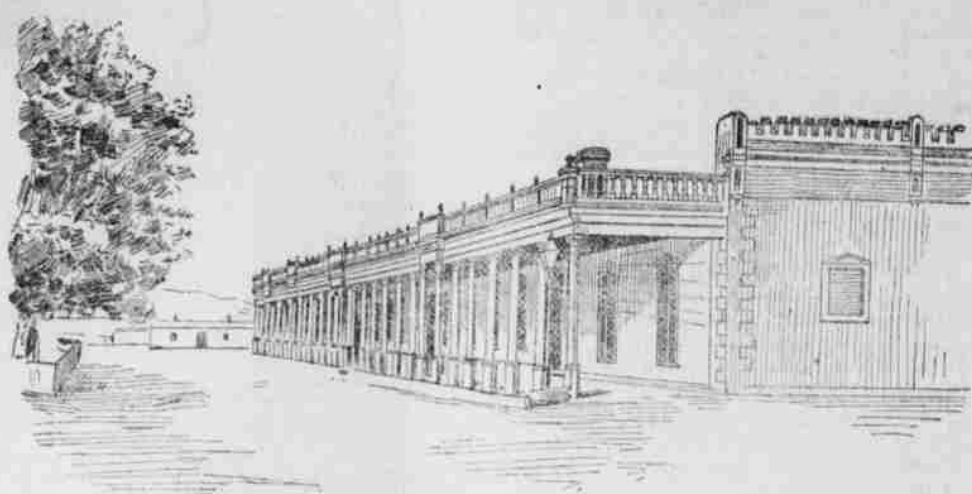




Chautauqua Worker Obtains Interesting Details of Southwest

To the Editor:

Many times have I gone speeding through this section of the country on the limited trains of the Santa Fe system and always thought of it as a worthless barren waste whose monotony was only broken by the craggy peaks and scarred ravines of the Rocky mountains, but I suppose it's a good thing that we never get too old to learn. I have always prided myself that notwithstanding all my faults and failures I had, at least, some knowledge of the country in which we live, but having spent more than one month leisurely traveling through New Mexico and Arizona, I have come to the conclusion that my knowledge of this part of the nation was sadly lacking for it is here that traces of our most ancient civilization is found.

One may travel in almost any direction from Santa Fe and find the ruins of old communal houses now almost completely buried and in some instances entirely so. Some of these houses or community dwellings have been found to contain more than one thousand rooms.

Throughout Northern Arizona and New Mexico the archaeologist is busy with his spade constantly digging up something new out of the buried part of this wonderland. In addition to that which we know nothing about except as it is dug up out of the ground here, there are many things of interest that are ancient and still within the events of our recorded history. Santa Fe has within her city limits and facing the public square the oldest government building in the United States. It is known as the "Palace of Governors." It has been occupied by a succession of nearly one hundred governors—Spanish, Pueblo, Mexican and American, beginning prior to 1620, and ending with Gov. George Curry in 1909.

One of the most famous governors New Mexico ever had was Gen. Lew Wallace. It was here he finished that wonderful book, "Ben Hur." He wrote the fifth, sixth and seventh chapters of that famous story in one of the quiet back rooms of this historic building which is now known as the Lew Wallace room. This building is now used as a state museum and is carefully kept in a fairly good state of repair.

Santa Fe claims the honor of having the oldest house now being occupied by a family in America. Any man walking up and down these streets and observing these buildings or most of them at least would need no argument to convince him that no buildings anywhere could be older and still stand up. One of the most historic places of Santa Fe is the old San Miguel church which was built in 1607; was partly destroyed during the Pueblo revolution in 1686, and repaired in 1719. Inside the old church is a bell which they claim was made in Spain one hundred years before Columbus discovered America. I was at a loss here to enter into an argument on account of the facts in question dating back prior to my recollection. I did concede, however, that both the bell

and the church were very old but the church had not been dead any longer than some of them in the Rio Grande valley, that I personally knew about and have the honor of claiming them to be located within the limits of my own country.

Santa Fe does not look like an American city. With its narrow winding streets, Spanish architecture and old adobe houses it resembles a foreign city with a sprinkling of white people living in it. No merchant could succeed in business here unless he could speak the Spanish language.

We should not be impatient about these matters for this is a part of the territory which we were supposed to have bought from old Mexico but which in reality we took by force of arms and then paid her in settlement fifteen million dollars for practically all of the Southwestern portion of now what is the United States. I am not sorry we own this section and the natives who still live here ought not to be.

From what I can learn not a Mexican living here would want the old Mexico line moved one single inch north of where it is today.

M. C. REED.



Oldest Church Building in U. S. Built in 1607.

Kind Hearts Aid Suffering of Dog

The day of the Good Samaritan is not passed, even though we carp about the hard-heartedness of human kind. There are still some hearts that beat in pity for the distressed of this world, and many others who put out a helping hand to succor those in trouble.

Saturday afternoon a most pitiful object was seen on the streets. This was a small dog with a fearfully injured fore leg. The little animal was limping along on three feet, trying in its dumb way to interest passersby sufficiently to secure some help. Many stopped and patted the head of the suffering creature and expressed deep sympathy, but the little dog evidently was trying to reach its home as it struggled along the street in an attempt to gain shelter somewhere.

Finally animal endurance could last no longer, and the little dog lay down on the cold pavement exhausted by pain. In this condition it was found by a tender-hearted woman of Ashland, whose sympathies were wrung by the suffering of the dog. After making inquiries and finding there is no veterinary surgeon located in this city, she telephoned to a well known physician, telling him of the suffering of the animal.

"I will be down at once," the physician responded, and was soon on the scene. Taking the suffering animal in his arms he carried it across the street to the shoe shining parlor of M. C. Claiborne, whose warm heart responded to the call for sympathy, and readily allowed the dog to curl down by his fire. The doctor promised to give the dog his attention, meanwhile slipping some money in Mr. Claiborne's hand to procure food for the animal. The dog is in good hands under the care of one of the most skilled physicians in the city, who will not let the fact that it is a dumb animal deter him from giving the dog the best treatment of which he is capable.

By this humane act Dr. G. O. Jarvis has endeared himself to all lovers of dogs, and especially to those whose hearts were wrung by the sight of the suffering of this dumb animal. The dog bore a Siskiyou co. license tag and it is presumed he had fallen off an automobile which had run over his leg.

The dog has certainly fallen in good hands under Mr. Claiborne's careful ministrations and has not only gained a friend but will have a good home. He is much better today.

OIL DISCUSSION AT FORUM LUNCHEON

Large Get Together Meeting of Ashland-Medford Chambers of Commerce Talk Over Valley's Prospects—Community Singing a Feature.

The biggest forum yet held in the Hotel Austin occurred at noon today. It was a real get together meeting between Medford and Ashland and presages a working together of the two cities for the Rogue River Valley as never before. Nearly one hundred people were in attendance.

The features of the gathering were the splendid community singing led by D. E. Millard of Medford and assisted by the Oil Quartet. O. B. Lamkin presided over the gathering, and it was a hummer from the start. Mayor Lamkin stated that Ashland was as much interested in the thorough testing of the oil possibilities in Medford and that what we wanted was complete information.

Mayor E. E. Kelley in his address which was very clear and calm in statement, showed that he had made a considerable study of his subject and was undoubtedly the man for the job of testing the proposition to a finish.

Mayor Gates was called on to sing a solo and rose to the occasion. He afterwards spoke earnestly on the subject under discussion and stated that everyone should thoroughly understand that this proposition was a gamble, that the boring for oil in all the oil producing sections had been such, but he believed that we were justified in taking the chance.

Secretary Fuller stated that there was one sure bet on Oregon and that was her scenery and asked that everyone come to the banquet at the Astor Thursday at 6:30 to partake of a banquet provided by the ninety women of Ashland's Chamber of Commerce and hear Frank Branch Riley in his wonderful illustrated lecture on "The Lure of the Northwest." Many of the Medford delegation engaged their reservations after the luncheon.

A large crowd attended the big Royal Jinx at the natatorium Saturday night and every one expressed themselves as having the best time in many a day. The lucky ones receiving prizes were: George P. King, first; B. L. Montgomery, second and Jack Burns, third.

Tourists from a distance stopping at the Hotel Austin are: Emil Witty, wife and son of Wheatland, Iowa, who are touring the Northwest, stopped off over the week end in Ashland and were guests at the Hotel Austin. James Mann of Swaledale, Iowa, was also a guest at the Austin.

TOUR OF STATE TO BE MADE BY TAX DEPUTIES

Internal Revenue Agents To Aid Citizens in Making Out Returns for 1920 Receipts Under Law.

Senator Milton A. Miller, collector of internal revenue, has announced the itinerary of his deputies throughout the state to receive, and assist in making out, income tax returns for 1920.

Senator Miller says that his office will render all possible assistance to the public in preparing income tax statements. He says that if the people will heed the dates that the deputies will visit the various counties, folks will be saved a vast amount of trouble in regard to the moneys they must pay Uncle Sam.

Messrs. Hewitt and Wilkinson will be the tax deputies to help Ashland citizens, and will be in the city hall at this city February 19 to 16, inclusive.

Head of Family gets \$2000 Tax Exemp.

Two Hundred Dollar Exemption Allowed for Dependents Under 18, or Incapable of Self-Support—March 15 Last Filing Date.

Single persons, though required to file a return if their net income for 1920 was \$1000 or more, are, if they are the heads of families, granted a special exemption under the revenue laws. Such a person is defined by Treasury regulations as "a person who actually supports and maintains in one household one or more individuals who are closely connected with him by blood relationship, and by marriage or by adoption, and whose right to exercise family control and provide for these dependent individuals is based upon some moral or legal obligation."

Such persons are allowed the exemption of \$2,000 granted a married person. In addition, they are allowed a credit of \$200 for each dependent under 18 years of age or incapable of self support because mentally or physically defective.

A married person living with husband and wife can not claim an additional \$2000 exemption as the head of a family. His or her exemption is based upon the marital status, irrespective of the support of others living in the same household. The additional \$200 credit for dependents does not apply to the husband or wife of a taxpayer. For example, if a married man supports a father who is incapable of self-support, he is entitled to the \$200 credit for such person. If through force of circumstances he supports his wife away from home he is entitled to the \$2000 exemption allowed a married person, but not to a \$200 credit for a dependent.

A son who has left home but who sends his mother more than one-half the sum required for her support is entitled to the \$200 credit, provided the mother cannot support herself. Otherwise, the amount must be considered a gift, and, therefore, the credit is not allowed. A son living at home and supporting his father, mother or other relative may claim the \$2000 exemption allowed the head of a family, but not the \$200 credit unless such relative is under 18 years of age or incapable of self-support.

COUNTY COURT APPROVES SUSPENSION OF WORK

The county court has received a letter from the district engineer in charge of the work for the bureau of roads for this territory approving the cessation of work on the Hays hill contract till the weather becomes more propitious. This is the work that has been in progress by Harry Webber, but which had to stop operations because more damage was being done through heavy trucking over soft roads than good was being accomplished. Mr. Webber has the contract for the surfacing of the grade over the Hays hill. The engineer also forwards a statement showing that \$5,309.57 had been expended on the work between the date of commencement and the 13 when work ceased, and Josephine county is asked to put up \$1,769.99 as its third of the cost. This work is done through cooperation of the federal bureau, the state highway commission and the county each bearing an equal part.—Grants Pass Courier.

Miss Anna Hargrove has gone to San Francisco to purchase her spring stock of millinery. She expects to remain in the city for several weeks.

McNAIR BROS. The Rexall Store

Price continues to be dominant in the public mind. Declines can be expected and are in evidence—where advances have been made. Just where the drug store stands in this matter is clearly set forth in a recent statement by a prominent Chicago wholesale druggist: "In the first place, you must realize that the average of all price increases in the drug trade did not reach over 33 and 1-3 per cent. over 1914," he said. "A large eastern house, by analysis, found the exact figure to 27.8. Those on proprietary medicines and toilet articles, we found, only increased 17 per cent. For that reason there will never be the same sort of a reduction that there already is in other lines. In sharp contrast a report from the Department of Labor shows that Gingham increased from 12 1/2¢ to 74¢ a yard, Muslin from 9¢ to 45¢ a yard, Sheets from 70¢ to \$2.50. The same ratio prevails in many other lines. Briefly the situation is this: What didn't go up can't be expected to come down. Drug store merchandise advanced very slightly and therefore only a very slight average decline can be expected. Our customers will get instant and full advantage of every lowered price."

Ford News

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1 Gold dust, worth.....\$.35	4 Wool soap.....\$.40	4 lbs. pure lard, worth \$1.25 (Bring large pail).....\$1.00
1 Chloride of Lime, worth.....\$.15	3 Palm Olive soap.....\$.30	
ALL FOR \$1.00	\$1.25	\$1.50
3 bars Wool soap.....\$.30	2 tins of Skat.....\$.30	6 lbs. box of cookies and crack-ers.....\$1.00
6 bars Royal White Soap.....\$.40	1 Chloride of Lime.....\$.15	4 bottles Del Monte catsup.....\$1.00
3 bars Ivory Soap.....\$.30	6 Royal White Soap.....\$.40	4 jars Hippofite, worth \$1.40.....\$1.00
2 bars Palm Olive Soap.....\$.20	4 Palm Olive Soap.....\$.40	3 large bottles R Porter.....\$1.00
ALL FOR \$1.00	\$1.25	\$1.50
21 bars Royal White Soap.....\$1.00	5 lbs. bulk coffee.....\$1.00	6 lbs. glass jelly, worth \$1.20.....\$1.00
5 cakes Duck Hand Soap.....\$.25	10 cans Libby's soups.....\$1.00	10 cans Hippofite, worth \$1.40.....\$1.00
10 bars Royal White Soap.....\$.50	6 tins Red pack California tomatoes.....\$1.00	12 small tins pork and beans.....\$1.00
2 cans Chloride of Lime.....\$.30	6 cans Good corn.....\$1.00	9 lbs. best macaroni.....\$1.00
ALL FOR \$1.00	\$1.25	\$1.50
5 lbs. cans Calumet baking powder.....\$1.00	5 lbs. Jubilee peas.....\$1.00	13 lbs. hand-picked beans.....\$1.00
6 25c cans K. C. baking powder \$1.00	5 Del Monte spinach.....\$1.00	10 lbs. uncleaned beans.....\$1.00
2 lbs. Pheasant coffee.....\$.70	5 Del Monte pineapple.....\$1.00	10 lbs. soft shell California wal-nuts, 4 lbs. for.....\$1.00
1 lb. tree tea.....\$.70	6 lbs. peanut butter, worth \$1.50, Dollar Day Special.....\$1.00	4 lbs. Golden dates.....\$1.00
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