

## ASHLAND GRANTS TROLLEY FRANCHISE

### BY OVERWHELMING VOTE CITY REVERSES PREVIOUS ACTION

#### MAJORITY IN FAVOR IS 221

Every Ward Piled Up Tremendous Majority in Favor of Granting Franchise for Trolley Line to John R. Allen—Assures Electric Line

By an overwhelming vote the citizens of Ashland yesterday granted to John R. Allen a franchise in that city for an electric trolley line. The vote stood 285 to 64, the franchise carrying by 221 majority.

The vote by wards:  
First ward—Yes 96, no 14; majority 82.

Second ward—Yes 99, No 26; majority 73.

Third ward—Yes 90, No 24; majority 66.

The vote was heavier than was expected, as the balloting was done very quietly.

By its action yesterday Ashland reverses a vote taken in regard to a similar application of Mr. Allen some weeks ago.

#### SOON TO CALL FOR BIDS ON CRATER ROAD

Engineer Heidel Completes Survey for This Season—Now Preparing His Estimates Preparatory to Calling for Bids.

Engineer Heidel has practically concluded the work of surveying the Crater Lake road for the distance he contemplates doing this season and is now engaged in compiling his data preparatory to calling for bids for the construction of the road. This work will occupy him for the next two weeks.

Mr. Heidel has already completed his estimates on that section of the road within the national forest and the forestry department will call for bids in the near future. The section of the road surveyed by Mr. Heidel this season extends from Prospect to Trail.

#### BLOODY FIGHT ON TACOMA STREET CAR

TACOMA, Wash., July 23.—Prosecuting Attorney McMurray is today investigating the sensational attack on Peter Jensen, one of the leaders of the citizens of Fern Hill, in their fight against the streetcar company, who was perhaps fatally beaten shortly after midnight at Fern Hill station. S. S. Rainey, conducted of the car which carried Jensen from Tacoma, is in jail, charged with the assault, while warrants have also been issued for the crew of the car and for a number of other streetcar men, who are charged with aiding in the affray. Fern Hill people are up in arms today at the outrage, freely charging conspiracy, and Prosecutor McMurray is looking for evidence to connect the assault with men higher up in the streetcar company service.

#### DETECTIVE ON CRIPPEN'S PATH

Inspector Dow of Scotland Yard Sails for Canada, Close on Trail of Man Wanted for Brutal Murder in England.

LONDON, July 23.—Dr. Hawley Crippen, accused of wife murder, with a typist, Miss Ethel Claire Leneve, will be arrested in Montreal next Saturday, when the steamship Sardonias ties up. According to a statement given out by Scotland Yard tonight the pair are unaware that they are under surveillance.

The man alleged to be Crippen is registered under the alias, "Rev. Dr. Robinson," while the supposed Leneve, disguised as a boy, is traveling as his son. Scotland Yard declares there is no doubt as to his identity.

LONDON, July 23.—Inspector Dow of Scotland Yard left hurriedly for Canada today. He admitted that his purpose was to find Dr. Hawley H. Crippen, the American dentist, whom the London police accuse of the murder of his wife at their home in Islington. He said he had received important information which makes him believe Crippen is in Canada.

The Evening News declared that Dow's departure followed the receipt of a wireless message from a vessel in midocean declaring that a couple resembling Dr. Crippen and Miss Ethel Leneve was aboard. The vessel is bound for a Canadian port. The name of the ship is withheld.

It is generally believed that the couple reported to be Dr. Crippen and Miss Leneve are aboard the steamer Corsicana, due to arrive in Quebec last Thursday. Inspector Dow sailed on the Caronia, bound for New York.

#### HUTCHASON CO. STOCK IS SOLD

Nine Bids Received—Junction City Firm Gets Stock, Paying \$11,700. Which Represents 45 Cents on the Dollar—Appraised at \$10,000.

The bankrupt stock of the Baker-Hutchason company was sold Saturday to a firm in Junction City. The successful firm bid \$11,750 for the stock, which was inventoried at \$24,000 and appraised at \$10,000. The bid represents about 45 cents on the dollar. Referee Withington was notified late Saturday and he immediately confirmed the sale.

Nine sealed bids were received, among them being a number from Medford. The bids were opened in Portland by R. L. Sabin, trustee. Whether the successful bidders will dispose of the stock here or take it to Portland is not known.

One of the places advertised for rent would make your kind of a home perhaps.

#### SUFFRAGETTES IN BIG PARADE

Over Half Million Women March Through Streets of London, Voicing Their Disapproval of Parliament in Shelving Bill.

LONDON, July 23.—The greatest suffragette parade that ever marched through the streets of London was seen today when more than half a million women showed their indignation at the shelving of the Chackleton bill giving the right of franchise to woman in parliamentary elections.

The great column was headed by 617 "prison martyrs" in the correction house uniforms worn by suffragettes imprisoned for disturbing the peace in London's streets and public halls.

Women in every profession were represented by brigades. Three hundred women artists, carrying palates and brushes, formed on division. More than 1000 professional nurses were in another.

The actresses, including practically all the prominent women on the English stage, formed a detachment 300 strong.

There were women doctors, women lawyers, thousands of housekeepers and housewives and working women.

A regiment of suffragist cavalry, superbly mounted, acted as escort to prominent suffragette leaders, including Mrs. Belmont. In the column were many floats and scores of beautiful woven banners.

#### GREAT DAMAGE FOREST FIRES

Thirteen Dead, Two Towns Wiped Out, 400 Homeless, \$4,500,000 Estimated Loss in Forest Fires of the Past Week.

The forest fire toll during the past week has been:  
13 deaths.  
2 towns wiped out.  
400 homeless.  
\$4,500,000 estimated loss.

PORTLAND, Or., July 23.—Showers during the past 56 hours have done much toward checking the big forest fires which have been sweeping the forests of the Pacific northwest and British Columbia the past week. Despite the downpour, however, several big fires are still burning in Idaho and British Columbia and a few smaller ones in Montana, Oregon and Washington.

A conservative estimate by government officials and timbermen conversant with the situation places the damage at \$4,500,000, with a strong possibility of the damage being higher when the full extent of the fires is known.

The devastation has been terrific during the last two weeks. Two towns, Whitewater, B. C., and Ryan, Wash., have been wiped off the map; 13 persons, including a woman and baby, were burned to death; over 400 have lost their homes; stretches of country once heavily timbered with the choicest forests are now a deso-

#### 20 CARLOAD EXHIBITS ARE PROMISED

Ren H. Rice Now Sending Out Hundreds of Invitations to Apple Growers to Send in Exhibits—Twenty Carloads Are Promised. Bigger Show Than Ever.

SPOKANE, Wash., July 23.—Twenty carload exhibits of apples are already promised for the national apple show here this fall. Last year there were but 13 full carload exhibits, of which the Rogue River, Oregon, orchardists furnished the best.

Secretary Ren H. Rice is now sending out hundreds of invitations to all parts of the continent in an effort to make the competition greater than ever before. Many fine exhibits are expected from Oregon because of the excellent success with which Oregon growers met last year.

#### \$25,000 PAID FOR 35 ACRES ORCHARD LAND

Andrews Brothers Purchase 35 Acres of Sam Bennett—Tract Contains Ten Acres of Newtowns, Which Have Made Name for Themselves.

Dr. J. W. Andrews of Mankato, Minn., and George Andrews of this city have purchased 35 acres of the Sam Bennett orchard, paying \$25,000 cash. George Andrews will reside on the property. Ed Andrews made the sale.

The Bennett orchard is one of the best known in the valley. On the tract purchased is ten acres of Newtowns, which have made a great reputation for themselves. The other portion of the land is planted to pears.

This property is situated ideally upon which to make a home, and it is the intention of Dr. Andrews to build such a home there. George Andrews will have charge of the property, with full authority to carry out his ideas in the making of an artistic suburban home.

The place has been christened the "Westview Orchards," and will be known as such from now on.

#### PRESIDENT TAFT SPRAINS HIS ANKLE

ELLSWORTH, Me., July 23.—President Taft tonight is suffering from a sprained ankle sustained on the golf links at Bar Harbor. He is under a surgeon's care. The ankle is bandaged or he couldn't walk at all.

He was injured when he slipped on the grass and fell heavily. He was able to resume the game. Today, however, the ankle began hurting and a surgeon was called.

Libby, Mont., reports the fires in the Kootenai reserve practically extinguished. Small fires still rage in the Flathead country, in Idaho. The great Pine Creek fire continues unabated, but is believed to be under control.

#### Engineers Report Leaning Tower Of Pisa May Fall Any Second.



The royal engineers appointed to investigate the condition of the famous leaning tower of Pisa reported that the inclination from the perpendicular has recently increased eight inches owing to the weakness of the foundation. The engineers declare the historic old tower is on the verge of collapse and that it is extremely doubtful if it can be repaired. The ringing of the bells in the tower has been ordered stopped, because the vibrations thus caused threatened to throw down the structure. This campanile or leaning tower was erected in 1174-1350. It was in this structure that Galileo worked out the theory of the pendulum.

#### ASHLAND AWARDS PAVING TO WARREN CONSTRUCTION CO.

ASHLAND, Or., July 23.—The city council of Ashland last night opened bids for the improvement of certain streets in the city with bituminous pavement, as heretofore advertised. Two bids were received, one by the Beaver Construction company and the other by the Warren Construction company. The bid of the Warren Construction company was determined by the council to be the lowest and best and the contract was ordered awarded to that company. The aggregate cost of the work, as shown by the surety bond furnished, will be a little over \$140,000.

Immediately after awarding the contract the contract and accompanying papers were laid before the council, they having been already prepared, and were executed by Mr. Olsen, an agent of the Warren company, who had been appointed attorney in fact with power to sign for the company, and by the mayor and recorder. The contract and surety bond were then approved by the council.

Councilman Cunningham protested against the undue haste and irregularity in all these proceedings, since a case had been instituted on the referendum petition in the circuit court, whose decision might nullify all that had been done; that the con-

tract had been awarded to this company without proper competition and the people who had to pay for the improvement had been given no consideration whatever.

The company agrees to complete the whole of the projected improvement within 70 days from the beginning of the work.

This is the improvement against which the referendum was invoked, and a restraining order against the referendum secured by the Warren Construction company through its attorney, A. E. Reames.

It is stated that an arrangement has been made between Mr. Reames and R. G. Smith, attorney for the petitioners and abutters, under which the court will hear arguments on the restraining order next Monday. Some interesting points are involved in this case of far-reaching importance since it involves the application of the referendum to the most important subjects of legislation.

The petitioners claim that since a part of the expenditure for the proposed improvement is to come out of the fund provided by the taxpayers, it is a matter of general legislation and the ordinance was one subject to the lawful exercise of the referendum. The other side claims that it is a kind of special legislation not at all subject to the referendum.

#### ALL FORMER RECORDS FOR TRAVEL TO LAKE SHATTERED

Secretary Parkhurst of the Crater Lake company arrived from the lake Saturday afternoon, and states that the travel to this great natural wonder was increasing very rapidly. During the month of June 320 people registered at the government station, and during the first 15 days of this month 260 had registered.

This breaks all former records for this time of year to the rim of Crater Lake. The trail down to the water's edge had been improved, and a large number have gone down to the water and taken boat rides and fished in the lake. These report good luck all hav-

ing caught the limit of five to the individual.

Mr. Parkhurst says while the season opened at the lake this season earlier than usual, the tourist travel has hardly begun in earnest, and he expects the heaviest travel through there this year ever known.

Within a very short time the dining room on the rim of the lake in the new lodge will have been completed. The opening of this resort has been delayed owing to these being no water available, the pump being broken. However, in a few days this will be remedied.

#### PAGE HOTEL CONTRACT IS AWARDED

Long-Term Lease Is Taken on the Building by Well-Known Hotel Man, Who Expects to Serve New Year's Dinner in New Structure—Concrete Work Is Let.

Work will start Monday on the erection of the Page Hotel building at the corner of Main and Riverside. It will be rushed to completion with the expectation of serving a New Year dinner in the grill of the new hotel.

A long-term lease has been taken on the hotel by Frank A. Clark of Portland, who is one of the best-known hotel men in the northwest. The building is to be erected by the Page Building & Land company, which has just been incorporated with a capital stock of \$100,000. Dr. F. C. Page, S. K. Page and C. A. Knight are the incorporators.

A contract for the erection of the foundation was let Saturday to the Medford Cement & Paving company. They will start work Monday. The Garnett-Corey Hardware company was granted a permit for the sewer

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#### ADJOURNED TERM OF CIRCUIT COURT MEETS MONDAY

Judge Calkins Calls a Special Venire of Seventeen Trial Jurors, and Also Orders March Grand Jury to Meet—Many Matters to Come Up.

The March term of circuit court will be reconvened Monday pursuant to the regular term.

In order to facilitate the business of the court, Judge Calkins has ordered that the grand jury meet Monday for the consideration of the several matters which are to come before them.

There are nine prisoners in the county jail awaiting examination before the grand jury on charges ranging from larceny to assault with intent to kill.

Frank Williams and William Freeman will be called upon to answer a charge of larceny, in a dwelling, committed in Medford.

Lloyd French is accused of having stolen a horse and was committed from Jacksonville.

Tom Root and Jack Williams used knives on opponents and must answer to a charge of using a dangerous weapon.

Norman Grantham must explain why he used another man's name in vain — on a check.

Frank McDonald and Pierre Sianto are accused of using weapons not classed as innocent.

August Hartwell, according to the complaint, stole another man's "unmentionables" and was wearing them when found by the police. August will explain this to the grand jury.

The first case to be considered on Monday morning will be the Pacific & Eastern-Phelps right of way case and the special venire of trial jurors is principally called to adjudicate this case.

The grand jury consists of F. M. Centers, R. C. F. Astbury, M. D. Bowles, R. A. Clark, Frank Nell, J. C. Barnard, R. C. Ellason.