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CONSOLIDATION**BEN C. SHELDON ELECTED HEAD
OF CONSOLIDATED CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE OF SOUTHERN
OREGON; PLANS BIG PRO-
JECTS.**

A movement which promises large and constantly increasing benefits to southern Oregon was successfully launched in this city today through the organization of the Consolidated Chamber of Commerce of Southern Oregon. This meeting resulted in the consummation of a plan suggested by Ben Sheldon, president of the Medford chamber of commerce, at a meeting held in Klamath Falls about three weeks ago.

The plan is simple, and through its simplicity spells success. The members of the organization are the local chambers of commerce of the cities of Ashland, Grants Pass, Klamath Falls and Medford. Members of the local chamber are per se members of the consolidated chamber. Under the articles of association adopted today, none of the local chambers surrender to the larger body any of its prerogatives or duties, it being plainly provided that the consolidated organization shall undertake only those projects which each and all of the local chambers agree are of such general interest to the people of these three counties of southern Oregon that they can best be promoted by the united, joint action of their four principal cities. Because the larger body cannot bind the local organizations in any respect and receives all its powers through the unanimous consent of the member cities, it will not undertake matters concerning which the local communities may not be in whole accord. Thus the largest danger of a disintegrating influence in the get-together movement is removed at the outset.

"Similar efforts toward uniting these four bustling cities of southern Oregon," said Mr. Sheldon this morning, "have failed because either the joint organization has tackled too varied a line of projects, some of which did not interest the local communities, or it has run off on an effort which particularly concerned one of the cities and not all southern Oregon as a whole. This danger has, we feel, been eliminated in this organization. We shall undertake comparatively few efforts—only those which all four cities agree can best be handled through joint action. A few real important matters, well handled, will assure the success of the consolidated chamber. Cement the cities in promoting their joint interests and teach each of them the value of united action."

It was apparent from the discussions at the organization meeting this morning and the luncheon at the Oregon hotel at noon that the advertising of all southern Oregon as a tourist attracting district would probably be the first consideration to receive attention. It was forcefully pointed out that by far too many of the tourists who came into southern Oregon came for the purpose of seeing just one thing and left after a brief visit to that point; also, that tourists would come from a distance to visit a series of attractions who would not come for one only. With the fact spread broadcast that this section of the state contains a score of points of interest to the tourist and affords the best summer camping and recreation district on the continent, visitors will come prepared to look for these attractions and with a schedule calling for weeks in this district where they are now spending days. The difference in monetary returns to these counties is apparent.

Prominent public men, such as Mr. McCormick, of the Southern Pacific, which company makes a business of studying the things which attract visitors, have told our people that in this part of the state we have a wealth of beauty spots not elsewhere equaled. They point to the wonderful redwood forests along the coast below Crescent City, the beaches along the Pacific, the mountains to the east of us, the beautiful

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Klamath County
Starts Recall Of
District Attorney

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Oct. 17.—Petitions for the recall of C. C. Brower, district attorney, are in circulation here. The ground for recall is alleged incompetency.

Mr. Brower defeated William Duncan, incumbent, for the office last November. He was swept into office with the majority of the ticket that was supported by backers of the Hot Springs court house candidates. It is said that he has not pleased this faction in the conduct of the office.

R. A. Emmitt, veteran leader of the Hot Springs side, is one of the circulators of the recall petition. The headway that is being made in gaining signatures has not been divulged. It is necessary to get 650 names.

COUNTY INSTITUTE
HAS ATTENDANCE
OF 215 TEACHERS**TEACHERS DISCUSS COUNTY ADMINISTRATION WORK AND
TENURE OF OFFICE; TO SEND
DELEGATES TO STATE CON-
VENTION.**

With a registration of 215 teachers, the annual Jackson county teachers' institute opened yesterday and was in full swing today, carrying out an extensive educational program.

In addition to the regular class work and instruction, a lecture on boy and girl club work was given by H. C. Seymour, state leader. The matter of nutrition classes in the schools was taken up in an address by Miss Florence Poole, county demonstration agent.

Considerable discussion centered around the best methods of county school administration work and what is known as the county unit administration. The question was raised because of the prospective passing of a state law providing for the election of five county freeholders as members of a county school board to direct the activities and the expenditures for school work. W. M. Smith, assistant state superintendent of schools, delivered an address on the subject. In the afternoon A. G. Smith, superintendent of the Medford schools, led a discussion of the county school administration program.

Ashland teachers entertained the county teachers at a cafeteria luncheon given this noon at the high school.

All classes in the county grade and high schools are suspended during the teachers' institute, which will continue tomorrow. Regular class work will be resumed Thursday.

Among other matters to be considered at the institute are: Tenure of office, living accommodations, teachers' councils and the placement of teachers.

Three Jackson county delegates to attend the state convention of teachers at Portland during the latter part of December will be elected at the institute. The delegates will represent the county interests and will be guided by the decisions made here regarding issues expected to come up at the state meeting.

LEITH HABBOTT IS
ELECTED HEAD OF
U. OF O. SENIORS

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Oct. 14.—The only university woman who has ever been president of a senior class, Helen Nelson, of Pendleton, resigned at a senior meeting today. Leith Abbott, of Ashland, was unanimously elected president.

Miss Nelson found she was unable to lead the senior men in disciplining the freshmen and other masculine class duties. Arthur Hohenhausen, of Portland, was elected captain of the senior police, who will officiate at the under class mix to be given Saturday.

Ashland Tourists Spend
\$54,000 In Seven MonthsROAD WORK IN
COUNTY RUSHED
TO BEAT RAINS

The county court is putting the country roads in shape for winter travel and expects to have all jobs now under way completed by the time the fall rains commence.

The Trail road, the condition of which was protested by Tom Gahen and other residents of that section last spring, has been put in shape at an expenditure of \$250. This is not all the improvement the county court would have liked to have made on the road, but it is believed it will better the conditions that prevailed last winter and enable ordinary travel to get in and out.

The work of macadamizing the road on the north fork of Butte creek is under way, gravel being placed on a strip a mile and a half long. This is in the Mike Hanley and Tommy Farlow country, and these two headed a delegation that recently went to the county court with a protest. The macadamizing will be finished by the first of the month.

The road in the Meadows district is being widened and gravelled, and a new covered bridge built across Evans creek. The Butte Falls road around Rocky Hill has been put in shape for winter traffic, and next year it is planned to macadamize the stretch between Rocky Hill and Eagle Point.

The new Applegate road, which eliminates the Jacksonville hill, has been macadamized three and one-half miles from Auch toward Jacksonville, and the first rain will see the county roller out smoothing down the rough spots. This road has a maximum grade of 5 per cent.

The county has a small crew of men at work on the Little Applegate putting the roads to the school houses in shape. In a mile and a half along this stream there are sixteen ponds, and last week's work resulted in the elimination of four of them.

Work on the Green Springs mountain road has been lessened and next week the caterpillar and scarifier will be put at work by the county building a race track at the county fair grounds south of this city.

Will Grade Road
From Grants Pass
To Caves Highway

GRANTS PASS, Or., Oct. 18.—Members of the state highway commission who are on a tour of the Pacific highway from the Columbia river to the California line visited the Josephine Caves road Sunday with a view to grading the road to the Caves highway.

The purpose of the trip was to note the progress on the Caves highway and to investigate the highway leading from the Crescent City road.

Cost to Be Estimated

As a result of the trip, the commission has asked Herbert Nunn, state highway engineer, to prepare data relative to the costs of constructing such a road. These figures will be submitted on October 25, at which time two paving jobs are to be let, one in Yamhill county and one in this part of the state. Before looking over the Caves proposition, the commission went to Crater lake.

MAN DIES ON S. P. TRAIN;
TAKEN OFF AT MEDFORD

MEDFORD, Or., Oct. 14.—John Erickson, a native of Norway, 36 years of age, was taken sick Wednesday evening in Ashland while on board Southern Pacific train No. 54, on route from San Francisco to Vancouver, B. C., and upon arrival of the train in Medford was found dead in the toilet. Death is attributed to heart failure or apoplexy. Erickson was a member of the Seamen's union and of the Fishermen's union and carried an alien seaman's identification card, which showed that he arrived in the United States at the port of San Francisco in April, 1919.

Auto Park Used By 10,800
Tourists Since March 1

Ashland merchants received approximately \$54,000 during the past seven months, March to October 15, inclusive, from its annual crop of motoring tourists who stopped at the free auto camp ground in Lithia park, 43,200 strong, according to figures based on the statements of T. F. Smith, park superintendent. During that time, Mr. Smith says, the camp has accommodated 10,800 cars, averaging four persons to the machine.

Mr. Smith, who has been the "floor man" at the auto park camp directing tourists to suitable camping sites, states that his figure is the result of an actual count made during the year. The figure does not include the touring parties which stopped for a few hours during the day that they might have suitable conveniences for preparing a mid-day meal. Mr. Smith estimated that at least 1,000 touring parties of the last-named class stopped at the camp.

The apex of the summer tourist travel, Mr. Smith says, was topped during the early part of August when the original camp ground was crowded to capacity with an average of ninety cars a day. The greatest number of machines camped in the park during one day was ninety-seven. From the first of July to the middle of August an average of eighty-five auto parties a day were accommodated. Mr. Smith says that four individuals to every car is a conservative estimate of the per capita use of the camp. The daily average total of cars during the entire season was forty-eight auto parties. From March to May, inclusive, the average was thirty cars; from June to August, inclusive, seventy-five cars, and from September to October 15, forty cars. Because of the increased use of the camp, which Mr. Smith states was double that of last year, the city purchased additional ground, formerly the Ware-Greer tract, and enlarged the camp to accommodate 200 cars daily. Improvement of the new tract is expected next year.

The average touring party, Mr. Smith says, spends \$5 a day for food, auto repairs and traveling incidentals. "They're not a cheap crowd," the park superintendent said; "they have money to spend and do use it."

"There are very few objectors of any sort and the majority praise the camp. To them it is more than a mere camp after they have traveled for miles over the highway. It is a park with picnic tables and amusement features for the children, the advantages of a city park as part of their camp ground, not next door to it or at the other end of town. They appreciate that."

In speaking of the picnic grounds, Mr. Smith stated that considerable trouble had been experienced during the summer in coping with local and county outing parties, which unnecessarily occupy the camp instead of going directly to the picnic grounds provided for them. The superintendent urged the use of the picnic grounds by outing parties, saying that the camp did not have sufficient room to care for cars other than those owned by the tourists.

The heavy rush of "business" at the camp comes late in the afternoon when touring parties are ready to pitch camp for the night. After the outdoor meal, prepared either on their own stoves or the gas plates provided in the park, the members of America's new EPYSS band sit around their camps or a roaring camp fire in the large fireplace near the park entrance until 9 o'clock at night, when they retire. The tourists, however, break camp at both early and assorted hours of the morning.

Mr. Smith does not favor an entrance charge for the use of the camp grounds, stating that such a system would necessarily call for several improvements. "So many good camp sites," Mr. Smith said, "are available along the road that a number of tourists would refuse to pay. If a charge were made, they would expect more, and it would have to be given them. They would

have to be supplied with gas for cooking, something from which a revenue now is derived. Waste would also be more prevalent."

The number of gas plates in camp, totaling twenty-five, should be doubled under the present circumstances, Mr. Smith said. Under a pay system, even more would be needed, he stated. The need of grading in several places throughout the camp was urged by Mr. Smith as a needed improvement. Leveling of the ground in many places, he said, would enlarge the park's capacity by making a greater number of sites available. "Some tourists," said the superintendent, "refuse to stay unless they find a site to their liking."

With the exception of Rhode Island, North Carolina, South Carolina and Delaware, traveling America was fully represented by states at the park this summer, according to the observations of Mr. Smith.

Oregon Will Get
Lion's Share In
Forest Melon Cut

PORTLAND, Or., Oct. 17.—Oregon has just received \$102,489.61 and Washington \$77,180.59 as their shares in the annual receipts from the national forests located in the two states, according to information from the district forester's office here.

Oregon's share comes from the fourteen federal forests in the state and Washington's from the eight forests within her borders. The amounts represent the 25 per cent and the 10 per cent of all moneys taken in from the national forests for the fiscal year closed June 30, 1921.

In Oregon thirty-one counties share in the federal melon, while twenty-five of the counties in Washington share in the portion received by that state. Since 1906 Oregon has received a total of \$1,360,530 from the forest receipts, while Washington's share for the same period has been \$715,226.29.

In all, twenty-eight states have received checks totaling \$619,993 from the United States treasury as their share of the receipts from the national forests for the fiscal year ended June 30. An additional \$247,997 has become available for road and trail construction by the forest service within the national forests of these same states.

The amounts are considerably smaller than for the previous fiscal year, when the total was \$1,652,058. This is due largely to the concession made by congress to stockmen whereby they are allowed until December 1 to pay their grazing fees due last spring. This action was made necessary by the widespread depression in the livestock business. A small portion of the reduction is due also to a decline in timber sale receipts caused by business conditions.

Only states within which national forests exist receive timber funds, and by act of congress the amounts are redistributed to counties in lieu of taxes, according to the acreage of federal forests within their boundaries.

WILL USE CHAUTAUQUA
BUILDING FOR WINTER FAIR

The Chautauqua building will be used for the winter fair livestock exhibit, according to a decision made by the chautauqua board of directors at a recent meeting. Permission for use of the building was given following a request made by the winter fair committee.

Gold Hill Bank
Sold By Pelton
To Calif. Men

GOLD HILL, Or., Oct. 17.—The Gold Hill bank, which has been controlled by Horace I. Pelton, one of Gold Hill's prosperous farmers and stock raisers since 1911, has passed into the hands of J. C. and W. B. Wenzlaff of Riverside, Calif., brothers, who are interested in the branch bank at Tracy, in that state. The new owners will increase the capital of the bank.

The Gold Hill bank was instituted in 1904 and was operated by Jesse E. Enyart as president and Joseph L. Hammersly as cashier until 1911. J. C. Wenzlaff will give his entire time to the bank as president, while Lynn W. Smith, who has been cashier since 1911, will continue in that capacity.

Dry Land Farming
Is Successful In
Ashland Vicinity

By F. L. NUTTER
After much study and investigation of local conditions, with two years' experience, I would say that dry farming in the Ashland district is a decided success.

Apples, peaches, cherries and pears, as well as prunes, plums and many other varieties of fruit, grow profusely, and as fine, large apricots as I ever saw have been produced on the dry land of this sector.

Grapes grow as large and possess as fine flavor as can be produced anywhere. I have seen rye that stood eight feet high, wheat seven feet tall. Two fine crops of alfalfa have been harvested with a third for pasture.

Corn has made a record here that would do credit to any corn country. Melons and garden truck of all varieties have been successfully grown.

Much of the irrigated land of this section has been nourished, not only by water, but by various kinds of fertilizer, and has really received much more attention than the dry land.

Many persons come here from the east, where irrigation is unnecessary, and expect to raise mammoth crops with the same cultivation and modes of farming pursued in the eastern states, and are not careful to keep the surface of the soil pulverized. Great care should be taken of the non-irrigated as well as the irrigated soil. Dry land as well as the irrigated should be fertilized.

Our most successful fruit growers who are producing fruit of excellent quality and flavor on the dry land study the individual tree, apply fertilizer, prune, spray and thin according to its needs.

I speak more about fruit, as that is the prevailing crop of this section and has been a paying business for those who have made a study of dry farming.

Before engaging in dry farming I was informed by bankers, merchants and numerous persons who were engaged in irrigation farming that non-irrigated fruit was far superior and possessed much better flavor, color and shipping qualities than the irrigated fruit.

Dry land cherries from this section were shipped to eastern and southern states, being ten days in transit during the hottest days of July, and arrived in perfect condition at destination, which fact is very gratifying to the growers and of great interest to the prospective buyers of dry land.

The amount of fruit produced depends greatly upon the age of the tree, proper cultivation, pruning and thinning at the proper time. Cultivation is simple. The ground should be well ploughed in the fall in order to absorb the winter rains, and should be cultivated before the weeds start in the spring and as soon after each rain as it is in good working condition if the soil is free from weeds and well pulverized. At the close of June the moisture will be maintained at a depth of four or five inches throughout the months of July and August.

Much of the rolling land, if irrigated, would be washed away or badly cut into by ditches which, if farmed by intelligent dry farming methods, would produce an abundance of excellent, nutritious fruit.

D.A.R. CHAPTERS
PLAN DEDICATION
OF MARKER FRIDAY**MONUMENT TO FIFTEEN ORIGINAL TRAIL BLAZERS DEDICATED AT PHOENIX BY ASH-
AND AND MEDFORD CHAPTERS D. A. R.**

In honor of the fifteen pioneers who forced their entrance to Rogue River valley in 1846, despite the resistance of Indians, a memorial marker of Oregon granite from the Ashland quarry and surmounted by a bronze tablet will be dedicated Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock near the historical Culver place by the Daughters of the American Revolution. The monument will be given by the Crater Lake chapter, of Medford, and the Mount Ashland chapter, of this city, and will cost approximately \$350. The fund was raised in Medford and Ashland through the combined efforts of both chapters.

Although the dedication program for the day has not been definitely arranged, C. E. Gates, mayor of Medford, will make the principal address. The Daughters of the American Revolution have extended a public invitation for general attendance at the exercises. Members of the Southern Oregon Pioneer society and all other organizations interested in the early history of the state are especially requested by the D. A. R. to attend. Mrs. Gordon MacCracken stated this morning that the dedication exercises will perform a double mission, because of the fact that the first anniversary of Mount Ashland chapter occurs on the same day.

The monument on the Pacific highway will be in full view of passing motorists and is expected to add much to the historical lore of the valley. It was erected near Phoenix because in that location the co-operation of both Ashland and Medford chapters of the D. A. R. could be obtained in raising the necessary funds. The pioneers are honored by the marker as trail blazers who made the first road to the Rogue River valley from Salem in 1846 under great difficulties.

Owner of the
Bon Ton Cafe Is
Victim of Attack

J. W. Kistler, proprietor of the Bon Ton cafe, Fourth and A streets, stated this morning he had located the unknown man who is alleged to have assaulted the cafe proprietor late Sunday afternoon while the latter was perched at his lunch counter eating dinner. Mr. Kistler refused to disclose the name of the man under suspicion and who is said to be in a neighboring town.

The assault, Mr. Kistler states, was unwarranted and had a "woman in the case." It is said by the police that the man attacked Kistler while the restaurant and bakery were crowded with people and that numerous bystanders stood outside the store. Police state that a woman remained at the entrance to the cafe during the fracas and told the unknown man when to stop his attack on Kistler.

Defunct Klamath
Falls Newspaper
\$15,000 In Debt

The suspension of the Southwestern Oregon Daily News and Evening Record, of Klamath Falls, is announced. An assignment of collectable book accounts was made to the employees for their back pay and salaries and they are collecting them. The newspaper's liabilities are said to total over \$15,000.—Marshfield Herald.

Portland—A general improvement in lumber business in the northwest, resulting in the reopening of a number of mills, the putting on of additional shifts at other mills and the announcement of plans for reopening of at least one of the larger logging camps reported.