

## News Notes of Interest

Miss Grace Hardy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Hardy, entertained forty-one young friends at the Hardy home on south Second street last night, the occasion being Miss Hardy's sixteenth birthday.

Big special sale for 20 days at Johnson's Jewelry store in Ashland.

At the regular council meeting held Tuesday evening at the city hall, the bid for clearing the reservoir site was awarded to H. C. High at \$6,650. Other bids submitted were Swarthy Brothers, \$8,600 and C. Frank Rhodes, \$8,000. A special committee consisting of Mr. Bergner, Thornton and Dr. Woods was appointed by Mayor Pierce to look after the matter of designs for the fountain to be installed for Lithia water in the Plaza.

The Hi-Y club will hold their first annual mother and son banquet next Tuesday evening in commemoration of Mother's day. A committee composed of Donald Hinthorne, Marion Frost and Wilfred Wagner was appointed to work with Secretary W. P. Waltef in making plans for the affair.

Cut glass, many designs at Johnson's Jewelry. On sale

Mrs. Moss and Mrs. Louis Schwein were hostesses last Thursday evening, April 28, when they entertained at the Lithia Springs hotel in honor of their daughters, Misses Rosalind Wise and Mildred Moss. The time was spent dancing in the ballroom of the hotel, the music being furnished by Dickey's orchestra. There were about thirty couples present, the majority of the guests being juniors and seniors of the Ashland high school.

P. S. Laughlin of Detroit, Mich., who has been visiting his son, Dr. S. B. Laughlin of Willamette university of Salem, Ore., for the past five months, is now the guest of his nephew, I. J. Sawyer and family of Grand View Drive, Ashland. Mr. Laughlin states that he finds Oregon to be one of the most productive states, and has enjoyed the genuine western hospitality.

Mr. Eewart has been hanging paper and calsoining for Mrs. O. O. Helman on B street.

Social circle enjoyed a very pleasant meeting Wednesday, April 27 in the parlors of the Christian church.

E. H. Hedrick and family of Medford visited home folks Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Mike Tucker was calling on friends on B street one day last week.

Mrs. V. K. Allison has returned to her home in Eugene after spending last week here with relatives and friends.

Lloyd Smith of Gold Hill visited his mother, Mrs. Geo. Clark on A street one day last week.

Highest quality merchandise at lowest possible prices during the sale now on at the Johnson Jewelry Store.

Mrs. Mark Smith and daughter, Loraine of Red Bluff, Cal., visited with Ashland friends Saturday and Sunday.

Charley Huschke of Dunsmuir spent the week end with home folks on Third street.

We learn that there is much talk of calling a big general mass meeting for the purpose of talking over Ashland possibilities. The American has advocated some such co-operation in its every issue. We are glad the idea is taking root, and glad other citizens and publicity agencies have "fell in line." Vital needs of Ashland can be worked out if all will "pull." We might use the large, elaborate round domed chautauqua building for a "convention auditorium," and make this a convention center. We can build the dam, secure industries and accomplish much if all of us will think so.

The Edson family from Green Spring mountain was down Sunday attending church service and visiting at the J. R. Elder home.

Just before graduation. The Johnson Jewelry Store Big Sale starts today!

A nice little business; chance to double your money in 30 days.

Suitable for lady, or man and wife \$250 will handle. See Deacon, 175 East Main.

### NORMAL BASEBALL PROSPECTS

#### Season Promises to Be Lively One From Interest Displayed

The southern Oregon Normal school baseball team is now practicing regularly since its organization was made complete by Coach V. V. Caldwell last week.

Tentative arrangements are now underway to arrange games with the U. of O frosh and the Oregon Aggie rooks. So far the northern schedule includes a game with Chemawa on May 19 and a game with Monmouth on May 20. With return games at Ashland with these institutions later in the month.

Ashcraft, a veteran from Grant high school and Kinney, a Benson Polytechnic letter man are showing up well on the bases, while Brittenbucher at short has proved a sensation at picking up the ball in his territory.

Butterfield, Mercer and Vimont, comprise the pitching staff while Barker and Laws are on the receiving end.

Definite places have not as yet been assigned by Coach Caldwell as he is trying out the members in various positions and a selection will be made within a short time.

In an interview last night, Coach Caldwell said: "I am making no prediction for the coming season, but we will represent the school to the best of our ability."

The season promises to be a lively one from the interest displayed by the men who are practicing every evening, and the entire student body is anxiously awaiting the first game.

### CHAIN LETTER SHOWS UP

#### Trick Two Score Years Old Still Works for Superstitious.

Several Ashland citizens have reported to us as having received the famous "chain letter" this week.

The "chain letter" is a page of nonsense that claims to bring good luck to those receiving it, providing they copy it four times and mail a copy to four friends—a cost of eight cents in stamps besides the trouble. And in these enlightened days, still exist people so superstitious that they comply with the letter's demands, fearing that a refusal may bring bad luck. The letters are harmless and perhaps there is a certain amount of mischievous pleasure in sending them. But for luck, one might as well wear a Chinese ring, spit on a fishworm, say "bread and butter" three times or pick up a hairpin. The chain letter fad is two score years old.

### League Elects Officers.

After much deliberation and voting, officers were elected last Tuesday night at the Epworth League regular business meeting.

They will take office next month and serve for a period of one year. The complete list of League officers is as follows: Beulah Hussey, president; Lawrence Powell, 1st vice-president; Clara Anderson, 2nd vice-president; Madge Marean, 3rd vice-president; Dora Sparks, 4th vice-president; George Mason, 5th vice-president; Helen High, secretary; J. O. Rigg, treasurer; Nadine Swenning, junior league president; Ruby Powell, song leader and Charles Mitchell, pianist.

### WHAT, HO! NOW ITS WOMEN

#### Co-eds of University of Oregon Go for Men's Play.

University of Oregon, Eugene, Ore., May 4.—(Special to The American)—Baseball is no longer a sport only for men.

Seven teams of co-eds have been organized on the campus and the first two games of the season will be played Monday. Each class except the seniors has two teams, and already the line-ups have been selected.

Starts today. The sale at Johnsons Jewelry store.

Go to the M. E. church tonight (Friday) for interesting program by week day Bible school.

### TO HELP IN UPWARD TREND

#### Subscribers Show United Effort to Help Progress.

A little moral encouragement goes a long ways, whether it pays bills or not.

A small delegation of citizens of southern Jackson county informed The American the past week that they and all the three thousand readers are back of the paper in its boosting for southern Oregon and in what it seemingly advocated for the city and county. We believe every word of it and we know that the weekly American is the largest circulated and most popular weekly in the county. These facts give the paper much encouragement. If the people, the readers as a whole, are with a publication, like it, help it, furnish it news items and encouragement—then business of a better financial backing is sure to follow.

The American is proud of its readers, although they all know that subscription money doesn't pay for the blank paper. But advertisers want the readers. That is why The American spent so much time and money getting the subscribers. The subscribers can greatly help the paper by patronizing the advertisers that use these columns. With a united effort and the support of the hundreds of friends in this newspaper family we are sure to help Ashland in its upward, progressive growth. We can be of much benefit to the city and southern Jackson county. Of some good to our community is the desire and the work of this, your readable, home paper.

Watches—sure at the sale now, at Johnson's Jewelry.

### ARE UNBELIEVERS OF CHRIST

#### Organize Atheist Society in New York; Agnostic Is Ignorant.

One cannot but question the object of the New York people who have organized a society for the advancement of atheism. An atheist is one who disbelieves in the existence of God. An agnostic is one who says he does not know. He is ignorant on the subject. Of the two, we choose the agnostic, because he proclaims his ignorance. The atheist expresses his disbelief in a Supreme Being and tries to support that disbelief. What object either can have in organizing for the "advancement" of atheism seems hard to understand.

He who notes the heavens at night or the succession of days, or the wonder of the seasons, and fails to detect a guiding influence, is not a reasoning being. Naturally, such folks say they have grounds for their opinions. Robert Ingersoll was an infidel. The meaning of this word is "not faithful," and he who goes out under that banner to oppose the Christian religion brands himself as unworthy of confidence. Again we have the skeptic, who like the agnostic, is an unbeliever.

In all these cults, for they are of that nature (merely the development of an idea, usually under the leadership of a brilliant mind such as Ingersoll, or Paine) there is a lack of objective other than to tear down the belief in Christ and the religion of western civilization, added to the denial of the existence of a Supreme Ruler of the universe. Organization of this society has been given some publicity and perhaps no one will deny the right of members to their opinions, but in expressing them they merely advertise themselves as part of a movement that never can succeed.

Efforts to popularize agnostic teaching have failed in Europe and in America. Many of us may be uncertain as to how, where, when, but we do not deny the existence of a Supreme Being. Those who do so mark themselves as egoists, know well that there can be no great following, nor well-founded reason for such an organization. The greatest minds of history have throughout the Christian era revered the religion of Christ. Those who would destroy it can only come to disappointment. "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

—Lawn mowers sharpened and adjusted, \$1.25, repairing extra. Call for and delivered from shop, 25c.

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### ASHLAND

Has an elevation of two thousand

feet; is ideal for tourists and travelers.

The climate is nearly ideal; no extremes of heat or cold; no blizzards or tornadoes.

Has a bountiful supply of the clearest and purest water to be found anywhere.

Within a short distance of wonderful fishing streams and a natural gateway to Crater Lake loop, one of the greatest scenic spots in America.

Ashland is noted for its effervescent and healthful Lithia water which bubbles up constantly through the rocks of granite.

## COME! Friday and Saturday

### THE LAST DAYS OF THE STOCK REDUCING SALE AT McGEE'S!

After Saturday the general sale reductions will be off, but there will continue the same low prices on some season end lines and broken lots until all are sold.

### a Wonderful COAT SALE!

We have a big stock of Coats and prices were made so attractive that they have "walked out." The sale racks are thinned but for Friday and Saturday many coats that are left have been changed over to lower priced racks!!!!

## McGee's

### New Train Service —for quick, convenient, comfortable travel to Portland or to California.

New trains between Portland and Ashland, by day northbound and convenient over-night service returning in addition to the Shasta and the Oregonian. The popular Shasta now carries day coach for the convenience of southern Oregon travelers.

Note this new, convenient service:

| 31     | 11      | 13      | STATIONS                        | 14      | 32      | 12    |
|--------|---------|---------|---------------------------------|---------|---------|-------|
| 8:00   | 8:30    | 1:00    | Lv. Portland Ar.                | 7:15    | 7:40    | 11:00 |
| 10:00  | 10:13   | 3:13    | . . . . . Salem                 | 5:10    | 5:30    | 9:05  |
| 10:49  | 10:56   | 4:25    | . . . . . Albany                | 4:25    | 4:42    | 8:20  |
| 12:20  | 12:10   | 5:55    | . . . . . Eugene                | 3:10    | 3:30    | 7:10  |
| 12:43  | f 12:47 | f 6:17  | . . . . . Creswell              | f 2:29  | f 2:48  |       |
| 12:57  | f 12:47 | 6:30    | . . . . . Cottage Grove         | 2:05    | 2:31    |       |
| 1:33   |         | 7:12    | . . . . . Drain                 | f 1:15  | 1:49    |       |
| 1:45   |         | f 7:24  | . . . . . Yoncalla              | f 1:02  | 1:35    |       |
| 2:20   |         | f 7:53  | . . . . . Oakland               | 12:34   | 1:08    |       |
| 2:26   |         | f 8:00  | . . . . . Sutherlin             | f 12:26 | 1:01    |       |
| 3:10   | 3:00    | 8:45    | . . . . . Roseburg              | 11:50   | 12:25   | 4:25  |
| 3:30   |         |         | . . . . . Dillard               |         | f 11:54 |       |
| 3:52   |         | f 9:30  | . . . . . Myrtle Creek          | f 10:42 | 11:28   |       |
| 4:05   |         | f 9:45  | . . . . . Riddle                | 10:30   | 11:15   |       |
| 5:00   |         | 11:25   | . . . . . West Fork             | f 9:35  | f 10:18 |       |
| 5:40   |         |         | . . . . . Glendale              | 9:00    | 9:35    | 1:55  |
| 5:56   |         |         | . . . . . Wolf Creek            | f 8:38  | f 9:14  |       |
| 6:22   |         |         | . . . . . Leland                | f 8:15  | f 8:54  |       |
| 6:39   |         | f 12:35 | . . . . . Hugo                  | f 7:57  | f 8:37  |       |
| 6:53   | 6:40    | 1:00    | . . . . . Merlin                | f 7:45  | f 8:25  |       |
| 7:23   |         | f 1:30  | . . . . . Grants Pass           | 7:20    | 8:05    | 12:35 |
| 7:45   |         |         | . . . . . Rogue River           | 6:55    | 7:45    |       |
| 8:02   |         |         | . . . . . Gold Hill             | 6:40    | 7:27    |       |
| 8:28   | 7:35    | 2:05    | . . . . . Central Point         | 6:22    | 7:08    |       |
| 8:45   |         |         | . . . . . Medford               | 6:15    | 7:00    | 11:42 |
| f 9:00 |         |         | . . . . . Phoenix               | f 6:00  | f 6:46  |       |
| f 9:12 |         |         | . . . . . Talent                | f 5:55  | f 6:40  |       |
| 9:30   | 8:15    | 2:40    | . . . . . Ashland               | 5:45    | 6:30    | 11:20 |
|        |         | 6:20    | . . . . . Sacramento            | 1:00    |         |       |
|        |         | 9:50    | . . . . . Ar. San Francisco Lv. | 9:00    |         |       |
|        |         | 11:15   | . . . . . Ar. Los Angeles       |         | 7:40    |       |

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