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S. ORE. PIONEERS WILL MEET HERE SEPTEMBER 15TH

MEMORIAL EXERCISES IN PIONEER HALL — COMMITTEES APPOINTED—PROF. VINING TO SPEAK AT DEDICATION.

Pioneers of Southern Oregon will once more renew their bonds of friendship at the annual meeting of the Southern Oregon Pioneer association to be held in Ashland September 15 when the G. S. Butler memorial log cabin building on Mill street will be dedicated, according to plans announced today by Mrs. Emil Pell, Ashland secretary of the association.

The association plans to start the day with memorial exercises at the Chautauqua Pioneer hall, beginning at 11 o'clock in the morning. The G. A. R. file and drum corps will take part in the memorial exercises.

Dinner is to be served in the hall, for which each individual will bring well-filled baskets, after which the pioneers will go to the Butler memorial building for the dedication exercises. A prayer, offered by Rev. Howlett, of Eagle Point, will be followed by a solo by Mrs. Guy Jacobs. The log cabin will be presented to the association by G. S. Butler after dedication as a memorial building to his mother, Mrs. A. Butler Thompson. Mrs. O. Winter, president of the association, will make the speech of acceptance which will be followed by an address by Prof. Irving E. Vining. The remainder of the program will be as follows: Piano solo by George Francis Barron; reading, the "Legend of Crater Lake," by William M. Colvig, of Medford; solo by Miss Isabelle Barron; responses and a closing song.

All sons and daughters of pioneers whether or not they belong to a pioneer society, are eligible to attend the meeting. Mrs. O. Winter, president of the association, states, Mrs. Robert Garrett is treasurer of the society, and the permanent secretary is Miss Mable Nelson, of Jacksonville.

The association will elect new officers for the coming year at their meeting.

The following committees have been appointed: Press committee, Mrs. John H. Dill, correspondent for the Portland Journal; W. H. Day, correspondent for a Medford newspaper; and Kenneth Sullivan, city editor of the Tidings. Reception committee, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Butler, Mrs. A. E. Kinney, George Dunn, and Fred Wagner. Memorial committee, Mrs. A. E. Kinney, O. A. Stearns, Fred Wagner, Miss Lydia McCall, and Mrs. H. H. Sargent of Jacksonville. Music committee, Mrs. John Parson and Mrs. G. S. Butler. Dedication committee, Mrs. G. S. Butler and Mrs. Emil Pell. Decoration committee, Mrs. J. M. Wagner, Miss Mabel Russell, Mrs. Donnelly, and Miss Rose Patterson. Dinner committee, Mrs. Sylvester Patterson and Mrs. L. Van Sant.

It is expected that the two men will be taken to Salem the end of the week by Sheriff Terrill.

"BAD MEN" GIVE UP IDEA OF PLEA FOR NEW TRIAL

Peter F. Strauff, picturesque figure of Northwest crime annals, and Frank Kodat have withdrawn their appeal to the supreme court for a new trial, and will be taken to Salem this week to serve sentences on a charge of attempting to rob the Gold Hill bank on the night of April 13 last. Both men have served prison terms before, and will go back protesting their innocence, and charging they were "railroaded" on flippant and flimsy testimony. They liken their predicament to that of Lark Evans, who was sentenced to a fifteen year term for robbing a Grants Pass jitney driver, and when granted a new trial, upon the ground of new evidence, was acquitted.

Rich and influential friends of Strauff, who is known as "Dutch Pete," advised him to start serving his sentence, and "take a chance with the pardon board." Already a number of citizens have called the attention of Governor Ben Olcott, asking that he investigate the case.

The two men were convicted of attempting to rob the Gold Hill bank and the case hinged upon the question of identification. A watchman stationed in the bank, after the authorities had been "tipped off" by an ex-convict named Foster, was the star witness. He identified the men, although he said both had their faces blackened, wore masks, were partly hidden by a wall and it was after midnight. A cache of dynamite, supposed to have been hidden under a Gold Hill sidewalk, was never investigated, and why the sheriff's office stationed but one man in the bank, when they knew two desperate characters were coming to commit a crime, has never been explained. The defendants offered testimony that they were in Medford lodging houses at the time the crime was committed.

The prison records of both men were aired at the trial and weighed heavily against them. Strauff admitted his past, but swore he was trying to lead an honorable life.

Though advertised as bad men, Strauff and Kodat, during their incarceration in the county jail have been model prisoners, and though spied upon by fellow prisoners have never revealed an iota of evidence that would link them with the attempted Gold Hill robbery.

Strauff was pardoned by Governor Olcott on Christmas day, 1915, and too old for military service was a watchman in Portland and Astoria shippings. Former Commissioner of the Port of Portland Wright acted as his sponsor and gave character testimony at his trial last spring. He was sentenced to thirteen years for robbery of an O. R. & N. train and before capture was shot through the lung.

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WHAT HAPPENS TO WATER SUPPLY IN QUERY OF COUNCIL

"Why is a gallon of water?" was the general query of the city council last night following the reading of a report by Earl Hosler, water superintendent, of water measurements taken in Ashland creek last month, placing the average flow in the neighborhood of 6,000,000 gallons a day. The report was made on measurements taken daily from August 11 to August 31 inclusive, following the placing of weirs in Ashland creek. Practically all of the flow during the past few days has been going into the water mains and has been used, Water Superintendent Hosler stated. The amount of water now being used by the city is far in excess of the amount estimated by an engineer who made a report for the city some time ago. Councilman Joy queried F. H. Walker, city engineer, on the subject.

"The city of Medford, according to published reports," stated Mr. Walker, "has a water supply of about 500 gallons per capita, and they are wondering where in the Sam Hill all that water is going to. Ashland, with a smaller population, has about 1000 gallons of water per capita. Where is all that water going to? The amount going into the city mains is far above that figured necessary by the engineer in making the report."

County Exhibits Are Wanted For Ore. State Fair

The time is drawing near for the state fair, and all kinds of good fresh vegetables will be needed at the last minute. All persons having good stuff that will help Jackson county make a showing should communicate with the county agent so that the exhibits may be collected in time to be loaded in the car that leaves on September 22.

All kinds of vegetables, corn, melons, etc., are needed. Also one peck of samples of all kinds of threshed grains, as well as clover and alfalfa seed.

C. C. CATE.

LOCAL VETERAN HEADS G. A. R. SOUTHERN OREGON

The Soldiers' and Sailors Association of Southern Oregon, who have been holding their annual encampment in Liffitha park since Monday of this week, broke camp this morning, and left for their various homes with voluble praise for the city's hospitality. The total registration for the week's encampment was eight-one members of the G. A. R. and 114 members of the Women's Relief Corp.

Before leaving, the veterans elected new officers for the coming year and prepared a resolution expressing appreciation of their reception in Ashland. The officers' list and resolution follow:

Colonel commander, Alden C. Spencer, Ashland.
Lieutenant colonel, Charles B. Sutton, Roseburg.
Major, Alexander Kyle, Rogue River.

Chaplain, Isabelle Spencer, Ashland.
Adjutant, Bertha E. Adams, Gold Hill.

Resolutions

In as much as everybody is happy and we have all enjoyed the good things that the people of Ashland have provided, and in as much as God has favored us with such beautiful sunshine and moonshine, and all kinds of good water:

Therefore, be it resolved by this, the Soldiers' and Sailors Association of Southern Oregon, that we give thanks to God, and to the Chamber of Commerce, for the splendid banquet at the Ashland hotel, and to the Burnside Relief corps for the lovely reception and banquet and the splendid soup and coffee so freely given, and which was enjoyed by all, and to the Legionnaires for the splendid talk of Rev. Evans and John Riggs, and to the drum corps for their untiring efforts to cheer the boys, and to the quartermaster, J. P. Sayle, for his superhuman effort to establish the camp and look after the interests in every particular, and to Mr. Mills and Albert Johnson for the melons and fruit, and to all the citizens of Ashland who have assisted in any way to make this reunion a success.

PEAR ORCHARD PAYS \$21,500 PROFITS YEARLY, 100 ACRES

That pear orchards in the Rogue River Valley are steady income producers is clearly demonstrated by the record of the Hollywood Orchard on the Jacksonville road which under its present management has paid a net revenue of from three to twenty-one and one-half per cent on a valuation of \$100,000.

There are 100 acres of fruit trees in the Hollywood orchard, 52 acres of mature Comice pears, 8 acres of mature Bose pears, 20 acres of young pears, Bose and Comice, and 20 acres of Yellow apples.

In 1917 the net revenue AFTER DEDUCTING ALL OPERATING AND MARKETING EXPENSES, was \$3,000.

In 1918, \$7,000.
In 1919, \$21,500.
and in 1920, \$13,500.

As the Bose and Comice pears bring the highest prices in the eastern market it is safe to assume the net land. "Some of these differences are strikingly illustrated to the eye and mind by chart A, made part of this study.

Some of the orchardists here do not get \$75 per acre from pears, or \$200 from apples, while a few here realize more. The wheat crop in Kansas and other eastern states is also up and down in yield, by both bushels and dollars.

The people here have now had enough experience with fruit growing so they know better how to plant than when many of the present orchards were set out. They understand far better the need of adaptations to soil and other conditions, and results can be more safely planned in advance than in former years.

Modern men, who will build on the experience of growers here, and will manage orchards, especially Bartlett pears, carefully and scientifically, can find few investments anywhere more safe, profitable and satisfying than a good pear orchard in Jackson county. And other varieties of pears, and the standard kinds of apples and peaches may do nearly as well. Loganberries and strawberries might make still better returns from smaller areas of ground. And such investments are sure to be more valuable as the country, markets and transportation facilities develop, as they will gradually do beyond any question.

LOCAL WOMAN ATTEND COUNTY RED CROSS MEET

Several members of the local chapter of the Red Cross motored to Medford yesterday to attend a county meeting of the Red Cross with Dr. J. E. Creighton, northwest director, with headquarters at Seattle. Dr. Creighton addressed the women at a luncheon given at Medford. He stated that "the peak load of help to ex-service men would not be reached till 1929," and also that hundreds of the boys who went overseas are breaking down mentally.

BACK DATING OF EXCESS PROFITS TAX IS FAVORED

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It is understood that Secretary Mellon will suggest the retroactive repeal when he appears before the committee to submit a statement as to future government money needs. Such repeal was provided for in the tax bill, as drawn in the house ways and means committee, but republican members of the house voted in conference to postpone the date to January 1, 1922.

Members of the senate committee are understood to hold that the republican party promised to repeal this tax immediately, and that this is a settled pledge in the public mind. The same position was taken by most republican members of the house committee, but western representatives led a successful fight for retention of the tax for this year.

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CHAUTAUQUA ASSOC. ELECT OFFICERS FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

The annual meeting of the Chautauqua association was held in Chautauqua Pioneer hall Tuesday night, September 7, with a fair attendance. The chief business of the meeting was to hear the report of the officials for the past year, and to elect officers for the ensuing year. As an informal part of the program remarks were made by Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Reed, who have been on Chautauqua work for the past year. Mr. Reed was asked many questions by those interested and answered these in a very interesting manner.

An entire new board of officers was elected as the present board having served three years in this capacity, all declined re-election. The following were elected unanimously: W. J. Oldfield, president; H. C. Gale, secretary; Homer Billings, vice president; V. O. N. Smith, W. M. Briggs, Mrs. Fred Engle, Mrs. S. S. Patterson, Mrs. D. L. Glenn, directors. It was voted that the old board continue as a committee on finance until the affairs of the past year are as far as possible taken care of.

Retiring President J. H. Fuller urged in his report that action be taken toward converting the part of the Chautauqua auditorium now used as a stage with sufficient of the main auditorium, into a smaller hall which would more nearly suit the needs of the city for this purpose.

Fire Destroys H. E. Badger Home On Upper Laurel

Fire which started at 11:30 o'clock Tuesday a. m. razed a two story frame building on the upper end of Laurel street, owned by H. E. Badger and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Horace Badger. The loss is estimated at close to \$2000, including the furniture. The cause of the fire could not be learned before going to press today, but a local real estate dealer familiar with the property, states that a defective wiring was the obvious cause. Mrs. Badger was at the home of her father-in-law, H. E. Badger, when the fire started.

Although the fire department rushed to the scene of the blaze at once, the building burner to the ground within an hour's time owing to the start obtained by the blaze before the fire fighters could reach the house.

EARL HOSLER, CITY WATER SUPERINTENDENT, IS MAKING PLANS FOR THE LAYING OF PIPE ON MOUNT ASHLAND FOR THE PURPOSE OF FORMING AN ICEBERG BY MEANS OF A SPRAY FROM THE PIPE WHICH WILL BE FED BY THE WATER IN THE MARSHY GROUND BEING FORCED THROUGH THE PIPE BY GRAVITY. THE PIPE USED LAST YEAR WAS DISPLACED BY THE SLIDING SNOW AND ICE. IT IS PLANNED TO PLACE THE SYSTEM ON A MORE SUBSTANTIAL BASIS IF THE COUNCIL APPROVES INSTALLATION OF THE SYSTEM. THE IDEA OF THE PROJECT IS TO CONSERVE THE WATER SUPPLY ON THE WATER SHED BY CREATING A LEAK IN A SHADY PART OF THE CANYON.

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PLANS FOR BOND ISSUE MATURED, WILL CALL BIDS

The city council will authorize issuance of \$37,000 worth of refunding bonds next Tuesday if the plans of City Attorney William Briggs are approved. Briggs stated this morning in an interview that pursuant to plans made by the city council at its meeting Tuesday evening, bids on the refunding bonds and the contemplated new issue of \$19,000 will be accepted next week. A resolution for such procedure is now being made by Attorney Briggs, following the instruction of the council. The plans of Attorney Briggs have gained the approval of Portland bond attorneys who were consulted by the city council regarding the bond issue.

A bill of \$1730.15 for the installation of the chlorination plant in Ashland creek is being held up until the equipment can be given a thorough try-out. There is some question over the correct amount of the bill, it being stated by the city recorder that the quoted price was \$1692. The council is investigating the matter.

George C. Spencer has asked permission of the council for the erection of a barn on his property, 691 Oak street. The request was referred to the sanitary committee.

Bills approved by the finance committee and the city council for the month of August amounted to \$8,261.85.

The council has approved an order of forty-five poles for the electric light department to be used in improvements on Palm and Mountain avenues and Granite and Wimer streets. The purpose is to eliminate the hazards where the city and telephone lines run close together.

Following reports from O. A. C. on water samples, taken from various points along Ashland creek, Councilman Joy favors the closing of the chlorination plant at the upper intake as unnecessary. Although the council favored keeping the plant in operation during the remainder of the summer months, the matter was referred to Water Superintendent Hosler for advisement. It was stated in reports that the cost of operating the plant is \$30 a month.

Following a recommendation of City Engineer Walker, the council is considering the purchase of a roller to be used in repair work on the streets.

Earl Hosler, city water superintendent, is making plans for the laying of pipe on Mount Ashland for the purpose of forming an iceberg by means of a spray from the pipe which will be fed by the water in the marshy ground being forced through the pipe by gravity. The pipe used last year was displaced by the sliding snow and ice. It is planned to place the system on a more substantial basis if the council approves installation of the system. The idea of the project is to conserve the water supply on the water shed by creating a leak in a shady part of the canyon.

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WINTER FAIR IS PLANNED, FORUM C. OF C. LUNCH

"All hands together for an Ashland Winter Fair" was the keynote of much speech making and general good cheer at the Chamber of Commerce forum luncheon held Tuesday noon at the Hotel Ashland and presided over by Fred C. Homes as toastmaster. Sixty-two Chamber of Commerce members and guests were present at the luncheon.

C. C. Cate, county pathologist, was present at the luncheon and urged the winter fair as a means of establishing closer interests and co-operation between the farmers and Ashland residents. It was pointed out that the fair, and any gatherings where the farmers meet, has direct beneficial results to both classes and add much to the material commercial prosperity of the city. Mr. Cate especially complimented the fair that was held in Ashland last year and offered all possible co-operation on his part, for a continuation this year. The sending of exhibits, giving special mention to a case of charred Liffitha water, to the state fair as part of the county exhibit was urged.

John H. Dill, one of the best known ranchers in this vicinity, after a canvass among ranchers in the Bellevue and Valley View districts, made a forceful address showing the advantages of the winter fair from a farmer's standpoint. He scored in the minds of his hearers when he compared the fair with the show windows of the city stores. "The farmers need a show window as well as the merchants," said Mr. Dill.

G. A. Briscoe, superintendent of the city schools, reported on the six weeks summer normal school, of which he was superintendent, held in Ashland this summer. The purpose was to urge the continuance of the school for next year. Mr. Briscoe stated that each normal school student left approximately \$100 cash with Ashland merchants during the term. Eighty-one teachers attended the school, thirty-seven of them coming from Jackson county. Two teachers hailed from Wisconsin. Mr. Briscoe was commended for his work in establishing the school and a rising vote of thanks was accorded Ashland's school superintendent, now recognized as an educational authority in Oregon and the Pacific coast states. Action was taken at the luncheon to continue the summer normal school for next year.

Rousing cheers and a popular Chamber of Commerce song greeted the formal introduction of C. J. Coffman, proprietor of the Hotel Ashland, and Mrs. Coffman, under whose efficient management the hotel has taken a new place in the civic affairs of Ashland.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE TODAY; READY FOR OPENING OF SCHOOL

All of the forty teachers who will educate Young America in the Ashland schools this coming school year, beginning Monday, were present this morning at a preliminary teachers' institute held at the high school building. The teachers were addressed by Rev. Charles A. Edwards, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, on the "Value of Work."

As part of the morning's program, Miss Bernice Yeo gave two piano solos, and Miss Leona Marsters, city schools music supervisor, gave a selection.

Four more teachers are employed this year than formerly. Fifteen of the teachers are new additions to the staff and are equally divided between the grades and high schools.

SOUTHERN OREGON PIONEERS TO MEET SEPTEMBER 15th

The Pioneer association of Southern Oregon requests all members to be present at the annual meeting, which will be held at the Chautauqua Pioneer hall, program beginning at 11 a. m. with the reading of the memorials, after which dinner will be served.

In afternoon at 3:30 the dedication services will be at the new log cabin, which will be presented to the association by G. S. Butler.

(Signed) ALICE A. PELL.

COUNTY TAX SALE PROPERTY POSTPONED

The sale of property taken over by the county for delinquent taxes, scheduled to be held at Jacksonville tomorrow has been postponed until 10 o'clock on the morning of October 15, according to a telephone message from Attorney Newman at Medford this morning, speaking for Judge Gardner.

Incomplete records of the property and deeds taken over by the county at former tax sales is ascribed as the reason for the delay.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 13.—

The government has offered to release four of the so-called "political prisoners," who were convicted during the war of violation of the espionage act, if soviet Russia will agree to take them out of the United States as soon as released, the department of justice announced today.

Scenic Society To Attend Fair At Grants Pass

The regular meeting of the Scenic Preservation association of Jackson county takes place on the third Friday of each month and for September that happens to fall on the day upon which Jackson county residents are expected to attend the Josephine county Fair at Grants Pass. No regular meeting will be held, but members of the association are expected to wear a scenic preservation badge, which will be provided, and to go to Grants Pass with the other residents of Jackson county.

As the object of the preservation association is the creation of a sentiment against the destruction of scenery and as Governor Olcott has recently called a conference of men interested in the conservation of the scenic resources of the state, it is fitting that members of the pioneer organization of Oregon go to Josephine county and by their presence there help in getting the movement started in our neighboring county.

To see that every county in the state is organized is a part of the state program of the preservation of the scenery.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Sept. 13.—

One convict was killed, two others seriously injured, and a prison guard badly beaten in an attempt of four convicts to escape from the state prison here today.

Quebec has cut its street car accidents 50 per cent.