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ASHLAND DAILY TIDINGS OUT OUR WAY

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The D'Autremont Case

"The way of the transgressor is hard."
 We congratulate the federal postal inspectors and other officials who were responsible for the bringing to justice of the three D'Autremont brothers for the dastardly and cold blooded murder they committed.

Those inspectors whose tenacity of purpose and steadfast determination brought to the bar of justice the three cold blooded murderers arouse in deep admiration of the forces of justice.

Without loss of interest, and without abatement of determination, the search for the suspected perpetrators of the most cold blooded murder in the annals of railroad history were hounded.

If the D'Autremonts had alive in them the least bit of conscience these three years they were hounded, moving from place to place—ever fearful of capture, ever followed by a deadening fear must have been most horrible.

Then came the astounding developments in the case—a case of the most perfect chain of circumstantial evidence imaginable.

Hugh was captured, the noose dangled about his neck as experts in the deduction of crime told of what they had found—this scrap of evidence, that scrap of evidence which must necessarily mean that this thing was true. Many folks were sceptical. It was like a geometrical puzzle. The thing had been nicely fitted together. It was a powerful case, but it was all circumstantial.

Then came the conviction of Hugh, the astounding confessions. The details of the murder as portrayed by the prosecuting attorneys had not been too vivid, too cold-blooded or too graphic. The confessions dovetailed exactly with those deductions of the criminologists and others who had worked on the case.

With that high efficiency in bringing to justice criminals of this type, and the splendid determination of officials to solve those confounding mysteries it is a mighty certain thing that murder will indeed "out."

The trial is ended. The criminals have been brought to justice. They must pay for their crime.

And the people can do naught else than admire and thank those who were responsible for the solution.

Why Fewer Walk Now

The modern hiker is one who walks to the edge of town to "bum" a ride in the first hospitable automobile to come his way. But perhaps there is something other than indolence responsible for the dwindling number of walkers.

That other reason may be that automobiles have left no room along the country highways for the pedestrian. Where there were once walking or bridle paths meandering along beside the carriage road there are now hard surfaced motor highways broadened out over both roadway and pathway. If the walker has ceased to walk he has done so partially because he takes his life in his hands when he takes to the open road and because, no springy path being left him, he must pound along hard roads or trespass on somebody's meadow.

So intent has the public been upon building improved motor and trucking highways that sight has been lost of the need of preserving the old footpaths and providing new ones. It is virtually true that the pedestrian has vanished from the open spaces, but it might not be so if there were some open spaces left for the pedestrian's use.

Since walking is of such immeasurable value in the preservation of good health and in the prevention of disease it is a national calamity that the walking paths are disappearing. Paths abounding in natural beauty might at least make walkers out of the motorists at the end of the motor trip.

We wonder just what the D'Autremonts mean House was chosen by Mr. Coolidge with the idea of fishing for anything more than fish. He seems to be angling in fine fashion for strength of the great western country.

We suspect if the "Spirit of Milwaukee" should ever start across the ocean it would head straight for the Rhine and bring back a barrel of the foamy suds.

No wonder jus what the D'Autremonts meant when they asked for a square deal. Were they seeking the hangman's noose for their dastardly crime?

Pride goeth before a fall, but many a man is taken off his feet by the lure of a new model.



LATE LUNCH.

By Williams

THE FORUM

Articles of timely interest are welcomed under this head. Communications must bear the signature of the author.

Rogue River, Ore., June 22, 1927
 Mr. Editor:

Will you kindly allow the space to say a few words concerning the proposed county unit plan of school administration? We who live in the country are pleased to feel assured that the people of Medford and Ashland will not vote on it but leave it to us to settle who are concerned with it. For this we heartily thank you, People of Medford and Ashland.

I approach the study of this law with a very hostile feeling. I did not wish to surrender what little influence I had in controlling the affairs of my community to a board living miles away. But later I observed that the plan gave to the country schools almost exactly the same form of government that Ashland now has, and I came over very far in its favor, had almost made up my mind to vote for it, altho I was fearful on the question whether or not the board could consolidate districts without consent of the people living in them. My judgment of the law is that they cannot do so, but the county superintendent recently gave it his opinion that they can. If I knew that is the case I would certainly vote against the law. But true or not, there is one feature of the law which decides me positively against it, and that is the fact that all the villages and towns outside of Medford and Ashland are grouped with the country schools for tax levy and for expenditures. In other words, all the schools outside of these two cities are to live out of one pocketbook. Maybe I am a pessimist or an ignoramus, but for myself I do not believe there are five men (or women) in Jackson county or anywhere else who could spend the money to provide for the needs of two such diverse groups and do it satisfactorily to a considerable majority of the people concerned. If the country schools were grouped alone I would vote for it, but as it stands I cannot do so.

Respectfully,
 Wm. M. Carle.

Mrs. Susanne Homes Carter, superintendent of schools of Jackson county makes the following statement in regard to the cost of the county unit system:

Financially the county unit system is a success. The combined assessed valuation of the seventy-four districts outside of Ashland and Medford in Jackson County is approximately \$22,000,000.00.

Figures from Klamath and Crook counties, where county unit has been in operation five or six years, show that taxes run on even and reasonable lines.

Klamath County
 1922 4.1 mills
 1923 4 mills
 1924 3.7 mills
 1925 3.4 mills
 1926 4.1 mills

Crook County
 1922 7.3 mills
 1923 5 mills
 1924 4.9 mills
 1925 4.85 mills
 1926 5 mills

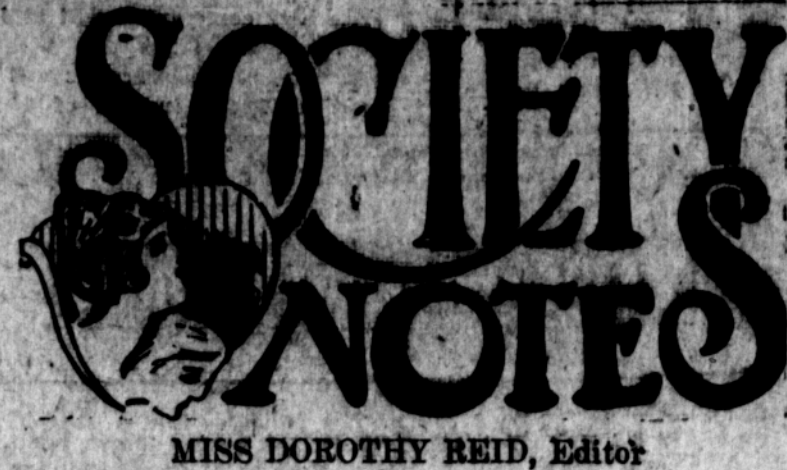
(1922 paid off \$11,880 old warrants).

The 1926-1927 reports are incomplete for Jackson county, but the clerk's reports for 1925-1926 show net indebtedness of the county outside of Medford and Ashland was \$189,317. The receipts of over \$200,000.00 into the school treasuries from the O and C funds had so reduced debts of districts that this is an opportune time to vote on the county unit plan. Many districts that were in debt a year ago are now out of debt.

For 1925-1926 the cost of the elementary schools outside of Medford and Ashland required a six (6) mill levy. This would not be a heavy burden on a sparsely settled district and would greatly relieve districts where millage now runs as high as 22.2 mills.

The Copco plant, the railroad, the O and C lands and other utilities, which now add wealth to certain localities only, would aid

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Friday, June 24.—The Past Noble Grand's club will meet with Mrs. Chas Payne on Granite street.
 Monday, June 27.—Ladies Art club picnic in Lithia Park at 6 o'clock.
 Tuesday, June 28.—W. C. T. U. will hold a social meeting at the home of Mrs. C. W. Fraley on Mountain avenue. Mrs. Elmer Sanderlin will assist her in entertaining.

Beauty and Form
 Once Donatello took the shapeless stone
 And slowly carved the marble to the line,
 Until he wrought a human form as fine
 As Greece or Italy had ever known;
 Behold a woman now in splendor lone,
 A statue only but a thing divine;
 A beauty that this earth can not outshine,
 Whose Art antique the world has not outgrown.

And so the poet takes a shapeless thought
 And gives its fancies grace and melody,
 Until he feels he has perfection wrought
 Where Thought and Music blending happily
 Create the Beauty that all time has sought,
 Where perfect form his immortality.

Washington Van Dusen.
 Important Books Reviewed—
 "Overtaken," by Lawrence Rising. Overtaken tells the story of Vilma Steinmetz, "a woman with a past." Her conflict with life forms the basis of a delightful mystery novel. The story begins with what Vilma herself has recognized as the end of all life for her, all happiness, all kindness and all comfort. As a result of her experiences, she has arrived at the point where, when accused by an acquaintance of being a satirist, she replies: "A sense of humor has been forced upon me. There's nothing so bitter as being alive, and everyone is entitled to any compensation that's to be had out of this joke." Another time when a man tells her he loves her she replies with brutal sincerity: "There's no such thing as love." "There is friendship, and, of course, one cannot help having preferences, and there is passion, but none of those are love." The author is richly endowed. With the same verisimilitude

He paints the Moroccan scenes and those of Paris and New York. Both setting and people "come alive" in a fashion that story-telling rarely has the art for nowadays. Mr. Rising accomplishes this with the simplicity that seems without effort and that enhances the story's remarkable suspense.

Farewell Party Given for Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Leslie—
 A farewell party was given Wednesday evening, June 22, at the home of Reverend and Mrs. C. D. Gaffney on the Boulevard, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Leslie. The evening was spent in playing travel games after which delicious refreshments were served. About twenty-five guests were present. The Leslie's will motor through Oregon and Washington and then will travel east to North Dakota and Missouri where they will visit with relatives and friends.

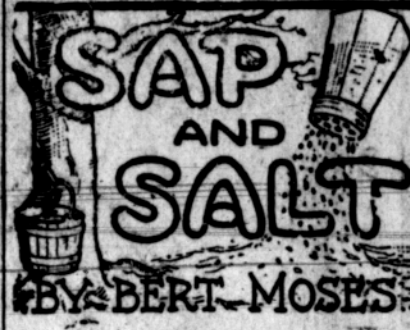
Social Circle Holds Enjoyable Meeting—
 The ladies of the Social Circle of the Christian church held a very enjoyable meeting Wednesday afternoon, June 22, in the church parlors, with a very good attendance. A short, but interesting, business session was conducted, after which a social time was held and the members spent a pleasant hour in conversation and doing fancy work. This being the last gathering of the Social Circle for the summer, refreshments were served by a committee in charge. The meeting adjourned to meet again the second Wednesday in September.

Hostesses at Dinner Party—
 Mrs. Larkin Deer and Miss Clara Huck were the gracious hostesses recently when they entertained with a dinner party at their home in honor of Miss Ella Belege and Miss Irma Strome of Eugene, Oregon, who were former school mates of the girls in Kansas. The house was most attractively decorated in yellow and purple and a beautiful centerpiece of corresponding colors graced the center of the table on which candies were burning. Those who enjoyed this delightful hospitality were the following named: Miss Leona Ahlstrom, Miss Vale Speck, Mrs. Dona Jean Frazier, Mrs. Herbert Speck, Mrs. Roy Frazier, Mrs. George Scribner, the hostesses, Mrs. Larkin Deer and Miss Clara Huck and the honor guests Miss Ella Belege and Miss Irma Strome.

Try This One

- GENERAL
1. What is the number and content of the latest amendment to the constitution?
 2. Of what is chalk made?
 3. What philosopher is a senator and a millionaire?
 4. Who is the President of Mexico?
 5. What is the name of the Columbia University humorous publication?
 6. What was Mr. Micawber always waiting for?
 7. In what country is the mouth of the Orinoco River?
 8. What is the capital of Kansas?
 9. What animal commonly represents, in cartoons, the Republican party?
 10. Who gets credit for the put-out when a batter strikes out?

- ANSWERS
1. The United States, at the Washington Conference.
 2. Princess Elizabeth, a faint daughter of the Duke and Duchess of York, should the Prince of Wales die without issue and the Duke and Duchess have no male child.
 3. Benito Mussolini.
 4. Chiang Kai-shek.
 5. The League of Nations.
 6. Stanley Baldwin, Wilhelm Marx, Raymond Poincare, Primo de Rivera.
 7. Union of Socialist Soviet Republics.
 8. George Clemenceau.



Things running down hill supply their own horsepower.

Virtue comes from fear as often as it comes from conscience.

When you find a satisfied man, you will nearly always find him broke.

After you know what a thing isn't you can begin to see what it is.

Whether you recognize a fact or not, the fact is there just the same.

When love consumes more current than it generates, you might as well prepare for a divorce suit.

Hex Heck says: "The multiplication table has made bigger fortunes than grammar and geometry."

James Ramsay MacDonald.

The law for the defense of the republic which excludes former Kaiser Wilhelm from Germany will expire this year but may be renewed.

This And That

"I'm not supposed to think," said Hugh D'Autremont. Well there is one thing certain, he evidently didn't think of the consequences when he planned or assisted in planning the crime which cost the lives of four men. Anyhow he will have a whole lifetime to learn how to think without much outside interference.

Evolution of a race of American giants by the year 3,000 with the average citizen towering nine feet skyward, and with heights of ten and eleven feet as common as the present day six feet, was predicted by the head of a prominent candy company recently. We wondered if it was really candy he manufactured.

Appreciation of Ashland's water supply was evidenced by those citizens who were on the "shut off" main Tuesday. There is a lot to be said in favor of a "wet" town they agreed.

Prof. R. J. Hawthorne, one of the original faculty members of the University of Oregon, who started his service 46 years ago, recently observed his jnnethieth birthday anniversary. With more than half his life spent as an educator, Prof. Hawthorne has truly a remarkable record.

The Ashland-Boas revengeed themselves in fine manner on the Pelicans for the couple of trawlings they took earlier in the season.

TURNING THE PAGES BACK

ASHLAND 10 Years Ago

Rose Bros. are conducting a guessing contest at their Main street confectionery which is occasioning no little interest among old and young alike. The object of the contest is to guess the number of beans in a jar, and the prize to the best, or luckiest, a fine ten-dollar box of candy.

S. S. Terrill has moved into the Glenn avenue residence of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Glenn, who will spend some months in Santa Ana, California.

Judge Calkins, who formerly resided in Ashland and has of late had his law office in Jacksonvill, has moved his office to Medford.

Miss Opal Harvey of this city visited with her father W. H. Harvey at Gold Hill last Sunday.

ASHLAND 20 Years Ago

Rev. W. W. MacHenry is in attendance at the State Sunday School convention at Eugene. He will return in time to occupy his pulpit in the Presbyterian church as usual.

Miss May Dean, of the State Normal alumni, now teaching at Pomeroy, Wash., writes that she has been re-employed there. Pomeroy has entered upon a policy of employing none but Normal trained teachers.

There was born at Denver, on the 19th Inst, to the wife of Dr. John Albert Rockefeller, a nine-pound boy. Dr. Rockefeller is a native son of Ashland, the grandson of A. G. Rockefeller of this place, and is now practicing dentistry at Denver, Colorado.

ASHLAND 30 Years Ago

Mrs. F. Roper and Mrs. T. E. Brown spent Friday with Mrs. Mathew Stewart at her pleasant home at Talent.

Lloyd and Ernest Stone arrived in Ashland last week from Portland. They are brothers of Guy Stone and will probably make their home in Ashland again.

Mrs. Susan Woody, mother of Mrs. F. G. Burns of this city is one of the three surviving widows of the war of 1812 says the Grants Pass Courier.

The mountain streams about Ashland are generally reported as furnishing good sport for the fishermen now. C. B. Watson and son Chandler and C. C. Chitwood descended upon upper Nell creek from Hardscrabble mountain Saturday evening.

Tourist Travel This Year Is Heavy With Approximately 40,000,000 On Highways, In Northwestern States

Forty million people, nearly one third of the nation, will take their vacation on the open road this year, according to the estimate of the American Automobile Association, which bases its estimate on reports from affiliated Clubs throughout the country.

Of this tremendous movement on rubber, every indication points to the Pacific Coast receiving a very generous proportion. The migration of eastern motorists, drawn westward as a result of the exploitation of the West's scenic attractions and its many excellent highways, promises to be greater than ever. Travel by Pacific Coast motorists also shows signs of eclipsing anything experienced in previous years.

To save these and to eliminate haphazard advance planning which usually means a haphazard trip in the matter of pleasure derived from it, the Union Oil Company has prepared and is issuing free to motorists through its service stations and independent dealers handling its products, road maps covering the entire Pacific Coast and also the states of Arizona and British Columbia, Canada.

The states of Arizona, California, Oregon, Washington and British Columbia are covered in one folder. It is of convenient pocket size, and its maps are clearly and legibly printed. The main highways, improved and unimproved roads and trails, distances between points and other necessary road information are shown.

MANY TOURISTS
 The Chamber of Commerce office is constantly filled these days with tourists who stop here to register their automobiles. Sometimes seven and eight tourists are lined up waiting to make the proper registration before proceeding northward.

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