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WATER—TWO PROPOSITIONS.

Citizens of Ashland who have
for years been bemoaning the an-
nual shortage of water in this dis-
trict, will have an opportunity
within the next two weeks to de-
clare themselves definitely on the
question of improved water supply.

For within that time—on Satur-
day, September 18, and again on
Thursday, September 23—two spe-
cial elections will be held on the
water question, at each of which
will be submitted propositions for
the bonding of the city to the ex-
tent of not exceeding \$100,000
for the purpose of insuring an
adequate water supply.

One of these propositions will
be submitted by the city council,
which has for months past been
investigating the water situation
and trying to devise some means
for betterment. It calls for the
expenditure of \$100,000 in build-
ing an earthen dam near the head
waters of Ashland creek, for the
storage of sufficient water to sup-
ply all the needs of the city for
an emergency period of 90 days,
which is about the length of time
the water shortage here is really
acute.

Investigations conducted by the
state geologist, the city engineer
and other competent engineers
have proven conclusively, it is
claimed, that the Ashland creek
project can be completed for the
sum proposed to bond for, and
while this will in reality be but a
temporary proposition, it is de-
clared by its advocates that ample
water will be assured to supply all
the needs of the city for many
years to come.

The second proposition, which
is submitted on initiative petition
of water users and other inter-
ested parties, is for the purchase
of the Buck lake property, located
in Klamath county, and compris-
ing an area of 2912 acres in all.
This property is situated some 34
miles from Ashland, and it is
claimed that sufficient water can
be secured from this source to
supply not only the city for all
time to come, but to irrigate
much of the valley as well.

Supporters of this proposition
declare that while the initial cost
of this project will be far in ex-
cess of the \$100,000 proposed to
be expended at this time—the
\$100,000 will merely purchase the
property—the eventual benefits
to be realized will be the end make
the Buck lake proposition the best
for Ashland and its environs.

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PEIL'S

CORNER BY THE PARK
WHAT

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handle horses and cows covered
with flies? Show fly will do the
trick. A new barrel just in and
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corner by the park.

PEIL'S CORNER

position say that it will cost in the
neighborhood of \$3,000,000 to
complete the plan for the purchase
of the lake property and bring
the water into the city; that
there is no available data as to
exactly how much water can be
brought in, or as to how many
acres can be irrigated outside of
the city.

It is also declared that the pro-
posal is impractical at this time
as the actual amount necessary
to complete the proposed installa-
tion is far in excess of the present
property value of the city—fur-
thermore, it promises no imme-
diate relief.

Although the two elections were
only decided upon last evening,
arguments pro and con are al-
ready flying thick and fast, and
the entire matter will undoubtedly
be well threshed out before the
first election comes up.

We are all agreed that water
is needed. The vote is unanimous
that it is needed at once.

It is now up to the voters to
decide which—if either—of the
propositions shall be accepted.

A WARNING TO ASHLAND.

Ashland, and for that matter
almost any city in Oregon, can
read a solemn warning in the ter-
rible loss of life in Monday's fire
at Klamath Falls.

It is very easy to become care-
less regarding the keeping in or-
der of equipment for fire protec-
tion in lodging houses and hotels
—easier still to become forgetful
of the necessity for providing a
rapid and efficient means of es-
cape from buildings in case of dire
emergency.

Because no such emergency
happens to arise, only too many
owners of buildings allow their
fire escapes to get out of repair,
to become blocked—many fire es-
capes become nothing more or less
than dumping places for every-
thing and any thing that happens
to be in the way—and then when
the fire flend does strike the un-
fortunate occupants of the build-
ings suffer the consequences of
carelessness.

Ashland may be fortunate in
having all public buildings prop-
erly equipped with sufficient fire
escapes, kept constantly in good
order. But so it is the excep-
tion to the general rule.

Right now, while the memory
of Klamath's fearful holocaust is
fresh in our minds is a good time
for a checking up—a thorough go-
ing over of the city—and seeing
that no possible chance is left for
such a calamity to strike here.

Don't delay. Look over your
buildings today and make certain
that in case of fire no one will
suffer because of your neglect or
because proper means of exit have
not been provided from your build-
ing. It costs but little to play
safe.

Do it now!

MUCH INTEREST IN

WATER ELECTIONS

Perhaps nothing occurring in
Ashland for many years has
stirred public interest as did the
announcement yesterday of the
two special elections to be held
September 18 and 23 respectively
on the question of securing bet-
ter water supply for this city.

Discussion of the merits of the
two propositions to be submitted
to the voters waxed hot on every
street corner, and both plans are
finding their supporters as well
as their opponents.

The proposal to build a dam up
Ashland creek for storage of an
emergency supply of water is op-
posed principally on the grounds
that it is not a permanent propo-
sition but only promises temporary
relief, and there is question in
the minds of many as to the ad-
visability of spending so much
money on a plan which must
eventually be superseded by some-
thing more extensive.

On the other hand, the cost of
the Buck lake proposition is being
urged against it, as well as the
fact that no immediate relief is
promised, while the need for a bet-
ter water supply is both pressing
and urgent.

In favor of the Ashland creek
plan it is urged that the entire
installation can be completed in
time to prevent a water shortage
next season, and that ample wa-
ter will be available for all the
emergency needs of the city it-
self for many years to come.

Those who favor the Buck lake
plan urge that it is the right one
to be adopted because of the fact
that if it is installed it will be a
permanent proposition and will
not only insure an ample water
supply for all time, as far as the
city is concerned, but will allow
of irrigation of much of the sub-
urban territory as well.

It is proposed by some of the
proponents of the Buck lake plan
that the Bellevue, Neil creek
and other surrounding districts
where irrigation is needed be tak-
en in with the city in an irri-
gation district which may issue
bonds for completion of the pro-
ject—whereby the surrounding
country, as well as the city, may
be benefited.

That these districts will be wil-
ling to come into such a district
is declared to be beyond doubt,
and if they were taken in, it is
said that the financial burden

would not be as great as many
fear.

Another plan proposed by those
favoring the Buck lake scheme is
that the city take over the lake
ranch property and a corporation
then be organized for the instal-
lation of the water supply and ir-
rigation plant.

Regret is expressed by many
that it is necessary at this time
to bring two separate propositions
before the public, and there is
some fear that a fight may de-
velop which will result in defeat
of both proposals and the leaving
of the city in the same position
it now occupies, of "Water, water,
everywhere," except where it is
needed.

There is no question in the
mind of any citizen but that Ash-
land must and will have a better
water supply. The trouble lies in
deciding just what plan to adopt
in securing it.

It is for the purpose of reaching
this decision that the elections are
called—where every voter and
taxpayer may have an opportunity
of declaring his or her preference.

Voters should keep in mind the
fact that the election to be held
on September 18 is for the ac-
ceptance or rejection of the propo-
sition to install a dam at the head
waters of Ashland creek, while
the election dealing with the Buck
lake project will be held five days
later, on September 23.

In order that the elections may
be given full opportunity to have
a thorough understanding of the
two proposals, the "Tidings" will
be glad to publish signed com-
munications from taxpayers ex-
pressing their views on the mat-
ter. These communications
should be as brief as possible and
should be confined to presenting
definite reasons for the accepta-
nce or rejection of either plan.

POLITICS QUIET.

BUT POT BOILS

With an entire new set of city
officials to be elected on Novem-
ber 2, as well as three new mem-
bers of the park commission, the
political pot is beginning to boil
in Ashland.

Although there have been no
definite announcements of candi-
dacy as yet, a number of well-
known citizens are known to have
heard the call of office and it is
expected that several "hats" will
be "in the ring" within the next
week or so.

Policies are being outlined by
a number of possible candidates
and there is no doubt but that
some interesting announcements
are about due to be made.

One of the important things—in-
fact the most important thing—to
be considered by the incoming
officials will be the securing of
an adequate water supply for the
city.

Another matter of major im-
portance is the improvement of
our city park and caring for the
large numbers of tourists who
are flocking to this city each year.

Announcements of the various
candidates for their stands on these
propositions will be watched with
great interest by the electors and
it is probable that failure or suc-
cess will depend largely upon the
attitude of the seekers after office
on these subjects.

Ashland is in a situation at
present where she must take defi-
nite steps on matters of vital im-
portance and at no time in the
history of the city was the need
greater for men at the head of
city affairs who will take a broad
minded and progressive view on
the administration of the munic-
ipality.

Candidates for office will have
plenty of planks this year with
which to build their platforms,
and forthcoming announcements
are anxiously looked for.

There will be no primaries for
nomination of city or park offi-
cials this year, and candidates
will obtain their nominations
either by mass conventions non-
political in character, or by peti-
tions of nomination signed by 25
or more legal voters of the city.

TO PROTECT THE

CHINA PHEASANT

EUGENE.—The members of the
State Fish and Game commission
who were in attendance upon the
dedication of the game farm Mon-
day were called together by State
Game Warden A. E. Burdick for
a brief conference. There were
present Commissioners John Gill,
Marion Jack, E. C. Simmons and
Louis E. Bean. The greater part
of the session was devoted to rou-
tine matters and informal discus-
sion of game matters and the work
of the deputies. In this connec-
tion Mr. Burdick called atten-
tion to the increasing destruction
of the China pheasants in the ag-
ricultural sections, the violations
being largely attributed to farm-
er boys, who find it an easy mat-
ter to kill the birds as they come
in upon the farm properties. In
order to head off this sort of
thing he has decided to appoint
thirty additional deputies, scat-
tered through the Willamette val-
ley, and it will be the special duty
of these to watch for this class
of illegal shooting. The most im-
portant item of business disposed
of was the official appointment
of Matt Ryckman, now in charge
of the hatchery on the upper Mc-

Kenzie, as state superintendent
of trout hatcheries, the appoint-
ment to become effective October
first. Mr. Ryckman has been in
this line of work for a long period
of years and is considered by the
commission as a good man in the
right place, the choice being unan-
imous.

NOT GENUINE

ROGUE SALMON

In a letter recently received by
Representative Ben C. Sheldon of
Medford, from an upstate man
very familiar with fish conditions
in Oregon, regarding the report-
ed large run of salmon at the
mouth of Rogue river, the state-
ment is made:

"Reports concerning the big
run of fish which has entered the
Rogue river very recently are that
this is not the true Rogue river
salmon but are the Columbia river
fish which were planted in the
Rogue river four or five years
ago." The same communication
contains the statement, regarding
the matter of keeping the river
stocked with fish that "It is cer-
tainly self evident that only a
very small portion of the run is
now permitted to escape to the
spawning beds. If the run is to
be perpetuated, a greater escape-
ment must be provided for."

The Social Realm

MONDAY'S NEWS

Pleasant Dance

A pleasant social dance was
held at Talent Saturday evening
in the Odd Fellows hall, which
was largely attended by the citi-
zens of that vicinity. Music was
furnished by Messrs. Minkler,
Hogan, Porter and Rouse.

Millinery Opening.

The millinery opening at Miss
Hargrove's parlor Friday and Sat-
urday was quite a social function.
The display room had been hand-
somely fitted up, tending to show
off the late, attractive styles in
headgear, and there latter were
further displayed by Miss Evelyn
Paddock, Miss Nova Gearhart,
Mrs. Benton Bowers, Jr., and Mrs.
Caroline Deer, who served as liv-
ing models. Miss Hargrove was
assisted in her display by Mrs. V.
A. Stewart and Mrs. Sherwin.

Surprised Teacher.

The Ever Ready class of the
Presbyterian Sunday school gave
a surprise party to their teacher,
Miss Nellie Ross, at her home at
115 North Main street, on Satur-
day, September 11. The after-
noon was spent playing games, af-
ter which luncheon was served.
Those present were: Catherine
Phipps, Dorothy Stevens, Eugenia
Young, Sylvioria Mach, Madge and
Marie Mitchell, Edith Plummer,
Miss Ross, Mrs. Ross and Mrs.
Plummer.

Dinner Party

A charming social event yes-
terday was the dinner party giv-
en by Mrs. G. C. Stevens at her
home on Helman street. The
evening celebrated the birthday an-
niversary of Mrs. Stevens and
Mrs. F. T. Wilson, they both be-
ing the same age. A sumptuous
dinner was served, the most at-
tractive feature being a huge
lady Baltimore birthday cake on
which was the requisite number of
lighted candles. Beside her own
family Mrs. Stevens had as her
guests Mr. and Mrs. Wilson and
their children, Florence and Bil-
ly, and Mrs. Leo Barker of Horn-
brook.

C. E. Rally

Floyd Carrick, state field sec-
retary of Christian Endeavor, will
be in Roseburg tomorrow. With
some more C. E.'s he will go to
Crater lake, then on back to
Klamath Falls. If the roads are
good there will be several auto
loads of young people from the
falls and Lakeview, who will ac-
company Mr. Carrick here for the
rally Saturday and Sunday.
Watch for programs and an-
nouncements. Miss Gertrude
Miksch is back from the Forest
Grove conference, full of enthu-
siasm and spirit and will have a
place on the program. Christian
young people plan to attend, that
"ye may be thoroughly furnished
into every good work."

WEDNESDAY'S NEWS

American Legion Dance

A large number of Ashland
young people attended the dance
given under the auspices of the
Medford Post, American Legion,
in the Natatorium of that city
Monday night. The regular dance
lasted from 9 to 12, and an im-
mense throng enjoyed dancing to
the music furnished by the Yreka
Super-Six orchestra. At the close
of this feature, a midnight frolic
followed at which Minkler's or-
chestra of seven pieces from Ash-
land furnished the music and
dancing continued until 3 o'clock.
Several entertaining vaudeville
features were presented and an
excellent supper was served.

Entertained Friends

Era Jay of Oberlin street, a
well known resident of this city,
who is 50 years young, entertained
a party of his neighbors and
friends at his home Monday with

a pie and watermelon feed. Mr.
Jay demonstrated that a person is
just as old as he feels and there-
fore on this day no 16-year-old
boy was more active and enter-
taining than he was. He also
proved that a man's usefulness is
not confined to the rougher occu-
pations, but can be given an out-
let in culinary and other household
affairs by baking the pies and
serving the refreshments to his
guests. A large company was
present and greatly enjoyed the
hospitality of Mr. Jay and his wife.

SATURDAY'S NEWS

Farewell Party

A farewell party was given in
honor of Miss Kathleen Silver
Thursday evening at her home on
Lower Almond street, before her
leaving for Roseburg where she
will teach during the coming win-
ter. About 24 young people were
present and spent an enjoyable
evening with cards and dancing.

American Legion Ball

The American Legion was host
to a delightful dance at the Ar-
mory last night. The room de-
corations were beautiful and the
music furnished by Herb Alford's
Imperial orchestra was all that
was to be desired. The attend-
ance, however, was much smaller
than hoped for by the boys giv-
ing the dance.

Stewart-Davis Wedding

Announcements reached Ash-
land today of the marriage of Mrs.
Georgiana Davis, formerly of
Ashland, but now of Red Bluff,
and Nicholas S. Stewart, which
took place in the latter city Thurs-
day, September 9. Mr. and Mrs.
Stewart will be at home to their
friends at Hilt after September 20.

THURSDAY'S NEWS

Club Picnic

The Wednesday Afternoon Club
of the Presbyterian church held
its opening meeting at the home
of Mrs. F. J. Shinn yesterday af-
ternoon. After the business meet-
ing in the afternoon a picnic sup-
per was served on the lawn at
which the husbands of the mem-
bers were the guests of honor.
Owing to the weather turning
cooler not so large an attendance
was present as was expected, but
those who were there enjoyed a
pleasant time.

IN MEMORY

Written by Mary O. Carey,
Beside the Memorial Stone in Ash-
land Park, July 18, 1920.
Close beside this winding path,
Where the feet of many tread,
I find carved in native stone—
The names of our heroic dead.

Beside this fountain pure, and
clear,
In memory of those loved ones
dear;
May this memorial forever remain,
In honor of our heroes, slain.

As you pass this sacred stone,
Remember their brave deeds
done,
Deeds of Valor for you and me,
In that fierce struggle o'er the
sea.

Beside this path that they have
known,
A monument is carved in stone,
Then pause and drop at courtesy,
To the honored dead, as you
pass by.

Sweet be their rest, these heroes
who—
No greater, nobler deeds could
do,
They bravely went to meet the
foe;

Nor feared that death might lay
them low.

Then rest on, brave lads, rest on!
We sorrow now that you have
gone,
May we do you honor by this
stone,
Which holds your epitaph alone.

None other worthy of this place,
Nor shall time this, or'er erase.
Loved and honored by each pas-
sery;

TICHENOR QUILTS

EUGENE.—F. R. Tichenor, for-
merly deputy United States mar-
shal for Oregon, has resigned and
has come to Eugene to make his

headquarters as district deputy of
the Woodmen of the World. Mr.
Tichenor announced that the lo-
cal camp is planning a number
of big meetings this fall and win-
ter, one of them to be held Sep-
tember 17, at which time Congress-
man W. C. Hawley, who is one
of the head managers of the or-
der and other prominent head of-
ficials will be here.

The local camp is now in the
midst of a big campaign for mem-
bers and the "drive" will be
pushed with vigor for some time
it was announced.

INCENDIARISM CHARGED

CAUSE OF KLAMATH FIRE

Charges that the fire which de-
stroyed the Houston hotel and nu-
merous other buildings in Klamath
Falls, Monday morning, with a
loss of life estimated at from 14
to 17 victims, was set by three
men who have since left that city,
have been made by James Ayres of
Klamath Falls, fiancée of Marg-
aret Hanley, one of the victims.

Ayres declares that he will pro-
duce a man who will make affida-
vit that the plot to burn the hotel
was concocted by the alleged fire
bugs in his room. The name of
the man is being withheld by the
officers who do not place much
credence in Ayres' charge, believ-
ing that grief over the loss of his
sweetheart has temporarily un-
balanced his mind.

A thorough investigation of his
charges will be made, however,
and if it is found that there is ba-
sis for the charge no stone will be
left unturned to bring the guilty
men to justice.

The generally accepted theory
is that the fire was started by a
cigarette or cigar stub carelessly
thrown into one of the numerous
piles of rubbish with which the
premises were littered.

A deputy from the state fire
marshal's office is in Klamath
Falls assisting a committee of citi-
zens in arranging plans for bet-
ter fire protection in lodging

houses and the city council has
passed a resolution calling for pro-
viding of adequate fire escapes
and protective devices in all ho-
tels and rooming houses. There
are at least half a dozen other
places in that city which are as
bad fire traps as was the Houston
hotel.

Conflicting stories of the num-
ber of bodies found in the ruins
of the hotel place the lowest num-
ber at 10 and the highest at 14.
There is considerable difference
of opinion as to whether a mis-
cellaneous collection of bones
found in various parts of the ru-
ins constitute one body or the
remnants of several.

The deputy coroner believes
that but one body is represented
by the gruesome assortment, while
parties assisting in removing the
bones declare that one body could
not have been scattered so much,
and that not less than four vic-
tims are represented.

Bob Dawson, who recently went
to Klamath Falls from Portland,
and Frank Wilson of that city
have been added to the list of fire
victims, although it has so far
been impossible to identify their
remains.

All of the injured fire victims
will recover.

The woman known variously as
Grace Hall of Medford, Mrs. Dol-
ly Taylor of Portland, and Dollie
Panthorpe of Ashland, has not yet
been located, and it is believed
that her body is one of the nine un-
identified victims.

LONDON, Eng.—A wife of one
of the sailors on the royal yacht
Victoria told the fortune of the
King of England by a deck of
cards. She told him he would live
to be 87, would die in California,
and within another 29 years would
give up his throne to the Prince
of Wales and would have a chor-
us girl as a daughter-in-law. The
cards would not say which one
of the king's sons would marry
the girl.

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