

ASHLAND HOLDS SPECIAL ELECTION TO CUT OUT BILLINGS

ASHLAND, Feb. 12.—The special election to amend the city charter relative to affording the Pacific highway specific ingress into Ashland, is being held today, competent authority having decided that such election could be held on a holiday. Some thought that the Lincoln birthday anniversary might interfere. Under the prominent heading, "Seven Good Reasons Why You Should Vote 'Yes' on Lincoln's Birthday," circulars were scattered broadcast previous to the election, setting forth the merits of the reasons aforesaid. The circulars were signed by Mayor Johnson. Friends of the contemplated amendment are sanguine that the measure will carry by an overwhelming majority. The particular strip of highway affected is the portion extending from the present terminus of the paved roadway at the foot of Farnham hill to the paved area within municipal limits, crossing the Southern Pacific right of way en route.

Ashland Locals
The chief event in fraternal circles for sometime past was the celebration of the 23d anniversary of Granite Tent No. 4, order of the Maccabees, which occurred Wednesday evening. About 150 were present, including State Commander Sherwood, of Portland. An honored guest also was E. A. Hildreth, of Butte Falls, known as "The Father of the Tent," who organized the local order 23 years ago. The ladies of Margaret Hive, the women's auxiliary, swarmed into the lodge hall and added to the gaiety of the event. There was a program, banquet and dance, the festivities being kept up until 2 a. m. F. H. Crowson is commander and Geo. F. Damon, record keeper. Charley Gillette, the first commander and Ed Thornton, the first record keeper, both of whom are charter members, attended the reunion, and swapped yarns over the earlier Maccabean period.

Undertaker Stock was at his branch establishment at Central Point Wednesday, in attendance upon the funeral of Mrs. Josephine Moseley, who died there Feb. 8, aged 75 years. She was a native of Indian, and was the mother of Mrs. J. W. Gray, of Central Point. Interment was in that city.

Mrs. F. D. Wagner and son Paul left for Salem early in the week for a visit with Representative Wagner who is in attendance upon sessions of the assembly. Mother and son will remain at the state capital for an indefinite stay.

The local Commercial club was represented at Medford Tuesday evening by Messrs. Newcombe, McWilliams, Seager and McNair, who went over to attend a joint session of both houses in discussing an advertising project. On Wednesday the local executive board met and ratified the deal which engages a fixed space in the Peck-Judah Blue Book, a publication which is authority on outings, transportation schedules and hotels throughout an extent of territory that reaches from end of the country to the other.

The annual inspection of First company, C. A. C., occurs Monday evening, Feb. 15, at which time Capt. R. W. Collins, of the regular army, will be present to note the equipment and put the boys through a course of sprouts.

Court, with his Cadillac from Medford, was in town Wednesday morning, demonstrating the merits of the big eight-cylinder. Joe Hart, D. Peruzzi, H. G. Butterfield, Monte Briggs and Billy Briggs were the first to secure a joy ride in the new machine. The car has been sold to Joshua Patterson, near Talent for \$2200. This is no Josh. Hall says he will have another of similar type, but larger seating capacity, plying between Ashland and Medford at an early date if the shipping bill goes through.

Twins, a boy and girl, were born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Wheelless, at Hornbrook, recently. Mrs. Wheelless was formerly Miss Grace Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Anderson, well known in Ashland. Mr. Wheelless is connected with the Dupont Powder Co., and at present is in the east.

DIED

MACDOUGAL, at his ranch near Holland, Feb. 9, Jack MacDougal, aged 90, pioneer miner of Althouse creek. He had resided in southern Oregon since 1851, was a native of Scotland and came to the coast as a sailor. Appointed executioner by an improvised court on the Klamath river in the early 50's, he executed a Mexican murderer who was convicted by a miner's jury. MacDougal followed mining to the day of his death.

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USE POISON TO KILL MAD COYOTES OF EASTERN OREGON

In view of the prevalence of rabies among coyotes in eastern Oregon, the district forester has announced the results of some very effective work that has been done by the forest service in destroying these animals. Of all the predatory animals killed in the district last year by forest officials, 31 per cent were killed on the Malheur National forest by a method which Supervisor Bingham has found very successful. In one month last winter Mr. Bingham killed 32 coyotes in the vicinity of John Day, devoting only half his time to the work. For the benefit of those who have been the victims of these mad animals, an extract from Supervisor Bingham's report on his method of dealing with the coyotes is given herewith:

"A poison should be selected that will lose its effectiveness in a short time after being placed, so that in case it is not picked up by a coyote it will do no damage. The Northwest Hilde & Fur Co., Minneapolis, Minn., sells a poison of this character in the shape of a small capsule containing enough poison to immediately kill a coyote. The price is \$1.75 per 100 capsules. In ordering these capsules, it must be stated for what purpose they are intended so that the proper size will be secured. Different sized capsules are required for different animals. These capsules are called "suredeath poison capsules."

"To prepare capsules for use, take a roll of old butter, preferably a little rancid. Warm it until it is soft enough to handle well, but not enough to melt. Care must be used to touch the butter with the hands. Use a small wooden paddle that has no human scent to it. With his paddle cut off a piece of butter about the size of a marble; lay it on an un-scented board and flatten it out; place the capsule on the strip of butter; roll the butter around the capsule, leaving it as nearly round as possible. Take a small pair of wooden pincers and place the butter rolls in a jar that is free from scent. Never use metal to handle the butter or capsules—always wood."

Then let the butter rolls freeze or harden and keep them in a cool place until used. The carcass of an old cow or horse should be used as bait—a fresh carcass preferred. Place the bait on top of knoll or hill, such as coyotes frequent. Avoid ground covered with brush. Do not kill the bait by shooting, but by severing the main arteries in the neck. All operation must be done from horseback, so that no odor will be left on the ground to keep the coyotes away. Throw two or three dozen capsules around the carcass, either in the snow or under natural debris. In conclusion, Mr. Bingham says:

"Too much emphasis cannot be laid on the necessity of laying no human scent, either on the poisoned rolls of butter, or on the ground about the carcass. Firearms should never be carried. One might occasionally be able to shoot a coyote if he had his gun along, but in doing so he would do more harm than good. Everything used in the preparation and placing of the bait should be absolutely free from scent. One should never dismount within half a mile of the carcass for any purpose, nor leave anything about the bait that could possibly carry a human scent."

JOSEPHINE TEACHER SUES FOR DAMAGES

GRANTS PASS, Feb. 12.—Ellen E. Goldsborough has entered suit in the circuit court, through her attorney, Jesse Johnston, against school district No. 27 of Josephine county, seeking judgment for a balance of \$425 which she claims is her due upon a contract. Mrs. Goldsborough was engaged by the school board of district 27 to teach a nine months' school at Wolf Creek, at a salary of \$85 per month. After teaching four months Mrs. Goldsborough was removed from her position upon charges of inefficiency and for various other alleged shortcomings. The teacher appealed to the county superintendent, and after taking the testimony of many witnesses judgment was rendered in favor of the school board, which was supported by Superintendent Savage upon six of seven allegations. In the suit now commenced by Mrs. Goldsborough she asks judgment in the amount of \$425, the wages that would have been her due had she been allowed to teach the five months that were still to run upon the contract.

SCENE FROM "GREY LADY" AT THE STAR THEATER SATURDAY



CZAR STRENGTHENS SECOND LINE OF RUSSIAN DEFENSE

BERLIN, Feb. 12.—The National Zeitung has published a dispatch from a correspondent of the Russian border, who says the Russians are employing thousands of laborers to strengthen their second line of defense. At the fortresses of Ivango-rod, Brest-Litovsk and Kovno men are working day and night. At Brest-Litovsk arrangements have been made to flood the entire district, and for seventy-five miles the territory around the fortresses has been barred to ordinary travel. Great stores of ammunition and stores are being laid in.

These preparations, the correspondent of the National Zeitung goes on to say, make the inhabitants fear that the Russians soon will be seen falling back. Grand Duke Nicholas, the Russian commander-in-chief in the field, and General Ruzsky enjoy the fullest confidence of the people, the correspondent continues. The grand duke is just now at the height of his power and he is very popular with the Russian soldiers. Referring to the Russian people, the correspondent says:

"It must be admitted that there are no signs of the Russian people becoming tired of the war. A small peace party exists at the court of Emperor Nicholas, but it is without influence. In most of the more important cities recruits in large numbers are being drilled. These men in part are excellent material, but the weapons with which they are supplied leave much to be desired."

REPUBLICANS TO BANQUET TONIGHT

Republicans of Jackson county will have their night of joy at the Lincoln Day banquet to be held this evening at the Medford Hotel. George P. Putnam, private secretary of Governor Withycombe will be the guest of honor and principal speaker. This afternoon he is being taken over the Pacific highway for an auto ride, and visiting nearby towns. Col. H. H. Sargent, head of local Bull Moosers will be another important speaker. Colonel Sargent's speech is expected to start a stampede of Roosevelt men back into the G. O. P. corral. Prominent wheelhorses of Standpatism will make five minute talks. Republicans from all over the county are expected to be in attendance. It will be a love and harmony feast.

Delegations of republicans from Gold Hill, Eagle Point, Central Point and Ashland will be in attendance. As far as Jackson county is concerned the banquet will be the opening gun of the 1916 campaign. Turkey will be served by Manager Mohr.

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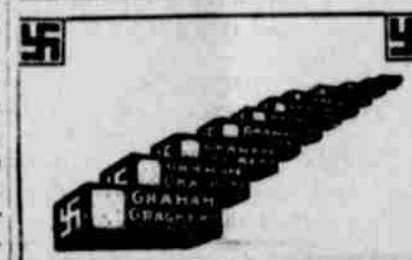
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FOUR PER CENT OF BRITISH SHIPS LOST

BERLIN, Feb. 12, by wireless.—Among the statements given out for publication today by the Overseas News agency were the following items:

Contrary to British reports that since the beginning of the war only 1 per cent of the British merchant ships have been sunk, Hamburg shipowners state that 113 ships of 308,000 tons, or about 4 per cent of the British commercial navy, have been destroyed. "The Prussian minister of agriculture stated to a newspaper correspondent that Germany was assured of a supply of food and would be able to continue the war longer than France or Russia."

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Others will join the caravan at the last moment. The party is scheduled to leave Ashland at 6:30 p. m. and will make the trip in autos on Jitney schedules.



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