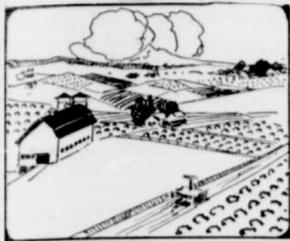


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VITAL INTEREST TO ASHLAND

LOCAL AFFAIRS WILL BE TAKEN
IN TURN

Think Before Voting

Will it Be a Savings to Postpone
Building of New Dam For
City Water?

Several local affairs are now of vital interest to Ashland and every Ashland taxpayer. We will from week to week try to get at the bottom of each in turn. There may be affairs that the majority don't know about or thoroughly understand and it will take investigation and time to get all particulars, but, repeating, we say many things right now are of vital interest to the well-fare and growth of our city.

That Dam Question.

A special election may decide the question of building the proposed dam for the enlarged water system. This will cost the taxpayers probably between two hundred thousand and three hundred thousand dollars and will have to be paid for by taxes an increased water rents. Think before you vote.

The railroad is not now using the water that they formally did, the ice plant is not using the water that they formerly did and we have larger water pipes and have purchased considerable water from the Talent district. The late spring rains have guaranteed us plenty of water for this year.

Perhaps we will not need that dam this year and perhaps not for two, three or five years. Will it be a saving to postpone the building of the dam? You will have a chance at the May election to decide the question. The water rates are high. We needed and are glad to get the extra large water pipes and the reservoir, but the new dam is now a question to be decided as made by the late petition signed by over four hundred taxpayers of Ashland.

The question carried at the last election by only forty-seven votes.

Lithia Springs Hotel.

Here is another "vital question" to many Ashlandites and to probably 500 stockholders in the Lithia Springs Hotel company.

A Medford paper made insinuations recently that the management was not satisfactory to the board and it is possible that a meeting of the Lithia Springs stock holders might be a good suggestion.

Stockholders, as a rule, would like to know what it going on in their company. We will endeavor to get at the bottom of this question as far as the public is concerned, although keep out of private affairs. We know that the present manager has a good hotel reputation and that the hotel is one of the best in the state.

More Vital Questions.

Why not water on all the splendid and across the railroad

Why not a large sanatorium and immense bottling works in Ashland.

Why don't Ashland merchants advertise in your paper with the largest farm and town circulation of any weekly paper in Jackson county. Why do so many trade in our neighboring city instead of home?

The American considers all these subjects as news and of vital interest to all our readers. We will appreciate any suggestions as to how to best solve them and from time to time

RADIO TELLS OF SAFETY

Miss Dorothea Abraham Tells of
Escape From Canton.

Attorney and Mrs. Albert Abraham, whose daughter Dorothea is an instructor in the Presbyterian mission school at Canton, China, received a radiogram at their home in Roseburg that Miss Abraham is safe at Hongkong and will remain there as long as the Chinese situation offers dangers to the missionaries.

The message was received indirectly through Commander Glenn Howell, who is in charge of an American cruiser in China waters, and whose sister, Elsie Howell of Los Angeles, is a close friend of Miss Abraham, and who is with her in China.

Miss Abraham was formerly a teacher in the Ashland schools and it will be a comfort to her many friends here to know of her well fare during China's present upheaval.

ASHLAND HIGH WINNER OF SOUTHERN DIST. CHAMPION

By winning a three to nothing decision from the Eugene high school debate team last Friday night in the local high school assembly, the Ashland high school debaters became the champions of the southern Oregon district. Both teams exhibited a high class of debate that pleased the audience but the local team outclassed the visitors in the presentation of argument.

The question debated was, "Resolved, that a severance tax should be made a feature of the system of taxation in Oregon." Dena and Dick Joy, who composed the winning team upheld the negative and Jessie Winchell and John Dodds, Eugene debaters, took the affirmative. Including the debate, Eugene has won 16 judge's votes out of a possible 21 and Ashland now has won 20 out of a possible 24. Harold W. Allison is coach of the local debaters and Frank Palmer, head of history department and debate coach; Miss Mae Kinsey, head of the English department; Jessie Winchell and John Dodds, the debaters and Wallace Campbell, debate manager, composed the Eugene delegation.

Ashland high will meet the champions of the northern Oregon district Friday, May 6, in the final debate for western Oregon honors. The winning team will then debate the McLaughlin high school team from Milton-Freewater, which has won the eastern Oregon championship, at the University of Oregon on May 20.

V. O. N. Smith of the local Citizens bank acted as chairman and Walter Redford, geography instructor at the Ashland normal; B. H. Conkle, principal of the Medford high school, and T. H. Temple, pastor of the Medford Methodist church, were the judges.

Dennis Now Owns News

Formal announcement of the sale of the Klamath News, morning daily to Bruce Dennis, publisher of the Klamath Falls Evening Herald has been made. Mr. Dennis in effecting the transfer, formed the Inland Publishing company.

Preaches Farewell Sermon.

V. K. Allison preached his farewell sermon at the Christian church here Sunday and will begin his pastorate at Klamath Falls next Sunday, May 1.

will endeavor to enlighten all on any progressive news we can unearth. We know that Ashland needs and can secure more business and more publicity.

HIGH DEFEATS FOUR TEAMS

WILL GO TO CORVALLIS TO-
MORROW TO COMPETE

Cup Is Permanent

New Cup Will Be Started This Year
and Local Contestants Out
After That.

Ashland schools have a habit of being victorious in all competitive events they undertake. Debating, ball playing, etc. Now comes Ashland high with first place in shorthand and typing out of a field of five competitors.

Medford, Gold Hill, Klamath Falls Jacksonville, and Ashland all entered; contestants and Ashland ranked first, Gold Hill second, Medford third, Klamath Falls fourth and Jacksonville fifth.

In the beginners typing division, Rosaland Wise of Ashland took first place, Frances Gallatin of Ashland, second place and a Klamath Falls girl third. In the advanced pupils division, Edwin Andrew of Medford, nosed out Janet Walker of Ashland by a narrow margin of three tenths of a word with a Klamath Falls girl again making third place.

In the beginners short hand division, Marie Mitchell of Ashland took first place, and in the advanced pupils division Mary Galey took first place.

Winning this contest Saturday gave Ashland the silver cup awarded to the winners by the Medford chamber of commerce, and those who took first place were given gold medals. Second place winners received silver medals and honorable mention went to third place winners.

The local team, under the direction of Miss Juanita Tarr, instructor will leave today (Friday) for Corvallis where they will participate in the state contest to be held Saturday. Ashland having won permanent possession of the cup offered in the past, an ew one will be started this year and the local contestants are determined that Ashland's name shall be the first to be engraved on the cup.

CANNERY TO START OPERATION SOON

The Bagley Canning company, Ashland's most important industry as described fully in this paper a few weeks ago, is about ready for operation.

At a meeting Monday, Ralph E. Koozer was elected president; W. J. Ferns, vice president; E. B. Adamson, secretary and treasurer. These officials with J. W. McCoy and F. F. Whittle constitute the board. Organization of the board and completion of the new incorporation were perfected, and certificates of stock will now be issued to the stock holders of the Ashland Preserving company in lieu of their present stock. This is in accordance with the consolidation recently worked out with the Ashland Preserving company stockholders.

Officials state that as soon as these bonds are all sold construction on the new warehouse will begin immediately, and plans made for one of the largest packs of fruits and vegetables in the history of the business. This institution is a big pay roll for Ashland.

WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO DISPOSE OF SURPLUS MONEY— AND BE OF REAL SERVICE

We are asked by the Red Cross to aid in raising five million dollars for relief of flood sufferers of the Middle West. So far, so good. We would like to help. They need it. To think of over 9000 square miles of rich farm land destroyed, 200 deaths and 100,000 homeless touches our charity vein and appeals to us as a religious, brotherly move hard to forget. We all want to give.

How About the Mighty.

Then we have with us today, Mr. Ford, rated as a billionaire and one or two others with nearly as much money. We have in Chicago 150 women worth over a million each. These people can't find places for their wealth. They buy old fiddles, dogs and cats and travel. With a billion, the little sum of five million would be a small matter. But listen closely with your ear to the ground and see who offers the first million and the several half-millions and the numerous quarter millions that could be offered to clear a rich man's conscious.

COMMENCEMENT FOR SOUTH- ERN OREGON NORMAL ARE TO BE HELD ABOUT JUNE 8

Plans for the commencement program of the southern Oregon Normal school already are well under way and are rapidly nearing completion in the hands of a committee made up of faculty members and alumni members under the leadership of V. V. Caldwell, head of the psychology department. Those from the faculty who have been appointed by President Churchill are Miss Pearl Durst, librarian of the school and Miss Eva L. White, primary supervisor, while those chosen from the alumni association are Mrs. F. D. Wagner, Mrs. Cecelia Willits, A. C. Gray, H. B. Carter, Susanne Homes Carter and Fred Homes.

A week's program has been sketched to begin on June 8, when Alpha Tauri, the dramatic club of the school, will give the play, "Smilin' Through," under the direction of Miss Elizabeth Richardson of the English department. On Sunday afternoon, June 12, the baccalaureate services will be held. A special speaker will be secured for the day and special music will be prepared. Commencement day will be June 13 and the exercises will be held in the morning.

One of the most interesting days of the week's program will be Saturday, which is Alumni day. All graduates of the old institution will be included in the festivities and it is hoped that there will be a large attendance of alumni members and old students.

Miss Leona Marsters, Miss Marian Ady, Miss Virginia Hales and A. C. Strange, all instructors in the institution, will also assist in the general plans.

A Faithful Member.

April 27 is the anniversary of the first W. C. T. U. organization and Mrs. Ann Hill Russell is the only living paid up member of that first organization. Mrs. Russell sent her dollar to pay her dues this week and this makes 43 years that Mother Russell has paid her W. C. T. U. dues regularly every year and she hopes to live long enough to pay in her fifty dollars and the members of the Ashland Union sure hope so too and we appreciate such faithfulness as hers has been.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Elder visited with the Edson's at Green Springs mountain the first of the week.

GOVERNOR TO BE HERE ON MAY 17

SNEYD, OF YOKOHAMA, TO
TALK MAY 2, MONDAY

Forum Is Interesting

Local Chamber Will Have Address
By C. C. Chapman of Portland
Here May 10; Attend.

The Chamber of Commerce Forums committee has arranged one of the most interesting series of programs for the next few weeks that has appeared for some time and those who do not make their plans to regularly attend these gatherings will surely miss a great deal.

Monday, May 2, an unusual privilege is accorded in an opportunity to listen to a man who for the last 14 years has been living in Japan as Y. M. C. A. secretary at Yokohama. A telegram to the effect that H. E. Sneyd of Yokohama, was passing through Ashland, was received by Mr. Walters, secretary of the local Y. M. C. A. and passed on to the Chamber of Commerce for consideration. It was immediately determined that such an opportunity to hear of conditions in China and Japan from such a close observer should not be missed and so arrangements were immediately closed for this engagement.

The date is Monday, May 2, instead of the usual Tuesday.

On Tuesday, May 10, Mr. C. C. Chapman, editor of the Oregon Voter will by that time undoubtedly have all the recent legislative doings fully digested and will be able to tell us whether to vote for the Income tax or not. We will all want to hear this speaker. Chapman is good.

And then on May 17, our Governor Patterson will be the guest of the day and will give his views of the economic situation of the state of Oregon and why in his opinion we should pass the Income tax bill on June 28. It is expected that Mrs. Patterson will accompany the governor on this trip and a reception is in the planning to be held at the Normal school building. The governor, being chairman of the board of regents of Normal schools of the state.

Ashland will have two representatives in Washington, D. C., this spring and while Mrs. Gordon MacCracken, state president of the D. A. R., the Ashland chamber of commerce has also asked her to represent the local chamber of commerce Mr. Irving E. Vining is the national councillor for the Ashland chamber of commerce and our official delegate, as well as representing the state of Oregon as president of the state chamber. Upon return of these delegates we shall have the opportunity to hear first hand talk from these great national conventions. Mr. Vining will talk at the Forum on May 24. Mrs. MacCracken will give us an extended report and it is quite possible that an evening session will be devoted to one or both of these most interesting addresses.

Better Attend.

At the Congregational church this Friday evening, April 29 from 6:45 until 7:45. All who will attend will have the extreme pleasure of listening to an address by Dr. Alma Cook recently from China. Dr. Cook has been a missionary in China for years and will have some interesting data on that country.