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Local and Personal

Dr. Sweet, of Medford, was in town Monday.

Charles Gay went down to Gold Ray yesterday afternoon.

Notices are posted for a special school meeting to be held July 28.

About thirty people went from this place to Ashland Tuesday.

Portland is threatened with a big strike of the street car men.

Miss Mary Mee and little niece, Sarah Bebb, spent the day at Ashland Tuesday.

Mrs. S. A. Pattison went to Ashland Friday to spend a day or two visiting the Chautauqua.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ross, former residents here, now of Gold Hill, were in town Monday.

The HERALD office was closed last Tuesday and all hands went to Ashland to help boost.

Mrs. L. Hatfield went to Ashland Thursday to spend a few days at the Chautauqua meetings.

The new dwelling being erected by J. W. Clark in the south part of town is nearing completion.

Mrs. Davely, of San Francisco, was here yesterday looking for an opening for a millinery store.

J. H. Downing and family and Mrs. Joe Boswell are in the mountains this week on a camping trip.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wilson, who fell and fractured a thigh some time ago, is able to walk again.

Merritt Elliott, who has been on the sick list for some time, under the care of Dr. Pleasants, is able to be around again.

Watches and all kinds of jewelry at the Central Point Pharmacy. New stock just received. Call and see them. 11-tf

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Hawk, who have been spending the past month in the mountains, returned to town Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Pendleton, of Rogue river, were among the large number from this vicinity who visited Ashland Tuesday.

Select a present for your wife or sweetheart from the jewelry stock at the Central Point Pharmacy. New and up-to-date. 11-tf

Miss Stella Pleasants went up to Cole-skin springs Sunday to join her mother and sister, who are enjoying an outing at that place.

Lisk's Imperial Enameled Ware, warranted for 10 years, and also Lisk's Anti Rust, tinware that will not rust. At Leever's hardware store. 5-tf

A complete line of watches has just been received at the Central Point Pharmacy. Call and examine this stock before placing your order. 11-tf

J. H. Fitzgerald, of the Rogue River Electrical company, of Medford, was in town yesterday looking after business for his firm.

A. Caley and F. L. Simkins, and their families, spent last Saturday on Rogue river, near Bybee's bridge, trying to dodge a little of the hot wave.

Dr. A. B. Sweet, of Medford, will hold office hours at Central Point Sunday and Wednesday of each week. He may locate here permanently.

Mrs. Olaf Olsson and child, of Roseburg, who has been visiting her husband's parents here during the past week, returned home Sunday.

Miss Kittie Houck, daughter of Mrs. Minnick, who has been visiting here for the past month, left several days ago for her home at Sacramento, Cal.

George Merritt, son of J. W. Merritt of this city, a graduate of the State University at Eugene, class of '06, reached home Sunday to spend his vacation.

Prof. A. J. Hanby has improved his home place on the north side very much lately with repairs, new paint, new fence, etc. If all our citizens

would take the same interest in keeping up their property Central Point would soon be the prettiest town in Oregon.

Judge Wm. S. Crowell, of Medford, was in town Monday on business connected with the school house bond issue, of which his bank was the purchaser.

Miss Fay Pleasants left for Ashland Saturday for a week's visit during the meetings of the Chautauqua. She will be the guest of Mrs. Mary Ashurst while there.

Mrs. J. H. Pleasants and her daughter, Mrs. Effie Brown and her two children, went up to Coleskin springs Friday to spend a week or two during the heated term.

The concrete work on the basement of the new school building has been completed and work on the building was temporarily suspended on account of the failure of lumber to arrive on time.

The Medford laundry wagon will call for work in Central Point each Monday afternoon and Friday morning. Expert ironers from City Hall French laundry, San Francisco, employed. First class work guaranteed. 7-tf

Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Hawk and family spent a pleasant day Sunday last at the Boswell-Gray fishing camp. They caught no fish, but then raspberry short-cake is poor bait. Try something else next time and send the short-cake to the hungry printer.

Miss Florence Houston left for Jacksonville Monday evening to attend school at that place for a short time. Miss Florence has made many warm friends during her short residence here, and it is the sincere hope of all that she may return and again reside among us upon the completion of her studies.

Bert Angel, Tude Ross, Dane Sanderson and John Hanna went to Ashland Sunday last on a "hunting" trip. They are rather reticent as to the success of the expedition, but it is reported they captured several "dears" without having fired a shot. They were very gentle (not the boys, but the "dears") and seemed to enjoy being "chased" into ice cream parlors, through bathing ponds and into skating rinks. Both hunters and hunted are looking forward with pleasant anticipation to the next meet.

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Artesian Water

Since the successful outcome of the artesian project near Talent, whereby M. L. Pettett secured a strong flowing well, others are willing to take a chance and it is well within the range of possibilities that by this method will the question of irrigation in this valley be solved.

E. K. Anderson, whose farm adjoins that of Mr. Pettett, has already let a contract for an 800-foot well on his place, and the drill is now in place and ready for the work.

L. B. Warner, who conducts a poultry farm one mile west of Medford, will also put down a well as soon as he can get the drill to his place, and no doubt if these are fortunate in striking strong flows many others will try the same plan. Water is what this valley needs and all methods of securing it, whether by electric pumps, ditches, or artesian wells, should be welcomed by every citizen.

School Bonds Sold

Bids for the purchase of \$12,000 five per cent bonds, issued by Central Point School District No. 6, were opened last Saturday morning, the bid of the First National Bank of Medford being accepted, it being the highest and best bid. The issue brought a premium of \$242.50, showing that the district stands high in the opinion of financiers. Four bids were submitted for the purchase, as follows: W. H. Leeds, of Ashland, \$115 premium; Morris Bros., of Portland, \$241.50 premium; First National Bank of Medford, \$242.50 premium.

Boosters at Ashland

Tuesday was a red letter day in the Rogue river valley, and especially at Ashland, for the valley boosters gathered on that day and put in many strong lifts for the material advancement of the famed valley of the Rogue. A special train of nine coaches was run from Grants Pass to Ashland for the occasion and before the destination was reached every coach was loaded to the guards. About 500 people took advantage of the excursion to visit the Chautauqua city, and the ideal weather made the day one of pleasure and keen enjoyment.

When the train reached Ashland the visitors were met by the Ashland commercial club and the band and escorted to the club headquarters, where they were welcomed by the mayor and other prominent citizens, the business meeting then being adjourned to 7 o'clock p. m. At 2 p. m. a great crowd gathered in the auditorium, where President G. F. Billings, of the Chautauqua association, presided and where the day's program was carried out. Colonel E. Hofer, of Salem, was introduced and made the principal booster's address of the day. Col. Hofer is president of the Willamette Valley Development league and he has given much thought and study to the needs of Oregon. His address was mainly along the line of the resources and products of the state as they are related to the transportation question, and he clearly showed that too great a percentage of the value of our products are taken by the transportation people for their service in hauling the products to market.

Col. Hofer spoke for nearly an hour and his address was listened to with attention. President P. L. Campbell, of the State University, followed in an interesting address touching on the material and educational needs of Oregon. Following Mr. Campbell, Dr. C. R. Ray, of Gold Ray; W. A. Carter, of Gold Hill; John Otwell, of Medford, and others, spoke briefly, and Capt. Jack Crawford, the poet scout, who is one of the chief attractions at the Chautauqua meeting, was called on and responded in his own inimitable manner. At 7 p. m. the executive board of the development league met in the rooms of the commercial club in business session, where considerable routine business was disposed of.

At 8 o'clock the big auditorium was again packed to hear Capt. Jack Crawford, who discoursed for two hours in his happiest vein. His lectures consist principally of original poems, stories of the plains, etc., through which run many veins of humor, pathos and good morals.

A fine game of ball was played between the Grants Pass and Ashland nines, the former winning by a score of 5 to 6. At the end of the 7th inning the score card showed a tie of 5 to 5, and from that time until the first half of the 14th inning not a score was tallied. Finally, in the 14th, the Grants Pass rolled in a good score and the game was theirs.

Prof. Oscar L. Smith, the aeronaut, made a successful balloon ascension and parachute jump at the conclusion of the ball game, ascending over 1000 feet before cutting loose and making his hazardous leap to the earth.

The citizens of Ashland are royal entertainers and if any visitor to their city last Tuesday failed to enjoy the day it was certainly not the fault of the hosts or hostesses. The train pulled out at 11 p. m. for home, everybody bearing with them pleasant recollections of the day.

Went in Ditch

A heavy freight train ran away last Saturday on the north slope of the Siskiyou, beyond Ashland, piling up in a heap in the ditch at Clawson station. As a result, Bob Steiger, engineer, and C. D. Lockerman, brakeman, are dead, and Sam Wylie, another brakeman, terribly injured.

Two young tramps, who were stealing a ride, were stripped of every stitch of their clothing, but were uninjured. The injured trainmen were hurried to a Portland hospital by special train, the engineer dying en route.

Had the runaway train not gone in the ditch at Clawson it would have dashed into the south bound passenger, which was just leaving Ashland, and the loss of life would have been appalling.

The north bound passenger was delayed about five hours by the wreck and many from Central Point who had been attending the Chautauqua meeting at Ashland were delayed in reaching home.

Murdered Her Brother

George Mitchell, who shot and killed Holy Roller Creffield in defense of his sister's honor and who was last week acquitted of the crime, was in turn shot and killed by his sister, Esther Mitchell, as he was about to board the train at Seattle last Friday to return to Portland. Esther is the sister for whose sake the boy killed beast Creffield, and is only 19 years old. She is a religious fanatic and declares that she is perfectly sane and accountable for her actions. Maud Hurt Creffield, widow of the holy roller apostle, admits having conspired with the Mitchell girl to kill her brother, and both women are held on a charge of first degree murder.

ON ROGUE RIVER

(Dedicated to Bill, Joe and Jim.)
Oh, it's pleasant on the river on a sultry summer day, when the temperature is boiling and the town is none too gay; there to wade out on the rifle, or fish from some shady nook; oh, it's pleasant on the river—when the steelheads take the hook.

Oh, it's pleasant on the river when meal time draweth nigh; when the beans and bread and spuds and fish are piled up mountain high on the table at the fish camp; oh, it surely, surely is very pleasant on the river when the cook is doing biz.

Oh, it's pleasant on the river when the evening shadows come and the smoke from a dozen good old pipes put the mosquitoes on the bum; when the yarns are spun 'bout fish and deer and bear—a hundred or more; oh, it's pleasant on the river—when the liar has the floor.

Oh, it's pleasant on the river at the first gray streak of morn, when the trout are biting lively and you're glad that you are born; but when it's time to go back to town to the heat and the workand—well, there's no use mincing about it, that's little short of h—

Land Fraud Cases

The first of the land fraud cases to be tried at the present term of U. S. court in Portland was called Monday. The case is against Charles Nickell, Henry W. Miller, Frank E. Kincart and Martin W. Hoge, all of Medford, and the charge is conspiracy to defraud the government. Hoge claimed to be sick at his home in Medford and it was necessary to issue a bench warrant for him.

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