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Bet Someone Broke a Finger Trying to Settle This

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 22.—(U. P.)—Two deaf mutes went for an automobile ride to the coast back in 1924. The trip, a pleasure jaunt, cost \$4. But differences arose, so the one who paid for the trip, James H. Naylor, came into district court after two years had elapsed and sued for \$4. The defendant was G. P. Webb, Jr., although charges and counter charges were flung, and the trial was in reality a heated affair, it was held in profound silence.

The judge and the litigants all used pencils and pads, at times most feverishly.

Finally Webb agreed to pay \$3.25—no more. Naylor agreed to take \$3.75—no less. Judge Deich thereupon settled the dispute by splitting the difference and awarding Naylor \$3.50.

MUSIC SUBJECT AT CHAMBER LUNCHEON HERE

Splendid Program Presented by Local Musicians; Band Praised

Musical instruction is given the child in the public schools, from the time he enters the school until he leaves the high school," said Mrs. H. C. Gale, one of the speakers at the music forum of the chamber of commerce, held today at the Lithia Springs hotel.

Mrs. Gale described the various courses of study in music offered for the school children, and finally told of the intensive courses which could be obtained at the high school if the student desired them.

William Briggs, local attorney, spoke on the band. At the conclusion of his address, Briggs recommended to the board of directors that a committee be appointed to care for the band concerts, making it unnecessary for the members of the band to solicit funds with which to continue their work.

The work of the Ashland Music Study club was explained by Mrs. J. H. Fuller, president of the organization, who was the final speaker. Mrs. Fuller concluded her remarks with an invitation to the members of the chamber to join the club, and with the statement, "some day, we hope to have a large enough membership in the club to present some really big musical event in Ashland."

GENERAL GAS DEALERS HOLD DINNER MEET

More than 40 General gasoline dealers, from Jackson and Josephine counties gathered at the Lithia Springs hotel last night as guests of Judy and Frohock, distributors of General petroleum products, for a get-together dinner.

These dinners are given once a month, in the various cities of Jackson and Josephine counties, and tend to bring a closer relationship between the dealers and the distributors.

The dinner last night was held in the private dining room at the Lithia Springs hotel. It was attended by the members of the distributing firm, dealers and their employes, and members of the General gasoline main office in Portland.

We have a good job printing department.

OPENING OF NEW HOTEL TO ATTRACT MANY

Dinner, Starting at 5 P. M. to Open Festivities Next Monday

SPEAKERS ARE INVITED

Many Prominent Pacific Coast Hotel Men to Attend Formal Opening

A dinner, to be served from 5 p. m. to 8 p. m., next Monday night will open the celebration of the formal opening of the new Lithia Springs hotel, it was announced this morning by N. W. Price, lessee of the hostelry.

At first, it was thought that a banquet would be served, but later it was decided that it would not be possible to accommodate the crowd which will wish to attend the affair at such a banquet. Therefore, it was decided to hold a dinner, with the crowd coming and going at will.

At eight o'clock, a program which will include several of the ablest speakers in the state will be presented. Price declares. At the conclusion of the program, the hotel will be thrown open the public for inspection.

Representatives of the largest hotels on the coast will be here next Monday in order to take part in the opening celebration. Price announced. These hotel men, now that the rush season is over in their own hotels, are able to make the trip to Ashland, something they would not have been able to do, in July, when the Lithia Springs hotel was first opened for business.

Secretaries of nearly every chamber of commerce in the state will also be present at the opening. J. H. Fuller, secretary of the local chamber declared today.

The stockholders of the Lithia Hotel corporation will be especially anxious to inspect the hotel, it is believed. Some 500 local citizens are stockholders in the corporation, and it was their capital which made possible the construction of the hotel. Although during the construction period, and immediately after the opening the hotel was open for inspection, the majority of the stockholders did not inspect it at that time, waiting until the building was completed before going through it.

Additional features will be added to the program during the week. Price declared, and by Monday night, a very pretentious program will have been arranged.

Speeders, Get Out Your Cars, Cops Are All Away

Speeders, do your stuff!

This is a warning that those who have a desire to speed, now have an opportunity to practice for future races. It cannot be guaranteed that they will be immune from the ravages from the traffic officers, but they are reasonably sure that Traffic Officer Talent and McMahon will not hinder them. Neither will Chief of Police George McNabb, Justice of the Peace L. A. Roberts, or District Attorney Newton C. Chaney.

Talent, McMahon and McNabb were called to Portland yesterday morning, to appear at the opening session of the federal grand jury. They are to be witnesses against several offenders, arrested in this section of the state, on federal charges.

Judge Roberts is on his annual vacation, visiting in Myrtle Point.

District Attorney Chaney is also absent.

The officers will be back on duty by tomorrow afternoon, while the judge will be away until September 28.

However, Judge Taylor in Medford is still keeping office hours, while Patrolman Ingling and Night Patrolman Clause are still on their jobs. Then, perhaps a new traffic officer may have been shifted to this territory, to fill the gap while the two regular officers are absent.

However, take a chance if you care to.

Clatskanie—Contract lot for new Quincy school, to cost \$10,138.

"Love That" Suit



Charging that his home was broken upon his wife left a victim to the wiles of Dr. George Ingraham, former Iowa University football star, George Roehrer, a carpenter, filed suit against the doctor, asking \$50,000 damages. The couple denied charges.

Unusual but true Bits gathered by United Pressmen

EMMETT, Mich.—Fidelity was the death of the late dog of Frederick Short, a farmer. The animal playfully "retrieved" a stick of dynamite from a stump where Short had just placed it and came scampering toward his master.

"Take it back," Short yelled frantically, and the dog, turning obediently, was blown to bits just before reaching the stump.

BERLIN, Ger.—Friedberger, hygienist at Grawwald university emits a couple of hoofs for low necks, short skirts and sleeveless dresses because, he says, "they oblige women of all classes of society to wash their arms and necks every day."

SOUTH HAMPTON, England.—The neanderthal man, whose scientists call "daddy," was the earliest specimen of the human race, is not a man at all, but resembles man's brother, the ape, more closely. Sir William Boyd Dawkins, distinguished anthropologist, declared in an address before the British Association.

KEARNEY, Neb.—Three boys, carrying urns, were observed scattering the contents of one of the receptacles along the road. Investigation developed that the urns contained the ashes of five former residents. Further investigation is expected to determine how the urns were obtained.

EVANSTON, Ill.—William Brannon, who is totally blind, loves flowers with a consuming passion and he has devoted his life to cultivating them. Recently he was declared the winner of the Evanston garden club's annual prize for the most perfect asters submitted.

CHICAGO, Mo.—Mrs. Francis Jana, 75, obtained a divorce from her husband after delivering a discourse in the divorce court, showing why people past middle age should not marry.

"Your honor," she said, "people lose their adaptability late in life, and love has not a chance. I have a thousand and one habits of a lifetime that I can't change, and my husband doesn't like any of them."

LOCAL WOMAN IS CAUGHT IN FLOOD

Miss Mary E. Young of Ashland, who recently returned to her mission work in Korea, writes that she arrived at Seoul, having had but two stormy days on her ocean trip.

She says that the recent great flood was appalling beyond description. The water covered the low lands from forty to fifty feet deep.

One man said that for two days there was an average of two hundred houses per hour went down the river past his hill residence.

In addition to the large number who lost their lives there are many thousands who lost everything and must die of hunger unless helped by the people of other nations.

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KANSAS MAN SAYS ASHLAND IS BEAUTIFUL



Several Ness City Residents Are to Settle Here This Year

PRaises CITY WATER

J. C. Hopper to Bring Friends to This City as Settlers. Made Two Visits Here

So thoroughly in favor of Ashland and the climate of the Rogue River valley is J. C. Hopper, of Ness City, Kansas, that late this year he will return to this city, bringing with him several families, who expect to make Ashland their future home.

Hopper was here two years ago, so badly crippled with rheumatism that he could not walk. After several weeks treatment at a local sanitarium, and through what he claims, was the curative properties of the various mineral waters of this section, he left for his home a well man.

Early this summer, Hopper again visited Ashland, this time on a pleasure visit. When he left for home, he declared he would be back about December 1, with a large number of his friends.

Writing in the Ness City News, Hopper has the following to say of Ashland.

"Ashland resembles Ness City in several particulars, so we made a close inspection, staying there three days. For instance, Ashland enjoys the same precipitation as Ness City, but the rain treats Ashland better, waiting to wet up the natives until they have the fodder in the shock, wheat in the granary and fruit in the cellar, then proceeds to supply her with the 20 inches during the winter months, and in this particular differs with Ness City only in that Ashland gets the gentle rain and Ness City the snow blizzard."

"Then again Ashland resembles Ness City in that it is the same altitude, but if you stand in the streets of Ness City and face north, your right eye sees about the same kind of country as your left, but to stand the same way in Ashland your right eye sees a valley and your left a mountain."

"Then again Ness City has its white elephant and Ashland its white moose. Here these two towns begin to differ, as Ashland has six times as many people, one big, fine park and several young ones. Ness City has some of the best people on earth and Ashland the rest of them."

"Ness City has to look down to the water in her Walnut creek and Ashland has to look up to her Ashland creek. Ness City's creek flows serene and delicate, while Ashland's comes thundering and spouting, saying, 'Take care of me or I will get away,' while Ness' water even wants to be harnessed. Ashland harnesses her creek while Ness City lets hers get away."

"Well, we went up to see Crater Lake, the great wonder. Did you say bluing was blue? No, it isn't as blue as this water. You don't have to look up to see the water, you look straight down, 2,000 feet and they say it is one-half mile deep and 34 miles around. It is a sight. I often wondered where they learned to build battle ships—in this lake is a perfect model, made of earth, stone and ties. Water clear? I should say. So clear that the mountain shows as plain beneath the water as above."

China Has But Small Chance to Get Rights

Britain Wants Guarantee of Reforms Before Granting Requests

LONDON, Sept. 22.—(U. P.)—Great Britain "sympathizes with the general trend of Chinese aspirations" for the abolition of extra territoriality but before this can be accomplished reforms must be made in the Chinese fiscal and legal systems.

This is the British attitude toward the current Chinese situation, as outlined in the instructions which Foreign Secretary Austen Chamberlain has issued to the British delegates who will attend the Chinese tariff conference in Peking next month.

Chamberlain's instructions, were published by the foreign office Sunday. The foreign secretary points out that one of the chief difficulties which confront the powers in their desire to assist China in the need of revising the fiscal and legal systems and the lack of an effective central government.

"Therefore," he adds, "one of the main concerns of the British delegates is to secure adequate guarantees that reforms justify the concessions which they are authorized to make will be carried out."

Chamberlain asserts the government will not consider the purpose of the conference fulfilled unless it results in the adoption of measures to pro-

Runaway



The mysterious disappearance in New York of Mrs. John De Fuller, legions born and unable to move about, baffled her husband, shows holding her in the picture. Mrs. De Fuller took jewelry and cash with her.

WINNERS ARE NAMED IN FOOD SALE AT FAIR

Prize winners in the cooked food department on Thursday and names of firms donating the prizes are as follows:

Mrs. O. D. Frazer, Medford, aluminum pan donated by Weeks and Orr; 1 lb. coffee donated by Hardy Bros., Ashland; 1 bottle vanilla from Acme Flavoring Company, Portland.

Mrs. J. L. Burger, Central Point, 3 silver spoons from Reddy's, Medford.

Mrs. George Martin, 24 lbs. Crown Mills flour from Rogue River Milling Co., Medford; vase from O. H. Johnson, Ashland.

Miss Rosina Gallatin, Talent, cups and saucers from the Jap Art Store, Medford.

Mrs. L. H. Gallatin, Talent, 10 lbs. Cherro Graham flour from Weaver's Store, Central Point; 2 packages cake flour from Sperry Mills, Medford, 1 lb. Enders' Blend coffee from Hardy Bros., Ashland.

Mrs. H. Weagant, Talent, pastry set from Medford Furniture and Hardware Store, Medford; package cake flour from Sperry Mills, Medford; baking powder from Service Store, Inc., Medford.

Mrs. C. H. Christner, Medford, 49 lbs. Cherro flour from Weaver's Store, Central Point; 1 knife from Thomas Simpson Hardware Co., Ashland.

BOTH SIDES ASK INJUNCTIONS IN RAILWAY WAR

The much discussed controversy about the dismantling of the Jacksonville-Medford railway, which last week was a bone of contention before the public service commission, has now reached the legal fighting stage in the courts with both sides represented, the cities of Medford and Jacksonville on the one side, and W. S. Barnum, the owner, on the other side.

each filing injunctions in circuit court at Jacksonville yesterday forenoon.

The injunction suit of Jacksonville-Medford was filed by Fred A. Williams, attorney for Jacksonville, and City Attorney John H. Karkin for Medford. It seeks to enjoin Mr. Barnum from dismantling the railroad until after the public service hearing in October. The commission had ordered the dismantling work to cease until after this hearing.

The suit of Mr. Barnum, through his attorney, W. E. Phipps of Medford, seeks to enjoin the public service commis-

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CATTLE RANGE IN ASHLAND CREEK CANYON



Water Supply Threatened by Cattle Ranging in Water Shed

DRIFT FROM HILLS

Stock Owned by George Mathis Are Now Ranging in Ashland's Water Shed

Cattle ranging in Ashland Creek canyon, are seriously threatening the water supply of the city, according to forest service men who are stationed in the canyon. At the present time, several cattle, owned by George Mathis, local man, are ranging in the water shed, from which the city secures its water supply, the forest service man declared this morning.

It has been understood that cattle have been allowed to drift into Ashland Canyon for some time. Last winter, according to reports received by the council, at least 15 cattle ranged in the canyon throughout the winter, protected from the heavy snows of the higher ranges.

A few weeks ago, the council took steps toward keeping the cattle out, and at that time it was suggested that a man be placed in the canyon, to patrol the entire water shed of Ashland creek, in an effort to keep out these cattle. However, no action was taken on this suggestion.

Although there is a fence at the lower end of the canyon, with a locked gate, forever keeping Ashland people out of the canyon, the sides and upper end of the canyon are unprotected. Cattle, ranging on the higher levels, are continually drifting into the canyon and it is a continuous fight to keep them out.

Much of the land in the canyon is owned by the government, and, according to Congressman W. C. Hawley, who was in Ashland a few days ago, the government will not cooperate with the city in fencing in the entire canyon. The government has offered this land for sale to the city at \$2.50 per acre.

It may be, according to Mayor Johnson, that it will be necessary for the city to put a man on patrol throughout the year, in order to keep the cattle out. "If any of the cattle get on land owned by the city, they will be impounded," Mayor Johnson stated this morning. However, he added that he did not know whether the city could legally impound the cattle which are not ranging on city property in the canyon.

"It is a shame that the government has placed a fence across the canyon, barring Ashland people from enjoying the beauties of the canyon, but still, these same Ashland citizen's cattle are allowed to range through the watershed," Johnson said.

Grapes Are Not Believed Hurt by Recent Rain Storms

GRANTS PASS, Sept. 22.—The estimated yield of from 20,000 to 35,000 tons of grapes in this county will be decreased but slightly, if any, by the recent rains, is the belief of local grape men. While a few of the grapes have cracked and a few have been spoiled by the excessive moisture, the rains were not prolonged enough to do serious damage. Several days more of the wet weather would have caused some serious damage, however.

With prospects for a period of clear dry weather, grape growers will start immediately on the harvesting of their crop. While some grapes have been brought in, the bulk of the crop has not been touched. The next two weeks will see the greater part harvested.

The yield this year will approximate 25 to 30 cars. The grapes are to be shipped principally by express or in express cars.

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