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URGES USE OF LOCAL WEALTH GRANITE ROCK

P. R. HARDY, SPOKANE MONUMENT MAKER, BELIEVES INEXHAUSTIBLE SUPPLY OF GRANITE ROCK IN ASHLAND HILLS

Handsome Margin of Profit Possible by Low Production Costs; Nothing Within 2,000 Miles Equal to Supply; Big Market in Northwest.

(From Saturday's Daily)
P. R. Hardy, of the Inland Monumental Company, Spokane, who is visiting his brother, J. H. Hardy, of the First National Bank, cannot understand why Ashland does not develop her vast mineral wealth, which exists in the shape of an inexhaustible supply of first grade granite rock.

The market for this valuable material is here, being supplied from other sources. The cost of putting the rock on the market is sufficiently low to leave a handsome margin of profit, as proven by present operations of the Blair Granite Co. This concern is selling stone at a price which makes it possible to lay it down in Spokane at \$10.50 per cubic foot, polished on both sides. Vermont granite costs \$15.60, or nearly 50 per cent more. The Ashland granite is practically as good as the Barre, Vermont, stone, according to Mr. Hardy and other northwestern dealers, who declare the difference in the two is so slight as not to be noticed by the average customer. Nothing within 2,000 miles of Ashland equals the granite found here.

As for the market, about 500 cars of granite are shipped into the Pacific Northwest each year. The wholesale price varies from \$4,000 to \$5,000 per car. Mr. Hardy's company alone uses about \$50,000 worth of stone in the course of a year. The freight from Vermont is \$4 per hundred to Spokane, but only 65 cents from Ashland to the same point. Dealers pay \$1,600 freight charges on a single car of Barre granite. A cubic foot of rough stone costs \$3.50 in Ashland. Polishing costs \$3 per square foot.

The Barre quarries have been worked so long that the stone must now be lifted 275 feet out of the quarry and immense quantities of waste rock must be moved in order to continue operations. Charles Reniston, of the Oregon Granite Company, believes that the system which the Blair Granite Company adopted for the development of their quarry, is unnecessarily expensive. Both he and Mr. Hardy agree that a large amount of capital would be necessary to enlarge the output to any considerable extent. They are also positive that such expansion would certainly prove most profitable.

"Instead of the present force of thirteen men now employed at the Blair Granite Company, the business could within three years be increased to such an extent as to require more than ten times that number," discloses Mr. Hardy. Ultimately, 400 men might be employed. The Northwest is buying \$2,000,000 worth of stone per year. The stone and the market are both here. All that is necessary is to bring the two together. There are no difficult engineering or transportation difficulties to solve. All that is needed is capital and reasonably intelligent management.

"The steepness of granite hills around Ashland make the location ideal for the disposal of waste rock which has become such a serious problem at Barre, Vermont. Doubtless other deposits similar to the Blair quarry exist in this vicinity. I have been told that Mr. Peniston has one and that another exists in Ashland Canyon, about four miles above the city.

"Did you know that Ashland granite is being shipped into San Francisco and substituted for Barre granite by a firm which has unfilled orders for \$1,500,000 worth of building stone and granite? Acres of diamonds, in the shape of fine monumental granite, are being trodden under foot by Ashland people, waiting to be cut and polished. Meaning the railroads are being paid three quarters of a million dollars a year to ship Vermont granite to us across the continent."

DR. E. J. BULGIN FACES \$150,000 DAMAGE SUITS

(From Wednesday's Daily)
The following dispatch from Boise, Ida., will be of interest to people in the Rogue River valley, as the Rev. E. J. Bulgin conducted a series of revival meetings last spring in this city and Medford:

"Boise, Ida.—Trial on their merits of the slander suits for damages totaling \$150,000 against Dr. E. J. Bulgin, Portland evangelist, has been ordered by the Idaho supreme court. Jesse Mann, Hayden Mann and Herbert Kelsey as individuals asked \$49,000 each and as Mann Brothers orchestra sought an additional \$30,000 as the result of charges against them made by Dr. Bulgin during a revival.

The charges resulted from dances held across the street from the revival tabernacle at Moscow more than a year ago under the auspices of the American Legion. Dr. Bulgin admitted making the charges. The case was appealed on failure of Jesse Mann to undergo a physical examination in the trial of his case as ordered by the trial court. The decision holds the burden of proof rests with Dr. Bulgin.

The high water mark of the Rev. Bulgin's sensational campaign in this county came with the pulp charges against Sheriff C. E. Terrell, in which it was alleged that official was "an no account sheriff," and the sheriff countered with a statement that "if he was a no account sheriff he would like to know it." The news of the controversy brought scores of letters from all over the Pacific coast to Sheriff Terrell and Dr. Bulgin, including a pamphlet entitled "Crimes of Ministers," in which an alleged mining deal of the evangelist was listed, all of which were freely shown by the sheriff.

The agitation waxed warm for ten days, including the claim that Dr. Bulgin, who was an ardent fisherman, had been detected "gaffing fish at Ray Gold dam." Nothing came of the charge.

ASHLAND BRIDGE CLUB HAS REORGANIZATION PARTY AT HOME OF MRS. EMIL PEIL

The Ashland Bridge club, which suspended activities during and since the war, was entertained at the home of Mrs. Emil Peil, on Granite street Monday evening. A reorganization party was held at which it was tentatively agreed that the ladies of the club should meet once a month in the afternoons to play bridge and once a month all members should meet together. Lunches will be served at each of these occasions.

After completion of the business, light refreshments were served, and card games completed the entertainment of the evening. Guests of the evening were: Mrs. H. S. Sanford, Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Mattern, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wagner, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Wagner, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Kenney, and Miss Lydia McCall.

One of the enjoyable entertainments of the holiday time occurred at the home of Mrs. Helen, in the Camps building, last Saturday evening when Master Billie Hulen entertained with a party and luncheon. The guests were Masters Gordon and Elliott MacCracken, Auten and Elber Bush, Dougall Young, Everett McGee, Jack Nims, Foss Kramer, Gus Moore, Bobbie Coffman, Johnnie and Dorence Ruger.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam McNair entertained a "Missouri clan" at their home on Seenic Drive New Year's day. The decorations were sent to Mrs. McNair from Missouri by her mother. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Hal McNair and son Jamie, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Fraley and son Billie, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Harner, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rose, Mr. Perry Moore and daughter, Miss Helen.

Mrs. Charles Brady entertained a few friends New Year's eve at her home on Allison street, to watch the old year out and the new year in. The evening was spent in playing "500," after which delightful refreshments were served. Those present were: Meadames Anna Moss, E. B. Menaugh, H. H. Palmer, Ida Jennings, Dora Payne, and George Robinson. Mrs. Jennings and Mrs. Robinson had high scores of the evening and received a very appetizing prize.

NEW CONGRESSIONAL SCHEME TO PAY SOLDIER BONUS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—Soldier bonus legislation was temporarily held up by the house ways and means committee today until the senate indicated what action it will take on the foreign debt funding bill. If the foreign debt is funded and the bonds sold, as planned by the senate committee, the funds arising from such sale can be used for the soldiers bonus without levying additional taxes.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—A plan to use a part of the money due from America's associates in the world war to pay a bonus to the soldiers is to be unfolded to congress within the next few days, it is learned from authoritative sources.

The new bill accepts the house plan of a commission of five to administer the act. This government is to take the bonds of the allied debtors for the \$11,000,000,000 of their indebtedness, the interest as at present agreed upon to be 5 per cent. The commission will be empowered to fix the time of payment of this interest, the fact being appreciated that some of the debtor nations are not now able to pay even the interest on what they owe.

The British being able unquestionably to pay the interest on the four billions or more which they owe, Great Britain's bonds will be underwritten by the United States government and then be sold to the American people, the money thus derived being used to pay the soldiers the bonus for which they have been clamoring for so long.

One of the senate leaders said today that the scheme thus evolved would make possible the payment of adjusted compensation to the world war veterans without adding one cent to the taxes now being paid. It would obviate, he said, resorting to a sales tax or any of the other devices suggested in the last few months by friends of the soldiers.

FOREST RANGER EATS MEAL OF TNT

(By International News Service)
LOS ANGELES, Jan. 10.—Edward B. Hamilton, a forest ranger, stationed in the Santa Barbara reserve, recently had the unique experience of partaking heartily of pancakes containing TNT without suffering any serious effects.

Hamilton was visiting friends on a mining claim near Acton, Calif. One of his co-partners prepared pancakes in honor of the occasion. After the meal it was discovered that a spoon used in mixing the pancake flour had been taken from a can of deadly TNT. The spoon had been thickly coated with the explosive.

"I did not experience any ill or untoward results from the ounce or more of TNT mixed with the pancake dough," said Hamilton, "but I decided right away—rather suddenly, too—that I would be mighty careful in avoiding sudden knocks and jars, and for the first time in my life I made up my mind I would back away from a fight.

"But now I am ready to meet anyone if the occasion arises, and it might also be mentioned that I'm smoking again after quite a little vacation in that line."

STOLE AUTO TO SAVE LIFE OF SWEETHEART

(By International News Service)
DENVER, Colo., Jan. 10.—Catherine Lyons was ill at her home in Tulsa, Okla. Physicians said she would have to be sent to a higher climate. That was the only hope they held out for checking the "white plague." But the Lyons family did not have the funds with which to carry out the doctor's recommendations.

Catherine told her story to her sweetheart, Leo Howe.

Howe found a way to bring the girl to the mountains. He "borrowed" an automobile in which the couple made the journey to Colorado.

Miss Lyons and Howe told their story in the federal district court, where the young man was tried for transporting a stolen car from one state to another.

CITY COUNCIL APPROVES INSTALLATION WATER SCREEN AND SETTLING AT \$2500 COST

(From Wednesday's Daily)
Following a discussion centering around the improvement of the upper and lower dams in Ashland creek for enlarged storage capacity, the installation of a water screen and the construction of a settling tank at a total cost of \$2550, was approved by the city council last evening at the first meeting of the year.

The water screen will be of a revolving type, manufactured by a Portland concern and passing the water through a rotary disc pierced with holes one sixteenth of an inch in diameter. Supplemented by the settling tank, planned by Earl Hosler, water superintendent, and F. H. Walker, city engineer, the system is expected to eliminate to a great extent the roily water in evidence at the fresher periods of Ashland creek. Both the settling tank and the screen will be installed just above the city power plant. More efficient operation of the city water meters will be a direct result of the improvement, installation of which is the culmination of investigation of filtering and other methods of clearing the city water. The settling tank will hold approximately 8000 gallons of water, Mr. Hosler states.

Although an added storage capacity of 1,550,000 gallons of water is possible by the raising of the upper and lower dam in Ashland creek, according to the report made by investigating members of the council, the city engineer and water superintendent, the advantage gained by such work was considered to be small, and definite action was postponed until further investigation.

A request for use of the city reservoir site on Crown hill, by the Ladies' Civic Improvement club for the purpose of making a memorial park in honor of the local men killed during the world war, was refused by the council. Prospective use of the ground for the original reservoir project was given as the reason for the refusal.

In accordance with the city charter, Mayor Lamkin made an annual report covering the work of the council and city officials during the past year, and embracing recommendations for this year. Salaries for city employees was fixed at the same figures paid last year. No changes were made in either the status of the city employes or the members of the various council committees. "Business as usual" marked the conclusion of the report.

FARMERS MEET FOR DISCUSSION STOCK DISEASES

(From Saturday's Daily)
Monday is poultry day at the Medford library, subjects relative to all phases of poultry raising will be discussed. Tuesday is animal husbandry day and will be devoted to hogs, sheep, dairy cattle, range cattle and horses.

Dr. Derflinger will be one of the leading speakers and will talk on livestock diseases and give a public demonstration of tuberculosis in cattle. An animal has been tested for T. B., and has reacted and will be slaughtered and the carcass used for demonstration to show the effects of T. B. on cattle. Every farmer should witness this demonstration. Those interested in farm animals should come and spend the whole day on Tuesday, C. C. Cate.

JUNIOR HIGH

Fire escapes have been built on the north and south ends of the school building. These will be a great advantage to the domestic science classes, as they can get from the building quicker.

The Parent-Teachers' association met at the Junior high school Thursday. The first, second, and third grades furnished the program. The first grade and seven girls of the second grade sang a lullaby, and Ernest Evans gave a recitation. Mary Morris, of the third grade gave a recitation, and Sarah Lamasters sang. At the business meeting which followed, the financial report for the year was given, and the playground committee gave a report.

The following boys play basketball, and are the ones from whom Mr. Wilson will pick the team: Albert Brown, Sam Prescott, Loren Culbertson, Louis Hoxie, Aldo Parr, Roy Parr, Clyde Beeson, Wayne Bloomfield, Frank Bloomfield, William Kannasto, Frank Bentley, Henry Homes, Frank Moore, and Fred Merritt.

This semester is school closes the twentieth of this month. There is only one more week of school before examinations.

PREDICTED SUGAR WILL GO UP; VISIBLE SUPPLY SHORT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—Higher prices for sugar may be expected, according to the results of an investigation into the situation in the sugar industry made public tonight by the commerce department.

"The market," the department said, "is entirely uninfluenced by any artificial control and the present low price level manifestly cannot long continue without restricting the production of sugar below the world's demands and again creating high prices."

The department found that there is an abnormal "visible" world surplus of sugar amounting to about 1,200,000 tons congested in the western hemisphere. "Invisible" stocks of sugar in the hands of wholesalers and retailers was estimated at from 300,000 to 400,000 tons below normal, due to apprehension of further fall in price.

The world production of sugar for 1922 was estimated to be less by from 400,000 to 800,000 tons than production for 1921, while consumption for 1922, it was thought, would be larger than in 1921, and "with general economic recovery should exceed production and thus absorb some or all of the surplus."

The present price of \$1.87 for "C and B" raw sugar was declared to be the lowest level for 20 years and to be below production cost of about 90 per cent of both domestic and Cuban sugar.

"This low price for sugar," the department said, "has resulted not only from the fear of the large visible surplus but also from the apprehension that in the falling market there might be a forced realization of the loans made against surplus stocks of sugar, that there would be difficulty in financing the new Cuban crop, that the financial difficulties of the Cuban government might not be readily solved and that the dissolution of the Cuban sugar commission might result in considerable liquidation of sugar. The Cuban sugar commission was dissolved and it is now demonstrated that no appreciable forced liquidation is likely to take place. There appears to be sufficient money for financing the new crop and the Cuban government seems to be in a fair way to solve its financial difficulties."

A. H. S. BASKET TOSSERS START YEAR'S WORK

(From Friday's Daily)
With two games scheduled for tonight, at the high school gymnasium, high school athletics, will start on the first preliminary swing of basketball games this winter, with prospects of the second consecutive title of champions of Southern Oregon looming brightly on the sport horizon, resplendent with four husky star players who gained their letters on last year's team.

The tentatively chosen second team will start the evening's entertainment at 7:30 o'clock in a clash with the first team of Talent. Immediately following will be a "battle royal" between the first team of the local high school and an alumni team. Neither the first or second high school teams have been finally made up by Coach Hughes, who steered the locals to laurels of victory last year. The showing made by the men in tonight's games, and those that will follow during the next week, will weigh heavily in picking the regulars during the next ten days, it was said at the high school this morning.

Although a team from either Fort Jones or Yreka, Calif., will meet the Ashland team here Friday of next week, the final schedule for the year's games has not been made. Letter men of last year remaining in school, and prospects for this season's team, are Dale Young, guard; Elton Ramsey, center; Leslie Heer, forward; and Albert Guthrie, forward.

Under the coaching of Miss Fay Carver, director of physical education at the school, the girls are waxing enthusiastic over basketball activities. The girls' team will play Central Point at that place tomorrow night. Last year's girls' team won even honors with the boys, also winning the Southern Oregon championship in their class.

LICENSE OFFICE NEARLY UP; TO ENFORCE LAWS

(From Saturday's Daily)
J. J. McMahon, deputy state traffic officer, was in town yesterday looking after the enforcement of the traffic laws. Mr. McMahon said:

"The automobile department has established an office in Portland that will take care of the issuing of licenses in and around Portland, I am expecting every day to be notified that that department are caught up in the issuing of license plates, when these instructions are received I will have to rigidly enforce the laws governing the carrying of licenses for the current year. McMahon said further "that the dimming law will be rigidly enforced this year and that all drivers will be expected to do their share in its enforcement." Tractors and trucks come in for their share, tractors with protrusions on wheels are not allowed the highways unless used in highway construction, while trucks carrying a load of eleven tons or over are absolutely prohibited from using the highways, the dragging of poles and piling on the highways is prohibited as is also the hauling of logs without a permit. Auto trucks hauling for hire, outside of incorporated towns, shall pay 50 cents or fraction thereof per inch, factory width of tires, on the bearing surface of all four tires. The speed of all trucks is governed by the width of the tires. The laws, as passed by the special session of the legislature are now in effect."

ELECTRIC LIGHT REVENUE MAKES BIG MONEY GAIN

(From Saturday's Daily)

With an increase of thirty five to forty per cent, more current being used throughout the city for electric lighting and power purposes during the past six years, revenue for the city electric light and power departments reached a total of approximately \$50,000 for last year, a figure higher than that of the previous year, according to figures given out today by E. O. Easterling, city electrician. The increase of electric light users from 1,284 in 1920 to 1,365 in 1921 and the installation of power machinery by the Southern Pacific company and other shops in the city, accounts for the increased revenue. Electric light users paid in \$40,000, the balance being paid by the power company paid an electric light bill of \$4,000.

"In spite of the fact that a so-called raise in rates was made in 1920, electric light users are paying users. Last year the Southern Pacific less on the average for the current year used than before the change," said Easterling. "The average amount paid by each user last year was \$26.50 as compared with \$27.05 in 1920. That average is based on figures exclusive of the 'new load' carried by the Southern Pacific company and other power users, making the comparison absolutely fair. It figures out at about \$1.89 per user.

"Users paying the flat rate of \$1 have no complaint coming," claims Easterling, "and if they were being charged fairly it would cost them \$1.89 a month. As it is, the larger users are assuming the burden of the small user by making increased production practical and profitable. Formerly the user received seventeen kilowatt hours for the flat rate of one dollar. They are now charged the same for eleven hours but rapidly decreasing rate after the minimum has been used under the present system makes the later arrangement cheaper. The average cost is three and two third cents per kilowatt hour as compared with 4.3 in 1916.

"The electric light department is only now commencing to see its way into the clear. Depreciation charges, replacement, repair, salaries and charges by the California-Oregon Power company make the department run under an annual expense of \$28,768. The revenue received has been going out in replacements, \$8,000 for the past year, and taking care of the accrued plant and system depreciation which is commencing to lay a heavy hand of expense on the department.

"Within the next two years the city will have to spend at least \$25,000 in repairs and outright replacements.

MOVE TO REORGANIZE FOREST SERVICE

PLAN AGITATED BEFORE CONGRESS TO TRANSFER CONTROL OF FORESTS FROM AGRICULTURAL TO INTERIOR DEPARTMENT.

Pincho Said to Oppose Move on the Grounds That the Lumber Interests is Behind It in Their Own Interest for Control of Timber.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—While international affairs still monopolize official attention in the national capital, Congress promises soon to come into the limelight after the holiday recess. Many measures and legislative proposals are being discussed by senators and representatives, but probably nothing is so promising of spirited debate and vigorous opposition as the program of administrative reorganization through which it is planned to remodel much of the departmental structure of Government. One of the most important and far-reaching innovations incident to this proposed reorganization is the suggestion to transfer the United States Forest Service from the Department of Agriculture to the Department of the Interior.

Gifford Pinchot, who has long taken an active interest in forestry matters, has made the charge that the timber and lumber industries are using their influence to secure a transfer of the forest service. In order to clarify the position of the timber industries before the public, Dr. Compton, manager of the National Lumber Manufacturers Association, has given out the following statement, which has been sent to the President and to the Secretary of Agriculture:

"While Mr. Pinchot may know of some individual lumberman or timber owner who may favor the transfer of the forest service, I myself know of none. The lumber industry, so far as I have information, is satisfied with the present administration of the United States Forest Service. Under Colonel William B. Greeley, Chief Forester, the Forest Service has been efficiently conducted with great benefit to the public and in entire fairness to the lumber industry. I am convinced that almost universally lumbermen and timber owners have complete confidence in Colonel Greeley and that we are all in favor of leaving the Forest Service where it is, and where logically and in the public interest I believe it belongs—in the Department of Agriculture. Forestry is essentially a function of agriculture—the growing of trees as a crop from the soil—and that view should be encouraged.

SOCIAL LEADERS OF YOUNGER SET WED SATURDAY

(From Wednesday's Daily)

In the presence of immediate friends and families, the marriage vows were taken by Miss Pearl N. Ruger and Clinton G. Harkins at Trinity Episcopal church, Saturday evening at 6 o'clock, Rev. P. K. Hammond officiating. The church was beautifully and tastefully decorated. The bride, dressed in a handsome gown of blue canton crepe, came down the aisle leaning on her father's arm, and was met at the altar by the groom, accompanied by his groomsmen, Raymond Ruger. The father gave the bride away. After the beautiful and impressive ceremony, the wedding party went directly to the home of the bride, where a bountiful four-course dinner was served, the bride cutting the beautiful pyramid wedding cake.

The bride, one of Ashland's most charming girls, a universal favorite and leader of the younger social set, is the eldest daughter of J. A. Ruger and wife, of 423 North Main street. The groom is a prosperous and popular rancher, as well as an overseas veteran, and resides three miles south of Ashland. The happy couple will make their future home on their ranch.

Care of farm machinery means dollars and cents in the farmer's pockets. Successful Oregon farmers usually keep their machinery in good condition and protected from the weather.—O. A. C. Extension service.