

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

TUESDAY'S NEWS

R. E. Jarvis returned this week to McCloud where he is employed, after spending the holidays with his family in Ashland.

Walter Miksche, who came home last week from Los Angeles, has entered the employ of the First National Bank, beginning January 3. Mr. Miksche is a well known and popular young man of this city and has many friends here who are glad to see his return.

F. B. Waite of Portland is a business visitor in Ashland this week. Mr. Waite is the owner of the vast acreage of land across Bear creek from Ashland.

Marion Kincaid, a former Ashland boy and graduate of the high school of this city, stopped off while on his way back to Corvallis where he is a student of the O. A. C., and was a guest of Dwight Gregg, over Sunday. Mr. Kincaid had been spending the holidays at his home in Riverside, California. He reports his sister, whose health had taken the family to that place to live, is much improved.

E. E. Cook of Klamath Falls was a business visitor in Ashland for the past day or so.

G. P. Billings, the well known real estate man of Ashland, had business that called him to Jacksonville yesterday.

Orrin Wright of Harrisburg is in Ashland this week, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Yates.

Meredith Beaver left yesterday to resume his studies at the University of Oregon after spending the holiday vacation at his home in this city.

The Beaver Realty company reports the sale of the Walter L. Smith residence property to W. A. Mills of Red Bluff, who expects to take possession immediately and occupy it for a home.

Miss Margaret Van Dyke of the clerical force of the First National Bank, has resigned her position. She expects to leave this city in the near future.

Mrs. Elton Picard of Eugene is a guest at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Loughlin on Laurel street. After February Mrs. Picard will make her home in Los Angeles. She expects to make an extended visit in Ashland.

Miss Gertrude Cox, a former well known resident of Ashland, is over from Klamath Falls where she now resides and is spending a few days with her friends here and looking after business interests while in the city. She expects to return to Klamath Falls tomorrow.

Miss Frances Briggs has returned to her work in San Francisco after spending a fortnight's vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Briggs, in this city.

The local police found the cup machine which was pulled off from its post at the lithia fountain near the S. P. station and robbed a short time ago. The machine was picked up in a ditch near the tracks, and had evidently been thrown there since it was known a reward had been offered for the apprehension of the thief, as the police had been over the ground shortly after the machine was taken and it was not there at that time.

J. W. McCoy, cashier of the First National Bank, has been appointed on the educational committee of the Oregon Bankers' Association.

Miss Mabel Smith left yesterday morning for Eugene after spending Christmas at her home in Ashland. She is a student of the University in that city.

Geo. Farverly was up from Phoenix yesterday looking after business affairs in this vicinity.

* Ralph R. Hadfield has purchased the two-acre lot on Oberlin street belonging to James Hersey, and expects to build a home there.

MICKIE, THE PRINTER'S DEVIL



pects to establish a small fruit farm on a portion of it. The plot has no buildings, with the exception of a barn, and has been used for the raising of alfalfa principally. Mrs. S. L. Allen made the sale.

J. L. Corbett and wife and Ross Harden of Hills were over yesterday, visiting in Ashland.

H. C. Williamson was up from Medford yesterday on a business visit.

Guests from afar stopping at the Hotel Columbia were John Hall, wife and daughter, E. C. Wetherall and John Spurgeon of Portland, W. H. Bankson and wife of Spokane, and R. Gardiner of Klamath Falls.

A carload of automobiles which arrived in Ashland last night had been occupied by hoboes, it was discovered on opening the car. It was found that a motorist and a set of tools had been taken.

Herbert A. Maxey of San Francisco is in Ashland, and will spend a week or so with his father, W. L. Maxey, who is quite ill. The latter is reported to be slightly improved, but is still a very sick man.

Oregonians stopping at the Hotel Austin are G. E. Matlick, B. E. Abeglen, F. Godfrey, Albert Sylvester and wife of Portland, John C. Almack of Eugene, Clinton L. Long of Corvallis and Frank J. Neumer of Salem.

Glenn McWilliams, who had been living in this city on Wimer street previous to his late residence in San Diego, California, arrived in Ashland recently to make his future home. He will engage himself in the taxi business. Mr. McWilliams drove through from California in an F. B. Model Chevrolet and says he found the roads in very bad condition in spots between Redding, Calif., and this city, due to the unusual fall of rain.

Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Provost returned home this morning from San Francisco and other points in California, where they had been spending the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Angwin came home last night from San Francisco where they had been visiting during the past week.

The Week of Prayer is being observed in the Methodist church. A large attendance was present last night and services will be held in that church every evening this week.

Mrs. O. H. Barnhill and Miss Kathleen Silver returned to their schools last night, the former to Corvallis and the latter Roseburg. Mr. Barnhill will remain in the valley a week or so longer, collecting material for agricultural articles and character sketches. Orchard and Farm has recently published page writeups of the work of Albert Johnson, orchardist, A. C. Joy, parcels post peach grower, and James Hersey, the bee man, contributed by this writer.

There seems to be a diversity as to whether or not enough rain has fallen this winter to make the ground sufficiently wet. One man, it is stated, claims he found dry ground at a depth of 12 inches. Another claims he penetrated 20 inches before he found dry ground, while a third says he dug four feet and found the rain had soaked in as far as he dug, and he could see no dry ground at any depth. The fact that the streams are rising greatly after each rain indicates that the ground has all the moisture it can hold, and that the surplus is running off into the rivers and creeks.

The Social Realm

THURSDAY'S NEWS

Announcements have been received in Ashland this week of the marriage of Miss Elizabeth Barker to Stanley Myers, which occurred in Oakland, Calif., December 4. The bride was a former domestic science teacher in the Junior High school of this city, and has many friends here who are interested in this event.

O. E. S. Officers Entertained. Mrs. W. H. McNair entertained the officers of Alpha Chapter, O. E. S., last evening at her home on Oak street. The evening was spent in playing games and having a general good time, after which delicious refreshments were served. Those present were: Mesdames Dewey, Sackett, E. H. Bush, Leah Caldwell, W. H. McNair, Denton, Ira Leslie, L. S.

Brown, R. Porter, Percy Cheever, W. H. Day, P. K. Hammond, A. C. Briggs, H. S. Stock and Misses Lydia McCall and George Coffee.

Dinner Party. Mrs. C. E. Biegel entertained a company of young men at her home last evening with a course dinner, the occasion being the birthday anniversary of her son, Milton. The guest list included Burton Winne, A. V. McVey, Glenn and Harold Simpson, Milton, Earl and Elmer Biegel.

Former Ashland Girl Married.

Ashland people are interested in the announcement in San Francisco papers that "the girl of the Golden Gate," the first swimmer of the fair sex to cross from San Francisco to the Marin shore, was married quietly a few days ago in Berkeley. And now the former Miss Hazel Bess Laugenour goes by the name of Mrs. Timothy E. Fogg. The happy couple are honeymooning through the state by motor and will take up their residence in the college town upon their return. The families of the young married couple are well known in Butte county. The father of the groom was a pioneer of Oroville and the Laugenours hold extensive acreage in that county.

The Laugenours will be remembered in Ashland as conducting the Hotel Austin two or three years ago after the retirement of Mr. Chisholm.

Sams-McAllister Nuptials.

The marriage of William H. Sams and Miss Agnes McAllister, two well known young people of this city, occurred last evening. The ceremony took place at the Methodist parsonage, Rev. Charles A. Edwards reading the service. The event was a quiet one, the young couple being unattended. Both these young people have a host of friends in this city. Mr. Sams is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Sams of Helman street, and is one of the rising young men of Ashland. He is an ex-service man, serving with the 69th regiment in France during the war. He is now in the employ of the Postal Telegraph company in this city. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. M. J. McAllister and a popular young woman of Ashland.

Harding May Sell Famous Front Porch

President-Elect Harding May Sell Famous Marion Home and Also Home on Wyoming Avenue, Washington, and Buy New Home on Pennsylvania Avenue Instead.

MARION, O., Jan. —Strange feet may tread the famous front porch at 380 Mount Vernon avenue here after March 4, if present plans of the Hardings are carried out.

Having engaged a home on Pennsylvania avenue in Washington for the next four years, they hope to dispose of their home in Marion and the brick house on Wyoming avenue in Washington, where Harding lived during his term in the senate.

President-Elect Harding, however, has no intention of selling the Marion Star, as this little newspaper made him several times his senate salary last year. In fact he is planning to erect a large, modern plant in the near future.

The Harding home in Marion probably will either be leased or sold in the next few weeks. The house was shut up for six years while the Hardings were in Washington. Newspapers were put up in the windows, the house went unpainted and tall weeds grew in the front yard, where thousands gathered around the front porch last fall. Senator Harding had to dig up several hundred dollars to put it in condition for occupancy during the campaign. A shortage of housing in Marion and reluctance to allow so much money to remain tied up in an empty dwelling have prompted Mrs. Harding to cast about for a way to realize on the investment. But Senator Harding, and his wife, too, hold the place in a deep sentimental regard, and may at the last minute decide to keep it for the memories of the presidential campaign.

An ex-senator, who probably will be in the Harding cabinet, has already expressed a desire to purchase the Washington home, and it probably will be disposed of, furniture and all, to him.

Deer Creek sawmill, Wallawa county, runs all winter on railroad ties.

Playing Managers Are Coming Back

The Popularity of Playing Managers Is Again Rising—Ty Cobb Now Joins the Slim Ranks of the Playing Managers—Will Experiment Next Season With Detroit Tigers.

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—Playing managers, after having become almost extinct in baseball, are returning to favor.

Bench managers were just as rare in the old days as the active field leaders are today until the belief spread among club owners that the worry and troubles of a manager were too much for a player.

When Lee Fohl resigned late in the 1919 race, James C. Dunn, owner of the Cleveland Indians, made Tris Speaker, one of the greatest outfielders in the game, his manager.

Experts predicted the decline of Speaker as a star when he took upon himself the burden of management. But last season he not only played one of the greatest seasons of his career but he took his club over a bump filled season through a bump filled world's series to the championship.

Ty Cobb now joins the slim ranks of playing managers. His experiment with the Detroit Tigers will be one of the features of the coming season.

Cobb's game fell off some last season and he had to finish below the top of the batting pile for the second time in fourteen years.

William Baker, owner of the Philadelphia Nationals, would have liked to have had a playing manager to succeed Cavy Cravath, who got in only a few games last season as a pinch hitter.

Harry Hooper, the star outfielder of the Boston Red Sox, was the choice of the Hub fans to succeed Ed Barrow as manager and Owner Frazee considered him for some time before he secured Hug Duffy.

Rabbit Maranville, the diminutive star shortstop of the Boston Braves, believes that the day will come when all the teams will be led by a playing manager again.

The Rabbit admits, however, that he isn't ready to take a chance on an executive job.

The magnates are not opposed to playing managers, in fact they approve of them because it is a money saving proposition—killing two birds with the same stone, as it were.

OBITUARY.

Abbie Louisa Noyes: Born September 29, 1876, in Chelsea, Vermont, to Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Noyes. At the age of six years they moved to Clay county, South Dakota, where she grew to womanhood. She graduated from Fremont Normal school, taught in the county schools for a number of years and on June 2, 1903, she was married to Harry L. Moore. In 1908 they moved to Colorado, where the family lived until the spring of 1918 when they moved to Ashland and purchased the present home on Vista street, where she passed away on Sunday morning, December 26, 1920. She united early with the Congregational church and had lived a splendid Christian life, was a loving wife and mother, a good neighbor and a splendid woman. She leaves a father and mother, of San Jacinto, Calif., besides husband and seven children to mourn her untimely departure. But they know she is only waiting for them over there.

NEW HIGHWAY PRACTICALLY COMPLETED

ROCK-CRUSHING PLANT EAST OF ASHLAND DISMANTLED AND MACHINERY STORED UNTIL SPRING OPENS TO COMPLETE SHORT STRETCH OF PAVING ON MOUNTAIN.

This week sees the dismantling of the "hot stuff" plant in the valley east of Ashland used by the Oaker Huber construction company in making the pavement for the Pacific highway, which this company has been building from the city limits to the California state line during the past two years. The lower end of the Ashland contract has been virtually completed, and only about a mile and a half is yet to be paved on the mountains. This could not be finished in the fall on account of winter setting in, so work on it will be taken up as early as possible next spring.

Already the crusher and machinery of the lower plant have been shipped away, and the stores and equipment that will be used for completing the

strip on the mountain have been stored in the Smith livery barn, which the company has procured for this service. Only a memory hangs around that scene so replete with activity during the past summer, which is all that is left to show what was once a bustling hive of industry during the highway construction out of Ashland. The plant on the mountain is closed down for the winter and is left in the care of a watchman, to be opened when good weather allows for the resumption of road building at that point.

The completion of the Pacific highway out from Ashland removes a number of families who have been identified with the city's enterprises during their tentative residence here, and more will be going shortly. J. M. Baker, the crusher foreman, has already moved his family to Portland after being an Ashland resident for the past year. William A. Hines, paving foreman, finished his work here this week and left for his home in Dallas. D. Conner, grade foreman on the hill, has gone to his home in Carrols, Wash. George F. Osborne, plant foreman, is still in charge of the work here, but when this is completed will leave for the north.

Many of the truckmen have already departed for Portland. A few will remain in Ashland for the winter, pending the completion of the paving in the spring. This work will not require the large force that has been sustained during the past year.

The paving of this stretch of the Pacific highway has been of great financial benefit directly to Ashland. A payroll of from \$20,000 to \$25,000 a month has been carried by the construction company, and upwards of \$10,000 of supplies were purchased monthly. Aside from this factor a large number of people have been making their home in Ashland during the construction of the highway, adding materially to the welfare of the city. The large crews of men who have been employed on the construction have been associated more or less with Ashland, coming in for week end sojourns and taking part in the many interests of the city. Many have also held rooms in the city, contributing extensively in this manner to the city's financial welfare. The removal of this enterprise will be greatly felt in Ashland.

PRESIDENT SPROULE RETURNS FROM EASTERN STATES

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tying in writing the number of warrants desired in exchange, the amount of stock to be recovered by each, and the name or names in which the new stock is to be issued. On surrender of the warrants and payment of the full purchase price on or before March 1, 1921, the treasurer will deliver or forward to the holders the amount of stock of the new company purchased. All warrants not returned to the treasurer of the company on or before March

1, 1921, 'accompanied by a cashier's draft or certified check as herein provided,' will be void and of no value and the privilege of purchasing stock of the new company evidenced thereby cease.

"No exercise of such privilege of purchase of assignment thereof will be recognized unless made on the forms of the company. No holder of stock of the Southern Pacific company will be entitled to any of the terms of purchase herein specified are fully complied with. All letters and inquiries in regard to any of the above mentioned matters or details connected therewith should be addressed to A. K. VanDeventer, treasurer Southern Pacific company, 165 Broadway, New York, N. Y."

PAST YEAR PROSPEROUS IN JACKSON COUNTY

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foregoing road work the state has almost finished paving the Pacific highway, the county being the first outside of Multnomah to have the work completed. Co-operation on a 50-50 basis with the state has been consummated whereby a road is being constructed over the Green Springs road to the Klamath county line, the maximum grade being 6 per cent; this will open up a road for the benefit of all the valley from a commercial standpoint and will be equally beneficial as an outlet for Klamath County. The estimated cost to complete the grade and surface (not pave) is about \$300,000.00. The county has been able to proceed with its portion on this project by the state advancing the county's share of the expenditure, same to be refunded to the State out of the pending bond issue.

Another project of much importance to the County is the Crater Lake highway. The State Highway Commission have let contracts to grade the road from Cincadeles, near Eagle Point, to Trail, also contracts have been let for the bridges which are to be of concrete and steel and as soon as the grading and bridges are finished it is on the program to let the contract for macadamizing. When that is done there will be a stretch of road from Medford to Trail, 23 miles, about ready for pavement. The Crater Lake Highway has been designated as a Post Road which allows the county co-operation with the U. S. Government and the State of Oregon, the county being required to pay twenty-five per cent of the cost of the road. The contracts mentioned with reference to this project will cost the county about \$76,500.00 as based on the estimated yardage and material. Under the bond issue there is \$200,000.00 for the Crater Lake road. Also 22 miles of construction has just been completed between Prospect and Crater Lake line at a cost of about \$187,000.00, the county participating in the sum of near

\$3,000.00, the government and state the remainder. For 1921 the projects heretofore mentioned will be continued and in addition other smaller projects will be taken up as Market Roads, such as Elk Creek road, Sardine creek road, Butte creek road, and the general road work throughout the country.

The tax rate in the county has been raised over previous years, say 1919, the year before the present County Court took office, as follows: The county tax was raised 4 mills for 1920, 2 mills being in compliance with the Market Road Law and 2 mills for redemption of old warrants some of which were seven years old, and thus \$86,000.00 has been provided to pay old warrants and interest to that extent. General Fund warrants now outstanding, which includes the warrants issued in payment of the Sweeney judgment which had been handed down by the Supreme Court and which had been in litigation since in 1915, are as follows:

From June 10th to Dec. 31st, 1914.....	\$36317.69
From Jan. 1st to Dec. 31st, 1915.....	30929.01
From Jan. 1st to Dec. 31, 1916.....	6281.08
From Jan. 1st to Dec. 31, 1917.....	41.05
From Jan. 1st to Dec. 31, 1918.....	18.40
From Jan. 1st to Dec. 31, 1919: Sweeney Judgment \$54,471.11; all other \$17.21, or a total for the year 1919.....	54488.32
For year 1920.....	3124.93

Total outstanding warrants.....\$131,210.48

Quite an increase in the levy for State and County tax is necessary for 1921 expenditures, for the reason that a change in the law requires a larger school and high-school levy, and the state tax has been increased from \$129,000.00 for 1920 to \$270,000.00 for 1921. The General Road tax has been decreased .5 of a mill below last year, while the Market road tax has been increased .5 of a mill.

During the past year the Bank of Jacksonville failed and at the time there was on deposit in the bank over \$107,000.00 of county's money. On account of the tangled affairs of the bank the county has no information as to the amount of assets, if and there will be for the creditors, so are not able to state as to the likely amount that will be returned to the county. However, the county claims that there has been received by the county, on account of securities and bonds to date \$31,000.00 which has helped to reduce the original amount 29 per cent.

With assurances for the year 1921 of \$1,000,000.00 road building, mostly outside money; prospects of \$2,000,000.00 irrigation ditch construction and the building of permanent sawmills with large output, the county feels that there are many good things in store for Jackson county during the coming year.

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