

ASHLAND BUYS OLD WATER RIGHT

Deal Closed Whereby Mining Ditch of E. K. Anderson Becomes Property of City for \$4000.

ASHLAND, Nov. 6.—The city council, through the mayor and recorder, has closed a deal for the purchase on behalf of the city water department of the E. K. Anderson mining ditch and whatever rights are vested in it to the waters of Ashland creek, for the sum of \$4000. The council has been considering the matter for some days and at an executive session following the regular meeting Tuesday night, the mayor and recorder were authorized to consummate the deal with Mr. Anderson, which has since been done, the water fund being drawn on to meet the expense of the purchase.

The Anderson ditch has been the only recognized outstanding established right to the waters of Ashland creek as against the rights already acquired by purchase or appropriation by the city, and its purchase will now leave the city in practically undisputed possession of not only all the waters of the stream, but of practically all the lands along it from the intake of the lower water system to the national forest reserve.

The Anderson mining ditch was located in 1861. Of recent years it has been little used for mining purposes, but covering as it does quite an acreage of good fruit land, it has brought good returns from the sale of water for irrigation purposes. It is thought that the city can find it profitable to repair it in places needed and continue the sale of water from it, thereby earning the interest cost on the investment.

METHODISTS BUILDING NEW PARSONAGE IN GRANTS PASS

GRANTS PASS, Or., Nov. 6.—(Special.)—The Newnan Methodist church of this city is planning to build a new parsonage, which will be located upon the church grounds adjoining the old parsonage. The building will be two stories high and contain about ten rooms and will be thoroughly modern in every respect. The cost will be between \$3000 and the distinction of having the most \$4000 and will give the Methodists substantial buildings of any church in the city. The new pastor, D. H. Leach, has only recently taken charge but is being enthusiastically supported by the entire congregation.

McHARG GOES OUT IN SULPHUR CLOUD

Roasts Roosevelt Policies, Pinchot and Several Other Heads of Departments.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 6.—Ormsby McHarg, who resigned as assistant secretary of commerce and labor, and who is preparing to depart for New York to take up the practice of law, has fired a parting broadside at Forster Pinchot, Commissioner of Corporations Herbert Knox Smith and former President Roosevelt, as well as all other active supporters of the policy of conservation of natural resources.

"The alleged water power trust is an absurd myth," declared McHarg. He expressed extreme contempt for the "ultra conservationists" and said they were "immoral." He charged that they used misleading statements and incomplete figures in making their arguments.

Referring to Pinchot, he characterized the forester as a "trimmer." Incidentally, he took issue with Commissioner Smith, who collected the data for Roosevelt's famous special message on the water power trust.

McHarg suggested that both Roosevelt and Smith "jumped at conclusions" and said:

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THINGS BOOMING NEAR WOODVILLE

Work Progressing Rapidly on Bridge and on Buildings in the Town—New Schoolhouse Nearly Finished.

WOODVILLE, Or., Nov. 6.—(Special.)—Work is progressing finely on the new county bridge across the river at this place, being constructed at a cost of \$14,500. The concrete work has all been finished and the iron work is being put in place. Mr. East-terday of the Columbia Bridge company, contractors for the construction, was here from Portland this week, inspecting the work. It is expected that the structure will be ready to turn over to the county by December 15.

S. G. Seaman has finished his new store building and is now occupying it. The new schoolhouse is practically finished and will be ready for occupancy in a short time. This building cost \$14,000 and is up to date in every respect, a credit to the town and community.

FINCH FIGHTING IN LAST DITCH

Slayer of Ralph Fisher Must Die Within a Week for His Crime—All Hope Gone.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 6.—With the date of his execution only six days distant, James Finch, in his death cell at the Oregon penitentiary, is apparently as cool and unconcerned as at any time since he killed Ralph Fisher at Portland nearly a year ago.

State officials in this city are in the dark as to what steps are being taken by Finch's attorneys to prolong the life of their client. No appeal for commutation of the sentence has been made to Governor Benson, and the supreme court and attorney-general's offices are in the dark. It is understood, however, that a writ of probable cause has been asked direct from the United States supreme court at Washington, and that by this means it is hoped to delay the execution.

Harry Daley, who has appealed to the governor for a commutation of the death sentence, shows signs of the strain under which he is laboring, but has not yet given up hope of escaping the gallows.

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