

NEWS FROM COUNTRY CORRESPONDENTS

ASHLAND AND VICINITY

The Commercial club held a rousing meeting Tuesday night, many business men being present. Reports were forthcoming from standing and special committees, under the latter head the proposed special tax levy and federal building measures coming up. Relief for the Belgians, state irrigation measures, farm land bureau and other topics were discussed. In the membership line there were six backsliders, but these were more than offset by seven others who were taken in on probation having seen the error of their ways and being resolved henceforth to lead a booster life. Under new business, Prof. Hugo O. Frohbach, just returned from San Francisco, gave a glowing account of the progress of the big exposition towards completion, dwelling especially on the status of Oregon affairs there, he having visited the grounds in an official capacity. He reported a generous amount of space in the Oregon building as having been reserved for Jackson county, and that more was available if found necessary. In a measure the professor has charge of the Oregon display at the exposition and is closely watching the trend of development down there. In connection with boosting the membership of the club, a sentiment is springing up in favor of the admission of women members. Advocates of this new departure and innovation take the logical view that, inasmuch as women now vote and hold office, and also belong to organizations innumerable, they should be allowed to join the Commercial club, and thus increase the membership from the present roster of nearly 300 to one of over 5000 active hustlers.

There are just 10 more boys than girls in Ashland's school district, the figures being 655 and 645 respectively, a total of 1300. Last year's census gave a total of 1275.

B. H. Dunlap and family from North Plain, Washington county, have located here temporarily on account of health conditions, also superior school facilities for their children. They are occupying the McWilliams residence on south Laurel street.

Mrs. Tibbetts, of Eugene, left for home early in the week, after an extended visit here with the Van Meter family.

Among substantial improvements in the building line the past season, Chas. Veghte, on Gresham street, has literally rebuilt his residence and converted it into a bungalow. Nels Erickson, on Fairview street, likewise has adopted the bungalow type in remodeling his home place. Geo. W. Scott, a newcomer from Oklahoma has made an imposing looking colonial of the Coleburne place on north Main street. Louis Hilly and J. R. Lilly, both Southern Pacific conductors, have also made considerable changes in their residence properties located on Gresham and Union streets respectively. The Coder bungalow, on South Laurel street, is among the brand new cottages erected here this season. Among the minor improvements the appearance of the baronial manor of Prof. H. G. Gilmore, a retired British officer residing on the Woolen street section of the Scenic Drive, has been much enhanced by the addition of a pergola. The extension of the Enders' block is the most notable improvement in a public way this season. The department store proper embraces four subdivisions filled with general merchandise, while the annex affords spacious accommodations for a cafeteria, tailor shop, and one of the swiftest barber shops between Portland and San Francisco. The Columbia Hotel occupies the upper floor of the main structure, to the apartments of which have been added a spacious sun parlor. This model structure is located in the midst of the business center, opposite Elks' temple, is built of reinforced concrete, and its floor space covers over 25,000 square feet.

Tuesday noon special detachments of coast artillery passed through here southbound to San Diego. Two companies were represented, the 20th from Fort Worden and the 160th from Fort Stevens. Over 200 men, together with animals and equipment, were of the party.

Conditioned upon the disposal of the entire issue, the First National Bank is scheduled for an allotment of \$5000 of the \$175,000 issue of the city's auxiliary water bonds, the bank to pay par and accrued interest. The securities bear 5 per cent interest. Prospective contractors on the mineral springs job contemplate taking over a large block of the bonds.

Three mothers in Israel, sisters and each a widow, reside in this town, and may be observed almost any Sunday at the Presbyterian church, of which they are charter members. They are Mrs. Louisa Gillette, aged 81; Mrs. Mary Dunn, 77; and Mrs. Ann Russell, 76. They are the daughters of Isaac Hill, one of the earliest pioneers, who first came to Oregon in 1849 from Tennessee, and brought his family to these parts in 1852. These mothers are wonderfully well preserved for women of their years, and a host of children, grand children and great grandchildren rise up to call them blessed. Mrs. Russell is a marble cutter, having succeeded to the business left by her husband many years ago. Mrs. Dunn and Mrs. Gillette have retired to the enjoyment of a serene old age, under a still youthful environment, however.

Mrs. Lucy R. Shaw died Monday morning. She was a widow over 80 years of age, and the mother of E. B. Shaw. The family resided on B street. Funeral services were held Wednesday, the ceremonies at the grave being conducted by the Eastern Star order.

Henry Scott, residing near Steinman, who was arrested early in the week for throwing stones at a S. P. passenger train and smashing several windows, is to have a hearing Wednesday. In the meantime he has been under arrest here, confined in the city jail.

FLOUNCE ROCK FRILLS

J. F. Ditsworth, Sr., took Miss Ita Lytle, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Nelson Nye and two children to Medford Wednesday, where Miss Lytle expects to spend the winter. Mrs. Green went on to her home at Deer Harbor, Wash. Mrs. Nye and Mr. Ditsworth transacted business in the valley and returned home Monday and Tuesday.

Kay Kincaid left Thursday for Roseburg, where she will take teachers' examination and probably will spend the winter there with her sister, Mrs. March Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Erskine recently received a letter from their son Albert, announcing the birth of a son to himself and wife at Honolulu, T. H. The proud grandparents are receiving the congratulations of their friends.

R. E. Peyton is better at present writing, but still unable to leave the house.

Uriah Gordon spent Saturday and Sunday at home, returning to his work at Mr. Vaughn's Sunday eve.

Margery Erskine is spending this week at Mr. Kincaid's, studying with Miss Peeler.

The W. C. T. U. met Saturday with Mrs. Ditsworth. The president not being present, Mrs. Ditsworth took charge of the meeting, which was short, as there were only eight present, counting visitors.

We've had a week of clouds, rain and snow. The stockmen are gathering their cattle.

Earl Peyton and Charles Manning have been hauling fence posts and wire from Derby for Mr. Mansfield. They report the roads bad.

There is a low rumbling frequently heard these days, which gives rise to much discussion as to whether it is earthquakes, artillery, distant and continuous thunder or the sound of the ocean. The latter supposition seems the more probable.

This rumbling is heard almost every spring and fall.

PHOENIX PHACTLETS

The W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. S. P. Cope Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. B. Dodge of Medford spent part of last week in town.

Bert Peck of Medford spent Friday with friends in this vicinity.

Miss Poley of Ashland spent the week end with her sister, Mrs. C. Hartley.

Mrs. Fuller of Anderson creek spent Friday in town. Mr. and Mrs. Fuller soon leave to spend a few months in Augusta, Me., and other points in the east.

Miss Hathaway and Miss Hartley of Ashland spent part of the week with the latter's brothers and their families in South Phoenix.

Miss Lowe of Ashland spent Monday in town.

missed from our town, but their friends are pleased that they are still in the valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Hammond of Medford are newcomers who reside at the north end of the city of Pacific highway.

Manager Beeten of San Francisco is here superintending the beginning of the season's work at the spray plant.

Howard Frame was in town last Friday and is so much better that he expected to return to school in Ashland Monday.

G. A. Hover sold his ranch west of town to some parties from California and will soon move to California with his family, where they will make their home.

Mrs. Will Ferns spent Friday in town. It was the first time Mrs. Ferns had been in town since her recent illness.

The Presbyterian Sunday school is hard at work preparing a program for Christmas.

Mrs. George Elfers and Mrs. Allen Roberts visited Mrs. Roberts' daughter in Talent the first of the week.

The bazaar held in the Eagle hall under the auspices of the Presbyterian Ladies' Aid, was a financial and social success. Mrs. G. A. Morse and Mrs. C. Hartley had charge of the candy booth; Mrs. F. E. Furry, the kitchen aprons; Mrs. Belle Frost, the fancy aprons; Mrs. H. H. Boyer, the pillow cases and towels; Mrs. W. J. Elmer, the caps, and Mrs. M. Sheets, sundry articles. Among the many unique and beautiful articles offered for sale were calendars on which were beautiful pictures of the Presbyterian church painted in water colors by Mrs. T. Fish. In the evening a lunch was served. Mrs. C. C. Scott as chairman of the refreshment committee was ably assisted by Mrs. J. Rader, Mrs. A. S. Furry, Mrs. G. Yost and Mrs. J. B. Webster. The hall was beautifully decorated for the occasion and each fair merchant had her goods so well displayed that they sold themselves.

EAGLE POINT EAGLETS.

By A. C. Howlett.

Last Thursday night Messrs. Ralph Cowgill and John Foster came out from their camp at Fish Lake. Mr. Geo. H. Frey brought them out from the Frey ranch. They had to walk from the lake out through about a foot and a half of snow, they all spent the night at the Saunty Side.

E. C. Silliman of Medford who is traveling in the interest of a confectionery firm of San Francisco spent the night with us Thursday. He had been to Butte Falls and stopped here to canvass our town.

William Hillman of Climax came out Saturday, took in the dance and picture show that night and procured room for the latter part of the night with us.

Mention is already been made of the death of one of our old and highly respected citizens, Linsey Given, who died December 3, 1914, at his home on Rogue River near the mouth of Little Butte Creek. In the Mail Tribune but in mentioning the names of the survivors the fact of his wife being living, was by some means omitted, so I will call the attention of the reader to the fact that his beloved wife still survives him, adding one more to the list of those left to feel their bereavement. Mr. Given has been afflicted for some years, as he had a stroke of paralysis and has been helpless to a great extent for some time. He leaves a widow, seven children, twenty grand children and a host of friends to feel his loss. The funeral services were conducted at the residence by Rev. L. L. Simmons, pastor of the Baptist church of this place. There was a large number of his old friends and neighbors followed the remains to their last resting place in the Central Point cemetery.

A card of thanks will appear in the Mail Tribune.

The Woman's Aid society will have a public sale of some of the productions of the home talent in the line of household goods on December 15 in the room formerly occupied as a meat market, joining Fred L. Heath's store.

Last Sunday Rev. William J. Mengher of Medford, the pastor of the Catholic church of this place, came out Sunday morning and conducted services in the Catholic church in the afternoon and came to the Sunnyside for dinner. He was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Clements, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Meyer and son Audley, Miss Maggie Sidley and Carl Desok of Brownboro.

J. F. Ditsworth of Prospect came out from Medford, where he had been doing business for a couple of days, and spent the night with us, and while here paid me two years' subscription to the Weekly Mail Tribune.

To The Public.

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