

## PACIFIC HIGHWAY IS IN IMPROVED CONDITION, CALIF. ROUTE IN GOOD SHAPE

The Pacific highway through Oregon, from Portland to the California line, is now in as good condition as it is likely to be at any time this year. Better, in fact, than will be the case later, for presently construction work on the new highway grading and paving will start in various sections. These will cause detours and rough roads.

At present there is no place on the Pacific highway where even the inexperienced motorist should have trouble. Even the dirt portions of the road, which were muddy and badly cut up a month ago and hard and rutty later, with dry weather have now been dragged and are almost like boulevards.

**Smith Hill Not Bad Now.**

Smith hill, north of Grants Pass, where the state highway department maintained teams until very recently to tow cars up the south slope of the hill, is now nothing worse than a stiff climb. The grade is somewhat rutted, to be sure. It is steep and abounds in sharp curves, but there is not a trace of mud now and the hill presents no real difficulties.

**Siskiyou Grade Mostly Paved.**

From Gold Hill there is pavement to Medford and Ashland, and except for a gap a few miles long south of Ashland and soon to be bridged with hard surface, pavement up and over the Siskiyou and down to the California line on their south slope. There still are short gaps, aggregating about two miles, not paved in the Siskiyou, but already construction crews have begun work.

The Oregon line ends pavement for many, many miles. It is approximately 230 miles from there through northern California to Red Bluff. Except through the towns en route there is no pavement over any of that distance, nor has any been contracted for to date, save about 25 miles north from Red Bluff to Redding. Northern California is far behind Oregon in paving operations.

**Rough Near Mount Shasta.**

For the most part, however, the dirt and gravel roads of northern California are in excellent condition on the Oregon line via Hornbrook to Yreka, but south of Yreka there are several rough places and a long grade up to Sisson and Dunsmuir, nine miles, the going quite rough and rutty, though not difficult.

At Dunsmuir begins the Dunsmuir-Redding section through the Sacramento river canyon. This used to be the most dreaded stretch of the entire Pacific highway, but now it is virtually all new highway. The road whisks through the canyon, sometimes 400 or 500 feet above the Sacramento, with a sheer drop down to it and no guard rails along the sides.

Between Redding and Red Bluff new construction work is in progress and the going is rough and unpleasant, but from Red Bluff south there is pavement all the way to Oakland and on to southern California, with only occasional detours here and there.



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## BUDGET EXPENDITURES PROGRAM CONSIDERED AT NOON LUNCHEON OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Several business firms of the city are attempting to cut the current year's subscription to the Chamber of Commerce budget below the amount given last year according to statement made this noon at a Chamber of Commerce luncheon given at the Autsin Hotel by L. F. Ferguson, chairman of the budget committee, to raise \$5,000 for expenses of the current year. Mr. Ferguson did not make any definite report of the success of the committee since noon yesterday, in raising the budget fund. The committees were appointed at a special noon meeting of the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Ferguson asked the captains of the various soliciting teams to report at the Chamber of Commerce tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock to ascertain the amount raised and plan the action to be taken for the subscription of the remainder.

John H. Fuller, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, presided at the noon luncheon and introduced as a guest of the Chamber, P. Oldfield, president of the Montana State Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Oldfield spoke briefly on the merits of a Chamber of Commerce in any city, dwelling upon their activity during the war time and the good such organizations are doing during peacetime for the commercial advancement of cities and towns.

J. W. McCoy, cashier of the First National Bank and chairman of the committee, reported on the cost of the summer normal school to be maintained in Ashland for a six weeks course. This will entail an outlay of approximately \$1500 although Mr. McCoy stated that the amount in fees and other incidentals to be received during the course of instruction will bring the actual expense down to \$1000. Mr. McCoy read a report on the summer normal school from G. A. Briscoe, superintendent of the city schools, outlining the program to be followed and the possible appointment of teachers.

A. C. Ninninger, chairman of the committee in charge of the Fourth of July celebration, spoke on the advisability of having a celebration and urged the canvassing of opinion on the subject. Discussion of the matter was in order for a short time and although the matter was tabled for lack of time the impression was that the city was to have a Fourth of July celebration. Edward T. Staples stated that the matter had already been voted upon by the Chamber of Commerce and that need for further discussion was unnecessary.

Edwin Markham, Oregon poet, who spoke here yesterday evening at the Methodist church under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce, gave several readings at the conclusion of the luncheon.

**Memorial Day.**

Ashland Post No. 14 has received a letter from Colonel John L. May, of Portland accepting our invitation to be our guest as speaker of the day for Memorial Day. The various Memorial Day Committees from all organizations interested decided that they wanted an Ex-Service man, who had had considerable actual experience in the World War for this occasion and we feel highly elated in the fact that Colonel May has so kindly and willingly accepted our invitation. Colonel May is not only an ex-service man of the World War but also of the Spanish-American War and is very well known by his old comrades of the Spanish War who live here.

Plans are progressing very favorably toward a more unified celebration of this day than has ever been experienced in Ashland. The slogan seems to be "Let's everybody take part," very appropriate slogan we feel sure.

**That "Get-Together."**

Did we promise that there was some blow-out coming? It CAME, and we'll say that it was all that we predicted and THEN SOME. It started with a bang, and nobody had time to think until it was all over. Not a wall-flower in the whole bunch. Everybody up and at it right from the start. Until the entertainment part actually started we just gathered about like we used to do in the squad tents — just chatting of old times past, and a few little make-believe games like the real ones that used to be played when the C. O. was too busy to know what was doing. But when it comes down to showing up candidates for Championship Billiards, we take our hats off to Doc Burdick, who was seen to actually make a run of two without missing. He was tied for the honors of the evening, however, by Commander Simpson, later in the evening. The championship game will be scheduled between these two at some future date.

But that "Cane Fight" sure was an awful scrap. There were eight blindfolded one-armed boxers in it at one time. Somebody said "Let's Go," and they instinctively remembered their service days, and "went."

## PREDICTS DEFEAT OF RADICALS IN COMING ITALIAN ELECTION

ROME, May 10. — With the new parliamentary elections on May 15 there is every indication that Italy will enter on a new era, where freed from the menace of radicalism and voluntarily giving up her past policy of territorial expansion, she will devote her best energies to internal reconstruction, both materially and socially.

This is the electoral program outlined by Premier Giolitti at the moment he dissolved the last chamber and there is every indication that the country responding again to his statesmanship will return a chamber wherein there will be a big workable majority for carrying out the internal reforms which now constitute Italy's crying need.

The convening of this new chamber on June 11 will mark an epoch in Italy's history from several points of view. First of all, the number of deputies increased to 535 by reason of the newly acquired provinces, will give Italy its first chamber representing Italy as a unified whole. These 535 deputies will come from 40 different electoral districts where half a dozen were created out of newly added provinces including Zara, Parenzo, Gorizia, Trieste, Bolzano and Trent.

In the second place, the new chamber will mark that definite epoch which has already been passed by all of the other allied countries, wherein Italy can be said to take up at last the new life created for her by the war.

By the treaty of Rapallo, Giolitti established not only the last disputed boundaries of the new territory acquired by Italy through the war, but established likewise final friendly relations with the Yugoslavs. Italy therefore has acquired the natural strategic frontiers which she has always insisted were indispensable to her national safety and she has established friendly relations with all of the states outgrowing from the breakup of the Austrian-Hungarian empire, namely, Yugoslavia, Roumania, Czechoslovakia and Poland. Giolitti also imposed on Italy the giving up of all plans of territorial expansion in Albania and along the eastern Adriatic coast generally.

Radicalism is no longer a danger in Italy and this problem has been settled precisely as it was settled, only more quickly, in France and the northern war countries.

In the new elections, it is expected that both the socialist and popular parties will lose heavily. From the 154 deputies which the socialists elected in the 1919 elections the number is expected from anywhere from 50 to 100.

The broad lines of Italy's internal reconstruction program are the re-adjustment of the budget so as to wipe out the four billion deficit which still remains; the reformation of Italy's present bureaucratic meth-

odds of administration; legal reformation, including not only a greater extension of public education, but the changing of present prescribed courses to meet the needs of modern life; agricultural reforms including the solving of the problem of the big landed estates, which are not yet under cultivation, and, finally, labor legislation, that will permit of the fullest productivity between labor and capital. This latter includes Giolitti's famous project for the granting of workmen to the right of control or auditing of all the leading industries.

Without question, King Victor Emanuel will confide again to Giolitti the task of forming the new government. At whatever time his government may fall, however, Nititi will without question be the statesman most in view as his successor.

## State Medical Convention at Grants Pass

GRANTS PASS, May 10. — The 30th annual meeting of the Southern Oregon Medical Association will be held in Grants Pass today.

The Southern Oregon district comprises the counties of Douglas, Jackson and Josephine and the present officers are Dr. L. O. Clement, Grants Pass, president; Dr. E. B. Pickel, Medford, vice president; Dr. A. C. Seelye, Roseburg, secretary-treasurer. Dr. F. W. Swendenburg, of Ashland and Dr. E. B. Stewart, of Roseburg, comprise the board of censors. Dr. W. H. Flanagan, Grants Pass, is the delegate to the 1921 state medical association, and Dr. Robert W. Stearns, Medford, delegate to the convention in 1922.

## Edwin Markham Favors Ashland Scenic Grandeur Praises Rogue River Valley and Siskiyou Mts.

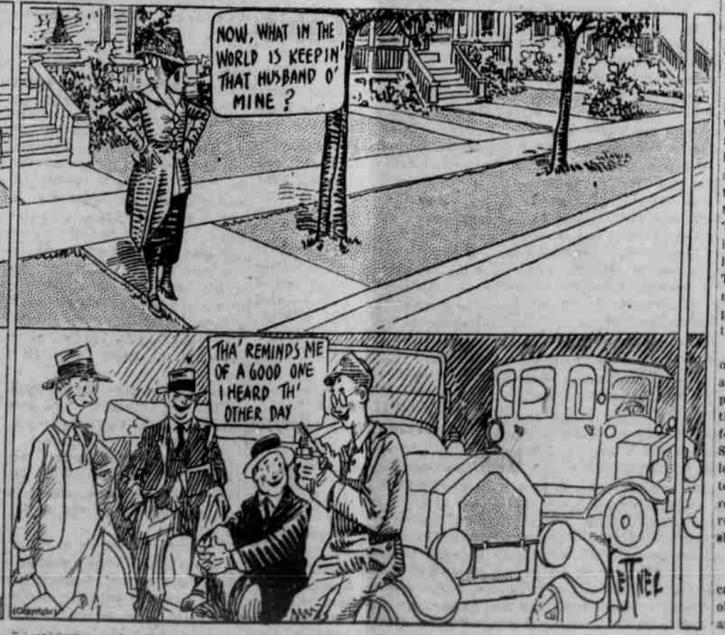
Edwin Markham, lecturer, writer and poet, author of "The Man with the Hoe," spoke yesterday evening at the Methodist church under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce to an audience of about 500 people. To Ashland is given the privilege of being the first city in Oregon to entertain, and be entertained by, Mr. Markham as a guest in his home state. Mr. Markham spoke at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon given this noon at the Autsin Hotel. He left this afternoon for Medford, where he will speak this evening. His visit in this city yesterday was the first time in sixty-five years that Mr. Markham had set foot on Oregon soil, as he left this state in company with his mother when he was five years of age, and is now seventy years old. The noted lecturer is winding up a speaking tour of the Pacific coast and expects to leave Portland about May 19 for Detroit, Mich., where he has several engagements planned.

Edwin Markham held his Ashland audience yesterday evening with several readings of his poems interspersed with wit, humor and sidelights of human understanding. In speaking, a powerful personal magnetism emanates from the Oregon poet who has a naive way of creating extemporaneous talk from the platform while preparing to give a reading. And Edwin Markham was not without his jokes, many apt illustrations pertinent to his talk and others for the sake of wit only. Markham impresses his audience as one who has seen a great deal of life and has remained smiling, unlike many literary geniuses past and contemporary. There is a strong vein of humor in the Oregon poet.

After Mr. Markham's talk a number of his audience came to the platform for a personal meeting and to request photographs of the poet. Mr. Markham made arrangements to have photographs sent to several Ashland residents.

Mr. Markham speaks highly of the reception he has been accorded in this city and was very complimentary in his references to Ashland. He was especially impressed with the scenic wonders of Ashland, the Rogue River Valley and the Siskiyou mountains. He stated that Ashland would make a splendid rendezvous for literary people who wished to gain inspiration scenic grandeur of southern Oregon.

## The Port of Missing Men



## Jack E. Pelton Dies Sunday At Roseburg

PORTLAND, Ore., May 5. — The Board of Directors of the Portland Rose Festival Association have fixed June 8th to 10th as the date for this year's three day fete. For fifteen years the Rose Festival has been the most important celebration in the Pacific Northwest, and ranks in beauty and entertainment features with the famous Mardi Gras of New Orleans, and the New Year's Day floral parade at Pasadena.

Preparations for the festival are proceeding, and an elaborate entertainment programme is being arranged. Two great day parades will be held. The Floral Parade, always a thing of marvelous beauty, will this year be made even more attractive by the addition of new features. The automobile section of the parade is expected to include at least three hundred handsomely decorated cars. The Industrial and Port Development Parade will be designed to depict Portland's growth as an industrial and shipping center.

The annual Rose Show will be put on for three days in the municipal auditorium; competitors from all parts of the rose growing sections of the United States will enter blooms for the contest. The American Rose Society's principal test garden is located in Portland and is expected to produce some new and wonderful roses for the event. Several new roses will be named during the show.

The United States should do all it can, in its own proper sphere, to obviate conditions that would breed another world war.

Jack E. Pelton, former Ashland man prominent in the civic affairs and business life of this city, died Sunday afternoon at the Mercy hospital in Roseburg after a short illness. Mr. Pelton was operated on for peritonitis May 5, after which he rallied slightly although his condition was not materially improved. Due to his strong constitution hopes were entertained until the last moment for his recovery.

Mr. Pelton was well known throughout the valley as a stock man. He was sixty years old and born on a farm in Sams Valley, Dec. 29, 1861, where he lived until about twenty-five years of age. He then came to Ashland and engaged in the butcher business here with R. P. Neil, opening a shop where the Plaza Market is at the present time. A short time afterward he became interested in the old Ashland Flour Mill. Mr. Pelton sold his Ashland business interests some time ago, although he was a property owner of this city. He served on the city council here and was for two years Sheriff of Jackson county.

Mr. Pelton was buried in Roseburg yesterday afternoon under the auspices of the Elk's club of which he was a prominent member. He is survived by a brother, Harace Pelton, Klamath Falls, and a daughter by a former marriage, Mrs. Guy Jacobs of Ashland.

## Local Man Has Achieved Success In Literary World

O. H. BARNHILL is a former Ashland man who has achieved considerable success in the literary world. His name has become familiar to readers of the Portland Telegram, in which paper he has recently started a series of poems showing considerable human insight and understanding. The following is taken from the Portland Telegram.

**CLERKS.**

By O. H. BARNHILL.

When I am browsin' round a store, without a thought of buyin', it always makes me mad and sore when clerks are on me spyin'. They do my footstep here and there, where'er I choose to wander. I have no chance to stop and stare, much less to stop and ponder. I like to look at things for sale upon the counters lying, that if I only had the kale I surely would be buyin'. Men's underwear and jewels rare with me are special hobbies; likewise false hair, some shelf hardware and juicy, ripe casabas; old, musty books smell good to me, and so does corn popping. It's lots of fun these things to see and make believe you're shopping. If only clerks would keep away, with all their watchful waitin'! They spoil my favorite kind of play and on my nerves keep gratin'. But when some things I want to buy and take home in a hurry, do those same clerks toward me fly and all around me scurry? Not so that you can notice it, for then they're always busy — to other forks they flit so fast it almost makes me dizzy. In vain I stew around and sweat and think how time is flyin' and get as mad as I can get because I can't be buyin'. Where are those clerks who followed me, with ready pad and pencil? My anxious face they cannot see — on toms their names I'd steep!