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OVER HUNDRED FAMILIES MOVE HERE DURING THE PAST YEAR

Eighty Seven Ship Their Household Goods by Rail

MANY COME TRUCKS

Everything Points to Substantial Population Increase Next Year
(By J. H. Fuller, Secretary)
During the year of 1926 87 families shipped their household goods to Ashland via the railroad and came here to live; how many came or brought their belongings by truck and auto I am unable to estimate, but we know that a number and some of our best acquisitions in the population increase, entered in this manner.
I am sure it is no exaggeration to say that not less than 125 families moved into Ashland during the year 1926. Many inquiries are coming to the Chamber at the present time, and it is my belief that our population may be considerably augmented during the year 1927.

There are three ideas that may be instrumental in bringing about such a result. First the constant advertising of our climate, mineral waters and general health conditions. Second, promotion of the schools that Ashland furnishes ideal conditions for a continuous education. Third the opportunity to develop small country homes where the above advantages are in easy reach, where poultry, berries, fruits and nuts may be produced to advantage and profit.

An interesting family called at this office the other day, having driven from Florida by auto twenty days enroute, stopping at various points along the way. They had corresponded with us, liked the sound of Ashland and came straight here, shipping their trunks by rail. As everyone knows, Ashland has less fog than any other town on the highway and fog is the one thing these folks most detested but this was the one day for weeks that we had fog. Ah well, it was sunny again in a few hours, but our friends disappeared in the fog toward Medford or Grants Pass. We hope they will come back.
Mr. Albert W. Atwood, frequent writer in the Saturday Evening Post, in a recent letter mentions an interview with our Mr. Vining. We have furnished photos and pictures of auto camp, park and buildings to two or three feature writers for the Saturday Evening Post. We hope to see some of them in print some day.

When such a fine team of workers as the Red Cross is sending out, visit our community, the Chamber of Commerce willingly grants the privilege of the forum. This week, Tuesday, The Red Cross will be the program and everyone interested is invited. Tuesday noon.

We would fain see the last of Halloween deprecations. Truly they leave a despicable appearance on many street fronts and if a lot of kids who get joy from drawing the grimy chalk across the glass could be enlisted in a bucket brigade and started through the streets to wash these marks, it would suit me. Isn't it time though, that some windows were washed anyway.

PIERCE COMMUTES TEN PRISON SENTENCES

Chester C. Kuhl Receives Full Pardon From Retiring Governor

SALEM, Jan. 10.—Last day pardons and commutations issued by Governor Pierce include a full pardon for Chester C. Kuhl, convicted on a charge of aiding in the misapplication of bank funds. All parties concerned were recommended for pardons. Ten commutations of sentences were granted.

THEATRE FIRE CAUSES MANY SMALL CHILDREN TO LOSE THEIR LIVES

Boys and Girls Averaging Eleven Years of Age Are Smothered

MONTREAL, Quebec, Jan. 10.—Seventy seven children, averaging eleven years old, were smothered, crushed, or trampled to death when they tried to make their escape from the balcony floor of a burning movie picture theatre here Sunday. The owner, Emil B. Lawland, and assistant manager as well as other employees, are in custody today pending the coroners inquest. They are expected to be charged with violating a law prohibiting the admission of children under sixteen unless accompanied by their parents.
About thirty victims, mostly children are in hospitals. A thousand people were in the house at the time of the fire, but the balcony because of the cheaper admission was filled with children. Those on the lower floor escaped uninjured.

FOUR ARE DEAD IN ILLINOIS GANG WAR

Berger Gangs Headquarters Are Burned With Four Men Inside

MARION, Ill., Jan. 10.—The gang hatred of Southern Illinois flared again and today the armed fortress of the Birger gang is a mass of charred embers, and four members are dead, having been burned to death.
The place was riddled with bullets, and burned Sunday by a rival gang.

Ghost Joke in Marine Corps Brings Tragedy

LONDON, (UP)—A ghost story that made the British Army and Navy laugh at the Marines, has ended tragically with the death of James William Smith, 26, a Royal Marine.
Smith played a practical joke on John C. Moat, a young recruit. In their barracks at Deal he talked of a ghost that had often been seen around the grounds, and Moat listened.

That night Moat went on sentry duty and was walking, after midnight, near a clump of trees when he suddenly saw a white object with flowing robes approach him.
"I took the white-clad figure for a ghost," he told the coroner's jury. "I was startled, but approached the object and challenged it. There was no reply. Suddenly the object ran at me and fell right across the bayonet point. I pulled the bayonet out quickly, but the ghost then hit me on the chin and I closed with it."
The "ghost" ran away and reported at the Maine Hospital as James Smith, with two bayonet wounds in his body. It was soon discovered that the wounds were not dangerous, and so the joke was on Smith. But he caught a severe cold from exposure in scanty clothing that night. Pneumonia developed and he died a fortnight later. Moat was exonerated.

BOY IS KILLED

Donald Barclay, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Barclay of New York City, was killed in Los Angeles, Cal., the first of last week, when he was thrown from his bicycle under the wheels of a huge truck. Burial was in Los Angeles Saturday, Jan. 8.
Mr. and Mrs. Barclay had been spending the holidays with Mr. Barclay's mother, Mrs. Gertrude Barclay, formerly of Ashland.

Registered Cars Here—

Lester Boyd of Santa Rosa, Cal., George Thomas Buckner of Pennsylvania, C. W. Smith of Oakland, Cal., Harry A. Davis of Los Angeles, Cal., and Charles I. Small of Sioux City, Iowa, are among the tourists who registered their cars at the local Chamber of Commerce Saturday afternoon.

OREGON STATE LEGISLATURE OPENS THEIR GRIND TODAY

Jackson County Man Will Be Named as Speaker Of House

PATTERSON IN OFFICE

Governor Elect I. L. Patterson to be Inaugurated Late This Afternoon
By United Press
SALEM, Jan. 10.—Before one of the largest audiences in the history of the state to witness such a ceremony, I. L. Patterson was inaugurated Governor of Oregon, and Walter M. Pierce retired to private life this afternoon. Half past one, the time set for the joint session of the house and Senate caps and west, because the committee to escort the Governor elect waited for him in the Governor's office while Mr. Patterson was waiting in the Secretary of State's office.
Governor Pierce read his retiring message, after which the governor elect was sworn in by Chief Justice Burnett, taking his oath before a battery of motion picture cameras. They were the first ever used at an inauguration in Salem. He then delivered his inauguration message.

SALEM, Jan. 10.—The Oregon legislature was scheduled to open at ten o'clock this morning. The organization of both houses was the first thing on the program, with H. L. Corbett of Portland, to be named as President of the Senate and John M. Carstis, of Jackson county to be speaker of the house. This afternoon Governor Pierce will read his retiring message, and I. L. Patterson will be inaugurated governor.

DRY LEADER SPEAKS HERE FRIDAY NIGHT

Mass Meeting Will Be Held at Methodist Church At 7:30

Major Frank Ebbert, who is an outstanding leader in the fight for a dry nation, will be the speaker at a Community Mass Meeting which will be held in the First Methodist Church, Ashland, Friday, January 14, 1927 at 7:30 p. m.
Major Ebbert knows the law and the facts on Prohibition. He can tell what he knows concisely, attractively and eloquently. For nearly a decade he has been one of the outstanding leaders in the fight for a dry nation. He has won for himself the distinction of being one of the foremost dry lawyers of America. He was General Counsel of the Illinois Anti-Saloon League and also their Legislative Director for eight years. Because of his splendid record he was chosen Associate General Counsel of the National Anti-Saloon League with Headquarters in Washington, D. C.
Major Ebbert is a veteran of the Spanish-American War. For several years he was a Professor of the Law of Contracts in one of the great law schools of the country. His training and ability fit him for the great work he is now doing. The prohibition film, "Let Us Forget," one of the most powerful dramas ever presented through motion pictures will also be shown at this mass meeting. This picture is a true story taken from real life. It is a wonderfully realistic portrayal of the tragedies of the old saloon days. All are invited to attend this meeting. No admission will be charged but an offering will be taken. Children should be accompanied by parents or other adults.

SALEM — Oregon Pulp & Paper Company plant will be doubled in capacity by new additions.

ALBANY post office becomes first-class office, with more than \$40,000 business a year.

City League Basketball Schedule

Following is the basketball schedule for the city wide league which is being sponsored by the Y. M. C. A.
Thursday, January 13.
Faculty vs. Lithians—7 P. M.
High School Second vs. Battery B.—8 P. M.
Hi-Y Employed Boys vs. Normal Second—9 P. M.
Thursday, January 20.
Lithians vs. Battery B.—7 P. M.
Faculty vs. Normal Second—8 P. M.
High School Second vs. Hi-Y Employed Boys—9 P. M.
Thursday, January 27.
Faculty vs. H. S. Second—7 P. M.
Lithians vs. Normal Second—8 P. M.
Battery B. vs. Hi-Y Employed Boys—9 P. M.
Thursday, February 3.
Lithians vs. H. S. Second—7 P. M.
Battery B. vs. Normal Second—8 P. M.
Faculty vs. Hi-Y Employed Boys—9 P. M.
Thursday, February 10.
Faculty vs. Battery B.—7 P. M.
Lithians vs. Hi-Y Employed Boys—8 P. M.
High School Second vs. Normal Second—9 P. M.
The games will be played either on the new Junior High gymnasium or on the Armory floor. The place will be announced later.

COURT THROWS OUT REGISTRATION CASE

Refuses to Hear Content Brought on Validity of State Law

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—Four suits contesting the validity of automobile registration fees and gasoline taxes were thrown out today by the Supreme Court. Two of the suits were against the state of Oregon and two against Washington. The district courts previously had dismissed them.

RUSSIANS PREPARING FOR AIR BLENDGE RACE

MOSCOW, (UN)—An air sledge race from Moscow to Stockholm will be run off during the winter. Almost twenty high-powered sledges, driven by serial propellers have been entered already. The sleds slip over ice and snow at speeds consistently above 75 miles an hour and travel cross-country as swiftly as on snow covered highways. The race of the Moscow-Stockholm sleds will take the contestants to Leningrad, then across the frozen Finnish gulf to Helsinki and by way of Finland to the finish.
Soviet aviators, long bound during the winter months, have turned their experience and mechanical knowledge to devising sledges that motor sledges and most of the machines entered in the race to Stockholm will be handled by aeroplane pilots.

Klamath Falls — 17 local sawmills cut 405,300,000 feet lumber last year, nearly 30 per cent above 1925 cut.

ILL HEALTH CAUSES LOCAL MAN TO KILL SELF SUNDAY

James M. Poole Commits Suicide at His Home Here

WAS CANCER VICTIM

Leaves Farewell Note to Family Saying he is Sorry Act
Despondent because of ill health, James M. Poole, aged 67, shot and killed himself shortly after 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the family home, 126 Van Ness avenue. The body was removed to the Stock undertaker's parlors. No inquest will be held.
With his wife and two sons Mr. Poole came here about two years ago from Colorado Springs, Colo., for a visit with relatives. He was so taken up with the climate of this section that he decided to remain here permanently in the hopes of bettering his health. He returned to Colorado where he sold his farm and returned here to reside.
The unfortunate man had been a sufferer from cancer for several years and it was despondency over his inability to fight off this disease which led him to take his own life.
Yesterday morning he asked members of his family for a sheet of writing paper, saying he wanted to write a letter to some friend.
He then took his small-calibre revolver and shot himself in the head. Beside his body the police found this farewell note:
"To Everybody:
"I killed myself and am sorry but there seemed no other way out."
"J. M. Poole."
The deceased is survived by his widow, Mrs. Ida Poole, and by two sons, Claude and Erford, all of this city.

SPECIAL RED CROSS CAR WILL BE HERE

To be Under the Direction of Dr. M. J. Fenton, Noted Specialist

An instruction car of the American Red Cross under the direction of Dr. M. J. Fenton, will arrive in Ashland Tuesday morning and will be here for a series of demonstrations in first aid work.
Dr. Fenton will be the guest of the Chamber of Commerce at their regular weekly luncheon Tuesday noon, where he will deliver a talk upon his chosen line of work. At 2:30 in the afternoon, local Fire Chief Clint Baughman, has arranged for a special demonstration for the firemen. Other demonstrations will be arranged while the car is here.
Clatskanie — Westport plant of People's West Coast Hydro-Electric Company will supply electric current here, over new \$25,000 line.

MISTAKE IN AD

In an ad by the First National Bank last week a typographical mistake made it appear that the bank would pay interest from Jan. 1 on all amounts deposited by Jan. 15th. The final date for this interest, however, should have read Jan. 5th.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAS ELECTRIC SIGN

Memorial to Local People is Now in Use at Church

The new electrically illuminated display sign board which has been erected beside the First Presbyterian church is one of the finest to be obtained. It is a memorial to Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Lyman from the J. Christian Endeavor society with their super-intendent, Miss Estella Hayes, as donors. The sign will not only be used for announcement of Sunday and week day services but will carry appropriate suggestions during the week. Monday the words were, "This is a Christian community. What are you doing to keep it so."
Sunday evening, Mr. Mitchell, pastor of the Presbyterian church spoke at some length on the Mexican situation. From personal experience for three years preceding the war and for twenty-six months on the border he saw at present to justify armed intervention. Mexico today is suffering the result of generations of exploitation. She has a difficult and long road before her. America can well afford to be patient. The China and Nicaragua problems were a little touched upon. Last evening was the first of the "question box" introduction to evening services, which will be continued during the winter and spring.

AIMEE'S CASE BROUGHT TO A CLOSE TODAY

District Attorney Asks the Court for Dismissal of Charges

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 10.—The Aimee Semple McPherson conspiracy case was dismissed in the Superior court today upon the request of District Attorney Asa Keyes. The case against Ormiston, Mrs. Minnie Kennedy, and the other defendants were also thrown out. Keyes told the court that the case collapsed because the chief witness, Mrs. Lorraine Wiseman, gave perjured testimony before the preliminary hearing.

SINCLAIR MUST FIGHT CHARGES OF CONTEMPT

Refusal to Answer Senate Questions Brings Charges

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—Harry Sinclair must stand trial on criminal charges of contempt to the Senate for refusing to answer questions in the Senate oil investigations. A committee in the United States Supreme court today denied an appeal for the review.

Must Quell Trouble In Nicaragua

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—The United States government must quell the revolution in Nicaragua to protect American lives and property President Coolidge asserted in his message to Congress today.

MANCHURIAN RAILWAYS

HARBIN, (UP)—The projected plan of the Communication Department. Three Eastern Provinces for construction of new railway lines in Manchuria, is causing lively comment in the local press.
Besides the speedy termination of the Kirin-Hailung railway this plan foresees the construction of six roads. All of them would pass through extreme fertile regions of Manchuria, and if completed would prove an important factor in the economic development of the county.

Port Orchard — Cold storage and fish warehouse to be built to handle deep-sea fish.
Wheeler — Rapid progress made on Fishers Point highway grade.

NEW OFFICIALS TO HURRY THE DEVELOPMENT OF CITY WATER

Praise is Given Former Administration for Their Help

WILL ZONE THE CITY

Removal of Legal Limitations Makes Zoning An Early Possibility
By Mayor Charles H. Pierce
Inasmuch as your new mayor and council have so far done nothing in their present official capacity it would be inopportune to speak of past performances. To speak of the future would be mere prophesy, subject to the usual necessity of adapting one's course to the ever-changing requirements arising from day to day.
Looking backward we heartily agree with Mayor Johnson in his recently published message that much of general good has been accomplished the past two years, and in behalf of the Ashland public it seems the proper thing for the incoming administration to extend commendation and hearty thanks to the retiring mayor and council for this great service so freely given.
Briefly speaking, our greatest concern is for water development and conservation, the reports of consulting engineers, D. C. Herry and F. G. Dillard, being only today submitted to the council with some details not yet complete, and when complete they will be made public through the Tidings with necessary comments.
It now seems likely that the replacement of the Lithia Springs pipe line and the construction of the Crowson Hill reservoir with its new distribution system can soon get under way and both become available for use this coming summer. The pipe and fittings for the Lithia Springs line was ordered late in December from Birmingham, Alabama, through a Portland distributor and should arrive before February first.
We are fully committed to the actual carrying out of the recommendations of Engineers Herry and Dillard, covering every detail of conservation of our water supply, the stopping of leaks and all water waste and the misapplication of water in every form, the gradual installation of meters, and a complete survey and check of our water the coming season.
Our desire is to accomplish this most important feature with the least possible friction but with firm and impartial enforcement, with the minimum of fines and penalties, leaving it to every water user to realize that in common with several thousand others he owns one unit of Ashland's total assets, that he is a partner in the city government, to sell himself thoroughly to that idea and every citizen to become a live working force towards the creation of a permanent system of water conservation from the one motive of self interest.
Considerable extension of actual use of the Talent irrigation water within the city is contemplated, which includes the adaptation of this purely irrigation water for our park system and the normal school, etc.
The zoning of the city to which the former council gave much thought can now be freely undertaken without fear of legal limitation and in this connection the council plans to lend its co-operation toward the establishment of any worthy industry and to become a progressive working force in all civic affairs. We are also committed to the promotion of better relations and greater harmony between the communities of Southern Oregon.
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WILL ANNOUNCE RESULTS

Prof. H. Hartman, of the Oregon Experiment Station at Corvallis, will give the results obtained in dipping fruit for the removal of arsenate of lead, on Wednesday at 3 p. m., Medford Hotel, Medford, Oregon.

