

# ASHLAND WEEKLY TIDINGS

## EIGHTEEN AUTOS TO TAKE ASHLAND PARTY TO YREKA

### ASHLAND DELEGATION FORMING FOR MOTOR TRIP TO YREKA; ATTEND SISKIYOU COUNTY FAIR; AUTOS TO FORM PARADE.

The Siskiyou county fair committee of the Chamber of Commerce has eighteen cars signed up so far today to leave the Chamber of Commerce office at 8:30 o'clock tomorrow morning for Yreka. At least twenty-five cars are expected to sign up, and it is hoped to secure more, as numbers will assist in making a good showing on an occasion of this kind. The heads of the city government, schools and various other groups have signed up, and the delegation will be thoroughly representative. The drivers will assemble the cars in 2008 parade formation at the city limits in Yreka and parade through that city, taking in all the main sights. The committee is asking for an early start. Ashland banners and badges can be obtained from the Chamber of Commerce office.

Fred W. Herrin of the Chamber of Commerce Yreka excursion committee went to Yreka this morning to place on exhibition some of his fine sheep. He will arrange some of the details there of the Ashland excursion to the Siskiyou country fair tomorrow.

The Siskiyou county fair at Yreka this week will consist of a racing program with excellent rodeo features, baseball games, etc. There will be livestock exhibits as well as exhibits of agricultural products, and the ladies' departments will be well represented. The race track and grounds adjoin the business street of the town and the exhibits building is in the central part of the city, both accessible without the aid of autos. The seating capacity of the new fair grounds is upward of 2,500.

There will be a flying machine in operation and many other side features will be introduced. The people are enthusiastic over their efforts.

Yreka is one of the very early pioneer towns of California that refused to lay down and die in the face of the advance of modern civilization, although it had several opportunities to do so after the Southern Pacific railroad main line sidetracked it about seven miles. It was started as a dry diggings mining camp in 1849 and at one time, a few years thereafter, contained about 5,000 people, nearly all miners, a few women and most of them wild ones. It still retains much of its pioneer traditions in the face of its modern progressive spirit.

## MRS. MICKELSON GIVES DINNER PARTY TO MANY RELATIVES VISITING HERE

Mrs. Victoria C. S. Mickelson, 209 Oak street, was hostess at a recent dinner party given at her home in honor of many visiting relatives. The visiting relatives were: Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Chapman and niece, Miss Drusella, of St. Louis, Mo., and Miss Grace Chapman, of Spokane, Wash. Mr. Chapman is a prominent department store owner in St. Louis. Miss Chapman is city superintendent of schools in Spokane. Ashland representatives at the party were: Mr. and Mrs. Bart Chapman; Mr. and Mrs. Virginia Chapman; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Chapman and family; Mr. and Mrs. Horace Mitchell and baby; Paul; Miss Edith Chapman; Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Lowe, and Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Bennett and family, of Medford.

Before Homer Chapman, builder and contractor, of San Francisco, leaves Ashland after visiting relatives and friends, it is planned by Mrs. Mickelson to have a family reunion dinner at which all Ashland relatives and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer L. Crawford, of Santa Ana, Calif., will be present.

The elimination of waste in the matter of the city's water supply was urged by Kenneth Shibley, San Francisco engineer, at a Chamber of Commerce forum luncheon given this noon at the Hotel Ashland, attended by forty members and guests.

G. M. Frost and H. E. Elmore, members of a recent delegation of business men to Klamath Falls, gave an account of the entertainment given at that city and the work being done by the Klamath Falls chamber of commerce.

Carl Loveland, director of the Ashland dam, entertained the diners with several musical selections.

E. T. Moore, who has been in charge of the work on the recently completed Green Springs road, gave a brief talk on the "building of a city," liking his subject with the possibilities for development since the opening of the Green Springs road. With the road's completion greater travel between Ashland and Klamath Falls is expected. The road makes a shorter route to Crater lake possible. Mr. Moore urged that a great amount of timber land on the Green Springs road be made tributary to Ashland. Plans for the completion of the road beyond the summit are being made.

Members of the Chamber of Commerce commended the management of the Hotel Ashland on the excellent menu prepared for the forum luncheon.

## CURTAIN WATER WASTE—C. OF C. FORUM SPEAKER

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## FIRST SNOWFALL OF SEASON AT LAKE ON SUNDAY

CRATER LAKE, Or., Sept. 21.—Sunday was a stormy day at the lake but the lodge full of guests enjoyed themselves and the big fireplace. Sunday night the rain turned into snow, and several inches fell during the night. It was still snowing Monday morning. The wind blew hard Sunday evening, and Ray Pruthi's car had a narrow escape from going over the rim. It was moved about thirty feet and stopped within six feet of the edge by an overturned bench, the legs of which it drove eight or nine inches into the ground.

It is prophesied that the weather will clear after this snow and if it is like other years, it will be more beautiful than ever at the lake.

## ATTENDANCE AT CRATER LAKE NOW 27,338

Attendance figures at Crater Lake up to last Saturday night shows a \$6.5 per cent increase in automobiles and 48 per cent in people over last year. The automobiles entering the park for the same period in 1920 were 4841, for this year 7277, an increase of 2736. The number of people visiting the scenic wonder in 1920 was 18,514, and so far this year 27,338, an increase of 8824.

For the month of September to date, 209 autos and 1147 people have entered the park.

## LETTERS WILL LINK CHAIN OF EVIDENCE AGAINST MATTHEWS

MEDFORD, Or., Sept. 27.—Letters alleged to have been written by the principals in the Wig Jacks-Raleigh Matthews shooting tragedy at Eagle Point last Tuesday will be a link in the state's chain of evidence, and John Nichols, pioneer and father-in-law of the slain man, will be one of the chief witnesses in the coming trial.

Nichols is said to have been a witness to part of the quarrel, and to have viewed it from his front porch, corroborating in general detail the testimony of Harry Lewis, who saw the fatal fight while driving a wagon and team down the main street of Eagle Point. Nichols saw the shooting, and when Jacks leaped over the fence in his yard, he said to have raised his hand in a protest against further shooting by Matthews, whereupon the latter stopped and rode home.

Witnesses will also be called by the state to prove that Jacks, worried over the trend of his home life, appealed to Matthews to leave. The defense will likely produce witnesses to show that Jacks had threatened to shoot Matthews unless he "left the country in three days," and also show that others, including the sheriff, were among those he threatened. There will also be witnesses to show that he threatened to take his own life.

The sentiment in Eagle Point in favor of Matthews is very strong, and it is openly stated that if he is convicted a petition will be circulated at once, asking for his pardon.

Raleigh Matthews was bound over to await the action of the grand jury at his preliminary hearing in Justice of the Peace Glenn O. Taylor's court Saturday afternoon after Matthews' attorney requested that the charge be reduced from second degree murder to manslaughter, so the defendant could be admitted to bail. Matthews was charged with the shooting of Wilbur (Wig) Jacks at Eagle Point last Tuesday morning, and his attorney pleaded that if at liberty on bonds he could "get evidence for his trial." None of his immediate relatives was in court, but many friends were present and extended a friendly greeting when he returned to the county jail in the custody of the sheriff.

Medford pastor attacks traffic of booze runners.

MEDFORD, Or., Sept. 20.—An unusually large audience attended the "Constitution Day" services at the First Methodist Episcopal church Sunday night. Rev. J. Randolph Sarnett delivered an address dealing with anarchistic propaganda in all of its forms, but laid special emphasis on defiance of the eighteenth amendment, classing bootleggers with anarchists.

Before proceeding with the address of the evening Mr. Sarnett discussed the methods used in the recent efforts to exterminate the bootlegging traffic in Medford.

"The knife of the normalcy experts of the Southern Pacific has been wielded, and as a result the dining car prices were slashed to somewhere near a figure coincident to the poor man's pocket book.

A pot of coffee, which until yesterday sold for 30 cents now can be purchased for 15 cents. Baked potatoes have been reduced 40 per cent from their former price of 25 cents.

Other brands of potatoes have slumped in prices approximately 30 per cent. Soups have slashed from 25 cents down to 15 cents, and all kinds of vegetables have struck a pre-war basis. Sirloin and tenderloin steaks have been cut down to \$1.25 a portion, whereas they were \$2.

A reduction of 15 cents has been made in ham and eggs, and the price that now confronts the prospective customer is 65 cents. A three-egg ordinary omelet is now on the block for 45 cents, having undergone a 20 per cent reduction. Fancy omelets have also undergone a similar reduction. Ten per cent reductions have also been made in cereals and fish.

Another innovation on the part of the Southern Pacific is the establishment of an 80 cent luncheon on the dining car menu.

## HAWTHORNE SCHOOL ENLARGED

The Hawthorne school annex, formerly the Temple of Truth, an addition made this year, has an enrollment of sixty-three pupils in charge of two teachers, Miss Keitling and Miss Trakas. Yesterday afternoon the teachers of the Hawthorne school gave a picnic dinner in Lethia park for the members of the school board and their wives, with the exception of Mrs. O. C. Gale, director, who brought her husband.

## SPECIAL TRAIN OF BANKERS TO STOP

Three special trains of New York and one of Ohio bankers will pass through Ashland on their way north after making a tour of the southern state, according to word received here this morning by John H. Fuller from I. T. Sparks, of the Southern Pacific company.

## COUNCIL ADOPTS ORDINANCES FOR \$45,387 BONDS

Ordinances in preparation for the issuance of bonds to the amount of \$45,387.12 were passed yesterday evening at an adjourned meeting of the city council. Of the foregoing amount \$37,000 will be known as "Improvement Refunding Bonds," and are issued without a vote of the people; \$5500 will be known as "Improvement Bonds," issued in the matter of defraying the city's proportionate expense of paving the north end of Mill street next to the city park; and \$2,387.12, statutory Bancroft bonds issued in the matter of the Mill street paving also, but based upon the application for extension of time of payment as filed by the property owners. All of the above amount except the Bancroft bonds will be ten-year general obligation bonds of the city of Ashland.

The issuance of approximately \$18,000 worth of bonds to cover loans made to miscellaneous purposes from certain of the funds of the city by the council will be placed before Ashland voters for approval in the near future, the time to be set at the discretion of the city council. Bids on all the bonds, totaling over \$62,000 will be considered by the council October 11, according to the decision made.

The ordinances and plans for the bond issues were presented to the council by W. M. Briggs, city attorney, following advice from Portland bond attorneys. The refunding bonds will be issued for a term of ten years and be in \$500 denominations. The plans originally called for \$1000 denominations. The refunding bonds were issued "to redeem and retire bonds of like indebtedness."

Passing of the ordinances in preparation for the bond issue culminates investigations by attorneys, discussion and plans by the city council that have extended over a period of several weeks.

According to statements by members of the council, no more bond issues are in prospect except, Councilman Shinn said, "the possible \$100,000 bond issue for the dam in Ashland canyon."

W. M. Briggs, city attorney, made the following statement this morning relevant to the bond issue:

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upon the violin was Mr. Skovgaard himself. To a chance meeting with a London dealer in musical instruments Mr. Skovgaard owes his good fortune in obtaining his rare Strad. This man had a fine collection of old Italian violins; they were real antiques, cracked, scratched and worn, through more or less rough life for several centuries. Having revealed in the wealth before him and tried most of them, Mr. Skovgaard remarked that it would have been a pleasure to have seen such instruments when they were new, but such pleasures were denied modern artists. To the surprise of the Danish artist, his new friend replied in the negative and stepped to a fireproof vault and came out with a big, yellow leather case, which he opened and took out

An Unstrung Violin and handed it to his guest. Apparently it was just from the maker's shop, but plainly it was lettered "Antonius Stradivarius, anno 1712." "When I was last in Madrid," said the dealer, "I was presented to a collector of art works, in whose collection, however, there was but one violin, namely, a Stradivarius. Naturally, I inquired how a violin could have become lost among so many paintings and he then informed me that it was

An Old Heirloom which had always been in the family, and that he had once found a book with a history of how Stradivarius made his violin in memory of his dead son, and that they had therefore retained it in the museum." With the instrument went the romantic tale of its origin—how in Cremona, through the love of one of Stradivarius' best pupils for a girl violinist, an instrument that the maker particularly prized had been

Stolen for the Girl when he returned it to its maker he refused to part with it and it was sold to a collector, who, in turn, sold it to the Spanish museum, where the instrument succeeded from father to son in many generations.

## TO PLAY ANCIENT VIOLIN, PROGRAM AT THE ARMORY

Violins may not have the sentiments and sensibilities attributed to them by imaginative musicians, but they have histories, interesting and varied, gay romance and dark tragedies, even as do their warm friends of mankind. A violin which is not only remarkable in itself, but with a remarkable story is one possessed



by Axel Skovgaard, the Danish Violinist, who is to appear at the Armory on Thursday evening, September 29. It is as bright and polished as if it had left the hands of its maker but yesterday, and still the instrument is over 200 years old.

## BROTHER OF LOCAL MAN IS KILLED IN AUTO WRECK

Wesley Butler, a farmer of the Eagle Point district was killed in an auto accident on the Brownboro road near the upper end of the Fred Pelouze ranch about 9 o'clock yesterday morning, and William J. Cox, age 21 years, whose home is in Clanton, Ala., sustained slight injuries, when the Overland car Butler was driving overturned on a curve. A defective steering knuckle was the cause of the accident.

Butler and Cox were en route to Eagle Point to saw wood when trouble developed in the steering gear. Butler told Cox to stand on the running board and watch the gear cog on the front axle. At a sharp turn the car ran off the road and overturned. Cox leaped and saved his life. Butler was pinned beneath the car, the running board across his breast, crushing out his life. Cox endeavored to extricate his companion, but failing, ran for assistance. Butler's lifeless body was taken from beneath the auto by his father, William E. Butler.

According to the coroner, the car was running at a fair rate of speed when the accident occurred, and tracks in the road showed that it had skidded several times before turning turtle.

William Wesley Butler was 27 years old and is survived by a wife and child two years old. A brother, James F. Butler, resides in this city. Another brother, John A. Butler, and a sister, Nellie Butler, live on the home place. He was a well known farmer. His father and mother are living.

News of the accident was received at Medford during the Wilbur Jacks funeral services, and caused the spreading of the rumor throughout the city of another shooting scrape in Eagle Point.

A coroner's inquest will be held and funeral arrangements announced later.

## SURPRISE PARTY GIVEN AT BUCHANAN HOME IN HONOR U. OF G. STUDENTS

Miss Kae Buchanan and W. E. Buchanan Jr. were entertained Tuesday at a surprise party given in their honor at the family home on Iowa street by the Loyal Workers' class of the Christian church bible school. Mr. Buchanan and Miss Kae left this morning for Eugene where they will attend the University of Oregon.

Games were played and refreshments served at the pleasant affair. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Putnam, Alma Abbie, Vivian and Edward Short, Floyd, John, Greeley, and Geneva Crosslin, Carmen and Maxine Rose, Henry Morgan, Alta Weinburger, Hazel Webber, Elsie Crowson, Ruth York, Miss Temple, Mrs. Champie, Vera and Tinley Champie, Lucy Davis, and Mrs. J. V. Wright, the efficient teacher of the Loyal Workers' class.

## SEASON AT CRATER LAKE TO END ON FRIDAY, SEPT. 30

Although the Crater Lake season comes to an official close next Friday at midnight, the last stages will leave Medford and Klamath Falls for the lake Thursday forenoon, and no guests will be received at the lodge after Thursday night.

Friday morning and forenoon the finishing touches on the packing up for the winter season will be made, and the entire remaining staff of the lodge employees will leave for Medford by noon. A guard and attendant will be left at the lodge from then on until the season opens next year, something that has never been done heretofore. In the person of John Mohr, the able auto mechanic, one of the main cogs for several years on Superintendent Alex Sparrow's staff.

Superintendent Sparrow and his staff will not leave Crater lake until about October 10 to October 15, when all the Crater National park improvement work will have been finished for this year. Of course, a heavy snow would cause them to leave much sooner. After their departure the park will be in charge of two rangers.

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Metering of the water as it went into the city pipe mains was also suggested by the visiting engineer, who will remain in Ashland today for the purpose of speaking before a mass meeting to be held at the city hall this evening at 8 o'clock. The meeting will be in charge of the Chamber of Commerce.

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## WATER WASTE IS OUTRAGEOUS, SAYS ENGINEER

### ESTABLISH METER SYSTEM; CITY USING TWICE AS MUCH WATER AS IT SHOULD; DISCREDITS \$100,000 RESERVOIR PROJECT.

Installation of a filtering system having a capacity of 6,000,000 gallons of water daily and costing approximately \$65,000 in Ashland canyon, is the solution of Ashland's water problem, according to the general trend of opinion expressed by members of the city council at a special session yesterday evening. The stand was taken by the city dads following a talk by Kenneth Shibley, San Francisco engineer and manager of the California Filter company of that city, who emphasized recommendations that Ashland curtail needless waste of water by the installation of meters throughout the system. The \$100,000 dam project voted more than a year ago was unqualifiedly condemned by Mr. Shibley as a needless expenditure.

Queries Reservoir Project "Why build a reservoir," said Mr. Shibley in answer to a query of Councilman Shinn regarding the dam project, "when you've got twice the water you need. Conserve your water by cutting out the waste. Meter your system, install filters to protect your meter investment and make possible their successful operation. Your waste of water in this city is outrageous. Why?" Mr. Shibley referred to an engineering magazine, "Jacksonville, Fla. is a city of 95,000 people and it is using the same amount of water as Ashland.

"You are using an average of 1,200 gallons of water per capita per day," Mr. Shibley remarked, "and Seattle, Wash., consumes only 120 gallons per capita. After metering your system, raise your water rates; they are ridiculously low. If you build your reservoir you still will have your water because you will still have roily water and because of that an unsatisfactorily metered system that will not stop that waste.

"Can't you use that \$100,000 for a filtering system?" Mr. Shibley asked of the council.

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