

MOUNT ASHLAND SCENIC ROAD IS NOW ASSURED

COUNTY AND CITY AGREE TO GO FIFTY-FIFTY ON FIRST UNIT

Work to Start at Once on 3-Mile Stretch Along Ashland Creek From the City Limits to the Upper Intake.

By previous appointment made at Jacksonville about a week ago with the county court, Judge George A. Gardner and County Commissioners Oliver Bursell and James Owen, together with William Bruin, road supervisor for the Ashland-Talent district, and Paul Reyning, state highway engineer at present in the partial employ of the county, were met yesterday by Mayor Lamkin and Councilmen Frost and Pierce, and in two cars the party journeyed leisurely a distance of about nine miles up Ashland canyon to Brushy camp at the end of the forest service road and at an elevation of about 6000 feet above sea level.

The day was perfect, and conditions for the trip the very best. The entire party, with the exception of Mayor Lamkin and Mr. Frost, who were due in town early in the afternoon, remained at Sap and Salt for a most delightful dinner served out of doors, by the ever genial host, Jesse Winburn. Others present were Mayor C. E. Gates and Attorney Frank P. Farrell of Medford, Mrs. Swendenburg, Miss Chamberlain and Miss Palmer, joined later in the afternoon by Ranger Bert Peachey, representing the United States forest service.

It was agreed by the city and county authorities that the improvement of the first unit of the canyon scenic drive system, that from the Ashland city limits to the upper intake, a distance of three miles, should be begun this fall under the direction of State Engineer Paul Reyning acting for the county, and Road Supervisor Bruin, who has an excellent reputation as road builder and as an economical manager of public funds. A liberal appropriation on a 50-50 basis for this purpose has been agreed on between city and county authorities, and Supervisor Bruin gives assurance of a very noticeable improvement to the unit of the road, his work to be completed early in the spring.

The present idea is not to completely relocate the road so as to follow the contour of the hills, which it is conceded would be ideal and may come in the future, but to make many more turnouts, to chop off rocky points, to clear out considerable brush and sapling trees, to flatten off steep pitches, and fill low spots and chuck holes—and in general to make as good a road as may be by following the creek bed, as at present.

It is calculated that the present three miles of road to the upper intake will be improved at least 50 per cent, as now contemplated, admitting of course that the grade will still be fairly steep and steady.

Much enthusiasm was shown by the entire party of county and city officials regarding the extension of the present forest service road to the summit of Mount Ashland, and thence eastward to the Pacific highway near Siskiyou summit, and tentative plans were suggested by the county officials towards the actual building of a section of this road next summer from Siskiyou summit to the Pacific highway, westward towards Mount Ashland, assuming that by that time the forest service will be ready with the co-operation of Mr. Winburn and other individuals to complete the sky-line unit along the summit ridges of the Siskiyou range, circling Mount Ashland and connecting with the present terminus at Brushy camp. In fact, the whole project now has a look of certainty and of fairly early realization.

At last night's meeting of the city council, the matter of correspondence and conference with forest service officials was placed in the hands of Councilman C. H. Pierce, with the solid indorsement and backing of the council.

REPUBLICAN BANQUET AT MEDFORD TONIGHT

The republicans of Jackson county will hold a banquet tonight at the Hotel Medford at 6 o'clock, at which time State Chairman Walter M. Toole will be present to make a short talk.

A meeting of the Jackson county central committee was held this afternoon, and plans for the fall campaign laid out as far as it was possible to do so at this time.

Several Ashland people expect to attend the banquet tonight.

GIRL STRANGLES SELF WITH A SKIPPING ROPE

LONDON, Aug. 16.—Inadvertently strangling herself to death with her own skipping rope was the remarkable fate of Marguerite Martin, of Epinal.

It was learned at the inquest that after skipping with her schoolmates, she fastened one end of her rope to a gate, the other end she then wound around her neck to play. A strong wind resulted in the gate swinging to and fro, and the girl was swung off her feet, dying later of strangulation.

JEWISH ORPHANS PERISH IN FLAMES AS ASYLUM BURNS

MONTREAL, Aug. 16.—Twelve boys are known to have perished in a fire that destroyed the Jewish boys' orphanage at Strawbridge, near here, last night. The fire is still burning and threatens to destroy the entire village.

There were no fire escapes on the building, and many children were rescued by being lowered down from the balcony to the ground by means of bed sheets made into ropes.

The bodies of the 12 boys which were recovered from the ruins this morning, were burnt and charred beyond recognition. It is feared that a great many more perished.

EATS MAPLE SYRUP FROM TREES THAT HE PLANTED

Frank Ross, who recently left Ashland to make a business trip to Maine, has written relatives that he is enjoying his visit in the far eastern states very much.

An item of interest in the letter was the fact that he has had the privilege of eating maple syrup from trees that he set out when he lived there as a boy over 60 years ago.

FAIR CARAVAN ENCOUNTER BAD ROADS ENROUTE

The 1925 Fair caravan, which left Portland Saturday afternoon, has been keeping pace with the schedule previously set, and arrived at Condon Monday night, where they were royally received by the citizens of that place after having had a busy and interesting day.

The party left Condon at 7 o'clock Tuesday morning, making stops at Fossil, Antelope, Madras, Prineville and Redmond and arriving at Bend late in the afternoon. A good-sized delegation turned out at each town, and everyone seemed enthusiastically in favor of the exposition.

Some bad luck has been experienced by some of the 20 cars making the trip. Mayor Baker's car broke down, but as he was near the front of the caravan, he was picked up by another car and was on hand among the first at the next stop. The radio car was another that had bad luck, having dropped from the line during the day Monday, as had the baggage car. The radio car was not missed and so badly, but the baggage car, which was carrying all the clean clothing of the caravan members, caused quite a little inconvenience, as the coats and collars of the party were left behind.

The caravan is en route today from Bend to Klamath Falls, and tomorrow will be spent at Crater Lake leaving there Friday morning and reaching Prospect for lunch. After a short stop in Medford the party will arrive in Ashland at 5 o'clock Friday evening, for a scheduled stop of two hours and a half.

Mayor Lamkin has received official notification that the party will arrive, and plans are being completed for their entertainment while in the city.

SOVIET WILL DEFY ALLIES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS

MOSCOW, Aug. 16.—Soviet Russia has reversed her policy since the Hague conference, and a strong intimation was given today that the government will defy the allied powers as a group upon the questions of the Imperial debt and private property rights.

"SHUFFLIN" PHIL BARRED FROM BASEBALL FOREVER

PITTSBURG, Aug. 16.—"Shufflin" Phil Douglas, noted baseball player, has been forever ruled out of organized baseball by Judge Landis. Douglas was charged with dickering with players on other teams to throw games. President Heydler, of the National league, and Judge Landis are here making an investigation.

COAL SHORTAGE WILL CRIPPLE ALL INDUSTRY

RATIONING SYSTEM IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO PREVENT SUFFERING

Mines Operating at a Normal Rate Cannot Produce a Sufficient Supply for Winter Household and Industrial Needs.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—A coal shortage without a parallel in the country's history will be witnessed this winter, government authorities agreed, despite the settlement of the strike effected at Cleveland yesterday.

Crippling of industry may result from fuel scarcity, reports indicated, and suffering among household consumers may only be prevented by a rigid system of rationing. Future production, even if the mines soon begin producing at a normal rate, will not meet the needs of consumers, officials today declared.

GUESTS FLEE FROM BURNING HOTEL IN NIGHT CLOTHES

STAYTON, Or., Aug. 16.—A half block in the heart of the business district was destroyed by fire early this morning. The damage is estimated at a hundred thousand dollars.

It is believed the blaze started in the laundry room of the Commercial hotel, which was entirely destroyed, as were also the Gem confectionery, the Gardner general merchandise and grocery store, and the Klecker merchandise store.

Most of the guests of the hotel were asleep when the fire broke out. They were routed out and all brought safely from the burning building, most of them in their night clothes. So quickly did the flames make headway and so fiercely did the fire burn, that practically nothing of value was saved.

MISTAKE CHANGED NAME BIG PLANT MUSCLE SHOALS

A vexed question as to whether the great nitrate plant in Alabama was at "Muscell" or "Muscle" Shoals, that has been more or less bothersome to the newspapers of the country for a long time, has been settled by H. W. Hartman, the head of the Hartman Syndicate, who is exploiting the production of oil from the mountains of shale in this vicinity.

Mr. Hartman, during the war, was chief of maintenance of way and construction of the great nitrate plant. In speaking of the dispute regarding the name he said:

"Both are correct. The original name was 'Muscell Shoals,' owing to the great quantities of the shell fish found in that vicinity, and it would so have remained to the end of the chapter, had it not been for the error of a stenographer who made the transcriptions of the original contracts, when construction was begun by the government. The form of the contracts was dictated to the stenographer, and in the absence of any knowledge to the contrary, she wrote it 'Muscell Shoals.' As every one in Washington at that time was looking to put a 'kick' in everything, and 'muscle' was indicative of strength, the clerks let it go at that, although it is doubtful whether the mistake was ever discovered at all. As the government has set the seal of approval on 'Muscell Shoals,' that must now be deemed the proper name."

OLD TIMES RECALLED BY PRINTED SPEECH

E. H. Coder recently received a copy of an Idaho paper which had part of a speech delivered before the Idaho pioneers in 1888, giving particulars of the Nez Perce Indian war of 1877.

Mr. Coder had been in Idaho less than a year at the time this war broke out and was in the thick of the fighting for several months, but came out with flying banners and is still able to tell of his thrilling experiences at that time.

BASEBALL RESULTS TODAY

National League
At Pittsburgh 6; New York 7.
At Cincinnati 3; Philadelphia 1.
At Chicago 9; Boston 4.
American League
At New York 3; Detroit 7.
At Philadelphia 10; Cleveland 9.
At Boston 5; Chicago 3.
At Washington 3; St. Louis 7.
Pacific Coast League (Yesterday's Games)
At Seattle 4; Portland 5.
At Sacramento 2; Salt Lake 1.
At San Francisco 5; Vernon 4.

FORM CAMP-SITE PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION

After a fine dinner served on the porch at Sap and Salt, yesterday, the following guests of Mr. Jesse Winburn adjourned to the lawn, and there organized what will henceforth be known as the "Southern Oregon Campsite Protection Association".

Mrs. F. G. Swendenburg, Miss Grace Chamberlain, Miss Elizabeth Palmer, Jesse Winburn, George A. Gardner, Oliva Bursell, James Owen, William Bruin, Paul Reyning, C. E. Gates, F. P. Farrell, and C. H. Pierce, Mayor Gates, of Medford, acted as temporary chairman, and the following were designated as incorporators under the state laws: Jesse Winburn, G. A. Gardner, C. E. Gates, F. P. Farrell and C. H. Pierce.

With his customary generosity, Jesse Winburn presented the treasurer of the new organization with a check for \$500, in order, he said, that it might not be handicapped at the start by lack of funds.

This has been a pet project of County Judge Gardner for a long time, and this seems to him the opportune moment to launch the same. It was a new idea to nearly all present, but made a certain hit with plenty of enthusiasm in evidence. The object is purely philanthropic and altruistic, for the benefit of a very large public, it is hoped.

The membership fee will be nominal, perhaps as low as a dollar a year. The personnel of the membership will be practically unrestricted, the intention being to secure a large membership all over southern Oregon, and each member a booster. The real design is to secure the enthusiastic moral support of each community and the entire public.

Judge Gardner has had ample opportunity to observe how desirable campsites were kept away from general use, and in few instances only made available for leasing or putting up cabins and summer homes.

A striking success, has been the summer colony at Lake of the Woods and also the private summer colonies around Pelican Bay, both largely under government supervision and it was conceded there were some drawbacks which might be considerably overcome by the present plan of community ownership and regulation by our home people. Several such sites bordering Rogue river and its tributaries and others with lake frontage and adjoining fine springs, are under consideration by the association.

Judge Gardner stated that some of the sites could be made available to the general public through this association where not otherwise possible, also that it would be possible in some instances to acquire control of desirable sites by the exchange of state lie land or other similar basis at a merely nominal cost. It is also believed that this association may in course of time be endowed by public spirited individuals with several such sites, and a definite purpose is whenever so requested and acceptance secured, that the association may act as a holding company for the public, both of lands, improvements and maintenance funds.

The scope of the association will in general be very broad, and its activities many, all however, as its name implies, in the general direction of making available and keeping up the many campsites tributary to the Pacific highway.

DENTIST KILLED WHILE CLEANING HIS GUN

HOOD RIVER, Aug. 16.—Dr. E. T. Hill, a former dentist, was found dead yesterday in the garage at his home, according to news received here today.

He had gone to the garage to clean a shotgun preparatory to a hunting trip. He was found dead with a hole in his left side. It is believed the gun was accidentally discharged.

DEMPSEY BOUT IS BARRED OUT IN MICHIGAN

LABOR DAY CLASH WITH BILL BRENNAN BLOCKED BY GOVERNOR

Attorney-General Declares Meeting of Top-Notch Boxers in a Title Bout, Places It in the Class of a Prize Fight and Is Taboo.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Aug. 16.—Jack Dempsey will not meet Bill Brennan in a title bout at Michigan City Labor day, Governor McCray has decreed.

Acting upon the opinion the attorney general rendered, the governor declared the encounter would not be a boxing exhibition, but a prize fight, and as such would be in violation of the state law.

This action of the governor hits Dempsey and his manager, Jack Kearns, a stiff jolt in the neighborhood of their financial belt. The champion's guarantee for the Labor day bout was \$150,000.

MRS. PAUL WALTER IS DROWNED NEAR KLAMATH FALLS

KLAMATH FALLS, Aug. 16.—(Special)—Mrs. Paul Walter, of Steilacoom, Oregon, near Ashland, was drowned this morning about 7:30 o'clock in Crystal creek at Malore Springs about four miles from Rocky Point.

Details are lacking, but Postmaster A. C. Allen of Rocky Point stated that Mrs. Walters and her husband were out fishing and were trying to change positions in the boat when it capsized.

The body was recovered two hours later in 16 feet of water.

Mr. Walter is in the employ of the Southern Pacific company, and has been located at Steinman as day operator for the past two years. They came to Oregon from Louisiana.

Mrs. Walter is survived by her husband and a three-year old baby girl. A sister of the dead woman lives at Tacoma, Wash.

ELECTRIC STORM SWEEPS TEHAMA DAMAGES CROPS

RED BLUFF, Calif., Aug. 16.—Reports of more or less damage to property from the wind, rain and electric storm that passed over portions of Tehama county were sifting through yesterday. Probably the most extensive damage came from the grass and brush fire on the Diamond range a few miles northwest of Red Bluff, and adjoining ranges.

Fanned by a stiff wind, the flames spread rapidly across the Diamond Hunter section. A call was sent to Red Bluff for men to help fight the blaze.

Late reports indicated the grass and brush were still burning, but the situation was not so menacing, the men having meanwhile gained control in several places.

The high wind did some damage to the hop crop near Gerber, blowing down about 80 acres in one field of the Horst company.

SKIRT MAKES PARACHUTE AND SAVES WOMAN'S LIFE

ROME, Aug. 16.—Sofia Citariso was saved by a skirt.

Sofia, who was suffering from a religious mania, jumped into the street from an upper window of her home, after announcing her intention to "give herself to the Lord."

A minute after her jump, Sofia arose from the pavement and walked away, her heavy skirts having acted as a parachute, broke her fall.

NEW FLUME COMPLETED ON KLAMATH PROJECT

A new flume has just been completed by the United States reclamation service in what is known as the Klamath project in Klamath county, where a vast acreage is being transformed into highly productive agricultural lands.

The flume is so constructed that it will last for half a century, and give efficient service.

BRITONS ARE ADVISED TO SEEK YANK MONEY

LONDON, Aug. 16.—American gold fields are awaiting English exploitation, according to a figurative statement made by Sir Charles Higham, English advertising expert, who has just returned from America. "People in England do not realize the amount of money there is in America ready to be invested in British industrial groups," Sir Charles says. "All that is needed to induce them to invest is a sound economic policy allied to systematic advertising."

DUNSMUIR GETS PAVED STREET WITHOUT COST

DUNSMUIR, Calif., Aug. 16.—This is a lucky town, as owing to a peculiar condition, it will get a paved street right through the heart of town, which will cost close to \$25,000 and without expenditure of a cent by the city or county.

The state highway commission made the discovery that if the paved road to the north and south of town was to be connected up, the highway would have to be constructed right through town. A couple of permits to cross private property was all that was necessary on the part of the town authorities, and the work will be done at the expense of the state.

FREE STATE TROOPS REMOVE REBEL MENACE TO DUBLIN

DUBLIN, Aug. 16.—Free State troops are on the offensive against republican irregulars in county Louth, and the menace to Dublin from the north is considered past.

The Free State advance in the western counties continues. Liscahill, near the northwestern border of county Cork was captured by the regulars.

"BIG FOUR" BACK AT WORK, FREIGHT EMBARGO LIFTS

According to I. T. Sparks, the district freight and passenger agent of the Southern Pacific, who, in company with M. Montgomery, the Medford S. P. station agent, was in town this morning, the embargo on all classes of freight has been lifted, and the resumption of regular traffic was brighter today than it had been at any time since the strike began. He said that from now to the end of the season, the pear crop would move through Ashland at the rate of about 20 cars a day.

ROSEVILLE, Calif., Aug. 16.—The Roseville yards of the Southern Pacific were humming with activity today as traffic was resumed, and accumulated eastbound freight was moving forward.

Members of the "Big Four" brotherhoods here, who walked out Sunday evening, returned to their places shortly after midnight, following an agreement reached at a conference between their representatives and railroad officials, the principal feature of which is a new arrangement of the guard system in and about the yards.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 16.

With the situation at Roseville and Tracy cleared up and negotiations now under way with striking members of the "Big Four" at Stockton, General Manager J. H. Dyer of the Southern Pacific, today announced that the outlook for rail traffic is better than it has been for many days.

ACADEMIC WAR PENDING.

WHAT AND WHY IS A LEMON
LOS ANGELES, Aug. 16.—Southern California ranchers had a new worry today. They were trying to figure out what is a lemon—the kind that grow on trees, of course.

Dr. W. E. Ringle of the Kansas State Normal school, says a lemon is not a fruit but a berry. Then he supplements that statement by adding that a berry is not berry, but a fruit.

But Dr. George Clements, head of the horticultural department of the Los Angeles chamber of commerce, says:

"Why not say a lemon is a cherry, which is just as sensible as to call it a berry? A lemon is a fruit when it has reached such a degree of cultivation as to make it edible, otherwise a lemon."

We wonder if he will put out his camp fire the next time he is in the forest.

SENATE STRIKES A HARD BLOW AT PACIFIC LUMBER

PLACES LUMBER PRODUCTS OF THE NORTHWEST ON THE FREE LIST

Tariff Bloc Defeated in Its Effort to Protect Lumber Industry of the Pacific Coast by a Vote of 28 to 26.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—The senate today struck a blow at Pacific Northwest lumber interests by revoking tariff duties on three lumber schedules, placing these articles on the free list.

The vote was 28 to 26.

All logs of fir, spruce, cedar and hemlock, all wooden telephone and trolley poles, wooden pickets, palings, hoops and staves will be admitted free by this action, which was vigorously opposed by the tariff bloc.

LABOR DAY CELEBRATION COMMITTEES APPOINTED

Arrangements for the big Labor day celebration are being whipped into shape rapidly, and a great celebration is assured, as everyone interested is working to make the day a success.

The following committees have been appointed to carry out the various activities:

Advisory committee—Rev. Oldfield, E. F. Montgomery, J. E. Harris, Henry Voss, Joe Smith and John McMarten.

Sports committee—H. J. Carter, Roy Hale, J. C. Cozart and E. H. Bush.

Refreshment committee—N. Dix, A. Flackus, H. G. Wolcott and Bert Turner.

Speakers committee—F. R. Byers and L. D. Hayes.

Arrangements committee—Ray Oldfield, Nels Erickson, R. M. Parr, Olden Hall, Charles Winne, J. E. Harris, Joe Smith, E. H. Bush, Henry Carter and William Nelson Jr.

Budget committee—H. J. Carter, H. B. Carter, E. H. Bush, William Nelson Jr., Charles Winne and Rev. Oldfield.

Barbecue committee—Henry Carter, A. C. Nisinger, Henry Enders, Ed High and William Lear.

B. F. Montgomery is general chairman for the celebration, and L. D. Hayes is secretary-treasurer.

The Modern Woodmen and the Woodmen of the World had planned a joint picnic in the park, and these organizations have now joined with the labor unions, and there will be one big celebration instead of two separate ones.

While it is not definitely known, it is expected that the various Woodmen teams will do some fancy drilling, and it is thought probable that a prize will be offered for the best drill team.

All other organizations are invited to take part in the day's celebration with or without a drill team, all of which will help to make the day a complete success.

SURPRISE PARTY GIVEN FOR ASHLAND RESIDENT

Ed Covvling was very agreeably surprised at his home last evening, by about 25 friends, who dropped in on him as he was setting down to eat his dinner.

Having announced their intention of helping him celebrate his birthday, the party decided to have dinner in Lithia park, and loaded into six cars and were soon at the picnic grounds, where an elaborate dinner was served. A birthday cake with 26 candles was the centerpiece.

Mr. Covvling received quite a number of beautiful as well as substantial gifts, among which was a spot light and mirror for his car.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Ed Covvling, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. A. Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. S. Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Guiley, Mrs. Conwell, Mrs. Jennie Schwan and the Misses Clara Kofran, Mae Hadfield, Ernestine Hieks, Claudine Cox, Adeline Covvling, Olga Jordan, Hazel Hundel, and the Messrs. Pitman, Alfred Beck, Fred Beck, Theodore Smith and Fonney Jordan.

COLORADOANS ON VISIT TO ASHLAND FRIENDS

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Garwood, of Boulder, Colo., and Miss Clara Garwood, of Canyon City, stopped a few days the latter part of the week in the camp ground, and incidentally visited with the C. C. Darling family, on North Main street. The Garwoods have been on the road for eight weeks, having come by way of the Grand Canyon and through southern California. They left here Monday morning for the north, expecting to make Eugene before evening. They will return home by way of Yellowstone park.