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## California A. A. Praises Road Work

H. R. Basford, chairman of the executive committee of the California State Automobile association, is in Ashland for a few hours today. Mr. Basford is on an official tour of inspection which will extend to Vancouver, B. C., and on which he will gather authentic information of roads, hotels, etc., for the California association.

He states that the California organization is ready and anxious to extend every possible aid to Oregon in this state's program of road development and upbuilding of tourist attractions and accommodations. He says, "We, down in California, can tell you what proper development of roads and opening of tourist attractions means in financial returns and other ways. California is mighty glad to see Oregon going ahead with her development."

Mr. Basford spoke in a complimentary manner of the Siskiyou highway grade, although stating that in his personal opinion he believed better permanent results would have been obtained had the road been rock and graded early for four years before paving.

Mr. Basford accompanies her husband on the tour.

## JACKSON SLACKER GIVES HIMSELF UP

PORTLAND.—Telegraphic news was received by United States Marshal Alexander that Alford Fattig, an alleged draft evader, had surrendered himself to Sheriff C. E. Terrill of Jackson county. No cause for his belated action was stated.

Alford's record in the U. S. Attorney's office show that he registered and received his questionnaire, but that he failed to appear for his physical examination. A warrant for his arrest has been issued since July, 1918.

He will be prosecuted and punished to the full extent of the law, according to Assistant U. S. Attorney Charles Reames, in charge of all draft evasion prosecutions for the government.

At a meeting of the Juvenile and Junior tennis players of the city, held at the Lithia Park tennis courts last Saturday, a tennis club was formed. Cleland Banks was elected president; Fred Koehler, secretary; John Henry Elmore, treasurer; Paul Koehler, sergeant at arms, and Miss Thelma Beeson, auxiliary leader. Others who signed up as members are: Mildred Beeson, Josephine Barber, Frank Walker and Clark Butterfield.

It is hoped to get all young people who are interested in tennis to join the club, and any wishing to join can do so at the next meeting, which will be held Thursday, July 29, at 7 p. m., at the tennis court.

## Sacramento River Below Sea Level

SACRAMENTO.—The prediction made recently by N. R. Taylor, meteorologist of the U. S. weather bureau at Sacramento, that the Sacramento river soon would reach the zero mark, has come true.

Last Friday shortly after 8 o'clock p. m., at the low ebb of the tide, the weather bureau gauge registered two-tenths of a foot below zero, which also indicated that the surface of the stream had fallen to the remarkably low depth of seven-tenths of a foot below the mean sea level of the Pacific ocean.

That the river will go even several inches below its present record now is believed possible, although Taylor says the instruments in his office almost reached their maximum registration capacity with that night's stage.

The significance of the river at Sacramento being seven-tenths of a foot below the mean sea level, explained Taylor, is of more interest than most people realize. He said it meant the average level of the Pacific ocean near the mouth of the Sacramento river is higher than the surface of the river.

There is water in the river channel at varying depths, and the boats still are running between Sacramento and San Francisco. However, the water lies in basins or depression in the bed that are just that many feet below the ocean's level.

In looking up some old records, Taylor has found there were four dry years, dating from 1849 to 1853, when the river went to zero at the driest period of each respective year.

Taylor says these, perhaps, are traditional, and not true records of the stream and not the datum of the gauge as it now is officially established with absolute correct altitudinal readings.

## New York Giants After Ken Lilly

J. Kenneth Lilly, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Lilly of Ashland, and former Ashland high school and Stanford athlete, is one of the most sought-after young ball-players in the west just at present. Lilly, who has gone the limit in every branch of athletics at Stanford and has about a dozen letters from baseball, football, rugby, basketball and track at Stanford, is playing ball this summer for Watsonville in the Mission league. Several coast league teams have been anxious to sign him up for a couple of years past and the San Francisco Seals are at present trying to get him to bolster up their outfield.

On top of the Seal offer he has received a communication from the New York Giants asking him to state his terms and whether or not he would consider coming to the National league team. Lilly expects to take post-graduate work at the Stanford law school this winter and is undecided as to whether he wants to play professional ball and is just as undecided as to which offer he should accept if he does decide to take up ball playing as a profession.

Dick Kinella, New York Giant scout was out looking Lilly over recently and decided he was timber for the big time. Hal Chase, who owns an interest in the San Jose team in the Mission league, is quoted in the San Francisco Chronicle as stating that Lilly was the best bet in the Mission league and was big league material.

Lilly is a finished outfielder, fast as a flash, and does the hundred in ten seconds. He has been hitting around the 480 mark in the Mission league.

## APPLGATE ROAD WORK PROGRESSES

Work is progressing rapidly on the new market road from Murphy to Williams in the Applegate valley. Two crews are at work and have now about six miles of grading completed and ready for the rock. One crew is working from the Murphy bridge and has worked to the Sweeney ranch about two and a half miles up the Applegate. The other crew is working from the Williams creek bridge at the Provolt ranch and this crew has got to the bridge across Williams creek which goes up Powell creek. This stretch takes in some of the worst road and it is now in excellent condition. The work is permanent and will be completed this fall with macadam.

## PORTLAND PLANS BUYERS' WEEK

PORTLAND, Ore.—The Pacific Northwest Merchants' convention, which is to convene in this city August 9 to 14, promises to be the best attended in the history of the organization. Invitations sent out some time ago have brought over 2000 acceptances, and what is more pleasing to the officers of the organization, delegates are coming from greater distances than ever before. Alaska will be well represented, and merchants are coming from as far east as Wyoming, Minnesota, Colorado and other states east of the Rocky Mountains.

In connection with the convention, the Eighth Annual Buyers' Week, inaugurated by the manufacturers and jobbers of Portland will be held. This annual gathering is becoming a stupendous affair. This year the committee has arranged a very elaborate series of entertainments, including a "high jinks" for the men, theater parties for the ladies, luncheon excursions to various sections of the city, sight-seeing trips of interest about Portland, the entertainment program concluding with an elaborate banquet in honor of the visitors.

The committee in charge of the week's activities have advised prospective merchant visitors that if they should buy goods from any member of the organization while in Portland amounting to \$500.00, that their railroad fare and Pullman charges to and from their home city would be refunded. This offer is expected greatly to increase the attendance of merchants from the middle western and Pacific Coast states and Alaska.

## PLAZA BARBER SHOP IS SOLD

Clyde Costello has sold his recently purchased Plaza barber shop to D. Y. K. Henry and C. W. Hodgman. Mr. Henry comes from Pueblo, Colo., and Mr. Snodgrass is from California. Mr. Costello will remain with the new owners until fall. The new owners are first class barbers and will remodel the shop and operate three chairs so that patrons will not need to wait.

## Medford May Lose Popular Minister

MEDFORD—Medford and the First Presbyterian church may soon lose Rev. L. Myron Booser, who has just been tendered the position of student pastor for Presbyterians attending the Oregon Agricultural college at Corvallis.

The offer came to him as a surprise. The position there affords so large a field of opportunity and the salary is so much greater than the church pays here, that the popular Medford pastor will probably accept it, though he says he has not yet decided.

Mr. Booser was chosen for the position by the Presbyterian synod and the appointment has been approved by the general board of the Presbyterian church in charge of educational centers.

## SOVIET WOMEN EQUALS OF MEN

By Carl D. Groat  
(U. P. Staff Correspondent.)  
BERLIN, June 28.—(By Mail.)—Recognition of Russia was counseled here today by Mrs. Philip Snowden of the British Labor Mission to Russia, as the safest means of heading Russia off from development into an "imperialistic, capitalistic and militaristic nation with a Napoleon at its head, threatened all Europe."

Her plea was not based on bolshevism, for the commission has not come out as "pro." Bolshevism, she declared, had failed to live up to its own standards, and as for its extension to other lands, Mrs. Snowden regarded that as out of the question.

"But," she said, "I believe that recognition of Russia by the rest of the world would be the quickest way to alter the system there and correct the evils now existing. Let in the light and the winds of kindness. Let in criticism. When Russia knew the criticism of rest of the world, it would quickly change. In fact, I think that bolshevism's internal critics—once backed by the public opinion of the rest of the world and strengthened by political recognition of the nation—would soon see to it that a modification of the situation was accomplished."

"What have you to say as to the Bolshevism danger to the rest of the world," the correspondent asked. "It can be a danger," she replied. "I believe Russia is going to defeat the Poles. And, I can tell you that every victory makes things worse, since it gives Russia a new pride, a new confidence. And the growth of this spirit can be dangerous to the rest of the world. I am convinced that if Russia is not recognized, but instead is fought, she will simply grow into an imperialistic, capitalistic and militaristic nation with a Napoleon at its head. And, if a Napoleon is let loose on Europe in its present hungry condition, it would be a frightful calamity."

She declared bolshevism was Russia's method of expressing the world-wide movement of labor for a "better deal" than heretofore. For England, the system would be impossible, though Mrs. Snowden advocates considerable alterations in the British parliamentary system.

As for the condition of women in Russia, Mrs. Snowden declared: "They are on an absolutely equal footing with men. They receive the same pay for the same work, have equal suffrage, and are everywhere treated as men's equals. The industrial situation is such that all women must work."

"As for the children, I can say that there is a strong effort to upbuild the growing generation. The former nobles' estates are converted into fresh air homes for groups of children, and insofar as possible, the children are given preferential food treatment."

Mrs. Snowden regards the present Russian system as despotism, just as despotic as czarism though on quite opposite lines. But she believes, as does Dr. Guest of the commission, that a certain amount of capitalism will be injected ultimately into the bolshevistic regime.

## INDEMNITY FUND USED UP

SALEM, Ore.—Unless the state emergency board is called into session to supply funds for the operation of the state livestock sanitary board, payment of indemnity for the slaughter of diseased cattle will cease, according to information sent out in a circular letter by Dr. W. H. Lytle, state veterinarian.

Dr. Lytle advises that tubercular tests continue, but requests veterinarians to inform the owners of diseased cattle that they will have to wait for indemnity payments until more money is provided. Should the governor refuse to summon the emergency board there will be no money for this purpose until the legislature meets next January.

## Says New Warden Is Making Good

Deputy Fish Warden McDaniel, who has been stationed on the river the past two weeks, has practically put a stop to all illegal fishing and now has the situation well in hand. Last week the warden arrested Norval Walworth and Fred Shelton for fishing below the "dead line," and they were fined \$50 and costs in Justice Dye's court.

Mr. McDaniel is making a hit with the local boys as a fair and open-handed official and has displayed a willingness to co-operate in all matters pertaining to the industry here.

Mr. McDaniel says in his opinion the outside fishing is greatly detrimental to the industry on the streams along the coast since the deep-sea trollers catch young and immature salmon, and he is making a special effort to stop the practice off this river. In this work the warden is being aided by the Macleay Estate company, who have offered him the use of their surf boat in running down the culprits, and if necessary will place the tramp at his disposal. —Gold Beach Reporter.

## BUYS BUILDING AND WILL ADD STORY

Thomas Hill has acquired the business block occupied by his market on North Main street, from B. L. Nichols of Upland, Calif., the former owner. The deal involved a California ranch property of Mr. Hill's.

## Will Add Story

Mr. Hill has made plans for the immediate addition of a second story to the building which is a large single story brick building extending from Main street back to Ashland creek. The second story will be fitted up for offices and apartments.

Mr. Hill returned yesterday from Upland where he completed the deal.

## PARK TO PARK CARAVAN PATHFINDER ARRIVES

Pathfinder Here.  
A. L. Westgard, field representative of the American Automobile association and pathfinder for the National Park-to-Park caravan, which will leave Denver August 25, was in Ashland this morning. He is on a 2,000-mile tour, laying out a route for the caravan. The big party will reach Ashland in September.

The National Park-to-Park Highway association, as well as other highway and automobile associations and the U. S. Department of the interior are interested in this new route, which will connect all the national parks, so that it will be possible for tourists to make a complete tour of the parks over comfortable roads and in much less time than is now required.

"A million people visited the national parks last year," Mr. Westgard said, "but lack of good connecting roads robbed many of them of the opportunity of seeing all the wonders of the national playgrounds. The road which I will map out should enable tourists to make a comfortable trip in a minimum length of time, and will permit them to visit all the beauty spots in the government parks in the course of one summer tour."

Mr. Westgard has laid out practically all the leading trans-continental routes, and many other highways. He has crossed the country 18 times east and west, and 30 times north and south, in his pathfinding tours.

On his nineteenth trans-continental trip Mr. Westgard is using his nineteenth car. He carries with him a complete camping outfit, and the car has been especially fitted up to carry large amount of traveling supplies.

He is accompanied by his wife and son James; the latter a map maker who is preparing a map to be used on the return trip. The caravan which will leave Denver will be composed of a great number of cars occupied by representative business men. The expense is being borne by the association, which is promoting this plan and the entire route will be covered. Mr. Westgard is now making his plans and will pilot the caravan which this plan will assist greatly in advancing the national highway scheme.

"All the government is waiting for," he says, "is to learn which roads bear the greatest amount of travel and which should be taken over. If we can link up a large number of roads, tapping and at the same time serving to accommodate the farmers and growers of all communities, then there is no doubt but that when the federal highway bill is adopted, these roads will be taken over and made permanent by the government."

## Child Welfare Meeting Thurs.

A meeting preliminary to the Child welfare conference, which is to be held August 13, will be held at the Bellview schoolhouse at 2 p. m. Thursday of this week (August 5th). While the meeting is specifically for mothers of the Bellview and Nell Creek neighborhoods, all interested women of Ashland and vicinity are invited and urged to attend.

Miss Pool, county demonstration agent, Miss Fallaine, county nurse, and Miss Lane of the Oregon Agricultural College extension service, will be present Thursday. Miss Lane is sent out by the state college as a field agent for this child welfare work.

## Sweet Dream of Many Years Ago

A farmer raised a deuce of a row in a local grocery store the other day when told that sugar was selling at 25¢ a pound. He wanted and roared about "small town profiteers," claiming that sugar was selling in Portland at 20 pounds for a dollar.

The incredulous grocer urged the farmer to "prove it."

The farmer produced a copy of a Portland newspaper of a recent date. Sure enough, a little item read: "Sugar is selling in Portland at 20 pounds for the dollar."

The grocer called his attention to the heading of the column. It was the "Twenty-five Years Ago" column.

The farmer took home four pounds of sugar.

## TO TRY TO RAISE FALLEN AIRPLANE

Captain Lowell B. Smith, in charge of the aerial forest patrol, leaves Medford today with a mechanic to make an inspection of the patrol plane which recently "cracked" at Big Camas, in the Umpqua forest. They will ascertain whether or not the plane can be repaired and if so will return and obtain the needed parts and take in a crew sufficient to put the plane in shape to fly. A field will then be built large enough to allow the machine to take off. Steps are being taken to build a field at Big Camas and it is quite probable that within a short time a good landing field will be in existence at that place. Forest Supervisor Ramadell of Roseburg has reported very favorably in regard to such a field and states that it can be built.

## ELKS ARE FOR "SAFETY FIRST"

The moral influence as well as the practical example of the seventeen thousand Elks in Oregon will be thrown solidly behind the "safety first" movement in an effort to reduce to a minimum automobile and railroad accidents in this state if a resolution presented to the state association at the Elks convention in Salem meets with approval, as it is expected that it will.

The resolution, which was presented by the Portland delegation and which is said to have the unanimous endorsement of that body, calls attention to the numerous accidents, many of them fatal, which have been occurring in Oregon, many of them due to carelessness and recklessness. The move proposes the appointment by the president of the state association of a committee to co-operate with the safety committee of the Portland division of railroads in carrying on an educational campaign for the prevention of accidents at railroad crossings and elsewhere. The committee would also be instructed to see that committees of local lodges be appointed to co-operate with the state committee and the railway safety committee in furthering the campaign to the utmost.

## COUNTY GETS PART STATE ROAD FUND

SALEM.—A total of \$366,099.72, representing funds derived from the market road tax bill which was approved by the voters at the special election held on June 3, 1919, has been apportioned among the various counties of Oregon by Sam A. Koser, secretary of state.

The amount disbursed represents funds received from the 1-mill tax levied on all assessable property in the state for market roads for the first six months (tax-paying period of 1920). Under the apportionment each county receives an amount at least equal to its contribution, but no county can receive in excess of 10 per cent of the total amount raised in that county in any one year.

Jackson county rates seventh in the list of Oregon counties in order of amounts and has been apportioned \$141,691.78. The amount will be applied on market road improvements under way and completed.

## JACKSON SLACKER GETS NINE MONTHS

PORTLAND.—Alfred Fattig, who lived as a hermit in the wilds of Jackson county for three years to escape the draft, pleaded guilty and was sentenced here to nine months in jail. Fattig gave himself up to Sheriff Terrill recently.

## Slips One Over On Chicago Bank

CHICAGO—A man who did not appear to be too prosperous approached a teller's window in Chicago's largest bank.

"I want to borrow \$10," he said. "Three blocks north and two east," said the teller. "You'll wook the place by—"

"I ain't kidding," said the man. "I want to borrow ten beans—bucks—clams; and I got these for security."

The teller's eyes opened when he saw ten \$1,000 Liberty bonds. "Right over there," he said, pointing to the sanctum reserved for vice presidents and stenographers.

"Have a cigar," said Marcus Jacobowsky, a vice president. "What can I do for you?"

"I want to borrow \$10," said the man, producing the bonds. Jacobowsky laughed.

"All right," he said. "Give me one."

"Nope," said the man. "You gotta take 'em all."

The official finally agreed and wrote a receipt.

"Now, what's the idea?" he demanded.

"I borrow \$10 at 7 per cent," said the man. "You keep my bonds and I come in and clip the coupons—you can't stop me, you know. My bonds are safe."

"You're responsible and I save \$10 a year, which I would pay for a safety deposit vault, minus 70 cents which I pay as interest."

"O-o-oh!" said Jacobowsky, as the man left the bank.

## CITY IS CROWDED TO THE LIMIT

The Ashland hotels are crowded nightly; tourists are sleeping on cots and improvised billets; every house in town that can be lived in is occupied and renting a house is as difficult as sailing a battleship up Niagara Falls; scores of Ashlanders have fitted up rooms and apartments in their homes in order to care for the summer visitors and these are filled.

Whenever a house is sold—and residence sales are daily occurrences—a series of "movings" is started which remembers nothing so much as a row of dominos set on end and falling one against the other. Bill Jones buys the Browns to move out of it; the Browns offer \$5 more rent than the Taylors are paying and move into the house occupied by the Taylors; Mr. Taylor's brother owns a place rented by the Fields and the Fields are forced to move. The Fields trace back the series of "movings" and find that Bill Jones moved out of a house owned by a man in Portland, they wire to the owner only to find that the Herker family, newcomers from Los Angeles, have left them to it by a week. The Fields have this time figured out that buying is cheaper than moving and purchase the house rented by the Elacks, starting another merry round of movings.

Everyone would finally get settled were it not for the constant stream of new arrivals from Los Angeles earthquake infested areas; Montana's chilly mountains and Dakota's sunburned plains.

While the summer tourists' account for a part of the crowded conditions, it is a sure thing that the influx of families seeking the benefits of the Ashland schools next fall will make the housing problem even more impossible of solution.

## PROPAGANDA KEEPS TOURISTS AWAY

Two southbound tourist automobiles which passed through here yesterday had signs pasted on the windshields bearing the words, "The Cruellest Words in Oregon; Out of Gas." Local garagemen are asked to be on the lookout for other cars carrying the signs and to endeavor to ascertain the source of the propaganda, which it is feared will have a disastrous effect in keeping tourists out of Oregon.

The local garages and service stations make no restrictions in the amount of gas supplied to tourists and as yet "no gas" signs have not been in evidence here.

## MUST HAVE CARD TO DRIVE AUTO

Strict enforcement of the new law which demands that every driver of an automobile in Oregon must have a driver's license, will commence about August 20, according to word issued from the office of the secretary of state.

Approximately 150,000 applications for licenses have been received at Salem and the licenses are being issued as fast as the secretary's office force can get them out. "About 50,000 more application should be received," states Secretary of State Koser, basing his estimate on the automobile registration. Licenses are being sent out at the rate of 4,000 a day.

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## DIED.

Syd E. Carter and Major A. Carter received word a few days ago of the death of their sister, Mrs. Mary Geitner, at Sacramento, Calif., where she had made her home for many years. Mrs. Geitner was well known to the older families of Ashland as Miss Mary Carter. Practically all of her married life was spent in California. She was 66 years old and leaves a husband and six children, three brothers and a sister. One brother, L. W. Carter, lives at Santa Rosa, Calif. The sister is Mrs. H. W. Lowrey of Yoncalla, Oregon.

## COAL FURNACES FOR HIGH SCHOOL

The Ashland school district is advertising for bids for coal furnaces for the high school building. This was made necessary by the fact that it is impossible to secure oil from any of the oil companies for the oil furnaces which have been in use in former years.

At first thought the expense of installing coal furnaces rather appalled the school board but upon investigation they found that coal furnaces were built which could be installed inside of the oil-burning furnace at a reasonable cost.

Ashland remembers with pleasure "So Long, Letty," the big musical comedy success which played at the Chautauqua auditorium. O. T. Bergner announces that he has secured "Linger Longer Letty," with the same Charlotte Greenwood who played the lead in the previous success, for Ashland. The big musical comedy, probably the largest and best company which will visit the coast this year, will present "Linger Longer Letty" at the Chautauqua Auditorium on Friday, August 31.

Mr. Bergner says, "Don't get the idea that the coming show is the same as the one which was here before. Although the name is similar, it is an entirely new show and is said to have eclipsed the New York success of "So Long, Letty."

The production was secured for Ashland at great trouble and expense. It makes only one or two one night stops on the coast. The company carries 50 people and two carloads of scenery.

## FIRST FOREST FIRE NEAR JACKSONVILLE

The first forest fire of the season started Monday about two and a half miles north of Jacksonville and the atmosphere is hazy with smoke from the blaze.

State District Fire Warden Eberley had a large force of men at work on the fire, including the force of workmen of the Flory and Stansell logging camp, not far away, whose timber and that of others, was threatened if the fire continued to spread, as well as a number of homes in the vicinity.

The fire is reported under control.

Springfield.—Plans being made for new city hall.

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Despite the unusually severe winter which caused much suffering among the wild animals and for months defied the herculean efforts of the rangers to break through the great walls of snow thrown over the automobile highways, the main roads of the park were opened up this year several days in advance of the date they have been made accessible in former years, and cars were admitted June 15.

The transportation of the thousands of nature lovers who come from all parts of the world, is handled by the Yellowstone Park Transportation company which is operating 150 buses over the various park tours. Without doubt this is the most extensive automobile passenger transportation project in the country outside of the large taxicab companies of our big cities.

Since the opening of the 1920 season the 150 buses operating in the park have covered 173,699 touring miles carrying approximately 11,000 visitors.

All the buses are White cars, 125 of the 11 passenger type and 25 regular touring cars. All the 11-passenger cars are built on three-quarter ton chassis. In addition to these 150 buses the transportation company operates 12 trucks,—four two-ton, two five-ton and six three-quarter ton. The five-ton trucks are gasoline tankers which supply the four filling stations of the park with their gasoline requirements, while the

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## BERGNER LOOKS OVER PORTLAND

Up from Ashland, where whatever there may have been at one time, have been laid successfully and profitably with lithia water, comes O. T. Bergner, manager of the Vibine motion picture theatre. Bergner has been conferring with Manager C. T. Holl of Famous-Players-Lasky, during most of his visit so far, and as lining up the best there is in the way of "folium" for the entertainment and edification of the Ashlanders.

Bergner, six or seven years ago, before Jensen & Von Herberg came along, was manager of the Columbia theatre for Foster & Kleiser, owner of the building, and gave Portland the best shows there were to be had at that time. Then Bergner acquired the Vibine, and is down in Southern Oregon he is touted now as being one of the liveliest showmen in that part of the country.

Bergner reports "business fine," the weather having been good (from the showman's standpoint) during the spring and the summer to date.

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