

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Engineer J. W. Ball, with a crew of eight or ten men, yesterday began the work of surveying the Medford-Crater lake highway. The work was started at the terminus of Roosevelt avenue, while the first levels were taken from the Nash hotel corner of Main and Front streets. The camp is located out on the proposed line of the highway and will be moved from time to time as the work progresses. Engineer Ball expects the work to encompass the greater part of the summer and autumn.

De Voe gives trading stamps with everything except groceries.

The business structure rapidly approaching completion on the corner of West Main and South 5th will be heated throughout by electricity.

All hats, shawls, flowers, feathers and ribbons at cost. Home Millinery, 1101 West Ninth st.

Miss Mina Jones, who has been stenographer for the Rogue River Fruit and Produce association for three years, will leave at the end of this month for Denver, Colo., where she will enjoy an extended visit with friends and relatives.

Get your milk, cream, butter, eggs and buttermilk at De Voe's.

Mrs. Spooner, who recently purchased the restaurant business in the Holland hotel building, assumed the management of the place yesterday.

Typewriter paper of all kinds at Medford Printing Co.

Farley Johnson, Sr., accompanied by his son, Farley Johnson, Jr., attended to business in Grants Pass yesterday.

The world's greatest companies Holmes The Insurance Man.

H. B. Tronson of Eagle Point, attended to business in this city yesterday afternoon, returning home in the evening.

Again I say, if I had 12 dull safety razor blades I would take them to Heath's Drug Store, opposite Nash Hotel and have them resharpened.

Mrs. Luck Woods of Fairview, this state, is enjoying a visit with friends in this city this week.

25% off on Kodaks at Weston's Camera Shop.

Sam Noonan of Roseburg, is a business visitor in this city this week.

J. O. Gerking, the best all around photographer in southern Oregon. Always reliable. Negatives made anywhere, time or place. Studio 228 Main St. Phone 320-J.

D. L. Ingalls of Trail, returned home last evening, after attending to business in this city during the day.

Weston Camera Shop for first-class kodak finishing and kodak supplies.

The W. C. T. U. will meet at the residence of Mrs. F. C. Godlove, 245 North Bartlett street, Wednesday afternoon, May 17, at 2:30. Important business will be transacted. A good attendance is desired.

Gates sells Ford cars, \$200 down and \$25 a month.

Mrs. Blackburn of Toke, states that the woman she did not appear at the justice court hearing of her son, accused of poisoning at Gold Hill, was because she did not know of his arrest. She came to Jacksonville Tuesday at the hearing of the boy before the juvenile court.

Try a King Spitz cigar and an orange home industry.

Ralph Moody, attorney for the Southern Pacific, arrived Tuesday to inspect the Ashland hill crossing and the toll right of way to hasten matters for the construction of this portion of the highway.

Postage stamps at De Voe's.

David Lewis, the Portland architect, and Miss Lewis, arrived Tuesday to spend the summer in the valley. They have taken the Cowles orchard residence at the Ritzky for the summer. Mr. Lewis is a brother of Earl Lewis, former owner of the Bear Creek orchard.

The most important event of your school life undoubtedly is surely worth a portrait. To students with classmates—to know the number of school days. Make the appointment today. The News-Week 221 W. Main street.

William Ballland, the well known farmer of White Sulphur, was a national visitor Monday.

Baths 25c. Hotel Holland.

A wire from Senator Chamberlain states that William H. Canby has been named as regent of the University of Oregon. The position has been confirmed by the senate Monday. As soon as his resignation arrives and he has been approved by the senate, he will leave for Lansing. In the meantime all his official applications are pending.

De Voe's hair bottles.

John V. Hill and wife, who have been visiting with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Hill left Sunday evening for Spokane, Wash., where he will superintend construction work on the Warren Agricultural Experiment station of Portland.

Smoke a King Spitz cigar. They are home made.

"Matt" Williamson, who represented this city at the intercollegiate meet held by the University of Oregon at Eugene, Saturday, scored four points, finishing third in three events, and second in another. Abbott of Ashland, finished first in the 850 yard run.

If I wanted to save 70c I would take my 12 dull safety razor blades to Heath's Drug Store, opposite Nash Hotel and have them resharpened.

Ted M. White of Clifton, spent Sunday in Medford visiting friends and relatives.

Dr. Kirehgesener will be at Hotel Nash every Wednesday. Hours for consultation 10 to 3.

James B. Lee, a business man of Portland, is enjoying a visit in Medford today.

See Dave Woods about that fire insurance policy. Office Mail Tribune Bldg.

J. Ceall Alter of the federal weather bureau at Portland, returned to that city today, after serving the orchardists in Rogue river valley during the frost period of the budding and young fruit season in connection with the local weather bureau. Mr. Alter is highly commended by the orchardists for the excellent and untiring service he rendered. It is the first time the federal bureau has given this valley the benefit of that branch of its service, and it is believed that the great value of the work this spring to the orchards and farms here will insure its extension to this region again next season.

Your lawn mower machine sharpened at Mitchell's. Phone 220-J.

Harry Davis, arrested by Sergeant Pat Mego on Sunday for being drunk and held because he had divers and sundry implements in his pockets that made him an object of suspicion, was fined \$5 for drunkenness and allowed to go. The razors and other tools proved to be the property of his brother.

The alfalfa fertilizer experiments being conducted by the Southern Oregon experiment station are interesting and important. Everyone interested is invited to accompany the automobile excursion Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, May 19, to the alfalfa fields in the vicinity of Medford and ascertain results of the methods and the fertilizers used.

Vote 75 J. C. Herring on your ballot for county assessor, Rancher, Central Point.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Sullivan of Long Beach, Cal., are in Medford today in quest of that peculiar type of climate of which they hear Rogue river valley possesses so much. They are pleased with what they have already experienced here and delighted with what they have seen. It may be that they will extend the period of their visit here.

Big 5c milkshakes at De Voe's.

F. E. Fender of San Diego, arrived in Medford yesterday and at once became identified with the business interests of the valley by purchasing a sixty-five acre orchard adjoining the Tronson orchard of 100 acres. It is the Laidlaw place, on which there are 20 acres of apples and 20 of pears. Mrs. Fender, who stopped to visit with a son who is teaching school at Corning, Cal., will arrive in this city soon and she and Mr. Fender will go to Spokane and Walla Walla for a visit with friends in their former home community. Returning to this city, they will make their home on their newly acquired orchard property.

Strawberries at Public Market every market day. Booth 20.

J. A. Chubbill, state superintendent of public instruction, has wired to City Superintendent Hills that he is compelled to cancel his engagement in this city and at Ashland for addresses at the high school commencement exercises an account of the critical illness of Mrs. Chubbill. Professor Edmund S. Conklin of the University of Oregon, has been substituted. Professor Conklin is connected with the department of psychology of the U. of O. Commencement exercises will be held at the Page theater in this city on Friday evening, May 19.

Captain P. M. Stewart, accompanied by Mrs. Stewart, returned from their winter visit to San Diego, Cal., two weeks ago and are again enjoying their beautiful home in Eagle Point. They enjoyed the visit immensely. Mr. Stewart was a most interesting visitor today, in company with Mr. Fender, who has just become an orchard owner in this valley, and with whom Captain Stewart evidently did good missionary work while in southern California.

The case against Cliff Roberts, who was arrested in this city yesterday on a complaint from Ashland charging him with reckless driving, was dismissed in that city yesterday afternoon by Recorder Gillette, there being no evidence against him. The incident of which an automobile was badly damaged was shown to be unexplainable, under the circumstances. The report that the party carried a considerable quantity of liquor was shown to be untrue. Cliff entered his home here last evening with a resolution to avoid broken bottles and poisonous impurities.

Mrs. Clyde Castolo and Mrs. Earl R. Hooper of Ashland, returned home yesterday evening, after a day of friendly visits in this city. Robert Blackburn, 16 years old, was today committed to the Oregon state training school at Salem by Judge Tou Veile. Young Blackburn is the incorrigible lad who has quads a deal of trouble on the river by violations of the state fish laws in manifold ways. He was arrested a few days ago for unlawfully taking fish from the fishway at Gold Bay, in company with the Davis brothers. One of the latter was given thirty days in the county jail; the other was given a suspended sentence.

Be sure to go with the automobile excursion next Friday, May 19, at 2 p. m., to visit the alfalfa fertilizer experiments in alfalfa fields near Medford. These experiments are important to every farmer in the valley.

Whipping cream at DeVoe's.

Lloyd Williamson, who represented the Medford high school at the field meet at Eugene in the scholastic contest between all of the first-class high schools of the state, is justly proud of the record he made and the medals won on that occasion. He won the silver medal in a pole vault of 10 feet 7 inches and was third in the low hurdles of 220 yards, for which he won a bronze medal. The Medford high school is proud of its representative record in these contests, as his competitors represented the best in the state in those lines of athletic trials. It shows that he is a coming track man and that the Medford high is in the running.

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COURT REVERSES COMMISSION'S ORDERS

SALEM, Ore., May 16.—The state circuit court here today pronounced invalid an order recently issued by the Oregon public service commission, increasing rates of the Western Telephone company of Woodburn, on the ground that a franchise could be altered only by mutual consent of the parties. The commission nearly doubled the rates after declaring that those fixed by the franchise granted by the city of Woodburn were inadequate.

An appeal will be taken to the supreme court.

APPROVE SCOTT-OBREGON PACT

The size and composition of the force aroused alarm among Mexican officials, and it was pointed out to General Scott that it was not customary for passes in pursuit of one man to be with field guns and mountain artillery. The American officers, however, finally succeeded in persuading the war minister that the United States government had no intention other than its announced purpose.

Now Plan of Patrol.

A new plan for patrolling the border had been recommended by General Funston. He proposed a corps of 15 motorcycles, 10 tandem and 14 single machines. Secretary Baker said today he would probably approve the plan. General Funston will make it pass the lake or waterway for the motorcycle corps. Use of motorcycles would enable patrols to cover territory more quickly and also enable officers to receive reports more expeditiously.

General Postings reported that Julio Anaya, one of Villa's aides, was killed during the engagement at Otis today May 5.

The Valley's Great Need AFTER THE SHUDDER Marinello Cleansing Cream MARINELLO HAIR SHOP

NO INCREASE IN TELEPHONE RATES TO JACKSONVILLE

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trial hearings upon their use for telephone service, and that should a toll rate be installed they would have no need for the local service sufficient to justify them in continuing their subscription therefor. Discontinuance of such local service by subscribers would result in further diminishing the revenue of the utility. It is improbable that the revenue derived from a reasonable toll charge between Medford and Jacksonville would defeat its own purpose. In view of such a condition, and from a full consideration of all the facts in the premises, the commission finds the imposition of such a toll charge to be unjust and unreasonable and that the petition insofar as it relates thereto should be denied.

The request to install an additional charge of 25 cents per month for the portable type telephones was denied. The increase in rates requested by the phone company, which would operate as a penalty for nonpayment of bills within a specified time, is found to be unreasonable and unjust, and the petition is denied.

The former line rates are thus discussed:

Farmer Line Rates.

Certain of the former line rates prescribed by the commission for switching at Medford, Gold Hill and Rogue River, it is contended, are unreasonably low for the service rendered. We are inclined to the opinion such contention is well founded. Investigation discloses that a considerable traffic is due to the subscribers who enjoy these rates. While a farmer line service is, and should be, a by-product, it nevertheless is a necessary part of telephone operations, and in the opinion of the commission should bear its proportion of the expense incident thereto, insofar as may be possible by the imposition of rates in and of themselves reasonable, and which are not unjustly discriminatory. The commission finds that just, reasonable and not unjustly discriminatory rates for farmer line switching are as follows: Medford—Farmer party line switching, residence, \$8.40 per year; Gold Hill—Farmer party line

switching, residence, \$6 per year; former party line switching, business, \$10 per year. Rogue River—Farmer party line switching, residence, \$6 per year; former party line switching, business, \$10 per year.

Company Finances.

Discussing company finances, the commission says: "Considerable stress is laid by the utility on the fact, disclosed by the record, that it is unable to meet its operating expenses and make its interest payments. The record shows a majority of the bondholders, at the solicitation of the utility, has consented to a temporary reduction of the interest rate from 6 to 3 per cent per annum. The fact the utility has been forced to arrange with the bondholders for a reduction in the interest rate does not indicate a deficiency in return upon the investment reasonably required in serving the public. In the former proceeding the commission found the value of this company's plant reasonably used and useful in the public service to be \$121,751.00. As is customary such amount covered a property reasonably required to meet ordinary development during a period which good engineering practice would dictate should be provided for, and was not confined to the plant actually in use on the day of which the finding was made. The commission's present investigation discloses nothing which would indicate it erred in its judgment as to such development.

Only Itself to Blame.

"Due to consolidation, this company is the owner of a large amount of plant not used or useful in the public service, and it is not surprising that the revenue from the useful portion will not meet the interest on the \$200,000 bond issue based on the entire plant. A reduction of the bond issue to a fair proportion of the value of the property which is called upon to earn the required interest would appear to be the remedy for restoring the interest rate to the basis contended for by the utility. "This utility must bear in mind that the conditions which now obtain are largely the result of its own voluntary action. It entered the field with its eyes open, and carried on a ruthless competitive war. Uncontrolled by regulation, it engaged in practices which could end in but one way, and since it has seen fit to bring about such a condition it should not now be heard to complain if it becomes necessary for it to carry a portion of the burden thus imposed upon itself and the community it serves."

DOCTOR EXPOSES PLOT TO FOIST SPURIOUS HEIR

CHICAGO, May 16.—Dr. Emile Beroid, formerly physician at the Misericordia hospital, Ontario, told on the stand today of performing an operation on Mrs. Anna Dollie Ledgerwood Matters, calculated to make her doctor in Chicago believe she had become a mother.

Mrs. Matters is on trial for conspiracy to foist a spurious heir to the Fred Matters estate on the probate court. The operation, he said, took place a day before the birth of the child of Margaret Ryan, which Mrs. Matters is charged with attempting to pass as her own.

An anesthetic was administered to the Ryan girl, the doctor testified, when her baby was born in order that she would not know of the birth.

Dr. Beroid told of having given false testimony previously to the effect that Mrs. Matters had given birth to a child. He said he received \$1420 through lawyers. Afterward, he said, he came to Chicago and testified again. "And did you testify then that Mrs. Matters had not given birth to a baby?" asked counsel. "I did, and that was the truth," replied the physician.

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OPEN SESSIONS FOR NOMINATION VOTES

WASHINGTON, May 16.—As one of the direct consequences of the senate's rejection of President Wilson's nomination of George Rublee to the federal trade commission the fight for consideration of nominations in open instead of executive session was begun.

Senators Kenyon and La Follette, republican, led it, and were supported by several democrats, including Senators Owen, Underwood and Vandaman. A vote was delayed until tomorrow because Senator Stone wished to be present when the subject was acted on.

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