

State Policemen Gave Booze Party

The room belonging to Sergeant C. C. Triplett, a member of the state police located at Medford, was raided Thursday night at midnight and a drinking party consisting of State Policeman Charles Smithers, a man named Brown of Josephine county, and two young women were arrested. Sergeant Triplett was in Portland at the time, but will be held on his return to Medford the next evening, as the Medford police claim that the sergeant had been using his room for the headquarters of social drinking parties.

Sergeant Triplett and Smithers are members of the state police, and have been stationed in Medford some time for the purpose of patrolling the Siskiyou to catch professional bootleggers from smuggling whiskey from California into Oregon. For some time the policemen have been under suspicion, according to Chief of Police Timothy of Medford, and after the raid those arrested made a confession, implicating Sergeant Triplett.

Election Expenses Lessened Hereafter

Council at an adjourned meeting last Wednesday evening passed a resolution to hold a special election on November 5, to amend the charter relating to municipal elections. This amendment will be made to correspond with the state law, and will make the terms of all state and municipal officers to go into effect at the same time, thus doing away with half the election expenses.

All elective officers in the city will be voted upon at the coming election. This will be one councilman for two years and one councilman for one year for each ward; mayor for two years; recorder for two years; park commissioners for two years and treasurer for two years. Heretofore these officers were voted upon some time in December. They will assume their office at the beginning of the new year as before, the only change being made in the time of the election.

Officer Sav's 65th Was on Battle Front

According to a letter reported to have been received by Mrs. Wray Chase of Eugene from her husband, Lieutenant Chase, a member of the 65th regiment in France, that regiment was on the firing line during the big drive against the Germans between September 1 and 14. Lieutenant Chase writes that the Oregon boys acquitted themselves with great credit and that there was only one casualty, one of the boys receiving a slight wound. This is the regiment of which a number of Ashland and Jackson county boys belong, but it is not known whether or not any boys from this section were on the firing line.

Draftee Arrested For Rifling Bag

C. R. Coubern of Sacramento was taken from train No. 16 Wednesday evening at the local station by Yard Policeman A. L. Irvin on the charge of rifling the contents of a traveling bag belonging to a man by the name of Tannenbergh of Oakland. Coubern, who was a draftee on his way to Vancouver Barracks, was tried before a jury in Justice Gowdy's court Thursday afternoon, and was found guilty. He was fined \$25 and released.

Recommends Medford Boy for West Point

Kirby Miller of Medford, has been recommended by President Campbell of the University of Oregon to Representative Hawley for appointment to West Point, having successfully passed the mental examination Saturday. If he passes the physical test, he will be called to West Point November 1. Mr. Miller spent three months at the Presidio this summer, and is now a member of the students army training corps.