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## Report is Made on Canyon Water Possibilities

### LITTLE POSSIBILITY OF STORAGE, REPORT SAYS

Stuart McKissick Completes Survey of Canyon and Cow Creek Tributary Possibilities. Canyon Shows But Little Promise for Augmenting Water Supply. City Now Has Much Valuable Data on Subject.

Stuart McKissick, engineer, who was retained by the city council, retired January 1, of this year, to make a survey of the water possibilities up Ashland Canyon, and to further investigate possible means for augmenting the water supply of the city by means of storage or stream flow diversion, has completed his report, and turned over all maps and data obtained to the city, thus closing his operations. McKissick's report was read at the adjourned session of the city council Thursday night.

McKissick's report indicates that Ashland Canyon lacks any possible natural storage possibilities. Every possible site for a storage dam was surveyed and mapped by the party headed by McKissick, and later contoured and the water storage possibilities computed. The report shows that sites, before considered available for the construction of a dam, would fall far short of expectations, and that water held there for the city's needs would be so expensive as to practically preclude any effort to store water in the canyon.

In addition, the report shows that the water available for electric power generation would be almost nil. The head obtained by the construction of a dam, even in the most inviting spot in the canyon, would be so small, and the cost so great in proportion, that the construction would be far too costly to pay for the extra power obtained.

McKissick also surveyed the Cow Creek tributary water shed and made an estimate of the work required to divert the flow from these streams into Ashland Creek. This report was also read at the council meeting.

The report of the Ashland Canyon possibilities follows:

The summer of 1924 witnessed the most extreme drought record in Ashland. By mid-summer drastic restrictions had been placed upon the use of city water. Irrigation of orchards, haylands, etc., was stopped on July 2. Early in September the use of water for gardens and lawns was likewise stopped. The parkways and private lawns quickly took on the aspect of a desert and furnished the city considerable free advertising of a damaging nature by auto tourists and others. The water question agitated for years without definite action, became keenly accentuated and forced the demand that investigation be made at once of every source that seemed to offer itself as a possibility of affording relief.

At that time, the Cow Creek branch of California Beaver Creek not having been brought to the front as a definite proposal of water relief, there seemed to be but two ways of conserving or augmenting the water supply; by the installation of meters for every user, and by some sort of development or storage in the canyon of Ashland Creek.

The matter of universal metering for the city calls for an elaborate study of the statistics covering the use and wastage by the individual users, and should be embodied in a separate report. It may be briefly stated here, however, that the meters become inefficient after a year or two of constant use resulting in direct loss of revenues. This is due to the fine particles of sand and mica carried in suspension in the Ashland Creek water having its origin in granitic soil and rock. The use of the meters, therefore, calls for frequent meter testings and renewals of parts, or for two filtration plants, one for the upper and one for the lower water system. The cost of universal metering plus the filtration plants would be in the neighborhood of ninety thousand dollars.

There had been endless discussion of building a dam or series of dams somewhere up Ashland Creek for the purpose of holding back for summer use the flood waters of the creek which now escape to the sea. Very erroneous thoughts as to what could be done along this line have been entertained by a surprisingly

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### ASHLAND HIGH MEETS GRANTS PASS TONIGHT

Locals Should Have Easy Time Winning From Visitors. Won 9 Straight

Coach Walter Hughes' Ashland High basketball five will attempt to make it ten in a row in victories tonight when they tangle with the Grants Pass High five at the Armory building. The game will get under way about 8:30.

In all probabilities, the locals will find little difficulty in adding another win to their long string for the Grants Pass outfit is not rated in the same class with the Ashland quintet. The boys from the Pass have been trounced by the Central Point five, while the locals spanked the Central Pointers to a fare-thee-well.

The game, however, will give Coach Hughes a still further chance to give some of his substitutes experience. The boys are developing rapidly under the guidance of their coach, but still lack experience under fire, necessary to develop real basketball men. They have had the tough luck of playing on a squad which has five first stringers who seem to lack the faculty of getting banged up enough to require a rest. The five men who have so far carried the burden for the Ashland team are in better shape than ever now, and have never been removed from a game so far this season because of injuries.

### MARCH 7 DATE SET FOR SALE OF CHAUTAUQUA

First legal notice of the sheriff's sale of the Chautauqua building and site to satisfy the obligations against the building held by Richard Beswick will be published in The Tidings this afternoon. The legal notice specified March 7 as the date of the sheriff's sale. The steps of the county court house at Jacksonville and ten a. m. are to be the place and time.

How can the fellow in the rut have a vision?

### Woman Objects to "Star Spangled Banner" in School

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 31. — "The Star Spangled Banner" would be relegated to the scrapheap forever, so far as the public schools are concerned, if Fanny Bixby Spencer of Costa Mesa, Orange county, had her way about the matter.

In a letter received here today by Will C. Wood, state superintendent of public instruction, the Orange county woman protested against the singing of the anthem in the schools. She protested on the ground that "The Star Spangled Banner" is unquestionably the most bombastic, fratricidal and blood-lustful of any national anthem in the civilized world today, and pleads for its elimination from the schools because it "expresses hatred of the English in terms so malicious as to make one blush with shame for a country that would perpetuate it."

### METROPOLITAN SINGERS PLEASE WITH PROGRAM

Small Audience Hears Members of Quartet in Diversified Program

From their opening number, the opening chorus from Act II of "Robin Hood" to their closing number, Buck's "Good Night" the Metropolitan Grand Quartet last night kept an audience of almost two hundred in absolute silence. The Methodist church in which the program was presented was almost deathly still, excepting during the numerous numbers so attentive were the hearers.

The program ranged from a humorous travesty on the Quartet from "Rigoletto" the "Robin Hood" number. Ranging in between were humorous, semi-popular, negro and old favorite numbers, adding a variety to the program which was very pleasing to most of the audience. The writer feels however, that the members of the quartet were capable of a higher class of music than that which was presented last evening, but the program as it was, was probably more pleasing to a majority of the audience than would have been a program filled with classical numbers.

We were somewhat disappointed that Clifford Hicks, who was down on the program was unable to appear in that number because of throat trouble. We were repaid by the two numbers rendered by the second tenor. We are unable to mention his name, for our program failed to name the personnel of the quartet.

The burlesque on the wreck of the Hesperus was, unlike many of these numbers, really funny. The work of Mr. Oxley as the daughter was the high light of the affair.

Probably the best received number of the evening was "The Rosary." The quartet members did their best work in this number, which always pleases, no matter how often heard.

Last night's program concludes the Ashland Celebrity Course series for this season. The committee is to be congratulated for the quality of programs presented, in spite of a woeful lack of attendance.—T. R. J.

### ASK NELSON TO GO TO AID OF NOME

SEATTLE, Jan. 31. — Acting upon a frantic telegram from Nome, the Seattle Chamber of Commerce today wired Major General Patrick, commander of the army air service to dispatch Lieutenant Eric Nelson, round the world first in an airplane with the anti-toxin units to the diphtheria stricken city.

### PRESIDENT COOLIDGE SEES ECLIPSE



President and Mrs. Coolidge were photographed as they viewed the eclipse of the sun through smoked glass from the south grounds of the White House in Washington.

### TIP TO BE GIVEN ON WEATHER MONDAY IS DAY FOR FORECAST

Groundhog Will Come Out of Winter Quarters Monday, Will Remove All Doubts, Weather Man Not Needed in Scheme of Things

By T. R. JACKSON

Those persons who are interested in keeping up with the holidays and always know just what day of what particular variety of week it is will be glad to know that next Monday, besides being February 2, is also Groundhog Day. Place cards for luncheon and so on in honor of the day may suitably bear a small picture of a marmot, or if such an animal is not obtainable, a woodchuck may be substituted, for according to Webster, groundhogs, marmots and woodchucks are versions of the same animal.

He who has been foresighted enough to provide a marmot as part of his landscape gardening scheme needn't bother with thermometers or barometers, this year nor need he believe the weather bureau if he works things right. All he has to do is to go out into the garden and after lowering himself to a recumbent position on the ground, via his knees, fix his eye on the marmot's dugout and wait.

After waiting for a while he will observe the marmot come out and look carefully at the ground. If the shadow of the marmot appears on the ground the observer will then observe that the said marmot will withdraw into the dugout.

Conclusion to be drawn by the marmot: "It is a good time to spend a few more weeks sleeping."

In case the marmot is so poor after a winter's fast, that he couldn't cast a shadow anyway, the observer may still get his weather prediction if he remembers that Monday is also Candle-

mas day, which expresses the marmot's shadow in rhyme. "If Candlemas is fair and clear there'll be two winters in the year."

Although it is not clear where the groundhog rooted in on this holiday, the Candlemas part comes from the Roman custom of lighting candles on February 2, in honor of Februa, mother of Mars, a custom adopted by the church later in honoring the Virgin Mary.

In case neither of these names suits there is a third, Wives' Feast day, this originating in the fact that women especially celebrated Candlemas day, leaving the men out of it.

Their method of determining the year's fortune consisted in dressing up a sheaf of oats in women's clothing, placing it in a large basket and laying beside it a wooden club. This was known as Brid's bed, and the final touch was added in the words said three times, "Brid is coming, Brid is welcome."

If in the morning the print of the club was found in the ash's good crop and a successful year would probably be hoof and mouth disease and a few other troubles.

Candles for next Christmas should be prepared Sunday, the process involving burning the candles until sunset, when the remains are to be put away to be used in lighting the Christmas fire next year. If kept safely through the year evil spirits will be unable to harm the household. Begins may be "sown or set at the wane of the moon" on Candlemas day, according to tradition.

### CHAPLIN AND GIRL WIFE NEAR SPLIT

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 31.—Financial negotiations are in progress between Charlie Chaplin and Lita Grey Chaplin, his girl bride of two months, according to information from Hollywood.

Speculation is rife as to just what effect the arrival of the baby, expected within a few months, will have upon the negotiations. According to reliable reports, Mrs. Chaplin has been unhappy since Chaplin never took her out in public, and was at home very little.

### MAN IS KILLED IN AN OUTBREAK OF TONG WAR

White Man and Chinese Are Held as Result of Shooting Affray

### OTHERS CONVICTED

Men Charged With Killing Patrolman Found Guilty of Manslaughter, Closely Guarded

SEATTLE, Jan. 31. — Jack Raymond, 26, white man, and his Chinese brother-in-law, Lew Dow are at present in the city jail, while Fred Woo, Chinese, lies in a local hospital critically wounded, with but slight chance for recovery, as the result of an outbreak here of a tong war.

Woo who is a prominent Hip Sing tongman was shot down last night as he stepped from his automobile in front of his house. The white man and the Chinese had been waiting in ambush, and the white man opened fire upon Woo as soon as he stepped down from his car.

Raymond and Dow were arrested by members of the detective department soon after the shooting, and were taken to Woo's bedside, where the wounded man identified them both as his assailants.

The shooting is said to be an outgrowth on the recent Leong-Hip Sing tong war in the East, in which several members of each tong were murdered, and which was not brought to a close until the police threatened jail sentence to every tongman found in New York.

SEATTLE, Jan. 31. — With the death of Patrolman Litsey of the Seattle police force laid squarely at their door by a verdict of manslaughter returned here yesterday, Charles Fairchild, F. Richardson and Floyd Siverly were today under a heavy guard in the county jail waiting a summons to appear before Judge Hall for sentence.

Patrolman Litsey was shot down last September when he sought to question the three youths in a local rooming house, after they had been arrested upon a suspicion of burglary.

### Measure to Strip Governor's Power Is Up in House

SALEM, Jan. 31. — A bill was introduced into the Senate yesterday by Senator Ritner which would strip from the Governor his power to appoint the members of the State Fish Commission, and would vest the power of appointment with the State Board of Control.

Two bills were also introduced by Senators Garland and Johnson which will provide for the organization of municipalities for the development of water projects for furnishing municipal supplies, or as hydro electric projects.

Representative Hurlbert's bill, making a fine compulsory upon any conviction for a prohibition law violation passed the house with but 18 dissenting votes. The bill providing for the collection of unpaid income taxes for 1923 and for the adjustment of such proportions of the 1924 incomes as were included in the returns, were passed without opposition.

### CORRECTION IS MADE IN WATER STATEMENT

In yesterday's issue of The Tidings, the statement was made that the city council had ordered the preparation of an ordinance providing for the placing of water consumers, now on a meter basis, upon a flat rate basis from June 1 to October 1 of each year. This statement should have been that the consumers will be placed upon a flat rate basis between October 1 and June 1, with the city retaining the right to order the shutting down of water during dry spells, in the same manner as now exists.

### Bill Would Rush Divorces in Nevada

RENO, Jan. 31. — A bill to reduce residence requirements in Nevada from six months to three months for the purpose of securing divorce decrees was introduced in the legislature today by Assemblymen Frank Boul of Nye county.

The bill is not taken seriously by members and also is said to be invalid for the reason that it ignores the constitutional provision that initiative laws ratified by the people cannot be amended or repealed by the legislature within three days. The present six months' divorce law was ratified by the people in 1922. Reno members in the legislature disclaim all responsibility of the bill.

### ROBBINS QUILTS AS MANAGER OF PACKING PLANT

No Successor Selected to Take Place, New Man to be Named Monday

Members of the board of directors of the Ashland Fruit and Produce Association met yesterday and accepted the resignation of Manager Robbins who was in charge of the operation of the Association's plant here during the past season. Robbins handed in his resignation in order to take up work in other fields.

Although no successor to Robbins was selected at the meeting, several applications for the post have been received by the directors, and investigations into their fitness for the position are underway. M. C. Linsinger, president of the association stated this morning that the new manager of the plant would probably be named by the board of directors on Monday.

The association expects to do a record breaking business this season, with everything indicating wonderful crops, large enough to run the plant to full capacity throughout the entire season.

Officers of the association are M. C. Linsinger, president; D. H. Jackson, vice president; S. A. Peters, Sr., secretary, and V. O. N. Smith, treasurer.

### ASHLAND ELKS FIVE TO START ON ROAD TRIP

Captain Millard Grubb and Manager Jim Bowers will lead their cohorts, in the form of the Elk's basketball team on their first out of town road invasion this afternoon, when they will start for Roseburg, where tonight they will tangle in the first of a five game series with teams in Northern Oregon.

The Roseburg game will open the tour, with the Eugene tappers furnishing the opposition on Monday evening. On Tuesday night they will tangle with the Newberg five, while on February 6, the Portland Civic Basketball Club of Portland will take the floor against the Ashland Elks. The latter team handed the Bills a trimming here in the first game of the season for the local outfit, and Bowers and his gang are aching for revenge. They are confident they will be able to revenge the verdict when the two teams tangle in Portland.

Those who will leave this afternoon are Manager Bowers, Captain Grubb, Clyde Young, Howard Hobson, William Dean, Wilbur Chapman, Albert Guthrie, Leslie Herr and John Shortridge.

Even if Bryan isn't right about evolution there's nothing left but to make monkeys of ourselves.

### WEED LIQUOR CHARGES ARE RULED VALID

Attempt to Quash Indictments Brought Against Weed Men Fails

### TRIAL DATES ARE SET

Ku Klux Klan Charge Against Instigator of Arrests Fails to Receive Recognition

YREKA, Jan. 31.—By denying motion to quash 32 indictments returned in December and January by the Siskiyou county grand jury against alleged violators of the Wright act at Shastina, Weed and Mount Hebron, Superior Judge C. J. Lattrell paved the way for early trials of the defendants and the criminal calendar was filled with criminal litigation to May 28.

The proceedings were filled with sensations during the day and now and then a strain of humor brought smiles to the faces of court and spectators alike. One counter between J. P. McNamara, of counsel for the defense, and W. S. Holbrook, a member of the grand jury McNamara had subpoenaed as a witness, was narrowly averted during the afternoon recess.

McNamara and James M. Allen represented the defendants and Charles E. Johnson, district attorney, appeared for the hearing. The legal points, as the hearing proceeded, were argued with dignity by both sides.

After mapping out their points in seeking the quashing of the indictments, Allen and McNamara called W. S. Holbrook of Madocel to the witness stand to prove the alleged illegality of the indictments. Holbrook proved to be a reluctant witness and frequently he turned to the court with the query, "Must I answer that?" and at other times sought refuge in, "I don't remember."

Allen demanded of Holbrook if he had not brought the cases before the grand jury and had not financed the detective work out of his own pocket, to which questions Johnson objected and was sustained.

"Are you a member of the Ku Klux Klan?" demanded Allen. And this was followed by a demand whether Holbrook attended a meeting of the Klan at Madocel December 6, 1924. Just prior to the convening of the grand jury, but Johnson blocked this line of inquiry.

Allen then opened fire on Holbrook's status as a resident of Siskiyou county with more successes.

Holbrook admitted that he had taken up a homestead in Oregon in August, 1924, and that he had built a small house on the property and had household equipment and tools on the premises. He also said that he had spent several days and nights there, at least.

### Many Automobiles Are Placed Here by Park Garage

During the past week, fifteen automobiles have been sold to Ashland residents according to a report made yesterday by the Park Garage. The cars range from a Ford touring to a new Marmon Sedan, the report shows.

Those who have purchased cars are G. C. Phetteplace, Chevrolet sedan; Lester D. Bodenhammer, Hupmobile coupe; Hodens Scholer, Chalmers touring; A. W. Arnett, Dodge touring; James Yerlan, Ford touring; Kirk Putts, Ford touring; A. R. Brown, Buick coupe; C. R. Morgan, Ford touring; Coleman, Stevens touring; Ray Kelly, Ford touring; Charles Rush, Chevrolet touring; John A. Pierce, Reo speed wagon; W. E. Cummings, Vellie touring; Walter James, new Marmon sedan. The order on the latter car was placed and delivery will be made in the near future.

In Ashland—R. W. Price, leasee for the Lithia Springs Hotel, is in Ashland today from Portland to attend to business matters.