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JACKSON COUNTY CITIZENS BOUNTIFUL HOSTS

Cooperation And Publicity Keynotes To County's Prosperity

Just because the editor was the fortunate recipient of a share of the bountifulness of the citizens of Medford and Jackson County, during a recent five days attendance at the State Editorial Convention, may not seem sufficient reason to some readers, for presenting herewith an account of the trip, but in appreciation and for other reasons, the following is written.

While possibly the primal reason behind the liberality of the citizens of Medford, Ashland and other places in Jackson County, was to obtain good newspaper publicity, it in no ways detracts from the real cordial spirit of welcome, which was evident on all sides.

The convention consisted of about 175 people, representing the publishers, and their wives of nearly every newspaper in the state.

The hotels of the city, all of which would be a credit to a city many times larger than Medford, were free to the visitors, with the various civic and social organizations vying in their efforts to do their share in entertaining the guests, with dinners, lunches and auto trips.

The strong tendency towards cooperation and publicity, which characterizes that prosperous part of the state, was apparent everywhere. From the Medford Commercial Club's interesting display of the valley's products, in the club building adjoining the depot, to the cordiality expressed by the citizens personally.

The scribes and their wives were made to feel at home on their arrival, with the townspeople greeting them on all sides, overlooking the usual formalities. The boosting spirit and pride in the home city, county and Rogue River Valley were everywhere apparent.

The majority of two days was given over to the meetings of the convention, where the discussions and talks on various features of the newspaper business, were of great interest and value to the publishers.

About fifty automobiles belonging to the residents of Medford were donated for use in taking

Car Backs Off Main Street Hill

During the siesta hour Tuesday, while the Estacada populace was awaiting the distribution of the afternoon's mail, a thrill of excitement was injected into the day's routine, when a real auto accident occurred on the Main St. Hill, at a point in front of the M. E. Church.

This was no one-reel scene, with everything over in a short while, but was a two part accident, with the climax reached in the last scene.

Dr. Adix, while driving his machine up the hill and while passing the Morrow team, ran into a defective gutter plank, causing his car to make a sudden turn, colliding with a single buggy driven by Lloyd Yocum and Joe Nicholson. The buggy was overturned, with no damage done other than the dumping out of the occupants and the breaking of a wheel spoke or two.

By the time the crowd had gathered to discuss the details, S. Pesznecker, Jr. attempted to back the car out of the gutter but as the brakes refused to hold, car and driver backed off the roadway, down twenty or thirty feet, finally landing right side up against the uprights of the incline.

Aside from slight damage to the machine and a scare to both driver and onlookers, no harm was done and the offending gutter is being repaired.

the visitors to all points of interest within a radius of many miles. These auto trips included a forty mile ride over the Siskiyou Mountains, on the newly graded Pacific Highway over the California line; with a bountiful supper served at the famous Ashland Lithia Park on the return trip.

Ashland's Lithia Park represents that same spirit of publicity and cooperation, the people having raised over \$150,000 by bonding, with which to construct this beautiful attraction surrounding the gushing mineral springs. Being on the main auto and railway tourist routes from California, this park will ultimately prove a paying attraction.

The feeling of welcome was thrust upon all auto tourists on entering the city limits of Ashland, where large sign boards were posted, reading "Welcome to Ashland" and in small type below, mentioning the speed limitations. This "welcome" feel-

Clackamas To Receive About \$100,000—Check To Be Made On Ownership

The Willamette valley counties within whose boundaries the Oregon-California grant lands lie will be paid the \$1,338,877.57 back taxes due them for the years 1913, 1914 and 1915 as soon as the ownership of the lands can be checked up by Oswald West and Louis L. Sharp, chief of the field division of the general land office.

When the land grant litigation resulting in the recent grant land act was commenced the Southern Pacific Railroad company refused to pay its taxes on the grant lands pending the outcome of the litigation.

The congressional act provided that the federal government should pay to the different counties all unpaid taxes justly due them from the railroad company. The appointment of Governor West as a special attorney for the interior department was made in order that the titles to the grant lands should be checked and the actual amount due the different counties accurately determined.

The chief necessity for this work is due to the fact that there are many unrecorded contracts for the sale of grant lands outstanding. Because the contracts are not of record the title to the lands covered by them is, so far as the county assessors' knew, still in the railroad company, and the contracted lands were therefore assessed to the company.

Clackamas county will receive about \$100,000 in back taxes. For the year 1915 alone \$29,133.08 is due, and the taxes of the levy of 1913 and 1914 are slightly greater.

\$20,493 For Clackamas Schools

County Treasurer Dunn last week received the sum of \$20,493 from the state treasurer, which sum represents this county's share from the state's irreducible school fund.

This money was placed to the credit of the general county school fund and is based on a \$1.77 per capita allowance for the county's 11,578 school children.

ing was further fostered on leaving the city limits to find printed on the reverse side of these sign boards the words "Come Again."

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MUSIC AND SERMONS PLEASE ALL

Over 400 Attended Union Services

Last Sunday's all day Union Services, in the grove adjoining the Mt. Zion Church in Garfield, were the most successful ever held in this section, with over four hundred people attending.

This gathering was a true expression of the unity in religious matters and the good-will which exists among the various churches of this community.

All forms of conveyances were used in bringing the people together, with residents of all sections uniting in the worship. Thanks to the generosity of the owners of automobiles, many were enabled to be present, who otherwise could not have made the long trip.

Taking the form of an all day picnic, with dinner served during the noon hour, the services were an inspiration and joy to all. The addresses of Dr. Nugent of Newburyport, Mass. and of Dr. Talbot of Kimball College were especially appreciated and with much good resulting from the various phases of the services, such as the Forum Hour conducted by Rev. Aue of Springwater; the Children's Hour in charge of Miss Roberta Reid of Garfield and the talks and work among the boys, conducted by Rev. W. L. Mellinger, pastor of the Woodlawn Church of Portland.

The musical part of the services, as ever, was enjoyed by all including the congregational singing, the solos, the instrumental selections and the songs by the Garfield Quartette. The musical program included instrumental selections by Rev. Aue; solos by Mrs. Guy Drill and Miss Ruth Dillon of Estacada, Harry Williams of Portland and Phil Standish of Garfield and a number of songs by the Garfield Quartette, comprising Messrs. A. O. Whitecomb, W. R. and Harry Reid and Phil Standish.

The thanks of the committee and of the community at large, are extended to all who contributed towards the success of the services, not only by their help on the program but by their attendance and cooperation.