

ASHLAND WEEKLY TIDINGS

LACK OF TEACHERS TO CLOSE SCHOOLS

SALEM, Ore., Sept. 21.—Many of the smaller high schools in Oregon face the prospect of being compelled to close their doors through inability to employ teachers, according to J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of public instruction.

Jacksonville, in Jackson county, has appealed for permission to suspend for one year, with a proposal to send their high school students to Medford by wagon, paying their tuition under provisions of the high school tuition fund act. Merrill, in Josephine county, also faces the same problem. Should it become necessary to suspend these schools, the superintendent declared, they would not necessarily lose their rating as standardized high schools, as permission to close could be granted in an emergency.

Rural grade schools are beginning to open and no reports have yet been made as to the teacher shortage, although the situation is expected to show a serious condition in the more remote rural districts.

WOMEN ESTABLISH A BANK

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—The women of Clarksville, Tenn., have organized and are operating the first "all feminine" bank in America. The bank will be known as the First Woman's Bank of Tennessee. All the officers and directors are married women. No male employees are tolerated and the bank specializes in loans to women, although men are not put on the prohibition list.

WHISKY IN EGG SHELLS

WASHINGTON.—Bootleggers who decide to ship their whisky in egg shells should mark the cases, "handle with care," as a crate broke recently at a West Virginia station and an illegal odor filled the air. A prohibition agent investigated and found that the eggs had been carefully blown and filled with whisky, after which the apertures were carefully sealed.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN FAVOR OF ASHLAND CREEK WATER PROPOSED

At the luncheon of the Ashland Chamber of Commerce today the water question was the main subject of discussion and talks were made by several present in favor of the Ashland creek reservoir project which is to be voted on this week Saturday.

The water committee of the chamber presented a report in which they unanimously endorsed the Ashland creek project as follows:

"The water committee of the Chamber of Commerce after careful investigation, in a meeting held Tuesday evening unanimously endorsed the Ashland creek project as submitted to the vote of Ashland people September 18. The committee feel that this is entirely feasible and that the city's interest will be well protected. That the water supply is ample if such cared for, and that it is much preferable to the so-called Buck Lake project which would involve an expense that would be prohibitive and not justified when this other source is available. The committee also feel that the need of water is imperative and that it is the sentiment of the majority of the people of Ashland that the City Council go ahead with this Ashland Creek project at once.

"Measurements have been taken of the water during the past season when the flow of water was at a minimum and it appears from these measurements that the supply is adequate to fill the proposed reservoir and amply take care of the shortage in the summer season doubling the present supply during the months of July, August and September.

"The State Engineer has to give his approval to all reservoir propositions of this sort before construction is commenced and the city would be protected by expert advice as to the character of the dam needed in this particular locality."

Mayor Lamkin explained about the reason for calling the water elections and said he was pleased with the action of the water committee of the Chamber of Commerce and advocated the passage of the Ashland creek water project.

Other speakers of the water committee of the Chamber of Commerce also expressed their views on the subject and stated why the Ashland creek project was more feasible than the Buck Lake proposition.

An extended talk was made by R. P. Neil regarding the Buck Lake water project in which he

Navy Recruiting Party in Ashland

R. Carr, chief quartermaster, and W. E. Barrinton, chief pharmacist's mate, U. S. navy, will be in Ashland from September 21 to 24. Men wishing information about the navy may see them at Hotel Austin. Applicants wanted for all branches of the service. The navy now has 22 trades schools and 57 different trades. Ages for enlistment 17 to 35; pay ranging from \$35. to \$120 per month. Excellent chances for promotion and retirement.

"FLAPPERS" MAKE GOOD LONDON

LONDON.—(By Mail.)—The much maligned "Whitehall Flappers" have made good.

All those young girls who during the war scandalized their sober brethren in government offices with their cups of tea and powder-puffs are no longer recognizable as "flappers." They are distributed in all directions.

A small minority of the ultra-mischievous have gone back to the parental roof, but the great majority are working hard to get the Old Country on its commercial feet and they are to be found in banks, lawyer's offices, and big commercial houses of all kinds.

When the piping days of peace closed scores of government departments, there was a general reluctance among the employers to give these girls a trial.

However, some of the more enterprising came forward and engaged batches of them regardless of the attention they paid to silk stockings and powder-puffs—and from inquiries made by the United Press, they have not regretted it.

The secretary of a large shipping firm declared that the girls are "much more assiduous than men in their work."

A representative of the Harrod's department store said they had not turned down any applicants for posts merely because they had formerly been in government employ. This firm has absorbed many Whitehall flappers and their services are reported as giving as much satisfaction as those of any other class of employees.

CAMPAIGN IS ON FOR REMOVAL OF THE COUNTY SEAT

The campaign for the removal of the county seat from Jacksonville to Medford is now in full swing and petitions for placing the measure upon the ballot are now being circulated in Ashland as well as in other parts of the county.

It is evident that before very long the county will need more adequate quarters to keep the records which are now partly being stored in a woodshed and the question of investing additional county money at the present county seat must be decided by the voters of the county.

The question of the removal of the county seat has been one of long standing and with the growth of Medford, which is ideally geographically located, and with Jacksonville warring off to one side and most inconvenient for the greater number of residents of the county to reach, the removal to Medford is the most logical solution of the question.

Naturally with such a removal of the county as a whole will suffer a financial loss in its investment in the present court house building. This will be more than offset with the site which the city of Medford will furnish when the time for the building of a new court house will be considered. According to the laws, the county cannot bond itself for the building of a court house. It must create a sinking fund and therefore it will be a good many years before sufficient money will have been accumulated before a new court house could be built.

The petitions which are now being circulated in Ashland are for the purpose of placing the removal of the county seat upon the ballot for the November election. There should be no objection on the part of the voters signing same as the vote will be taken at a time when no additional expense is involved by the county, it being balanced upon at the regular election.

Petitions in Talent are to be found at Louis Brown's store, the State Bank of Talent, Wolter's general store and Nyswaner pool hall.

SHEEP MAKE MEAT OF WASTE PASTURE

The keeping of a reasonable number of sheep on the average farm does not necessitate the keeping of fewer dairy cows or other grazing stock. This fact was determined by the United States Department of Agriculture in its recent investigation of sheep-raising possibilities in New England. It was found that farms where sheep are kept successfully have practically the same number and kinds of other livestock as other farms of like area where no sheep are kept, and that the acreage in crops on the two classes of farms is substantially the same. The inference is that the farmer who keeps no sheep is simply throwing away enough pasturage that cows and other livestock do not utilize to net him a profit.

Wants Petitions Signed This Week

A most important meeting of the State Highway Commission occurs next week at which it is imperative that the county judge and commissioners attend in the interest of Jackson county's road building program. By being out of the county next week, the commissioners could not accept the county seat removal petitions at the end of the month and therefore these must be presented somewhat earlier than anticipated.

Due to the above conditions, those having petitions are requested to double their efforts to get as many signatures as possible before next Thursday evening as the petitions must be turned in to the county clerk on Friday to be checked up and Saturday will be the last day upon which the commission could accept the petitions so that the question may appear upon the ballot for the November election.

The committee have estimated that Ashland should furnish 700 signatures to this petition, but at the present time there are less than 200 who have signed. Citizens who are interested are urged to sign one of the petitions no later than Wednesday or Thursday of this week.

JACKSON COUNTY IN INDUSTRIAL RACE

SALEM, Sept. 15.—Industrial contests for boys and girls held each year at the state fair have been arranged on a larger scale this year by the state department of education and the Oregon state agricultural college.

E. J. Calavan is in charge of the exhibit and, in order to promote enthusiasm among the boys and girls, has spent much time in traveling over the state. He said he had the assurance that the following counties will be represented: Clatsop, Polk, Wasco, Tillamook, Washington, Jackson, Multnomah, Douglas, Malheur and Sherman. There will be many individual exhibits, which will be arranged with those of the various county displays.

Other counties in Oregon doing club work are: Coos, Yamhill, Columbia, Hood River, Marion, Benton, Union, Crook, Deschutes, Baker, Umatilla, Morrow and Klamath.

RED CROSS COURSE IN HIGH SCHOOL

The Jackson county Red Cross has arranged for a course in home hygiene and the care of the sick to be introduced in the public schools. The course will be open to the junior and senior girls of the high school, and is in the hands of Miss Margaret Van Scoyoc, recently from New York. It is stated Miss Van Scoyoc will have charge of the work in Ashland and Medford high schools, and will plan giving the course in Rogue River, Gold Hill and Phoenix as soon as arrangements can be made.

This course, as furnished by the American Red Cross, simply rounds out the home economics of the school curriculum, with a knowledge of cooking and sewing, gained in the school room supplemented by this course in home sanitation and the fundamental principles of caring for illness in the home, the young woman is prepared to take on with a good degree of intelligence the care of a home and family.

PRESENT YEAR HAS GOOD FRUIT CROP

The Ashland Fruit and Produce association is one of the busiest sections of the city these days, where packing and shipping of fruit is going on from early morning until late at night. While the fruit crop this year is much lighter than that of other years, the quality is excellent, and the association has nothing to complain of when it comes to everything but peaches. This latter crop is slim this year, but those on the market are exceptionally fine, presumably on account of the small amount on the trees.

Pears are a good crop this year, as are plums and prunes. The Bartlett pears have been packed and shipped, and next week will see the packing of the D'Anjou, the Bose and Comice. Indications point to a good crop of these later pears. The association has just finished shipping out a car of mixed fruit consisting of peaches, plums and pears to Klamath Falls.

The large addition to the association's plant is completed and affords much better facilities to the work in the building.

REGISTRATION CLOSES OCT. 2

Registration books will be open until October 2, and all who wish to vote at the general election November 2 should register before the former date if they have not already done so. Those who have moved into another precinct since the last time they registered must re-register before voting. Places to register are as follows:

Northwest Ashland, Ashland West Central, Susie L. Allen, Southwest Ashland, Ashland Boulevard, East Ashland, C. L. Loomis.

North Ashland, Ashland Oak, Ashland East Central, West Ashland, Bellevue, Barron, Billings office.

Ten Years Savings Fill 2-Gallon Jug

MOONVILLE, Vt.—One afternoon this week Penn Bulger of Catfish Point entered the Exchange bank here carrying a two-gallon jug. He removed the cork, turned the jug bottom side up over the counter and a stream of pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters ran out.

Bulger piled up the coins in the different denominations and opened an account. He had 1100 pennies, 300 nickels, 1700 dimes and 400 quarters.

Bulger said the jug was getting heavy and that Mrs. Bulger suggested that they deposit the money in the bank. He said that he and his wife had been dropping the coins in the jug for ten years, and that he had no idea that it contained \$324.

ACCIDENTS ARE FEWER

The field of railroad operation is growing less hazardous and the grade crossing safer to the public according to interesting statistics assembled by R. J. Clancy, assistant to general manager in charge of safety for the Southern Pacific company.

The "Stop-Look-Listen" campaign inaugurated by the road and followed up persistently has brought about a reduction in grade crossing casualties in the face of a large increase in the number of automobiles in use in the territory traversed by the Southern Pacific lines. Whereas in the first six months of 1918 there were 23 people killed and 85 injured at grade crossings, during the same period in 1919 there were 17 killed and 80 injured and for the first six months of this year fatalities were reduced to 13 and 61 injuries.

This achievement in accident prevention is regarded particularly noteworthy in view of the fact that about two-thirds of the mileage of the Southern Pacific is in territory where climatic conditions permit motoring every day in the year and the range of automobiles per capita of population is among the highest in the United States. California rivals all states, having now about one-tenth of all the automobiles of the country.

The comparison of casualties to employees, reportable to the Interstate Commission for the first six months of the years noted shows:

Year	Killed	Injured
1918	29	1436
1919	29	1239
1920	20	1129

Computed on the basis of locomotive miles and man-hours these casualties show less than one fatality per 1,000,000 locomotive miles and 2,000,000 man-hours in the first six months of this year.

WEDS MAN WHO CUT HER THROAT

GETTYSBURG, Pa.—From the edge of the grave to the altar, and from the role of a murderer to the bridegroom part in a nuptial event, is a long jump, but Arthur Cunningham and Catherine Eckeroede, both of Gettysburg, made it.

Two years ago the young couple were lovers and through jealousy and resentment young Cunningham made a murderous assault upon the young woman with a knife, inflicting a deep and dangerous gash in her throat, from which she nearly lost her life. Cunningham served two years in the Huntington reformatory, and then returned to Gettysburg, where he at once renewed his suit for the hand of the girl he had tried to kill. He won the suit. The young couple procured a marriage license and were married. Prior to her marriage the bride had been employed as a stenographer and typist in a lawyer's office.

PLANES TO TAKE MAIL TO CUBA

WASHINGTON.—Airplane mail service between the United States and Cuba will be inaugurated this fall. Announcement of the award of the first contract for the dispatch of foreign mail by seaplane was made by Postmaster General Burleson. The contract calls for daily transportation of mail between Key West and Havana for one year from Oct. 15. First class mail weighing four pounds six ounces or less will be handled at 6 cents an ounce.

Stadium Planned For Orient Games

TOKYO, Aug. 19.—(By Mail.)—In order that she may take a commanding place in athletic events in the Orient, particularly the Oriental Olympic sports, Tokyo is building a vast athletic park and stadium at a cost of more than a million yen. The track will be larger than the Olympic track in Stockholm, and great care has been exercised in the planning thereof, this being in charge of experts who were sent to Europe to study the best features of tracks there. The tracks will include one of 400 yards and another of 200 yards, but the original plan to include a baseball diamond was abandoned, it being common opinion that the two features cannot be successfully combined.

On the west side of the field will be an inclined grassy slope, which will be able to accommodate some 40,000 spectators, while on the east side will be a grandstand with seats for 15,000 spectators. Inside this stand will be dressing and bath rooms, dining halls and even dormitories for visiting teams. Work on leveling the grounds has already begun, and it is expected that the entire structure will be completed by 1923.

Autos Collide; Two Men Injured

A Nash auto taxi from Medford and a lumber truck met in collision at Phoenix at about 2 o'clock this morning. The taxi, which was coming toward Ashland, contained two passengers, one of whom was thrown completely clear from the car by the impact, while the other was pitched headforemost over the driver's seat, striking the brakes and sustaining serious lacerations of the scalp. The driver was unhurt. The car was badly damaged, one wheel being completely torn off and the radiator badly smashed. The injured men were taken to a house nearby and first aid rendered.

TO VOTE THURSDAY ON BUYING LAKE

By a vote of 556 for to 143 against, the electors of Ashland decided in the special water election held Saturday, that the city of Ashland should bond itself in the sum of \$100,000 for the purpose of building a dam and reservoir up Ashland creek, for the improvement of the water situation in this city.

Although only about 50 per cent of the taxpayers turned out to the polls, this number is far in excess of the usual vote in this city at a special election.

The vote at the two polling places stood as follows:

City Hall	Fourth St. Station
For	318
Against	73
For	238
Against	67

This gives a total of 693 votes cast out of a registration in the city of about 2200.

Next Thursday the second special water election will be held, when a proposal for amending the city charter, and issuing bonds in the sum of \$100,000 for the purpose of purchasing the Buck Lake ranch of 2018 acres as a permanent water supply for the city will be voted upon.

A great many people seem to have the idea that adoption of the Ashland creek plan automatically kills the Buck Lake proposition. This, however, is not the case. The Buck Lake project is submitted to the voters by initiative petition and the election on this matter must be held regardless of the vote on the Ashland creek bond issue, and exactly the same as though this had never been voted upon.

Should it carry the city will be bound to go ahead with the building of the dam up Ashland creek, as well as the taking over of the Buck Lake property. In this event, the latter proposition would be held as a source of permanent supply after the time comes when the waters of Ashland creek are found insufficient to supply the growing needs of the city.

It is urged by projectors of the Buck Lake plan that this project opens the way for irrigation of surrounding valley lands, and thus will greatly aid in the upbuilding of the city.

THE QUESTION NOW

The decision at the polls Saturday to adopt the Ashland creek water proposition, does not do away with the necessity of voting upon the Buck Lake plan next Thursday, it simply changes the question before the voters.

Until Saturday the matter to be decided was which, if either, of the two plans should be adopted. Having decided to build up Ashland creek's water supply, the question now is, "Should the city purchase the Buck Lake property as a source of additional supply when the Ashland creek supply shall prove inadequate?"

In other words, it is now up to the taxpayers to decide whether they will depend upon the supply to be obtained from the bond issue voted Saturday and make no arrangements for additional water until this supply proves inadequate, or shall they procure that additional supply now in anticipation of the future.

As to the merits of the proposal, that is a question to be determined solely by the interested taxpayers—and it is to be hoped that more than 20 per cent will be interested enough to turn out and vote.

But whether it is desired to secure this additional supply now or later, it will be necessary for the voters to cast their ballots on the subject next Thursday. As matters stand at present, the city may well be pledged to both propositions.

So don't sit back and let the other fellow do it. Get out to the polls and express your own opinion in the matter, whether for or against, then you will have a legitimate right to "kick" if things don't go to suit you.

If you don't vote, however, you certainly have no cause for complaint, no matter what is done.

MOROCCO THRIVES, SAY 2 AMERICANS

PARIS.—(By Mail.)—Two American Red Cross officers, Captains Robert S. Doman, of Bay City, Mich., and Merl LaVoy, of Seattle, Wash., who have returned to Paris after an official tour of Northern Africa give some interesting figures to indicate that Morocco is rapidly gaining in economic importance. From a wild expanse of unproductive country, peopled largely by Arab tribes, in 1912, Morocco has developed in the past seven years into what promises to become a thriving modern commercial and industrial nation doing business on a large scale in all the markets of the world.

EGGS DECREASE PRICE INCREASES

The Ashbenton Egg society disposed of 3,188 dozen eggs during the month of August. This shows the usual falling off in numbers for this month, but the price quite materially increased. The number of eggs and the prices for the four weeks of the month were: First week, 943 dozen at 55 cents; second week, 1045 dozen at 55 cents; third week, 606 dozen at 57 cents; fourth week, 594 dozen at 58 cents.

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The Chamber of Commerce is taking this matter up, asking the cooperation of anyone interested, in giving this party a welcome to Ashland to communicate with the Chamber of Commerce.

TOURIST TRAVEL RECORD BROKEN TO CRATER LAKE

Alex Sparrow, superintendent of Crater Lake National park, has announced that the tourist travel to Crater lake this year will break all records. Up to September 9, 8802 visitors and 4878 automobiles had registered at the lake, which is an increase of 22 per cent over the highest previous record made at this date in 1919.

WOULD BUCK LAKE WATERS BE POLLUTED?

Buck lake is a mountain meadow, nearly circular in shape, about two miles in diameter, surrounded by low, rounded timbered hills. At the eastern side a narrow gash in the hills lets the waters which drain this natural reservoir site discharge into Spencer creek, eventually finding their way into Klamath river. In the dry season the meadow is used to pasture several hundred head of cattle.

The springs which gush from the western edge of the meadow form a stream flowing easterly, losing itself before reaching the outlet in a swampy marshy condition. We visited the place on September 6 of this year. Some of the cattle were wallowing in this marsh and stirring up the sediment so that the water was emerging into Spencer creek had a murky uninviting appearance. You can take a stick and stir up the purest spring in the world and cause the same effect.

It is this marsh which is the basis for such extravagant statements as that if converted into a reservoir the waters of Buck Lake would not be fit for human consumption. As a matter of fact the area of tule land as compared to that of the meadow is very small. One of the present city council, in arguing how little water traversed this meadow, stated that he drove a heavily loaded automobile across the above-mentioned stream. If that condition of bog and mire prevails which Mr. R. P. Neil and others publicly declared, we fall to see how the car could pull through. These gentlemen have strenuously endeavored to convey the impression that Buck Lake as a reservoir would be a perpetual swamp, polluting the waters in exactly the same way that the upper streams flowing into Upper Klamath lake become polluted, rendering them filthy and dangerous for domestic use.

There may be a few deep places in Upper Klamath lake but it is in effect a very thin sheet of water. This lake is bordered, not by a few acres, but by many hundreds of acres, of tule or swamp. Here the waters lie and stagnate, and the waters which discharge through Link river owe their filthy condition solely to this one acre foot. But we repeat that the dry season discharge from Buck Lake is more than two, possibly four, times that of Ashland creek. Flowing water can be, and is, measured with the same certainty as wheat, sugar or gasoline. We made a careful measurement of the Buck Lake discharge on September 6 of this year and obtained a result of sixteen cubic feet per second. This result is lower than any dry period measurement consequent vegetable and animal yet taken including those by Eugene Dillard in 1918.

State Engineer Cupper says that the waters of Buck Lake were withdrawn pending the investigation for the possibility of their use in the valley. They are now open for filing and that adjustment of their use, he says, will be made which will best conserve public interests. Two hundred acre feet would more than serve the mouth of Spencer creek, and possibly the hatchery, if it is still in use, would demand as much more, though I am reliably informed it is not now running.

STUART MCKISSICK.

Pathfinders Will Come to Ashland

The secretary of the Chamber of Commerce has received the following communication from the National Park to Park Highway Association publishing department:

"The official party dedicating the National Park to Park highway, numbering about twenty persons, among whom are several women, will pass through Ashland on the way from Medford to Hornbrook, Calif., the morning of October 6.

The officers, including Mr. Gus Holms of Cody; Mr. Scott Leavitt of Great Falls; Mr. Harry N. Burnhans of Denver; also Mr. A. L. Westgard, pathfinder for the American Automobile Association; Mr. O. Van Wrek, personal representative of Director of National Parks Mather, and Mr. Mather himself would be glad to have you welcome the party in some way when it passes through your town.

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