

## Ashland is Featured By Portland Paper in Local Writer's Article

In the Sunday issue, May 29, of the Portland Journal there appeared an illustrated page on Ashland prepared by Mrs. John H. Dill. We think it is one of the best write-ups of the city we have seen in many a day and reprint it herewith. Those desiring to send copies away to eastern friends will find extra copies of the Sunday Journal at news stands and if you are unable to find the Journal the Tidings has printed a number of extra copies of this issue and will be glad to supply them. The Journal illustrations feature the high school, the entrance to auto camp ground, park view near the lake, the Chautauqua tabernacle, street scenes with Elks temple, Plaza scene and a bird's eye view of the city which we would be glad to reproduce but are unable to secure the cuts. Here is the write-up as printed in the Journal:

On the spot where stands the beautiful city of Ashland, in 1852 A. B. Helman and Eber Emery took up government donation claims. They built a log cabin and then a saw-mill. When enough lumber was cut they built a flouring mill which they named Ashland Mills, for their home town in Ohio.

In 1853 the Hill family came and settled on a homestead at Kingsbury Springs, bringing the first women to this spot. Mrs. Hill, and her three daughters.

The next year the Ashland Mills made a mail distributing center. A few years later, a truly government postoffice named Ashland was opened in the kitchen pantry of one of the Hill girls, whose husband, A. V. Gillette, was appointed postmaster and given the dish cupboard to use for his mail, which came around the horn in sailing vessels by way of San Francisco and was six months getting here.

The first public building, a woolen mill, was built in 1864 on money raised by private subscription. This move started a public spirit and pride of town that has held and which manifested during the recent war period when all Ashland's quota funds were raised by volunteer contributions.

Temperature is Moderate  
Today, Ashland on an elevation of 1940 feet has a population of 6,000, an annual rainfall of 21 inches, moderate temperature the year around, municipal owned electric light and water supply, and this past year at a special election voted a \$100,000 bond issue for the building of a new water reservoir on Ashland creek. It is the division point for the Southern Pacific railroad and all trains stop 20 minutes. Meals, unsurpassed on the line, are served here, and most all passengers manage to get a drink of Lithia water at the station fountain.

The citizens have spent \$255,000 mobilizing the mineral waters of Lithia, sulphur and soda in Lithia park. They built the Chautauqua auditorium, added conveniences to a natural 100-acre park just off the city plaza; built and furnished the first free auto camp in the west. A \$5000 yearly appropriation from the city budget is used in upkeep of the park and auto camp.

The pioneer settlers were educated, as well as lovers of nature. Their influence has dominated. Today Ashland stands out as an educational and religious center. The Chautauqua auditorium, a circular fireproof building with a dome roof, seats 4000. It is the only building of its size in the world without pillars or post for support.

**Chautauqua Sessions Held**  
In this auditorium the world's artists have appeared. Here each season a Chautauqua session is held. Many visitors camp in tents provided at a nominal rent and pitched in the park beside the tumbling mountain stream beneath the shade of laurel, fir, and pine. So numerous have summer visitors become the Chamber of Commerce is erecting several units of cottages and tent houses to take the overflow from hotels and private homes.

Under the educational activities the public schools come with their modern buildings and methods. One of the four practice houses, under the Smith-Hughes act, in the state is here. The Parent-Teacher association organized and brought to a successful finish the first vocational training classes in millinery and dressmaking for housewives under the Smith-Hughes act in the state.

The Chamber of Commerce has charge of all summer activities. Under the cooperative management of the chamber and the Chautauqua association, an annual summer school has been established.

**Summer Normal Arranged.**  
This season, beginning June 20, a six weeks' normal, under the direction of the Oregon Normal, with full credits, will be an added feature. A school of music, with best instructors on the Pacific coast; a Chautauqua program including vocal, instrumental and band music, a pageant and Shakespeare play in Lithia Park; tennis tournaments and sports contests are included in the summer program.

The Ashland library is second oldest in the state. It was organized

by the Epworth league in 1889 and two years later was taken over by the Library association. It has 5000 volumes and has jumped a bit ahead of Portland in per capita circulation, which gives it first rank in the United States.

Many nationally known artists come to Ashland for rest and recreation. The drop curtain in the Chautauqua auditorium was painted by a well known artist when vacationing in auto camp. He placed on canvases a stretch of the park including Lithia fountain and the beloved Mount Ashland, 12 miles in the distance. Madame Alma Tracy-Young, a nationally known musician, has a studio here.

### Rendezvous for Writers.

An educational feature of much value to Southern Oregon has lately been established at Long's cabin, an old land mark six miles up Mount Ashland in the Ashland creek canyon. This corporation was recently formed under the laws of Oregon and is jointly owned by the nationally known advertising man, Jess Winburn, of New York, and Bert Moses, the epigrammatist whose sayings have been a byword for the past 25 years. This company under the name of "Sap and Salt by Bert Moses" will illustrate his epigrammatic work in a new and novel way. The incorporators will operate from this glorious spot on Mount Ashland, which has been remodeled into a commodious, artistic six room log house with a large living room, sporting a fireplace. Modern conveniences are being installed. This retreat, atmosphered with the verbal javelins hurled as only Bert Moses can hurl them, weighted with philosophy wholesome and stimulating, bids fair to be the rendezvous of writers from over the world.

A wide-awake ministerial association wields a force for civic uplift. The W. C. T. U. has a large membership. There are many churches with modern and beautiful church homes.

The armory, a handsome building erected several years ago at a cost of \$36,000, is the home of First company C, coast artillery N. G. of O. In addition to giving an added stimulus to patriotism the First company takes the initiative in the social life of Ashland and Southern Oregon.

**Boulder Honors Heroes.**  
Post No. 14, American Legion, has a flourishing membership and an auxiliary club. A granite boulder stands in Lithia Park, as memorial to Ashland boys who gave their lives for their country.

The fraternal societies are well represented and state conventions are held here. There is a Masonic block and the Elks have a handsome building with a membership which extends into Northern California. Pioneer hall is a building in Chautauqua Park in which many public meetings are held.

When the pioneers planted their first fruit trees they did not vision the great industry that would develop. The Ashland Fruit and Produce Association is a co-operative wholesale association with a large concrete building on a strip of land fronting the Southern Pacific. Fruit, eggs and all products grown in and around Ashland are handled. Apples are exported each season. This season the association did a \$165,000 business. Ashland cherries are known in the east and Ashland peaches and strawberries eaten with cream from the pure bred Jersey dairy ranches that are numerous in this section simply make the visitor whom the mineral waters have rejuvenated send for his family and friends and cancel his return ticket.

Besides the municipal owned fountains free to the public in Lithia Park, the Pompadour Mineral Springs company has a Lithia drink parlor on the Plaza and also ships bottled water all over the United States and into Canada. This company is completing the erection of a carbonic gas plant which will be one of the biggest industries on the Pacific coast. Hotel Austin has Lithia piped in for guests. Two of the largest natatoriums with sulphur plunges on the coast are located here.

**Mineral Baths Famous.**  
The Ashland Mineral Baths has

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### PETTY THEFTS ON INCREASE DURING PAST TWO MONTHS

Petty thefts in the city have increased during the past two months according to Chief of Police Hatcher. Garages and automobile owners have been especially preyed upon, he states. Thefts of furniture left on the porches of residences have been numerous and the list of missing auto tires has increased within the past week. Detachable auto accessories are frequently missed by car owners.

Maek Coleman, of Irwin's pool hall, recently reported the theft of an automobile tire locked to his car which was standing in front of his home at the time. The spare tire was locked to the rim with a double chain. The fact that no steel filings were found scattered on the pavement, Chief Hatcher says, indicates that the theft was effected by means of a large pair of bolt cutters.

Two tires were recently stolen from a garage belonging to M. C. Linger, 296 Helman street, proprietor of the Ashland Vulcanizing Works.

Chief Hatcher stated that residents should watch property left on porches, citing as instances of depredations, the recent theft of four dining room chairs from the porch of a Granite street home.

Every effort is being made by Chief Hatcher to apprehend these petty thefts.

### BULGIN WILL CONDUCT CHILDREN'S MEETINGS

MRS. JOSEPHINE CHAMPIE (Chairman of Boys and Girls Work Committee.)

A wonderful opportunity for some good times is coming your way. Want to know about it? Well, here it is.

Beginning Monday morning, June 6, at 10 o'clock, at the Chautauqua building, you can have the biggest and best and happiest time of your life.

Do you know Evangelist Bulgin and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis? Well, Mr. Lewis, "Bob" is what they call him, is the man you will find when you get to the Chautauqua building on Monday morning. He will be there, ready to teach you all kinds of yells, drills, exercises, songs, stunts, and such like, and you will think it better than any Chautauqua that you ever attended. Besides that, he has over \$500 worth of mechanical, chemical and magical apparatus. If you enjoy some good tricks and "mysterious" things, now is your chance.

One of the best parts of it all, is that it is FREE to every boy and girl. Every young person in Ashland, and surrounding community, between the ages of 8 and 18 is welcome. Even if you have red hair, I am quite sure you will be admitted, for listen, on Wednesday night at Medford, when they gave the children's program, a girl with red hair gave an original "yell" and won the hearty applause of the great audience.

You see, the boys and girls are divided into two groups, one called REDS and the other BLUES. There is a great contest on between these two sides, and this girl was on the BLUE side and the BLUES had been running behind and she decided that the BLUES "must win or bust" so she did her level best. But what's the use—I can't begin to tell you all about it now. The only thing to do is for YOU to come to the Chautauqua building next Monday morning, and see and hear for yourself.

Come yourself, come on time, bring your chums.

### Ashland Guardsmen May Win Encampment Trophy

90 Per Cent of Company to Attend

Capt. Ham Briggs of the First Company, at Artillery of Oregon National Guard, stated this morning that the Ashland company with a prospective attendance of 90 per cent at the coming annual encampment at Fort Stevens June 15 has splendid chances for the winning of the trophy offered for the best attendance at camp.

A new silver trophy has been put up to camp this year. It will go to the company or similar unit having the largest percentage of its enrolled strength at camp. In computing percentage, the minimum figure will be the minimum authorized strength. In other words, if a company has only 60 men on its roll, and has the entire 60 present, this company would not have a 100 per cent attendance for the reason that its minimum strength is 65 men. In order to have 100 per cent present, it would be necessary for the company

to have 65 men on the rolls and 65 men present.

In the event several organizations have the same per cent of strength present, the decision will then be made upon enrolled strength. For example, if one company having 65 men has attendance of 100 per cent and another company having 75 men has a percentage of 100 per cent, the award will be made to the company having the largest number of men, percentage being equal.

This trophy will be a permanent trophy and must be won two consecutive years in order to become the permanent property of the organization. It will be awarded to the camp and will be held by that organization until the field camps for 1922, when it again will be awarded. The trophy will be of beautiful design and something that the winning company can look upon with pride.

### DeWITT ACQUITTED OF MANSLAUGHTER

W. F. De Witt, an Ashland jitney driver, who has been on trial in the circuit court at Jacksonville on a charge of manslaughter in connection with the death of Mrs. Nona Jennings of Medford was acquitted this morning. The jury went out at 11 o'clock and, after taking one ballot, returned to the court room within five minutes. Several Ashland men were called by the court to testify regarding the character of De Witt. The state had five eye witnesses to the automobile accident which resulted in Mrs. Jennings' death, Christmas eve of last year. The case of De Witt was represented by Attorney Roberts of Medford.

The accident in which De Witt figured occurred on the Pacific highway about a mile this side of Talent Christmas eve of last year. The collision which resulted in the death of Mrs. Jennings was preceded by an accident earlier in the evening. According to local men who were called to testify at Jacksonville during the trial the Jennings and Provost cars were thrown into the ditch along side the road as the result of the earlier accident. Although not badly damaged the Jennings car was wired in mud and was off the road at a slanting angle and pointing toward Medford. It was while W. H. Evans, taxi driver of this city, was making an effort to tow the Jennings car from the ditch with his car that De Witt, driving toward Medford, is said to have struck the towing chain with his car, skidding in a manner that smashed De Witt's car into the Evans auto, pinning Mrs. Jennings between the two machines. Mrs. Jennings, fatally injured, was rushed to a local hospital where she died shortly after the accident.

It is said by one of the local men called as a witness in the case that the lights of a Ford car parked on the highway at a point just beyond the Jennings car on the side toward Ashland blinded De Witt so that he was unable to see the Evans car in the roadway. It is said that De Witt dimmed his lights for the Ford and upon turning them on full when he broadside to the Ford that he was almost upon the Jennings car.

Mr. Evans was the first state's witness called yesterday during the trial proceedings in the circuit court at Jacksonville. The witness was closely questioned by Attorney Roberts, representing the defense, relative to the burning of the tail and front lights of the towing car.

All witnesses called during the session of yesterday morning stated that the evening of the accident was a bright moonlight night and that objects could be plainly seen at a considerable distance.

Mrs. W. H. Evans, who was with Mrs. Jennings at the time of the accident, was the second witness for the state. She stated that the De Witt car was traveling at a rate of speed between 30 and 40 miles an hour.

### Local Boy Married at Garfield, Wn

Oscar A. Cooper, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Cooper of this city was married June 1 to Miss Leatha Mae Whisler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Whisler, of Garfield, Wash., at the home of the bride's parents in that city.

The bridal couple left immediately for a honeymoon trip, by auto for a few days in Moscow mountains, after

which they will be at home at Grangeville, Idaho, where the groom takes up the work of pastor of the Christian church of that place. The bride is well and favorably known to Garfield people, having made home with her parents while teaching in Garfield schools.

She spent one year at the U. of O. During the past year she taught in the Moscow schools.

The groom grew to manhood in Ashland and received his education in Ashland schools, a few years ago entering the Eugene Bible University, preparing himself for the ministry. "These young people" have the well wishes of a large circle of friends in Garfield, Ashland and Eugene.

### 400 CHILDREN ENTERTAINED BY JESSE WINBURN

By MRS. MARGARET E. DILL.

In Mother Gooseology "we are told about an old woman who lived in a shoe and she had so many children she didn't know whatever she would do. Mr. Jesse Winburn was host to three hundred children yesterday and he knew just exactly what to do. Anybody knows a shoe couldn't hold nearly 300, so we'd like to add this verse in Mother Goose's book.

Mr. Jesse Winburn don't live in a shoe.

But when it comes to children's parties he knows what to do.

Old Mount Ashland blinked with joy at the rhythmic tread of the happy hearted children who were guests at this June party at Sap-and-Salt-in-the-Woods. Before one o'clock guests began streaming in from down the valley, parties from Medford, Jacksonville and Ashland met at Hotel Austin where all were loaded into auto buses and automobiles and hit the trail up Mount Ashland six miles.

The jolly crowd was greeted by the host in a veritable fairyland which had been made for the day's pleasure. The party grounds were circled by little trees of fir and cedar strung with gay streamers and weighted with favors flaunting all sorts of colors and above them jolly awning Japanese lanterns added a touch of festivity.

Things begun going the moment the crowd reached the cabin. In fact, on glimpsing a broken baseball bat we were told that a crowd of boys (the biggest one's initials are I. V.) couldn't wait until one o'clock but went at eleven and had such a rousing, enthusiastic game that the bat was broken by a strenuous ball which made everybody forget what the score was and go and eat lunch and candy and everything before the truly party begun.

There was a platform fixed up with big flags for curtains and Mrs. E. A. Woods and her sons started things lively with rousing music. Everybody was so happy and so breath taken at first they just had to stand a minute or two and say "Oh" and "hully gee" and such like according to whether they were boys or girls or had been living six years or fourteen or maybe forty, because there were chaperons and careful drivers who were most happy at being big and wise enough to be needed.

The whole crowd joined in singing America and then Professor Vining who was master of ceremonies, started the program with a story which held everybody nearly spellbound and then he didn't tell them for sure just whether it might be possible to some day go and find that odd old hermit on that mountain and see him for oneself.

There was a regular Hiram Hayseed took an active part on the program. Some folks addressed him as Hez Heck. Before refreshments begun he run quick into the Cabin and after a while we saw Mr. Bert Moses come out. The dearest little play for the occasion "The Three Wishes of the Crystal Ring" was given by some of the Medford guests. Edith Sweeney was Prince Charming and Francis Montgomery was Happy Heart. Rowen Gale and June Warnack gave the dance representing the Spirits of Health, and Jane Skewis and Edith Campbell the one to the Spirits of Youth.

Mr. and Mrs. Carleton James made the woods ring with the violin and piano music.

The first game was a balloon race and if anybody thinks it easy just you try practice sometime trying to sit on a balloon and making it bust. Eleanor Swendenburg and Dickie Hitchcock have got the patent on how to bust them the quickest because they proved it by getting first prizes.

Everybody had noticed some hundreds of apples dangling down most sedately on strings in a long row. Those apples didn't dream the bobbing they were in for until that apple eating race with all hands started. Winston Johnson ate the fastest of all and carried off the prize.

The Irish potato race was about the movingest thing old Mount Ashland has seen lately. There were six in the finals. Josephine Barber won the first prize and prizes were given the others who were: Aldo Parr, John Edwards, Sarah Fay, Bronaugh Hughes and James Burns. The last game was baseball between the girls and boys. Josephine Barber chose the girl team and Teddy Caldwell the boys and of course the girls won four to three. All members of the two teams were given special gifts for good playing and the leaders and crackerjack players were given special prizes. The prizes were baseball mitts and bats. The hundreds of toys and favors on the little trees were given out to all.

And then came the "party." Well not truly it didn't just that minute come because boxes of oranges and big bunches of bananas and dozens

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### JOHN H. FULLER ATTENDS STATE C. OF C. MEET

Secretary John H. Fuller, of the Chamber of Commerce left last night for Portland to attend a meeting of the State Chamber which will consider the matter of colonizing eastern farmers in Oregon.

Incidentally he took with him a sketch of a very fine monument proposed by Frank Jordan to be erected at the state line to mark the boundary line between Oregon and California. The sketch was designed by Architect W. T. S. Hoyt, of Ashland. The proposed monument will stand forty feet high — a shaft on each side of the highway—with an Ashland granite base some two feet thick on top of which will be a red wood block about 12 ft. around and five feet high. Above that will stand a large fir log, perpendicular and on top of that a large round ball cut from Oregon pine. The marker will be an attractive one and will splendidly typify Oregon natural products.

It is hoped to interest the State Chamber in the erection of the shaft. It would be reasonable for them to do so as it is intended to make the boundary between these sister states and should be a matter of state pride. It is believed that most of the material used in the constructions should be donated by those who desire to advertise their mills and quarries by a tablet on each side of the specific materials used in the structure.

### BULGIN CAMPAIGN PRAYER MEETINGS WELL ATTENDED

By MRS. J. W. HOYT (Chairman of the Bulgin Campaign Committee.)

The prayer meetings in connection with the Bulgin meetings are all well attended and much interest manifested. Seventeen meetings were held in various parts of the city Thursday and Friday of last week. Thirteen meetings were held yesterday.

The people of the Mountain avenue district below the railroad met with Mrs. Wright on Tuesday, with Mrs. Fraley on Wednesday, and will meet with Mrs. Benedict Thursday.

The people of the Seaside Drive district will continue to meet with Mrs. Koehler this week and will meet with Mrs. Bruner next week.

The people of the Granite street district will continue to meet with Mrs. Hach.

The people of Allison street and vicinity will meet with Mrs. Boslough on Thursday. A meeting was held today at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Davis on Allison street.

A meeting was also held today at the home of Miss Sarah Fox. The meeting for this vicinity will be held tomorrow at the Methodist Parsonage. Another meeting was held at the home of Mrs. J. H. Fuller. Another meeting was held at the home of Mrs. G. H. Way, and will be held at Mrs. Tallmans, for this same district tomorrow.

A number of other meetings were held today, but we are unable to get the information in time for publication.

### CITY WILL PLAY HOST JULY 4th TO NEAR BY TOWNS

The Fourth of July in Ashland will be the event of a "royal time," celebrated by fireworks, music, public speaking and a big parade, in which nearby towns will participate, according to plans outlined last night by the Chamber of Commerce committee in charge of the program. The committee met at the Chamber rooms.

John H. Fuller, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce stated this morning that the following program had been outlined. There will be a parade, oration and fireworks. The band will take a prominent part in the day's activities. Sports, chiefly baseball will be under the auspices of the Elks club.

The Civic Improvement Club has been invited to take charge of the parade, for which a special appropriation will be made by the Chamber of Commerce. Letters of invitation have been sent out by the Chamber of Commerce to all surrounding cities and towns to participate in the parade.

It is understood that the program as outlined is a tentative general one, details of which are to be decided upon by the Chamber of Commerce committee in charge of the celebration.

The Fourth of July celebration is expected to cost in the neighborhood of \$1500 as this was the amount laid aside for the purpose at the time of making up the Chamber of Commerce budget.

Those on the committee are: A. C. Nisonger, chairman; O. F. Carson, and P. S. Engle.

