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TO KLAMATH FALLS IN 16 HOURS

STAGE OVER MOUNTAIN WAS
ONLY ROUTE THEN.

Known As Linkville

First Volume of Ashland Paper in
1877 Appeared Following Story
From a Traveler.

It was Sunday morning, May 20th, 1877, in the town of Ashland. The crowd were watching the motions of a man who was intently engaged in packing away to the best advantage the detached portions of that interesting machine known as the "Linkville Stage Coach." The portions being secured inside and on top of another interesting machine and one with which I was so soon to form an acquaintance the remembrance of which will be co-existent with my memory, and undoubtedly be incorporated with my midnight dreams. This last named "machine" is most familiarly known as a twelve hundred pound four horse lumber wagon; none of your light springy vehicles, but one that when under way, forcibly impresses him who take passage there on that he's traveling, and one that is not doomed to the fate of the wonderful "one horse shay." The man engaged, before mentioned is also familiarly known as "Bob" the stage driver, a fine jolly intelligent, and genial gentleman grown fat with fun and good living, round and rubicund with jollity, though on this occasion a sad expressions affused his usually smiling face and a sense of uneasiness and dread hung upon every movement. In explanation of these strange things I was informed that an incident had occurred on the day before known to stage men as a "break down," and if I intended to take a trip to Linkville next day I there beheld the mode of conveyance and it was incumbent upon me to make my preparations accordingly. Four o'clock A. M., was the time for starting. Distance 62 miles, route over the Cascade mountains; elevation 6,000 feet or more; rocks not sufficiently softened to make our contact with them uncomfortably pleasant.

At 4 on Monday morning I was aroused from slumber and informed that the stage was ready and soon found myself seated beside "Bob" the stage driver contorting my countenance to conform as nearly as possible the condition of the road and the speed of our four grays as they whirled us away toward breakfast at the rate of ten miles an hour. The air was sharp and bracing and the stars seemed to wink, smile and sparkle with an expression of sarcastic delight at the prospects before us, this of course we did not relish but as protest was useless and also most inconvenient, we used our utmost endeavor to keep the perch and our seats also.

Soda Springs was reached in good time and we felt much cheered and reassured to behold "little faces at the window" and larger ones smiling at the door. Hot coffee, ham and eggs gave us new strength to encounter the perils ahead. We are now at the foot of the mountain and a fresh team was pawing at the rack to bear us on. This team consisted of six strong specimens of the equine race, two of which had never been hitched but once or twice before, consequently five men were brought

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SECRETARIES HOLD MEETING J. H. Fuller, Ashland, on Executive Board for Coming Year.

University of Oregon, Eugene, Ore., March 28—(Special.)—Earl C. Reynolds of La Grande was elected president of the State Association of Commercial Organization Secretaries at the forum meeting of the organization held last Friday, the concluding day of the seventh annual short course for commercial secretaries held last week at the University. C. T. Baker, Medford, was chosen as vice president of the organization and H. E. Culley, Roseburg, secretary treasurer. L. P. Sabin, Klamath Falls, retiring president, John Eckman, McMinnville, W. A. Reid, Corvallis and J. H. Fuller, Ashland, will act as the executive board for the coming year.

Resolutions were passed at the meeting to promote the idea of converting the Three Sisters mountain region into a national park. The discouraging of solicitations of magazines, because of a financial drain upon members, unless the publication carried a written endorsement of the state chamber of commerce was also passed as a resolution.

BALL LEAGUES ARE FORMED AT MEET HELD HERE SUNDAY

Two four-team leagues were organized and game schedules set at a joint session of the southern Oregon and Siskiyou leagues, held in the Lithia Springs hotel here Sunday.

The schedule for preliminaries in both the southern Oregon and northern California leagues is set for May First.

The head team of each league will play their mid-season games July 3 and 4, while the final games will take place some time in September to decide the champions.

Pope Ninninger of Ashland was elected president of the Oregon league and H. C. Williamson of Medford, secretary-treasurer, and are now drawing up rules and regulations to be presented at the next meeting to be held April 9.

Yes, We Have no Baseball.

Ashland, it is revealed by reports, will not enter the southern Oregon baseball league this summer. The cost of financing the proposition is too great. The decision meets with general approval, as it is deemed poor policy to enter the league unless a solid backing and winning team is back of the proposition. There will be ball games played here this summer, but Ashland will probably not play.

Rev. M. L. Petelle, Klamath Falls preacher, charged with transportation and possession of liquor, was found guilty in Jacksonville court Monday and was fined \$400.

Normal teachers were visiting in various parts of Oregon and California during the spring vacation. Miss Elizabeth Richardson and Miss Eva White went to Berkeley to visit at the home of Miss Richardsons brother. W. W. Wells visited his parents at Roseburg. Miss Pearl Durst, Miss Helen Anderson, Miss Hall and Miss Leona Marsters went to Portland to visit friends. Miss Katherine Vincent, Miss Marion Ady and Miss Virginia Hales visited in Eugene.

Mrs. A. B. Ferguson of Los Angeles, Cal., is in Ashland visiting with her nieces, Mrs. A. G. Adams on East Main street and Mrs. Grace Andrews of Church street. Mrs. Ferguson is well known in this city having been a resident a number of years ago. She has spent the past two years abroad, visiting the principal cities of Europe.

WORK BEGINS ON RESERVOIR

WORK TO BE COMPLETED BY
JULY FIRST.

Repairing on Roads

Ditching and Laying of Pipes for
New Water Distribution to Be
Under Way Soon.

A steam shovel has been placed in operation by Swartley Bros., sub-contractors, excavating for the new city water reservoir on Crowson hill. The city water department has also begun the work of laying pipe for connections and rebuilding the road at upper Terrace street.

Rhodes & Judd of Medford have the contract for the construction of the reservoir and say that the work will be completed by July 1.

Twelve carloads of pipe have been shipped by rail from Birmingham, Ala., and are on hand for the new distributing system. Ditching and laying of the pipe will be under way immediately.

Work on repairing the canyon road has been under way since the recent heavy rains and more than \$2,000 have been spent in repairs, which are all but finished, with the exception of one or two bridges.

The Crowson hill reservoir will be elliptical in shape, 125x150 feet, with a height of 20 feet. It will have a capacity of 2,300,000 gallons and will be used for equalizing pressure throughout the city and as an emergency source during fires. The cost of the reservoir, together with pipe to make connection with the present system will approximate \$40,000.

Several modern hydrants have also been purchased and will be installed by the water department to provide additional protection against fire.

The new pipe line to Lithia Springs which has just been installed, has vastly improved the quality of the water. The old pipe line was of wood with a wood fiber lining, while the new one is of cast iron throughout.

Lithia water has resumed its original taste and is said to taste just like it does out at the spring. Much of the gas and mineral flavor had heretofore been lost while passing through the fiber-lined pipes—News.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Fraley of this city enjoyed a family reunion recently at Long Beach, where they were visiting for a time. Mrs. Mary Newcomer of Long Beach and John Fraley of Marshalltown, Iowa, were present at the reunion, also C. W. Fraley of Ashland, who had not seen his brother, John Fraley, since he was 13 years old, when he tramped away as a drumer boy in the Civil war 65 years ago. The Long Beach Press-Telegram contained a splendid write-up about the reunion, also a picture of C. W. Fraley, John Fraley and the sister to the Fraley brothers, Mrs. Newcomer. Mrs. C. W. Fraley writes Ashland friends that she hopes soon to be back in our city, having enjoyed a very happy time during the winter visiting relatives and friends in California. Their many friends in Ashland will be glad to see them home again.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred VanNatta of San Jose, Cal., who have been in Ashland for the past few weeks visiting at the home of Mr. VanNatta's father, G. O. VanNatta, returned to their home Saturday.

MINISTERS ATTEND MEETING

Next Meeting to Be Held in Central Point on April 25.

The Rev. H. F. Pemerton, Rev. Charles D. Gaffney, Rev. M. S. Woodworth, Rev. H. T. Mitchelmore, G. M. Frost and W. P. Walters made up a group of local pastor and laymen who drove to Medford Monday to attend the meeting of the Rogue River Ministerial association in the Methodist church of that city. Secretary Walter presented a paper on "The Young Men's Christian Association and its work with boys" which was well received and discussed at some length. The April meeting of the association will be held in Central Point, it was decided. The last meeting of the season will be in the form of a picnic meeting and will be held in Lithia park on June 6. Rev. Gaffney of this city was asked to present the paper at the April meeting.

MINERS TO DISCUSS TIN DEPOSITS FOUND NEAR G. PASS

Mounting interest in white metal discoveries, firmly believed by many to be tin, has resulted in calling of a meeting by the Southwestern Oregon Mining Bureau Saturday of all men interested in the matter.

Investigations were brought to a head last week through the efforts of E. W. Miller, Josephine county senator, and the Courier, in bringing Dean Newton of the Oregon school of mines, and John W. Kelly of the Portland Oregonian, here for a study of the various ores in which the metal is found.

At the meeting of the mining bureau the session will be given over entirely to discussion of tin. President P. S. Woodin asserted today that he is convinced that tin is found and that steps now will be taken to bring attention to the ore found here in unlimited quantities and in various forms. The meeting will be open to all interested in the white metal.

While Dean Newton and Mr. Kelly were here last week they visited numerous properties and saw the reduction of some of the ore. Dean Newton made no statements while here but secured many specimens of the rock and took them back to Corvallis with him to test. He is expected to make a report within a short time.

There is one deposit of ore north of the city. Concentrates of this are being secured today by a local man interested in the metal. Half of the concentrates will be run into metal. The metal and the other half of the concentrates will be sent to an eastern tin company for examination. This will go out today.

At the Golden Cross mine near Gold Hill there is an ore called stannite, which is believed to hold a large tin content. Samples of this will be sent east when the other is determined. Dean Newton has samples of the Golden Cross ore.

Assays from the various places give the ores a large tin content. This will run as high as 15 per cent, it is claimed in some assays.

Mining men of the county are agreed that the ore exists in large quantities throughout the southern Oregon section. It has been known for years and its discovery is no recent matter.—Oregon Observer.

A good attendance at the Bible school last Sunday at the Christian church where a splendid surprise greeted them. The surprise was "Rock of Ages" presented in tableau by Mrs. Hazel Weber and the song being rendered very beautifully by Miss Artis Stockdale. Next Sunday another surprise will greet the people at 9:30 just on the stroke so be there. This is being done to get some of the attendants there on time and is also very entertaining.

KNIGHTS HOLD TOWN TONIGHT

TODAY RED LETTER DAY FOR
KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

Ashland Entertains

Walter G. Gleason, Grand Keeper of
Record and Seals for Oregon to
Administer Oath.

Friday, April 1, will be a red letter day in Pythian circles in southern Oregon, as on that day the southern Oregon district convention will be held at Ashland at which time the large Walter Gleason Page class will be initiated.

District Deputy Rowell of Grants Pass announces the following program: Banquet at 7 p. m.; convention called to order at 8; roll call; routine business; selecting of the place to hold the next convention, conferring the rank of page on the Walter Gleason candidates by the Talisman team; papers of not over fifteen minutes each from each lodge in the district, to which the pages may listen, as follows: "What Activity outside the lodge room should a lodge take on?" Talisman No. 31 of Medford; "How can lodge attendance be increased?" Alpha No. 47, of Roseburg; "Pythian Sisters as an asset to the order," Thermopylae No. 50 of Grants Pass; "How to build the membership of the lodge," Klamath Falls; "Value of ritualistic study as a hold on membership," Ashland No. 117 of Ashland.

Walter G. Gleason will be present to administer the oath to the above class. Other state officers will also be present.

Plans have been made to take care of a record attendance, as it is expected that this will be the best district convention of the Knights ever held in southern Oregon.

Church to Make Improvements.

The Methodist church will immediately make \$15,000 improvements on their splendid church edifice, enlarging the Sunday school and Epworth League rooms to meet demands of the rapidly increasing attendance.

The upper valley community club presents "Cyclone Sally" an uproarious comedy in three acts at the Vining Monday night, April 4, at 8 o'clock. Short picture, dancing acts, play. Those who will take part in the play are: Jack Webster, owner of Webster estate, Wilbur Tucker, Reggie Manners, a young Englishman, an adept at plucking peaches, Henry Homes, Jim Perkins, courier for twenty years, but not yet discouraged, Victor York, Willie Clump, Sue Bascom's beau and the world's eighth wonder, Edwin Dunn, Sally Graham, "Cyclone Sally," Mrs. Wallace Reeder, Jennie Thatcher, forty, and the object of Jim's persistence, Mrs. Dave McKinney, Ruth Thatcher, niece of Jenny's and a peach Reggie would like to pick, Mrs. Edwin Dunn, Effie Varden, a cute little neighbor, Mrs. W. C. Elam, Vivian Vernon, the belle of Cedar Point, Ruth Newbry, Scene, living room of the Webster estate near the town of Cedar Point. Time, early fall.

Verner Carson, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Carson left this week for Corvallis, where he will reenter college after some months vacation for his health.