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ASHLAND HAS NO MAYOR

Mr. Lamkin says the Tidings is mistaken in its statement that legal fines can be collected in Ashland only thru the justice court and that all such fines so collected go into the coffers of the county instead of the city treasury. He says Ashland has a police court notwithstanding the Tidings states the contrary. We are aware that Mr. Lamkin pretends to act as chief magistrate of Ashland's municipal court, but, we contend he does it without warrant of law. Mr. Lamkin is not now mayor of Ashland. The state constitution, the city charter and ordinance of Ashland terminated his incumbency when his term expired the first of January. His successor has never been legally elected. Ashland pretended to hold a city election in November, but, in law, it had no election. Mr. Lamkin therefore is neither mayor nor police judge. There is danger, we think, in proceeding with cases that carry jail sentences. Citizens infringing the law may pay small fines without contest, rather than go to the annoyance of entering suit to recover, but an illegal jail sentence would likely embroil the city in a suit for damages for false imprisonment.

The Tidings has no axe to grind. It insists only that Ashland be put back on a sound legal basis by holding a legal special election for city officers now legally vacant. It does not lay the blame on all the city officers. Some of them are acting in good faith. Playing for advantage thru peanut ward methods the political firm of Banta & Lamkin have put the city in bad. By so doing they have put men like Shinn, Nininger, McGee and Turner in a bad light because they had faith enough in them to leave the political direction of the administration to them, expecting it would be legally done and did not realize it had not been so transacted until the validity of the police court was attacked and admitted to be acting without legal authority.

Councilmen Shinn, Nininger, Turner and McGee are straightforward, conscientious, able men. The city might feel a just pride in any one of these as successor to the political cabal which has handed the city of Ashland its recent illegal package.

As for mayor Lamkin and Mr. Banta they have too little regard for legal action and too much for political advantage to warrant citizens in honoring them further. When confronted with their illegal acts by Attorney Briggs, in his plea to oust the city court, they admitted it with such alacrity as to leave the fact undisputed that they knew they were acting without warrant of law. If they knew the first to be illegal they must have known the last election to be so, because it was invalidated by the same omission as the first. If that be so it indicates they had greater concern in holding their jobs than in keeping the city on a solid legal basis. However they may deny intent to shut out political opponents by the secret illegal method of calling the election for the charter amendment so citizens would not be generally apprised of the change in date until it was too late for them to file as contestants in the race for municipal offices, the number who believe they will purposely played for that advantage is growing every day. Many of them express themselves as not will-

ing that Ashland be put, and kept in a bad illegal situation, by the very common trick of manipulating politics so that those in the minority may appear in the majority and a favored few hold the places of honor to the exclusion of abler and more popular citizens who might have consented to become candidates had the whole matter been conducted open and above board. Ashland should at once be put back on a legal business basis.

Rather remarkable how fate works against the incompetent. Under the terms of the charter a year ago last December Mr. Banta was elected a member of the council for two years. Had not the amendment to the state constitution been adopted terminating incumbency of all municipal officers on the first of January just past Mr. Banta's term would not have expired till next January. However, the constitutional amendment legislated him out of office, but he did not know it, and probably this will be his first intimation of that fact, for he pays little attention to law. We say he probably did not know it, because when he filed for office again last November he filed for a one year term beginning the first of January, 1920. That leaves him entirely out of a job for this year. Before today he likely has not known it, but since the first day of January he has not been a councilman at all. True he has sat on the council and did most of the talking, but he had no more right there than you had and you did not pretend to run. It takes a pretty bone headed councilman to get into such a fix but Banta has succeeded proper. True, he is filling the chair like a hunk of beef, but he is not a councilman, consequently Ashland has no chairman of the street committee. No wonder the streets are in such bad shape. Nor has Ashland any chairman of the water committee. A lively hope may therefore be properly entertained that the reservoirs will not again be drained this year about the first of July after water has stopped running in the creek.

Public confidence is a queer and fickle quantity. There was a time when Banta was looked upon by many as fair timber for mayor. But he made his fatal mistake in getting into the limelight as councilman. His performances failed to sustain his reputation. After having heard him bellow and bluster at council meetings for more than two years it would now take all the force of the political firm of Enders, Banta and Lamkin to save him from being defeated ten to one in his own ward for alderman. Verily, uneasy lies the head that wears a crown, especially if the crown is too heavy for his sickly mental frame.

We have heard many sermons and lectures on Lincoln, but never one better than that delivered by Dr. Koehler at the Presbyterian church last Sunday morning. He has an excellent command of the English language, is ready in address and a good thinker. Ashland is fortunate in having such a preacher. He likes the rugged honesty, initiative and stalwart character and conveys his thought perfectly so that Lincoln becomes an inspiration to young and old under his fluent touch.

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS

On Friday, March 7th, the Tidings will resume its twice-a-week issue. It will be published on Tuesday and Friday evenings. The price of subscription will remain at \$2.50 the year if paid at expiration and \$2.00 the year if paid in advance. It is gratifying to the management that notwithstanding the weekly has been sold at the same price as the semi-weekly before the war the subscription list has materially increased so that at this time the Tidings enjoys the largest circulation in its history. The semi-weekly is reestablished to make room for its increasing advertising patronage as well as to supply the news more generally and quickly than is possible in a weekly issue. The Tidings has established the policy of printing its advertising rates at the head of the editorial column each issue, a rate applicable to all on the class of advertising there set down. In all cases, except where unexpired yearly contracts exist, the advertised rate will be strictly adhered to. A slight increase in the advertising rate will be noted. There are two reasons for this. While government restrictions have been removed on the use of print paper by country publishers the raw material has had another advance. The second reason is that the value of advertising space per inch is rightly determined by the number of subscribers to the publication, the rate basis being figured on per thousand circulation, the space unit being used only as a basis for computation. The difference in circulation properly accounts for the difference in advertising rates in different publications.

Beginning Friday, March 7th, the Tidings will be delivered in the city by carriers on Tuesdays and Fridays in the evening.

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KLAMATH TO SPEND \$20,000

ON GREEN SPRINGS ROAD
That approximately \$20,000 of the \$100,000 directed for road work in Klamath county next year will be used on the Green Springs highway to Ashland, \$20,000 on the road to Merrill, \$25,000 on the road from Klamath Falls to the north and \$25,000 for general repair work, was indicated by County Judge R. H. Bunnell in a recent talk before the Klamath County Good Roads Association, according to a dispatch from that city. These highways are all post roads and their improvement will be of such a nature as to warrant additional funds from the state and federal governments, according to the official.

To the north, where the road gets in such deplorable condition during the winter months, it is planned to build a route across the low ground from the Pelican bay sawmill up the west side of the Southern Pacific tracks to a point near the Graham ranch on to the Algoma road. This will cut out the dobe hill a short distance outside the city, which gets almost impassable in wet weather.

Members of the good road association invited the court to meet with them and discuss plans with an idea of co-operating with that body in its proposed program. There was no hint of criticism and the meeting was one in which constructive policies were forwarded.

That the membership committee is still busy was evidenced by the plans outlined for a house-to-house membership canvas in the near future when the town has been carefully districted.

It is also planned to send delegations to Mallin, Merrill, Fort Klamath, Bonanza and all the smaller places in the county and spread the enthusiasm which has permeated the county seat.

A new road running for some distance along the west side of upper Klamath lake, which will add much to the scenic beauty of the drive around this beautiful sheet of water, has been petitioned by residents of that district and has the favorable consideration of the county court, according to report.

The proposed highway will cross the head of Link river on a bridge, skirt the lake past the Frank McCornack place, cross the Wocum marsh on a dike, go in near the Eagle ridge tavern and join the old road again at Rock creek near the Doak ranch. It will be 15 miles long and will cut off about seven miles of the old road besides eliminating the long hills and grades. It is hoped to get the road opened for travel during the coming season.

Lets Hired Help Go, Does Work Herself

Mrs. Tobolt Astonished at Results of Tanlac—Gains 20 Pounds

"Some wonderful things happen in this world, and the way Tanlac has restored my health and built me up is one of them," said Mrs. Paul Tobolt of 916 California Ave., Butte, Mont., in one of the most interesting and remarkable statements yet published in connection with the Master Medicine.

"My trouble started about two years ago," she continued, "and I have simply been a nervous wreck ever since until now. Last January I went to the hospital where I was told that my whole system had become poisoned by an affected appendix, that an operation was my only hope and it was doubtful if this would save me. So I arranged to have my children cared for, in case I should not see them again, and submitted to the operation. Well, the operation was done with so much skill, and I was so carefully nursed that I finally got out of the hospital, and was home with my husband and children again. Then I picked up wonderfully for a little more than a month when I began having terrible pains in my back over my kidneys. My appetite left me, and nothing tasted right. I was constipated, had fearful headaches, and was so nervous I could hardly sleep. I fell off until I weighed less than a hundred pounds and was so weak that it was an effort for me to get about at all.

"Finally my husband suggested that I try Tanlac, as it was being so much talked about, and the results have astonished us both. I couldn't see much improvement on my first bottle, but with the second my appetite got better. I commenced to feel improved and was surprised when I got on the scales, to find that I had gone up to one hundred and eight pounds. Well, the third bottle did wonders for me, relieving me of all pain and headache and making me want to eat up everything. I now weigh one hundred and eighteen pounds, making a gain of more than twenty pounds on three bottles—and I'm wondering what my fourth bottle which I have just started taking, will do for me. I sleep like a healthy child, never waking at night at all and feel like I could eat five or six meals a day. I dismissed my hired help, four weeks ago, after eighteen months' steady service, and since then I have done all my own housework, cooking and everything. I have no more dull, drowsy bad feelings and life is a pleasure to me. I can't praise Tanlac enough for what it has done for me."

Tanlac is sold in Ashland by J. J. McNair; in Medford by Eagle Drug Co.; in Gold Hill by M. D. Bowers; and in Central Point by Miss M. A. Mee. —adv.



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