

ASHLAND WEEKLY TIDINGS

IRRIGATE 12,000 ACRES; OPENING S. RAPIDS DAM

SATURDAY IS BANNER DAY FOR GRANTS PASS AND JOSEPHINE COUNTY; DEDICATION OF THE SAVAGE RAPIDS DAM.

LARGE LOCAL DELEGATION ATTEND EXERCISES; DAM COSTS \$1,225,000; NOVEL FISH LADDER CONSTRUCTED.

Saturday was a great day for Grants Pass and Josephine county, for it marked the official opening of the Savage Rapids dam, a half-million dollar structure which will make possible the irrigation of more than 12,000 fertile acres of rich Rogue River valley land. The event was witnessed by thousands of people, who lined the banks of the river, blocked the highway and covered the rocks below the dam, over whose high crest the crystal waters plunged with deafening roar.

This project, the entire cost of which is a million and a quarter dollars, has been completed by the Grants Pass irrigation district, which was organized four years ago and constantly expanded, as the beneficent effects of artificial watering was demonstrated. Eventually, it is expected that 4000 additional acres will be irrigated from the waters impounded by the Savage Rapids dam, bringing the total up to 16,000 acres. The cost will be about \$125 per acre under the project as it now stands.

Considering the opening of the dam an event of more than local importance, people came many miles from the surrounding towns and farm communities to witness the epochal event. Big men were present from San Francisco, Portland and other distant points. The Ashland delegation consisted of C. B. Lamkin and wife, Bert Greer, O. H. Barnhill, J. H. Fuller and wife, and Mrs. S. T. Sherwood, the lady last named being from Montague. Mr. Lamkin made a short after-dinner speech, felicitating Ashland's neighbors of the lower valley upon the success of their gigantic undertaking.

The length of the dam is 400 feet and the height twenty-four feet. The latter can be increased ten feet by raising the movable gates fixed on the crest of the dam. The dam is technically described as being a combination of the multiple arch and gravity type concrete diversion styles, the distinguishing feature being the gates on the crest, which can be quickly lowered to allow flood waters to pass over.

A portion of the water is released through gravity canals, the balance of what is needed being elevated by turbine operated pumps into canals on either side of the stream, seventy-five and 150 feet above the river. The turbines generate 1700 horse power. The water is thus made to lift itself high above its natural bed and water the thirsty soil along the virgin hillsides and rolling table lands. In places it is proposed to pump the water from the high-line canals onto still more elevated locations.

One of the most interesting features of the dam is a fish ladder of the latest and most approved type. This so-called ladder consists of twenty-eight concrete pools ten feet in length, each being thirteen inches higher than the one below. Trout two feet long could be seen jumping from one pool to another. When the gates were closed a few days ago it was said that large numbers of trout and salmon were left stranded in pools along the river, affording a rich harvest for nearby residents.

The Savage Rapids dam is located on the Rogue River, six miles from Grants Pass, across the county line. It represents the first large attempt to utilize for irrigation the surplus waters of Southern Oregon's greatest stream.

The cost of uncleared land under the new dam is said to vary from \$10 to \$50 per acre, the best land in cultivation being priced at about \$150 per acre, exclusive of the water right. The cost of the irrigation works is largely borne by long-time

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MONSTER ENGINE NEW ADDITION TO ESPEE YARDS

A recent arrival in the local yards of the Southern Pacific company is the huge "deckapod" engine, a monster locomotive which is 40 per cent more powerful than the ordinary railway engine. Yesterday a Tidings reporter boarded one of these huge steam motors, through the courtesy of J. E. DeRose, engineer, and A. L. Shoupe, fireman, just as they were getting up steam to pull No. 53 over the Siskiyou.

These new giants of the railway world are technically known as "two ten twos" and weigh 273,000 pounds each—over 136 tons. There are, on each side, five monster drive wheels, which makes such a long wheel base that sharp curves are negotiated with difficulty. A new turntable, 100 feet long, is being built to accommodate the big "deckapods."

A look into the oil-fed furnace of the big locomotive reminded the visitor of Dante's inferno, only it seemed ten times hotter. A great cauldron is filled with superheated gas, while far in the distance the open ends of the boiler pipes dimly appear.

The ease with which one of these monster engines is handled is remarkable, requiring little more strength than it takes to manage an ordinary auto. The reverse lever is moved by steam and even the bell-rung by that obliging servant. The oil feed lever and throttle are both small concerns, and easily operated.

A remark regarding the greater ease with which present-day locomotive firemen filled their jobs elicited from Engineer DuBose the statement that he had shoveled coal into the hungry furnace of a mountain-climbing locomotive for nearly five years, over the Sierra Madres, and had also tried hobo tramping, but that if he had his choice between the two, he would choose the latter.

Two sponge-filled funnels attached to tubes were observed in the engine cab. In answer to a question if they were used as megaphones to tell cows and people to get off the track, the visitor was informed that these were breathing appliances, to be used in going through mountain tunnels, where the gas is sometimes so bad that there isn't enough oxygen left in the air for the fire in the furnace to burn, as was the case when Engineer Poor was nearly asphyxiated in a Siskiyou tunnel the other day. Compressed air is forced into these funnels from a chest at the forward end of the engine.

Mallet compound engines, one of which was standing in the local yards yesterday, are slightly more powerful than the "deckapods," but not so speedy. The men call them "wamps." The engineer's cab is at the forward end of the engine, which is sometimes run backwards, pushing the tender in front.

PLAN CLOTHING SCHOOLS; TALENT AND ROGUE RIVER

Women from communities all over Jackson county will gather at either Rogue River or Talent the week of November 7 to 12 inclusive. They will study the making of a woolen dress from the choice of the material through each step to the completed garment ready for wear. The women who attend these schools and make garments are chosen or volunteer representatives from the different communities over the county.

When the two schools are over they will help the home demonstration agent to carry on a like school in their own communities. In this way every woman in the county has an opportunity to get the information given in the school.

This work is free. It is organized by the home demonstration agent, and is conducted by her and assisted by Miss Esther Cooley, state specialist in clothing from the agricultural extension department of Oregon Agricultural college. Any woman who is interested in attending either of these schools and who will promise to help organize similar work in her own community or club or group of women, should get in touch with the home demonstration agent.

The schools are held on alternating days. The one at Talent being November 8, 10 and 12, and the one at Rogue River being November 7 and 9. Any woman attending will not be disappointed in the information that she will get in home dressing.

Roderick Doyer, mechanic at Harrison Brothers' garage, filed a declaration of intention to become an American citizen at Jacksonville yesterday.

Postoffice Gives Advice On Parcel Post Shipments

URGES THAT CONTAINERS BE COLLECTED FOR CHRISTMAS PACKAGES

During the month of November the American Railway association and the American Railway Express company are conducting a "Perfect Package" campaign. Postmaster General Will H. Hays has requested the postmasters of the country to take advantage of this period to place before the public the importance of preparing their parcels thoroughly before handing the same to post office clerks.

Postmaster E. J. Kaiser states that the matter of close supervision and rigid enforcement of regulations governing the preparation of parcels and their admission to the mails at the Ashland post office is closely observed, not a single day passing without one or more parcels being handed back to patrons for better preparation. "What does it contain?" and "How is it packed?" are the familiar inquiries heard at the parcel post window by patrons, and the clerks report that while over 80 per cent of the parcels offered are always in splendid shape for shipment there are quite a few that barely meet the requirements.

The regulations of the department in regard to the preparation of parcels, containers, etc., are posted at the parcel post window in the Ashland office.

This is a specially interesting period for the consideration of this subject, as the Christmas holiday season next month will cause the matter to be of very practical concern to every family. The local postmaster suggests that now would be a good time for families to begin collecting their Christmas containers. Many a good container is thrown away in the course of a few weeks.

G. A. R. VETERANS TO LEAD PARADE ARMISTICE DAY

The Ashland G. A. R. will lead the street procession Armistice Day to the high school for the dedication of the bronze memorial tablet given by the high school alumni in honor of the Ashland men who died or were killed while in the service during the world war. The wives of the civil war veterans have been asked by the committee in charge to accompany their husbands to the exercises. Special provision will be made for them at the high school in order that they will not be exposed to any unnecessary hardship.

In a statement issued this morning, G. A. Briscoe, superintendent of schools, says: "All the organizations of the city are asked to help make Armistice day one worth while to the people of Ashland. This can be done if everyone—those who are members in organizations and those who are not—will make just a little sacrifice to observe the day."

The parade will form at the Plaza between 10 and 10:30 o'clock Friday morning. The parade will start for the school at 10:30 o'clock, and will be in charge of Donald Spencer, adjutant of the American Legion, who has been appointed grand marshal. The following order will be observed:

City band; G. A. R. and W. R. C., world war veterans and all ex-service men, Boy Scouts, D. A. R., W. C. T. U., city officials and school board, chamber of commerce, lodges, high school alumni and high school and school children, and citizens.

Those having part in the ceremonies are Victor Mills, presentation of memorial to American Legion for dedication; acceptance of memorial, Glen Simpson; dedication of memorial, American Legion; Star Spangled Banner, band; high school chorus and citizens; address, Professor Irving Vining.

Baby Daughter Born—A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Stengel, October 21, at a Medford hospital. Mrs. Stengel is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Stevens, 745 C street.

CHAUTAQUA BUILDING SAFE SAYS ARCHITECT

Some apprehension has been felt that the Chautauqua building might collapse, because of its unsubstantial appearance and the fact that a leak has developed in the roof. C. O. Smith, the architect, who designed and constructed the edifice, explains that the leak is caused by the stage addition having pulled away from the main dome, leaving a small crack at one place. The slight defect was made possible by the cylindrical nature of the construction of a small portion of the roof to the stage addition. Means of closing this crack have been devised and recommended by Mr. Smith.

"There is absolutely no danger of the main dome giving away," asserts Mr. Smith. "The construction, while thin and unsupported, is of a nature that it cannot sag or collapse. Wooden strips, less than one inch square, were used instead of sheeting, and these strips were not only nailed to the rafters, but nailed together, a nail being driven about every nine inches. This makes the roof one solid shell, which cannot sag or give in any direction."

"The fact that the Chautauqua building has stood firm for a half-dozen years and that the immense dome upheld the heavy snowfall of two years ago, should constitute a sufficient evidence that the structure is strongly and substantially built, able to withstand the stress of time and storm. There are some slight defects in the roof construction, but these are immaterial and due solely to the fact that on one day nearly 200 unskilled workmen were employed, being public-spirited citizens who donated their services, but who volunteered in such great numbers that it was found impossible properly to supervise all their work."

LIBRARY PREPARED FOR BOOK WEEK NOVEMBER 13-19

Miss Blanche Hicks, Ashland's librarian, and the Parent-Teachers' association, is making preparations to observe Children's Book Week, which begins November 13. The principal purpose of the movement is to enable parents and children to intelligently select the best juvenile books published, either for their own use or for Christmas presents. Lists of such books, with complete descriptions and illustrations will be available at the library during book week.

After children leave the primary grades they are in great danger of reading books unsuited to their age or any other age. Miss Hicks says. Boys who are hardly old enough to look over the library counter are omnivorous readers of the Zane Grey style of cheap, sensational, blood-and-thunder stories. Larger libraries guard against this evil to some extent by having separate cards for children and adults.

For the smaller children the Ashland library has a choice assortment of good books, which are both instructive and entertaining. It is only when the child gets old enough to browse around the books for general circulation that he is in danger of getting what is not good for him.

A most surprising fact is that the books which children call for and read most are school readers. As soon as they are promoted to a higher grade they hasten to the library and ask for the readers in the grade they have just entered, choosing books which are used in other schools of the same grade. Many hundreds of well-worn books of this kind in the Ashland library testify to their popularity.

Outside of school readers, Peter Pan is one of the most popular volumes with the little folks. There are editions for different ages and many copies of Barrie's play have been worn out in the Ashland library.

FORMER ASHLAND MAN BUYS GROCERY STORE IN POMONA, CALIFORNIA

V. A. Stewart, former proprietor of the East Side grocery, Iowa street and the Boulevard, has purchased a grocery store in Pomona, Calif., where Mr. and Mrs. Stewart moved a month ago, following the sale of their Ashland property, according to a Pomona newspaper.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart formerly lived on Allison street here and are well known in Ashland. The East Side grocery was purchased about a month ago from Mr. Stewart by V. A. Sales, who is now conducting the business.

Cleanup Squad Settle Claims Of Ex-Service Men

DECEMBER 31 IS LAST DAY TO REINSTATE WAR-RISK INSURANCE

Yesterday and today the Cleanup squad has been working in the basement of the city library, adjusting all kinds of claims for local ex-service men. Dr. O. Edward is the medical officer. Keith Kiggins the Red Cross representative, Warren Snook the field secretary, William P. Wise the vocational training man, and Cliff Wood the one who looks after compensation and insurance claims. The latter is from Portland and has visited Ashland before in a similar capacity. The work has been improved in two ways, explains Mr. Wood. Three boards have been combined, which cuts a lot of red tape and enables applicants to get quicker and better action. The work is also being decentralized by the establishment of branch offices and sub-stations, one of which will be located at Portland. Arrangements are also being made to handle the insurance business through the post offices, which will further facilitate such matters.

Mr. Wood wishes particularly to call attention to the fact that December 31 is the last day on which insurance policies which have been allowed to lapse can be reinstated. Very favorable terms can now be obtained, and those who fail to take advantage of them and thus lose their insurance will afterwards keenly regret the omission, in the opinion of this officer.

The squad will be in Medford on Wednesday and Thursday, which will enable those who fail to see them here to get action in the neighboring city.

WILL FINISH CASE JACKSONVILLE BANK THIS TERM COURT

JACKSONVILLE, Or., Nov. 8.—The first of the Bank of Jacksonville failure cases for the present term of the circuit court will be called the week of November 14, and will be alternated with the bootleg indictments still on the calendar, which will be rearranged by the court after the Matthews trial, so as to secure the highest efficiency of service from the jury list.

The court holds that it is needless expense to try any more bootleg cases with the present jury list, and a new venire will be called.

Among the bank cases scheduled are those of R. D. Hines, whose trial has been hanging fire for months. Mrs. Myrtle Blakeley, former county treasurer, whose trials twice resulted in disagreements, Charles H. Owen, former orchardist, now of Salt Lake City, and Chester C. Kubli, Applegate stockman, and member of a pioneer Oregon family.

E. O. McCORMICK PREDICTS BRIGHT ASHLAND FUTURE

E. O. McCormick, vice president and head of the promotion and development department of the Southern Pacific company, spent yesterday in Ashland in the interest of his company. He came in on No. 14 yesterday morning in his private car Sunset, and left for the north last night on No. 16. Traveling Traffic Manager Sparks met him here and Agent Kramer erected them about the city. Mr. McCormick viewing the orchards with their wonderful coloring, said there was not a prettier spot on the face of the earth than Ashland, and asserted again that Ashland had a wonderful future if directed along right lines.

"STOOL PIGEONS" ARE SCORED BY CHIEF HATCHER

Chief of Police Hatcher says that carrier pigeons may be useful and valuable birds, but the same cannot be said of "stool pigeons." The latter are sometimes employed by officers of the law to apprehend criminals, but while the culprit may be caught by this method it is difficult to secure a conviction, because of the prejudice which exists in the minds of jurymen against such procedure.

Juryman J. H. McGee explains this state of mind by the fact that in setting a trap for wrong-doers the latter are tempted if not encouraged to break the law, which creates sympathy for the accused and condemnation for peace officers.

Whatever may be the explanation, Chief Hatcher would like very much to find some way of stopping the illegal sale of intoxicants in Ashland. The effects of this traffic are apparent, but it is no easy matter to catch the poison peddlers.

There is reason to believe, Hatcher states, that liquor is being manufactured for sale in or near Ashland, prunes and raisins being the main materials employed, probably, although no surprise would be occasioned by the discovery of an old-fashioned corn still in some secluded canyon nearby.

Buying cider and letting it ferment is too simple and the results of drinking same only mildly intoxicating, which does not suit the average booze fighter, says Chief Hatcher. What the drinking public demands is a beverage which will set a man whirling with a single swallow and make him want to climb a tree backward after taking a full drink.

That the present wave of liquor law violations is only temporary is the opinion of Ashland's chief peace officer.

EIGHTY-EIGHT-YEAR-OLD PIONEER WARS ON WOOD CUTTERS

Mrs. A. H. Russell, one of Ashland's highly respected pioneers, is greatly exercised over the destruction of trees along the Pacific highway in the vicinity of Steinman. In a recent trip to the ranch home of her daughter, Miss Nellie Russell, located in that neighborhood, four wagons and two trucks were met loaded with wood, evidently cut close to the pavement. Two other empty wood wagons were observed going after loads, presumably from the same neighborhood.

Mrs. Russell's daughter Mabel, the well known Ashland artist, has taken a number of photographs showing the wanton destruction of the forest border of Oregon's great highway. The following letter from Governor Olcott explains itself:

"Dear Mrs. Russell: Answering your letter of October 22, it is needless to say that I have read the same with the keenest of interest. I am glad to see that Oregon's scenic beauties have such an ardent and devoted champion as yourself, and that regardless of your eighty-three years largely devoted to civic duties and welfare, you still are fighting to preserve the heritage given us by our Creator.

"Under the law these matters come under the supervision and control of the state highway commission and engineer, and I am referring your letter to the latter with the request that he give it every attention possible.

"Trusting we may be of some material assistance in this matter, I am Very truly yours, BEN W. OLCOTT."

Governor Olcott encloses a copy of the state law covering the offense of which complaint is made. It reads as follows:

"Any person who digs up, cuts down, injures or destroys any trees on any state road or highway, unless the same is deemed an obstruction by the state highway engineer, his officers or employees, and removed under his direction, unless such person has received a permit therefor from such highway engineer or appropriate officers of the state highway department, or is otherwise lawfully entitled to dig up, cut down, injure or destroy such trees, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor."

LLOYD GEORGE MAY RESIGN

LONDON, Nov. 8.—The possibility that Premier Lloyd George and his cabinet may resign Friday as a result of the Irish peace-crisis, is being discussed in the inner circles of Downing street.

BLACKMAIL CASE AT KLAMATH IS LOCAL PARALLEL

CHIEF HATCHER SCOUTS IDEA THAT KLAMATH OFFENDER ENGINEERED SWEDENBURG EXTORTION ATTEMPT.

DETAILS OF CASE CHECK; NO EFFORT YET MADE TO COM-PARE THREATENING LETTERS IN BOTH CASES.

Local police are puzzling over the possibilities of the unknown blackmailer, who attempted to extort \$1000 from Dr. Francis G. Swedenburg, 990 Boulevard, by means of threatening letters during the past month, being brought to justice by the capture of Raymond Moore, arrested in Klamath Falls and charged with complicity in an attempted blackmailing case similar to the Ashland affair. John Siemens Jr., cashier of the First State and Savings bank at Klamath Falls, received the threatening notes and was the victim of an attempt at extortion to the amount of \$2500. Similar to the Swedenburg affair, the note writer threatened to "blow up" the home of Mr. Siemens.

Chief of Police Hatcher stated this morning that he believed both attempts at blackmail were made by the same party. Hatcher, who examined the Swedenburg notes closely before turning them over to Sheriff Terrill, argues that both attempts were handled in a similar manner. He states that the notes are similar in their demands and threats of retaliation for failure to comply with the demands.

So far as could be learned today, no attempts have been made by either the local police or the county sheriff's office to ally the two cases by investigation, scouting the theory that the extortionist attempts emanated from the same source. Chief Hatcher said that the entire matter had been turned over to the sheriff's office and that he was not familiar with any action now being taken. Sheriff Terrill himself could not be reached today, although telephone information direct from his office was to the effect that nothing had been done to compare the evidence in the Swedenburg case with that of the Klamath Falls affair. It is thought by the local police that similarity in handwriting might be observed if the threatening notes were compared.

In the local case the notes were shoved under the door of the Swedenburg home, although in Klamath Falls the letters were sent through the mail.

The name of Raymond Moore cannot be found in either an Ashland or Medford directory, although he claims to have worked as an automobile mechanic in the latter city. Inquiry among Ashland garagemen failed to identify Moore as having ever been employed in this city.

The following news dispatch gives an account of the Klamath Falls attempted blackmail and reveals many details that check with the local affair.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Nov. 8.—A blackmail letter received October 31 by John Siemens Jr., cashier of the First State & Savings bank, demanding immediate payment of \$2500 on threat of bodily harm, resulted in the arrest here of Raymond Moore, 23, an auto mechanic formerly of Medford, who is also held on liquor charges, together with Ed James, identified today by United States District Attorney Maguire and United States Marshal S. F. Pace of Portland as one of the "Dusterhoff Twins," well known to Multnomah county authorities for their moonshine activities.

Maguire and Pace are investigating the blackmail case. Siemens says that he received through the mails the following unsigned letter:

"Upon receipt of this letter take \$2500 in currency, bills of small denomination, and drive alone to the forks of the road leading to the old city dump. Throw the cash in the middle of the road and drive on straight ahead. You will be watched. Do not tell anyone or notify officers or harm will come to you. Follow

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