

## GOT AX WHERE HE NEEDED IT

Local Man is Given Object Lesson by Merchant When it Comes to Question of Buying From a Mail Order House.

A rather amusing story is told of a man who went into a local hardware store to purchase an ax. Being shown the article and informed that the price was \$1.15, he said:

"Why, I can get that same kind of an ax from a mail order house for 90 cents."

"Very well," said the hardware man; "I will give it to you for the same price, provided you will do the same with me as you will do with it."

"All right," replied the customer, as he handed over a dollar bill, the merchant giving him back 10 cents in change.

"Now," said the hardware man, "I want 25 cents more to pay express charges," which the purchaser gave him. "How much did your ax cost you?"

"One dollar and fifteen cents," the man answered.

"Very good. Now give me 5 cents more for money order fees and postage," which the purchaser had to hand over. "Now, how much did your ax cost you?"

"One dollar and twenty cents," said the customer.

"Not so cheap after all," said the merchant, whereupon he picked up the ax, tossed it back on the shelf, and told the customer to call for it in three weeks, as that would be as soon as he could get it if he had ordered it from the mail order house.

## HERE'S CHANCE FOR AMBITIOUS YOUNGSTER

A competitive qualifying examination to be held at the University of Oregon at Eugene on Thursday and Friday, April 6 and 7, will determine Senator Chamberlain's appointment from the state at large of a cadet to West Point. The competition is open to every young man in the state who comes within the age limit. Senator Chamberlain will appoint that candidate who passes the highest test in the qualifying examinations. A first and second alternate will also be appointed. After qualifying, the appointee must report to the Presidio in California on Tuesday, May 2, for the official examination of the government. If successful he will be admitted to the academy at West Point on June 14, 1911. If he is unsuccessful the two alternates will be given a chance.

In both the qualifying examinations at the university, and in the final examinations at the Presidio the subjects for examination will include the following: Algebra, plane geometry, English grammar, English composition, English literature, geography and history. In addition a strict physical examination will be required.

Candidates must be not less than 17 nor more than 22 years of age; not less than five feet four inches in height at the age of 17 or five feet five inches in size at the age of 18 or upwards.

## HOME RULE LIQUOR LAW TO BE TESTED

EUGENE, Or., March 8.—In order to test the new home rule liquor law as it may apply to cities in "dry" territory, a petition for a local option election at Cottage Grove was presented to County Clerk Russell a few days ago. He refused to file it and a petition for writ of mandamus to compel him to do so has been filed in court, this being a part of the program to test the matter. The decision on this petition for mandamus will decide, it is thought, whether or not a city in "dry" territory may invoke the home rule law and secure saloons.

## HERMIT IS BURNED TO DEATH IN CABIN

EUGENE, Or., March 8.—A telephone message from Florence to a local paper this morning brings the information that George Griffith, an English bachelor aged 60, who had been living alone in the mountains near Heecto Head lighthouse on the coast of Lane county, 10 miles north of Florence, was found burned to death in his cabin Saturday. Lighthouse Keeper Hanson took Griffith's mail to him that day and found the house in ruins, with the man's charred remains inside.

Griffith was a Mason, and the body was taken charge of by the lodge at Florence. Little is known of him in this vicinity.

## MILLAR DEMANDS MAYOR'S REPORT

At Session of the Council Tuesday Night, Councilman Millar Voiced Demands of Socialists of City for Annual Report of Mayor.

Voicing, he said, the demand of the 235 socialists of the city of Medford, Councilman G. H. Millar last night rose to the floor at the meeting of the city council and demanded that the mayor publish the annual statement of the condition of the affairs of the city called for in chapter III, paragraph 14, of the city charter. Millar, at the first meeting after he had taken office, requested the executive for the report. Mayor Canon at the time replied that none had been prepared, as he was not required to submit such a report.

Armed with a typewritten folio, purporting to be an excerpt from the charter of the city, Millar again demanded the submission of the document by the mayor, adding that there was no personal feeling back of the demand, but merely a desire on the part of the local socialists to go on record as showing that an omission had been made when the report had not been submitted "on the last regular meeting of the council before the annual election in each year" as required by the paragraph.

Mayor Canon replied that if Recorder Telfer could find the time to compile it, the report would be made up.

## ASHLAND MAKES READY FOR SEASON'S PAVING

ASHLAND, Or., March 18.—The new quarry of the Warren Construction company at the foot of Mountain avenue is the scene of lively operations these days, over 50 employees being on the payroll at present. Blasting is making the welkin ring, while the crusher is keeping pace with the quarry supply. Crushed material is being hauled to both the mixing plant and the vicinity of the Boulevard, where paving is to go ahead to a considerable extent, that locality being "the first on the docket." This district is about half a mile from crushing operations and teams make eight trips per day over the short haul, as compared with half as many over the long one west of town on last season's schedule.

D. A. Hathaway, who has been cashier in the local office for some time past, has been transferred to the scene of active operations at Portland headquarters, and A. J. McCullen succeeds to the position of cashier here.

**CARD OF THANKS.**  
We wish to extend our sincere thanks to our friends and neighbors for their kindness in our late bereavement, also for the floral offerings.

MR. and MRS. JOHN McCAIN.  
MRS. GLADYS PHILLIPS.  
MISS ZELMA SMITH.

## VAN WINKLE TO DRAW HIS SALARY IN MAY

SALEM, Or., March 8.—Affirming a former opinion rendered by Circuit Judge L. T. Harris in the case when it first came up for hearing in the circuit court for Marion county last fall, Judge Galloway this morning found that an act of the twenty-sixth legislature wherein an attempt is made in the general appropriation bill to create the office of assistant attorney general so that I. H. Van Winkle may draw his salary until May 19 when the new act specifically creating the office will go into effect, is void and of no effect.

## Ashland Elks Elect.

ASHLAND, March 8.—At the annual election held by Ashland lodge, No. 944, B. P. O. Elks, on Saturday evening the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Exalted ruler, Dr. F. G. Swendenburg; esteemed leading knight, W. E. Newcombe; esteemed loyal knight, H. H. Gillette; esteemed lecturing knight, L. D. McKee; secretary, H. C. Sparr; treasurer, D. Guy Good; Tyler, George Baughman; trustee for term of three years, Dr. Julio Edelman; representative to the grand lodge, A. G. Livingston; alternate, C. H. Pierce.

There was a very large attendance of members and a number of candidates were initiated during the session, two from Klamath Falls and one from another adjoining precinct. A feast of good things closed the labors of the elective session.

## PUBLIC BENEFITS BY LOWER RATES

Local Wholesalers Send Out Circulars to Their Customers Quoting Reduced Prices On Staples Owing to Reduced Rates.

The residents of Medford and adjoining territory are getting the direct benefit from the recent reduction of freight rates on the Southern Pacific lines from Portland to Medford. Local wholesalers have sent circulars to their customers quoting reductions which, to quote a circular "are made possible by a recent reduction in freight rates."

A long list of staple groceries and hardware are given at reductions ranging from 5 to 20 cents per hundred weight. Retailers in turn are making reductions and the consumer is getting the benefit.

## HIGH SCHOOL CONTRACT IN ASHLAND IS LET

ASHLAND, Or., March 8.—The school board has opened bids for construction of the new high school building, the following from six construction firms having been submitted:

Hoyt Bros., Santa Rosa, Cal., \$73,000; \$69,500.  
Bartlett & Roth, Pullman, Wash., \$72,800; \$69,100.  
Crowley & Jubb, San Francisco, \$69,896; \$65,896.  
Ward Bros. & Calder, Reno, Nev., \$74,838.50; \$69,496.22.  
Welch Bros., Salem, \$68,063.  
Snook & Traver, Salem, \$62,529; \$56,420.

The first and second amounts given with each bid represent maximum and minimum offers respectively, according to greater or less elaboration of the work on the contract, such as extra finishing effects, etc.

Snook & Travers, being the lowest bidders, their figures were accepted, and the contract for the big job will be awarded to them according to plans and specifications drawn by George A. Ferris, the architect, who is now in the city and will remain here until the contracts are closed.

## ROSEBURG FAIR DATE FOR 1910, SEPTEMBER 26

ROSEBURG, Or., March 8.—At the annual meeting of the Second Southern Oregon District Agricultural society, held in this city yesterday, it was decided to hold the district fair for 1911 at Roseburg on September 26 to 30, inclusive. Eugene will get the fair in 1912, and it will be optional for Coos county to hold the fair at Marshfield in 1913 if they so desire.

Officers were elected for the present year as follows: C. W. Parrott, president; Amos Wilkins, first vice-president; F. P. Norton, second vice-president; Robert E. Smith, secretary; C. W. Clark, assistant secretary; J. H. Booth, treasurer.

With the benefit of experience of past years, and the fixing of a date in conformity with other fairs of this and other states, so that horsemen can spend a week here while making the regular fair circuit, it is expected that the speed program and other features will be the best ever seen here.

## Troops to Border.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, March 8.—The fifteenth infantry stationed at Fort Douglas started for the Mexican border yesterday in response to rush orders from the war department at Washington. It is believed that troops are being sent southward on account of the many reports reaching the state department that bandits, under the guise of insurgents are interfering seriously with Americans along the border and are purloining provisions and tools. According to reports reaching here insistent appeals for interference on the part of the United States to protect American from molestation has at last been heard by the administration.

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## TENTH OF AN INCH RAINFALL

Precipitation During Past Twenty-four Hours Light Although Down-pour Became Brisk Last Evening for a Time.

During the past 24 hours a tenth of an inch of rainfall was recorded, although the heavy downpour and deep banked clouds of last evening promised more for a while.

Although the clouds have cleared away today, occasional showers are promised for tonight.

District Forecaster E. A. Beales is busily engaged in installing weather apparatus on the roof of the Garnett-Corey building. He will complete his work by tomorrow and then Professor O'gara will start a complete system of records.

## SMOKE HOUSE WINS OVER 'NAT SPECIALS'

By winning two games out of three and rolling up a score of 2438 to 2265, the Smoke House team defeated the Nat Specials in a game bowled last night on the Natatorium alleys. During the games, which are part of the new series being played between teams of the city league, W. Antle and M. L. Patton, both members of the Smoke House team, tied for high score with 227 each. Patton, however, carried off the high average honors for the evening with 193.

The next game of the series will be played tonight between the Locomobiles and the Senators.

Haskins for Health.

## EAGLE POINT, WET OR DRY?

City Council Meets and Calls Special Election to Solve Liquor Question—Will Vote on Matter on March 18—Lively Contest.

The city council of the newly incorporated town of Eagle Point has called a special election on the liquor question, and on March 18 the little city will decide the matter.

Both sides of the issue have staunch advocates and the matter will be bitterly contested.

## TELEPHONE BOY GETS \$30,000 THROUGH TIP

NEW YORK, March 8.—W. J. Roman, a telephone boy in the office of James R. Keene, made \$30,000 in a Wall street speculation, according to his testimony today in the bankruptcy proceedings of Lathrop, Haskins & Co., one of the stock exchange firms caught in the collapse of the Hocking pool.

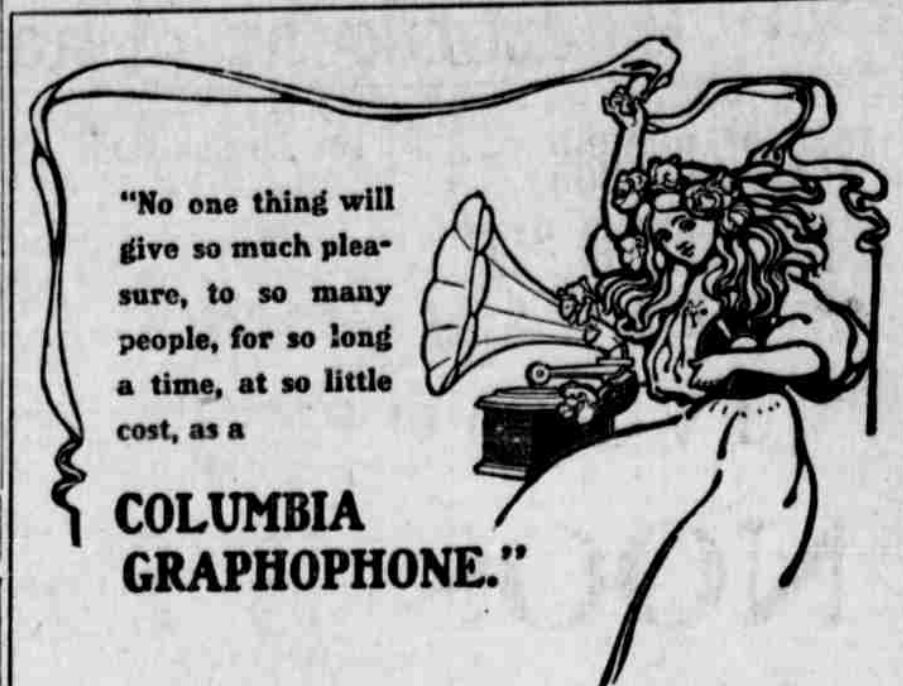
Creditors are endeavoring to show that Mr. Keene was responsible for the failure of the pool and that young Roman, knowing the collapse was imminent, turned his knowledge to good account.

Mr. Keene knew nothing of his transactions, he testified, and he kept the stock in his own safety vault.

## ROCK SPRINGS COAL.

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