

CEREMONIAL IS FEATURED BY A BIG BANQUET

Shrine Convention of Hillah Temple Held Yesterday; Huge Dinner Served

NEW MEMBERS TAKEN 350 Delegates Gather at Hall; Dance is Well Attended; Ceremonial Given at Armory

The Midwinter Roundup and Ceremonial of Hillah Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, was held in Ashland yesterday.

A local committee received and entertained the wives of the Shriner during the afternoon and early evening at the Masonic Hall.

The main event of the program was the large banquet held in the dining room of the Elks Temple, where 341 Shriner and their ladies met and enjoyed the sumptuous banquet which was prepared by the Plaza Confectionery and served by girls of the High School.

At 3 o'clock in the afternoon seventeen candidates started on the journey across the hot sands to Mecca, but it was not until 10 o'clock that they were finally clothed with the insignia entitling them to recognition in the fraternity.

Those who were initiated into the Shrine are P. S. Anderson, B. R. Elliot, Roy Elliot, Harry J. Field, Peter M. Kernshaw, S. A. Kroschel, P. B. Ryanning, F. E. Shuler, James Taylor and H. A. Ooiman, all of Medford; J. C. Brill of Grants Pass; M. E. Cooper, F. H. Davis and H. A. West of Roseburg; A. H. Shortez and F. W. Schobert of Eugene; and B. H. Williams of Dexter.

Ashland is recognized as being the smallest city in North America having a Masonic Temple, and the Mystic Shrine is among the smallest in membership.

ASHLAND WOMEN SEEK FREEDOM FROM HUSBANDS

MEDFORD, Jan. 17. — Charging that her husband, Glenn Haley of Medford, left about December 1, 1924, with another woman "and drew her funds out of the bank" to pay the expenses of the trip, Mrs. Estella Haley Thursday filed suit for divorce in the circuit court.

Mrs. Haley also alleges her husband entertained women at the home while she was at work, and is guilty of habitual gross drunkenness, "contracted since their marriage."

Elizabeth West of Ashland also filed a suit for divorce against George A. West of Ashland. The husband is charged with slapping and cursing her in the presence of relatives, and also threatening to disembowel her father, A. C. Edwards, who, the complaint sets forth provided board and lodging for both. Mrs. West also alleges that her husband "will not work or do manual labor, and spends most of his time around poolhalls and soft drink joints."

BANDITS ROB CASHIER OF \$35,000 CASH

SEATTLE, Jan. 17. — Three bandits driving in a small touring car, held up and robbed Claude Feltz, cashier of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, and escaped with \$35,000 in cash and checks. Feltz was enroute to the bank with George Lynch, his assistant, in a machine, when the bandits' car pulled up in front of them, forcing their machine to the curb.

FIRST TWO STORIES NEW LITHIAN HOTEL NEARLY COMPLETED

Plumbing and Lighting Work is Installed; Plan to Complete Building in June

The new Lithian Hotel now under construction on the corners of East main and First streets, in spite of six weeks delay of operations, will probably be completed by June 1. The delay, caused primarily by the illness of the supervisor E. N. McNeil, who was in charge of all erection work, has slowed down the job considerably, but with a fresh start and with a full crew on the job, the structure is fast being raised under the direction of Naive Hoover, partner of Mr. McNeil, of the firm, Hoover and McNeil.

The first two stories of the structure are already completed, and an elevator has been installed to haul up cement used to pour the upper stories. All plumbing and electric work has also been completed on these two floors.

The severe weather and the lack of sand and gravel, have made working conditions hard, and have caused additional delay. The gravel is now being supplied fast enough to keep a plentiful supply on hand for the mixers, however, and to insure against more loss of time from lack of material.

According to a report from Secretary Frost of the hotel committee, a majority of the subscribers have paid up on part of their stocks, and there will be little trouble in collecting what is left. Several have paid the entire rate and have taken more stock, while a very small percent are unable to pay immediately.

The company is now employing 32 men, and all actual construction work is under the direct supervision of Bert Thomas, superintendent. Those in charge intend to raise the structure at the rate of a story a week later on.

RESOLUTION MADE FOR COPY REPAIRATIONS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17. — A resolution to call up Secretary of State Hughes to supply the senate with a copy of the Dawes Reparations, was signed at Paris by Ambassadors Herrick and Colonel Longan on the behalf of the United States. The resolution was introduced to the senate by Senator Hiram Johnson of California, and will be referred to the Foreign Relations Committee.

W. W. ROBISON SIGNS LOCATION CONTRACT

W. W. Robison, a prominent real estate agent of this city today signed a contract with the Oregon Settlement Co. of Eugene which is a branch of the Chamber of Commerce of this city. Mr. Robison will act as agent for this company by furnishing locations for people making inquiries at Eugene. The company will act in this same capacity to Mr. Robison.

William A. Ruth of Eugene, secretary of this company, was in town today interviewing Mr. Robison regarding the proposition.

FUNERAL OF ASHLAND BOY WILL BE SUNDAY

The funeral of Robert Lloyd Patterson who died Thursday at the home of his mother, Mrs. M. Patterson of Church street will be held from Stock's Undertaking parlors Sunday afternoon at two o'clock.

Moved to Fairview — W. J. Dougherty is moving to-day from his home on Oak street to 555 Fairview street.

STATE NORMAL IS FAVORED BY I. H. VAN WINKLE

Attorney General Decides That Normal Can be Built Here

LOCATION IS FAVORED Board of Regents to Have Power to Put Schools Anywhere in Decision

J. H. Fuller, secretary of the Ashland Chamber of Commerce received the following telegram from the state Superintendent of schools yesterday evening: "Opinion of Attorney General gives normal school board the same authority to maintain and operate Ashland Normal School as any other normal school in Oregon."

A clause in the Constitution of Oregon reads that all of the state schools must be located in, or near the capitol, Salem. Years ago the state legislature empowered the Board of Regents of the Oregon Normal Schools to create four state Normal Schools, one of them to be located at Ashland. The state has always held, however, that after the schools were closed, the Board of Regents did not have the authority to re-establish them.

Many local people hold the same view that the Attorney-General gave out. New normals are now practically assured Oregon. This will relieve the greatly overcrowded school at Monmouth.

SENATE COMMITTEE DELAYS APPOINTMENT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17. — For the third time the Senate Judiciary Committee postponed final action upon the appointment of Harlan Stone to the United States Supreme Court. The nomination was "passed over" at the request of Senator Walsh of Montana. The formal approval of the appointment was delayed at two other sessions when Colonel James Owenby, Colorado mine operator, charged Stone with "unprofessional conduct" in handling of a litigation for the J. P. Morgan company.

SECOND SEMESTER OF SCHOOL YEAR TO OPEN NEXT MONDAY

The second semester of school begins Monday, January 26. This date is of importance to two groups of people especially; the children who are planning to enter the first grades, and those who should be in high school. Children who are six years old on or before March 15, and who have never been in school, should start at that time. The spring semester is a favorable time for beginners, as the beginning classes as a rule are much smaller than those of the fall term, making individual attention possible. There will be beginning classes at both Hawthorne and Junior High Schools. Parents in each district will send their children who are to enter to the school in their own district. Monday, February 2, is the last day beginning pupils may enter for the second semester.

Those who have come from other towns, and those who have not entered the local high school should do so at the beginning of the semester. Mr. Forsythe, principal of the Senior High School, will be glad to go over the subject schedule with any one during the week of January 19-23, discussing the merits of each course.

From Portland — Z. M. Boyer, insurance man of Portland called on local agents here yesterday.

IMPORTANT CHANGES IN COOLIDGE CABINET



Mrs. Mabel Wilbrandt and Frank B. Kellogg. Below: Charles B. Warren and Charles E. Hughes.

WILL USE FORDSON TRACTOR, TRAILER TO HANDLE LUMBER

Equipment is Purchased From Harrison Bros. by Moon Mill of Hill. Yesterday the Fehige - Roach Transfer Co. brought over from Hill to Harrison Brothers' Ford Garage a rubber tired trailer outfit, the property of Moon Lumber Co. It is soon to be put in commission with a Fordson tractor as motive power in handling lumber from the Moon Mill to Hill, a distance of nearly three miles.

The past year Mr. Moon has purchased from Harrison Brothers three Fordson tractors besides much other heavy lumbering machinery. He now contemplates in a larger degree his lumber operations with Ford products. Mr. Moon has loaned this new Fordson and trailer outfit to Harrison Brothers for the next few weeks until his season opens, that it may be demonstrated to other concerns who contemplate similar installation of equipment, and the same will be in use soon on the Klamath Falls highway and Pacific highway, testing out the maximum load possibilities of this outfit in hauling lumber into Ashland. Cost estimates will be made as compared to hauling with any other system, or any other make of automobile truck and trailer outfit.

To all appearances it will revolutionize lumber transportation from the mountain mills to railroad shipping points. It has immense bearings on the future of the new box factory of Ashland, and will put Ashland on the map as a box manufacturing, a lumber finishing and shipping station.

HOT BISCUITS SERVED AT SHRINE BANQUET

The serving of more than 1100 steaming hot biscuits by Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence, representatives of The Fisher Flour company, at the Shriner's banquet in the Elks' building last night, was one of the most interesting features of this enjoyable banquet. Through the courtesy of City Electrician C. E. Malone, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence, who bake the biscuits right at the banquet table, were able to satisfy the demands of the 357 banqueters for biscuits, and more biscuits.

They are in this neighborhood demonstrating Fischer's flour and have offered to serve hot biscuits free at any large banquet or dinner. Tuesday evening at 10 o'clock they will serve biscuits at the Eastern Star banquet in the Masonic hall.

Weed Visitor — N. A. Oolman from Weed, California, was in this city yesterday on business.

BOX FACTORY'S WINTER SEASON SATISFACTORY

Employing Thirty People in Production of Crates and Boxes

IS MODERNLY FITTED Plan to Operate Year Around; New Machinery to be Installed for Summer Work

The California-Oregon Box and Lumber Company re-opened its winter season a few weeks ago, with a crew of twenty-seven men and two women. The factory is planning to operate the year around, according to the manager Mr. Coggins, who reports that it can run in winter seasons nearly as well as it can in summer. The crew now employed is enough to handle the present demand, though more will likely be added later, when improvements will be made. The factory is now running a regular shift, and is turning out a good deal of material, although the amount was not given by the manager.

The mill is equipped with modern and adequate machinery throughout. Although the present stock is enough to take care of orders that have come in up to the present, the management plans to place a shipment of new implements to handle the summer business. A stamping machine, is now being installed at the mill, which will stamp the brand and contents of all material.

The entire output of the mill is sold directly to California or eastern concerns. There is no demand at all for their product in Oregon, according to the manager, while in California it finds a ready market. Most of their boxes are sent to the Imperial valley, where their berry crates, orange and lemon crates, cannery cases and vegetable boxes are in demand. Mr. Coggins states that orders are piling in on him every day from these industries. The work is not confined to boxes alone, but also to sash and door work. These products find a good market in the east. A full carload was shipped east last week.

Lumber has been supplied from the Siskiyou and Green Spring mountains, with a small supply coming from the Rogue River district. Most of this is pure white sugar pine, logged out of Oregon forests and hauled to the city by truck, keeping the factory well supplied at all times.

The mill was given a long lease by the city of Ashland last fall before construction work started. With the fine start that has been made, it should become one of the leading industries of Ashland. The factory is the first one of the kind to be installed in the vicinity, and may pioneer similar industries in the future.

LOS ANGELES MAN LAUDS CO. BOOKLET

This letter from A. A. Fisher, manager of the Los Angeles branch office of the state land settlement department of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, co-operating with the State Chamber of Commerce:

"Surprised, proud, pleased and happy as the supply of booklets, 'Where Nature Lavished Her Beauties' came today. Surprised, yes! Because of its beauty. Proud of Jackson county's progressiveness. Pleased and happy to be able to hand a prospective settler a work of art filled with knowledge."

"If Oregon will continue the program of telling the world just a little of her wonderful opportunities for the next five years, we will have the greatest wealth and population on the Pacific coast."

CHIEF JUSTICE DIES AT HOME IN IDAHO

BOISE, Jan. 17. — Robert Dunn, chief justice of the Idaho supreme court, died at his home from cancer of the stomach. Dunn came from Couer D'Alene and has risen to the state's highest court. He is survived by a widow, daughter and two sons. Governor Moore will appoint a successor in the next few days. It is understood that Attorney General Conner is eager to get the position.

ISSUE MAY BE TAKEN TO FLOOR

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17. — A threat to carry the World Court issue into an open fight on the senate floor, was voiced today by Senator Shipstead, farmer-laborite of Minnesota. Shipstead warned the administration leaders that if some court friends did not take definite action toward the American adherence, he would offer to bring the subject up for debate.

REAL ESTATE MEN HOLD LUNCHEON TO FORM REALTY BOARD

Plan to Form Board to Advise Ashland Real Estate; Chamber of Commerce to Help

The real estate men of Ashland met this noon at the Plaza for the purpose of forming a realty board which, through co-operation with the state and local Chamber of Commerce, will promote Ashland realty propositions all over the country and will be a tremendous advertising factor for the city.

Each member of this board will list four or five of their best propositions. These will be filed in the Land Settlement Department of the State Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Ide, manager of the department, with headquarters in Portland, receives inquiries for locations from all over the United States and selects the type of property asked for from the files. He then sends the person a description of the property and the name of the agent. In this way those wishing locations are informed directly by the manager and can communicate with the realty agent at once.

A valuation board, which will be composed of members of the realty board, will see that the property is correctly appraised.

Mr. Foster, who has been working in connection with the Portland Park Bureau will be sent to Ashland as a representative of the Land Settlement Department and will work with the registration bureau of the Chamber of Commerce, interviewing the tourists and obtaining locations for them. A similar bureau will be established in Los Angeles, and Francisco to advertise Oregon.

Members of this organization are W. W. Robison, president; E. T. Staples, vice-president; Homer Billings, secretary-treasurer; J. H. Fuller, George A. Briscoe, H. C. Galey, F. C. Stevens, E. E. Phipps, and A. M. Beaver.

BATTERY 'B' IS NOW HEADED BY FORMER DIVISIONAL MAJOR

C. A. Malone was elected captain of Battery "B", local division of the National Guard, at the last regular drill. Captain Malone is well known in this district, having been appointed city lighting commissioner by Mayor Johnson. He was formerly major of the company during the war and is well qualified to hold his office, Major Walter and an accompanying officer were present at the election. Both expressed their hearty approval of the choice.

The captain states that he is well satisfied with the condition of the battery and says that no changes will be made of the non-commissioned officers at present. He intends to give each a chance to prove himself fitted to retain the position. He stressed the fact that during his term, all military courtesies will be strictly observed, and that enlisted men will be expected to respect the commands of superior officers. From now on, he adds, the organization will be conducted in a military manner.

A talk was given on Wednesday evening to the non-commissioned officers, at which a program was arranged for the next drill. The new captain intends to have better attendance as well as a better trained staff of officers. A bowling alley is being installed in the armory for use by company men only. With the alley, clubroom and a large radio set for the amusement of the members, new recruits are expected. The clubroom is being held open every evening and Sundays.

GIRL KILLER MAY RECEIVE A LIFE TERM

No Sympathy Is Felt for Confessed Slayer of Mother

LIFE SENTENCE URGED Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Reported as Former Ashland Girl, Would Give Life

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 17. — Dorothy Ellington, 16, self confessed murderer of her mother, Mrs. Anna Ellington, can expect cutting attorneys, according to the assistant prosecuting attorney, Miss Thersa Meljke.

The girl still wears a mask that is inscrutable, in spite of the 12 hours of grueling questioning which was given to her yesterday. She appears to be unworried by what she has done, and is still the "life of the party." She admitted that she shot her mother, after she had been upbraided by her for the continued wild parties and night life she had been leading. Following the shooting, she told the police that she had gathered together what clothing she had with all the money she could find in the house and boarded a street car for down town. There she entered a boarding house, where she engaged a room for two weeks, telling the landlady that she had just arrived from Los Angeles.

She was apprehended when she called a boy friend on the phone. Not finding him at home, she left a number to be called. "Bob" Worth, to whom the call had been sent, upon getting the number, immediately notified the police, who traced the call. After she was taken into custody in the rooming house at four o'clock Thursday morning, she at first denied any part in the crime, blaming it on another. Upon further questioning, however, she suddenly confessed, and told how she had shot her mother after being remonstrated for the wild life she was leading. The body was buried yesterday.

Miss Thersa Meljke, assistant district attorney, who has been assigned to represent the prosecution in a preliminary hearing next Thursday has advised authorities that she is left in charge of the prosecution, she will ask that if she is left in charge of the prosecution, that she will ask that a sentence of life imprisonment be given the girl, this is the maximum sentence for a minor. No sympathy whatever is expressed for the jazz mad murderer.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 17. — Miss Meljke, who has been mentioned as assistant district attorney to handle the girl murderer's case, in which Mrs. Anna Ellington was shot and killed by her dissipated night life, is thought to be a former Ashland girl, and perhaps a graduate of the high school.

Mrs. Meljke, mother of Miss Thersa Meljke, owns the building now occupied by Darling Studio and Johnson's Jewelry Store. She is now living in Berkeley, and according to local reports, the daughter is the assistant prosecuting attorney, mentioned in the murder case. Miss Meljke graduated from the local high school a number of years ago, and is well known here.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 17. — The "little Butterfly Jazz Baby" who calmly told police of the killing of her mother, crumpled today, when a stooped view of the dead body of her mother, Mrs. Anna Ellington was thrown upon the white screen before the girl's eyes, at the coroner's inquest of her death today. At the sight of the heretofore unmovable and still happy, self-confessed slayer, Dorothy Ellington, 16, crumpled into the arms of Policewoman Sullivan with a piercing sob. Hardened officials turned their heads away while the spectators gasped in horror at the unexpected change in her manner. "The father and brother of the girl looked again and again as though unable to tear their eyes away. Both had formerly stated that the girl should hang. The girl's brother was first (Continued on page four)