

Historical Material Found In Masonic Cornerstone

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day is the source of much of Ashland's scenic beauty.
In this issue we are giving in its entirety the "Sketch of the Settlement, Growth and Present Condition of the Town of Ashland, 4th of August 1879," which was written by W. H. Leeds, then editor of the Tidings Brief Sketch of Settlement, the Growth and Present Condition of the Town of Ashland, 4th of August 1879.

Edward Hurley arrived on January 7, 1852. They found upon the present site of the town an Indian "Rachine" occupied by about 20 Rogue River Indians under a chief called "Tipsoe." The Indians remained here about one year after the settlement, then departed east of the mountains to some portion of the territory now embraced in Lake county.

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Legion Posts Join In Installation

Under a warm summer evening sky the joint installation ceremonies of the Ashland and Medford American Legion Posts and Auxiliaries were conducted on Tuesday evening at the Butler Memorial Bandshell in Lithia park. It was an innovation which met with general approval and which promises to become an annual event for District 4.

DAR Cover Dish Picnic Friday in Dodge Garden

Mt. Ashland chapter DAR will end its year's meetings with a cover dish dinner next Friday evening when they will sit down to a six o'clock family dinner in the garden of the Will Dodge home, 600 Siskiyou boulevard. Members are asked to bring their own table service and one main dish, a salad or a hot dish.

STORK STOPS . . .

Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Bidema, Route 1, Box 329, are the parents of a daughter, Teresa Marie born June 22 at the Ashland General hospital.

Larry Arnold is the name of the new arrival at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Philip Decker of 400 Stadium street.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Neely of 1349 Siskiyou boulevard announce the arrival of a son on June 23 at the Ashland General hospital. He has been named Michael Jay.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Lahr of 500 Liberty street announce the birth of a son, Dale Paul, on Saturday at the Ashland General hospital.

Rev. Earl Downing and A. J. Powell are representing the Ashland Christian church at the state convention which is being held this week at Turner.

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"The first families (those of A. D. Helman and Eber Emery) came to the settlement the 24th of June 1853, in the same year Helman and Emery each built a dwelling house on the bank of Ashland creek (about 400 yards north of this Masonic Hall). A. D. Helman and family at this writing are still living in the house he then built. A number of families, ten or more, settled near the present limits of the town during 1853.

"In the summer of 1854 a flouring mill was built in the settlement and still stands as the older portion of the fine mill about 150 feet south-east of this hall.
In 1854 the first building used as a public house in Ashland was built about 100 feet east of this hall and in 1860 Eber

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The first school house was built in 1860 and is still in use, being situated upon the east border of the town. In June 1855 a post office was established in Ashland with A. D. Helman as postmaster. Mr. Helman still holds the position. At first the mails were carried between Sacramento and Portland by horsemen, passing through Ashland once in two weeks. Now we have a daily mail every day from the north, from the south and to and from Lake county, east of the mountains.

"The village of Ashland increased slowly in size until the year 1867, when an enterprise was begun which gave an impetus to the settlement, and was followed by a rapid growth of the town. A joint stock company was formed with a paid up cash capital of \$30,000, raised in Jackson county for the building of a woolen mill, which today does much toward the maintenance of the town.

"In 1870 an academy was begun which was finished three years afterward, and is this year to be made a college and normal school. This has contributed much toward the growth of the town.
On the 4th of March, 1879 the present year, a conflagration burned a large portion of the business part of the town. This apparent calamity has already resulted in the erection of better buildings than were burned. The building of this hall was also made necessary by the fire.

"The town of Ashland with its environs now contains about 600 inhabitants. It has two neat wooden churches, one built by the Presbyterians, the other by the Methodists, each of which will comfortably seat 200 people or more; one woolen factory, making up raw wool into about \$30,000 worth of wearing apparel annually; one "college or normal school;" 2 planing, sash, door, blinds and furniture factories; two hotels; four stores for the sale of general merchandise; one drug store; one saddlery and harness shop; two shoe shops; four blacksmith and two wheelwright shops; one millinery store; one livery stable; one butcher shop; three medical doctors; no lawyers; one preacher; no saloons; a telegraph office giving us communication with every part of the world where wires have been stretched; a number of Acoustic telephones with which persons may carry on conversations at a distance of a half mile; one dancing hall 30x100 feet; one newspaper, a copy of which is deposited in the corner stone; a small wooden town jail, rarely occupied; as many rosy cheeked children to the number of adults as any town in the U.S. and no Chinese inhabitants.
The assessed valuation of the property of the town is \$197,733."

VALLEY REFRIGERATION HAS NEW MANAGER

Jim Millard who formerly lived in Ashland has returned to take over the Valley Refrigeration Service after being associated with the I. B. May company of Portland for the past two years. The servicing and maintenance of washing machines will be the business of the company which will operate from 93 Oak street.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Williamson and two children of Hollywood, Cal., have moved into their home on Siskiyou boulevard which they recently purchased from the James Jetters.

Mrs. Evelyn Kreisman, president of the local Auxiliary introduced the installing officer, Mrs. Harold Benson of Grants Pass, 4th District president, who in turn administered the oath of office to the newly elected boards of Medford and Ashland.

In a brief address, State Commander Bowe stressed the vital importance of the Americanism and National Defense programs of the American Legion in the light of present critical national and international conditions. He urged an even stronger stand by all members on the issues now confronting the country.

Following the park ceremonies the participants and guests adjourned to the Pioneer building where a musical program was presented under the direction of Mrs. Arthur Taylor.

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ANOTHER STRIKE AGAINST THE PUBLIC AND INDUSTRY AND AGRICULTURE SERVED BY FIVE WESTERN RAILROADS
President Truman's EMERGENCY BOARD recommends a 40-hour week and a pay increase of 18 cents an hour, or \$1.44 a day for switchmen represented by the Switchmen's Union of North America.
Notwithstanding the tremendous increase in their expenses involved, the Railroads' answer to Board is ... YES! NO!
Union leaders' answer to Board is .. YES! NO!
In face of Board findings to the contrary, union leaders insist on 48 hours pay for 40 hours work. This would be an average increase of 31 cents an hour, or \$2.48 a day. So Union leaders have called a completely unjustified strike on 5 Western railroads, effective June 25.
On June 15, an Emergency Board appointed by President Truman under the terms of the Railway Labor Act recommended the railroads grant switchmen a 40-hour week and a wage increase of 18 cents an hour, or \$1.44 for an 8-hour day.
Despite the added financial burden involved, the railroads are ready to accept these recommendations, as they have always accepted Emergency Board recommendations on national issues.
But the leaders of the Switchmen's Union refuse to accept! They demand an average increase of 31 CENTS AN HOUR OR \$2.48 A DAY—although their present earnings are substantially higher than those of workers in other industries!
Board Says Demands Unjustified
In its report, the Board declared this demand unjustified by all the evidence presented. It also pointed out that it would give the switchmen an unfair pay advantage over other groups of railroad employees, and would add too great a burden to railroad costs.
Here is another case of a railroad union flouting the findings of an Emergency Board—another case of calling a crippling strike in an outrageous and reckless attempt to force demands which the Board clearly labels as unjustified!
Leaders of the Switchmen's Union are calling this strike in defiance of the Board—in defiance of the facts—and at the expense of the public!
In its report on this case, the Board made this statement:
"The railroad industry, the Board believes, needs above all else a period of relative stability to adjust and adapt itself to present competitive post-war conditions."
Despite this warning, the leaders of the Switchmen's Union are upsetting the apple-cart—forcing a completely unjustified strike against everybody who uses the railroads.
It is time to put an end to such un-American tactics!
The Answer to a Raw Attempt At Dictatorship is "No!"
In the interest of the public who depend on the railroads every day, there can be only one answer to this outrageous and dictatorial action by the leaders of the Switchmen's Union. And that answer is—"NO!"
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