

G. H. Council Files Smelter Law Suit

At a meeting of the City Council called last Tuesday night by Mayor Cook, with all councilmen except Lively and Myers on hand, a communication from Gus Newbury, attorney at Medford recently employed by Gold Hill to represent them in compelling a return of title to a grant of land given the Sunset Smelter by reversionary deed, was read. A complaint, covering the entire transaction in detail accompanied the communication and was read to the council by the recorder. Discussion of the proposition was brief and the recorder was ordered to execute the complaint and mail same to the attorney together with \$50. for fees.

This complaint prays the Circuit Court to reverse the title of the land from the Sunset Smelter to the City of Gold Hill and gives cause for the action. It is deplorable that such a process should be called for. We cannot undertake to explain the reasons for the Sunset Smelter not complying with their promise to erect the plant as prescribed by the agreement with the city. We do claim, however, that the action of Mr. Olson in not being frank with the citizens of Gold Hill is fundamentally the cause for the demand by them on the Council that they take possession of the land. We believe that if Mr. Olson had come forward and explained matters to the citizens, through the Council, a much different story would be told.

The people of Gold Hill were too enthusiastic in wanting a smelter at Gold Hill. They did not look at the future except in hoping for a wonderful prosperity from the industry, and did not even employ an attorney to draw up the papers for them, and simply signed on the dotted line. No one questioned the honesty and integrity of the West Coast Finance company. No one ventured to check up the legality of any point in the transaction. A lawyer was not employed until it was too late. We do not blame any one for the News was in the same boat. However, we have all learned a bitter lesson, and if this case goes to court, an expensive lesson, and the next proposition that comes along we strongly recommend that a competent attorney be employed to see the transaction through at the beginning instead of at the end. Nothing has been heard from Mr. Olson by the recorder, nor by any one else in Gold Hill that we can learn of. His silence is very puzzling.

Ladies Aid On Successful Drive

The Ladies' Aid Society of Gold Hill, having decided to make the Society grow, divided into two teams and put up a contest for members with a result of swelling their numbers to 44. Now, the losing side is going to entertain the members at a splendid out-door-banquet.

All members are to meet at the Church at 10 A.M. on Thursday, May 20th and go from there to some shady nook for a splendid social outing.

NOTICE TO WATER USERS

Citizens using water from the old main along the Pacific highway on South Side of town, from the Carter Blacksmith shop to the Nuggett Garage, also users on the main on the North side from Jim Lively's residence westward to the Odd Fellows corner, are hereby notified to change pipe lines from the old mains to the new ones in the alleys, as we may be compelled to shut the water off at any time due to the decayed condition of the old mains which we do not care to repair any more. You are hereby requested to make these changes not later than June 12th, 1926.

Signed:—R. E. COOK, Mayor.

Radium Hot Springs a Big Hit in Canadian Rockies



A RADIUM HOT SPRINGS GIRL

IN THE HOT SPRINGS POOL

Sixty-four years when Sir George Simpson was making the first overland tour around the world, he came across some hot-springs on the western slope of the Rocky Mountains near Banff and Lake Louise, which the local Kootenay Indians frequented on account of their curative properties.

As the white settlers came in after the White Horse Creek gold rush,

these came to be called The Fairmont Hot Springs, and were a well known landmark on the government road from Lake Windermere to Cranbrook.

The waters on analysis proved to contain a higher percentage of radium than any other hot springs on the American continent, higher even than those in Arkansas, in addition to valuable curative deposits of magnesium and lime. These radium

springs attract many visitors.

A special bath is now being constructed for the Indians, under the direction of the Kootenay chief, and the white folks have a spacious swimming pool surrounded by very sanitary dressing rooms. There is a tennis court and horses with guide are available for riding the neighboring trails, while large numbers of automobilists visit the springs during the summer months.

Circus Day Was This Week

The circus came to the valley as per schedule this week. Many of the bank accounts dwindled and a whole lot of people, sober and even grouchy in everyday life, reverted back to their 'kiddie' days and sat a couple of hours on hard boards to see the clowns, and monkeys, and elephants and girls in tights do their stuff. They drank soupy lemonade that at home would be impossible. They crunched stale pop-corn, got a 'crick' in the neck, was flimflamed by the ticket butchers, and a few of them complained of pick-pockets. That's the life, however. The circus is a great blessing to humanity in that it takes us back to the younger days and erases the cares and worries of the present while taking thousands of dollars out of the valley never to return; at that it is a good thing for we received value for the thousands.

The kiddies had the time of their lives circus day. Everybody tried to see that the kiddies had a good time. The circus people favored the little people and made the big people stand around. The 'wild' animals even seemed to like the kids most. The elephants passed their trunks out to the children for expectant peanuts and ignored the offers of the grown-ups. One instance of real parental affection and Christianity was evident when Al G. Barnes, who was on the job in person observed that two parents who in trying to do the right thing by their children and who were too poor to afford it, brought the kids, handed over a collection of nickels, dimes and several pennies and bought tickets for the little ones and waited out side for them to see the "Childs Most Wonderful Show." THE CIRCUS! That kindness will never be forgotten by the little ones that was the BIG day in their life. Barnes saw it all; the father and the mother, with wistful eyes watching the gay crowd go by. The music in their ears, and youth in their hearts again. He asked them why they stood there and did not take in the show and they replied, "We are content; we are waiting for our children who are seeing the wild animals." These two parents had the right spirit. They are real,

Local Prohi Cop In Much Trouble

J. J. Snodgrass, alias J.J. Carey, alias Jackson Streeter, former special dry enforcement officer in Jackson county was found guilty in the Portland Federal court May 6th, on a charge of obtaining an automobile by representing himself to be a federal officer. It was the second trial of Snodgrass on charges brought through Mrs. Blanche L. Meeker of Medford. The jury in the first trial last winter disagreed.

Attorneys for Snodgrass obtained ten days in which to file a motion for a new trial.

He is held in jail under a fugitive warrant which charges that he is an escape from the St. Cloud, Minn., reformatory.

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Necking parties on the back street along the mountain here is reminding the older ones of by-gone days.

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honest, affectionate father's and mothers. Their kindness places an impression on the minds, morals and future manhood and womanhood of their children. Barnes saw the point. He appreciated the sacrifice and the utter lack of selfishness in the hearts of the parents. He is not an easy mark, but he did the Christian thing when he had a show hand hunt up the kids and presented the whole family with reserved seats in the center of the big tent where everything could be seen. He returned to the father and the mother the nickels and pennies they had saved up, and ordered them to buy candy of the flock of stands and vendors for the children; popcorn and ice cream and peanuts. To have the time of their lives and He enjoyed the treat as much as did the poor family who so loved the children that they sacrificed their personal pleasure; suffered the humiliation of standing out in front while the gay throng went by on Circus Day.

Great Industry Is Peeping This Way

J. B. Hirst, of San Francisco, Calif. was a much interested visitor in the Rogue Valley recently, and was looking for Limestone and Silica. The reason given for this interest is explained when we are informed that the Union Carbide company, of Pittsburg, Pa., are contemplating the erection of a plant in the west at a point where lime of a very high standard, about 11,000 horse power of electrical power, charcoal and labor can be most easily secured.

That is the forerunner of what we hope and believe will be the biggest industrial activity ever to visit this part of the Pacific coast. Gold Hill has the lime and Mr. Hirst seemed to be pleased with the deposits and tests. Gold Hill has the Timber for the charcoal and the Copco company can deliver the power necessary, and, we are informed, is doing all they can to locate the great industry here.

Do any of you readers realize the full importance of such an industry? Can you visualize the size of the pay-roll in a plant that would require thousands of tons of lime a month? Can you figure the attractiveness of such development in bringing other industry? Truly, when we can make the real announcement, it will be the greatest story ever printed in Southern Oregon. Who will place a stumbling block in the way of such development?

Gooseberry owners in Oregon find it beneficial to use a salsoda or a baking soda solution on gooseberry plants which are infected late with mildew. One and one-half ounces of salsoda or baking soda are used to one gallon of water. This sprayed over the plants when the disease begins to develop.

Considering the earliness of the season, the Vernon and Estes auto tourist service stations and eating houses are doing a very nice business. If the present bulge in trade is any indication of what is to follow, these two places will certainly be busy places in another month or two.

City Scavenger Is Good Thing

The question of employing a City Scavenger is not forgotten. The idea was fathered by Tony Ross at the time of the Clean-up campaign in proposing that we "keep the town cleaned up."

The idea was to give someone a license to operate a wagon or truck to daily, or at regular and frequent intervals, pick up and empty garbage containers from all residents and where rubbish or garbage accumulated, and charge a nominal fee per container. An ordinance was to be passed declaring all exposed rubbish and litter a 'public nuisance' and prosecute anyone allowing any rubbish to accumulate on their property. No one could be compelled to patronize any certain individual licensed to haul garbage, but by having someone on the job willing and ready to do that, their service would be valuable.

A suitable dumping place would have to be provided, where the garbage could be burned or otherwise disposed of in a sanitary manner. The scavenger man himself would have to be licensed so that his hours of operation could be controlled, etc. The big thing to figure out now is: would there be enough garbage cans at a nominal figure, say of 25c each, to pay a man to undertake the job.

Benefit Show Quite Successful

The moving picture show given by the Gold Hill fire department last week was a decided success. The theatre could have held a few more people, but mainly the attendance was considered as good.

The purpose of the show was to raise funds with which to improve the fire prevention appliances in this city. The proceeds, amounting to between \$50 and \$60 net, will be used in the purchase of a loud and startling Fire Siren that will bring the sleepest citizen out of bed on the first alarm. The need for a good siren has been felt here for a long time and now one is possible, without passing the hat or touching any of the taxes. The idea of the show was to give value received for the funds necessary and so far we have found none who were not pleased with the show.

The success of the venture is laid at the doors of Chas Keil and the proprietors of the Beaver Theatre.

Mrs. T. J. Duckworth, of Eugene who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Tom Cook here for some time, is enraptured with the valley. She greatly enjoyed a picnic in Lithia park last Sunday and is being shown other beauty spots in the valley by Mrs. Cook.

Maintenance of a high plane of dairy production in Oregon requires more legume hay, better pastures, more succulent crops for winter feeding and supplementary summer pastures, the experiment station has found.

We, this week are pleased to print the announcement of Mr. and Mrs. Dr. R. C. Kelsey, who on Tuesday, May 4th, gave their daughter, Dolores Phyllis Kelsey, in marriage to Chas. D. Vogleson of Portland.

COUNTY HEALTH NEWS

The clinic for crippled children held Monday by Dr. Dillehunt and Dr. Selling of Portland proved to be a real success. The First Baptist Church in Medford, where the clinic was held was the scene of some pathetic but hopeful figures brought from all parts of the county; one child of 5 could not walk, another child had never sat up nor talked, others were not developed mentally but all were set on the road toward improvement by these specialists who outlined treatment for either hospital care or home care with the county nurse in charge. Volunteer workers for the clinic were supplied by members of the Jackson County Public Health Association.

Local Promotors Financing Plant On Lost Mine

A. W. Peterson informs us that we made an error in last week's issue of the News in stating that a mill was to immediately be installed at the Kel-Mar-Pet Mine.

No one should know better than Mr. Peterson, and so this week we follow his advise and state that a mill will not be installed immediately at the Kel-Mar-Pet. The error is natural since we were aware of Mr. Peterson's activity in raising funds for a mill, but the mill he was attempting didn't happen to be the Kel-Mar-Pet reduction plant at that mine where until recently Mr. Peterson was actively driving a tunnel into the ore under the mountain.

Mr. Peterson informs us "that a 50-ton reduction plant is to be installed at the LOST MINE near the historic town of Jacksonville, where W. Martineau, A. E. Kellogg, himself and associates have secured an 800 acre tract of land surrounding the Lost Mine. "This lost mine, continued Mr. Peterson, is the mining property which prospector's have been looking for over a period of forty years. "It was found last December, and recently acquired by Peterson, Martineau and Kellogg. "This property has proven high in values and reports have it that ore of a high grade was in early days taken from this mine." These men state "they have not found any extra high values, but that the mine shows up very good,— sufficient to install a reduction plant and no doubt will make a paying property."

Medford Pageant To Be All So-Or.

In announcing the third annual pageant at Medford, the producers are laying special stress upon the fact that they have extended the scope of the production so that instead of a comic opera revamped as formerly, with nothing of local interest except the people in the production, this year they have something that will appeal to the entire Rogue River Valley and surrounding country.

"Blazing the Trail", as the name suggests, is symbolic story of early days in the Crater Lake country, founded on historical facts. But the writer, Muir Kelynn, has worked in a beautiful love story, with some very beautiful music, also has succeeded in what is almost more important, and that is he has some real comedy characters and situations in the piece, and this is most unusual in a performance of this kind, for in the ordinary run of pageants, there is no story, simply a number of scenes and dances with very little plot to hold them together.

Messrs. Andrews and Hazelrigg, who have entire charge of the production, are now assembling the cast and ensemble, for what will be the most pretentious of their many efforts in Southern Oregon. There will be more than five hundred people, with wagons, trains, stage coaches, soldiers, fire works, special scenery, splendid ballets, a big orchestra and every feature that goes to make up a big out-door spectacle.

Blazing The Trail will be given three performances at the Jackson County Fair Grounds near Medford on the nights of June 22, 23, and 24.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

I wish to announce to the voters of Gold Hill that I have filed for the Republican nomination of Justice of the Peace of this precinct. I belong to no faction, and if elected will administer the duties of the office with clean impartial justice, and strict obedience to the laws of the state.

Henry Moulton

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