TRYING TO FIX UP DEFECTIVE WORK OF LITHIA CONTRACTORS

(From the Ashland Record.)

Lithia water will cease to flow from the park fountain for a few days—the pump at the spring having been stopped this morning. The temporary inactivity is necessary in order that the capacity of the pump may be reduced. Barring unforeseen conditions, the water will flow again before Sunday. The only work to be done on the pump so far as now known, is to install a smaller cylinder. The cylinder is already on hand. The change involves taking off the tile roof, removing the present cylinder, replacing it with the smaller one, readjusting the machinery, etc.

Engineer Phillips of Portland, who was employed by the springs commission to correct the errors of the Smith-Emery contract and who has been busy at it the past two months, finds that the pump at the lithia spring is three times too big, or more, for the capacity of the spring. At the Dodge spring the pump was twice the capacity it should have been. Engineer Phillips does not attempt to explain why the Smith-Emery company should have made these costly blunders.

Misled in Contract.

The fact seems to be that the community was misled as to the capabilities of the Smith-Emery company. The community was led to believe that the company was so far superior to all others on the coast that it would be unwise to allow others to bid on the contract. While the community had some doubts about their being the only company on the coast capable of handling the job, and while there was some question of the advisability of handing them the contract on a silver platter—so to speak, the community did suppose that they were at least able to do the work. Certainly the community did not expect them to make such clumsy errors.

The more the matter is opened up, the more it appears that the Smith-Emery company was chosen for its willingness to handle the $100,000 rather than for its ability to handle the job. It seems the Smith-Emery company was not a construction firm at all, but merely a company of chemists. Apparently they had little or no knowledge of constructive engineering, and no equipment for such work. Some of the equipment used was borrowed locally and some bought for the occasion and sold—as being of no further use to them—when their contract was alleged to have been completed.

Contractor Unprepared.

Their "unpreparedness" was known or could have been known before they were given the contract. The most generous view that can be taken of the matter, in the light of recent disclosures, is that the company didn't know anything about how to do the job, and were at the mercy of a pick-up engineer who didn't believe much in water of any kind for drinking purposes. Any way you take it, they certainly did a punk job for "the only firm on the coast capable of handling it."

Engineer Phillips is a coast man and seems to know what he is doing. He is a gentleman of studious mind and talks of his work as if he were not tongue-tied and had nothing on his conscience. He has straightened several kinks out in the matter of the Dodge well, which we were about to have handed to us in rotten condition. He has wholly upset the Smith-Emery theory that the Dodge soda could be handled satisfactorily through iron casings at the well, while rendering bronze fixtures at the distributing station in the park, and has thrown the casings into the discard.

Plugging the Leaks.

Mr. Phillips informs us that work on the Dodge well is now finished. There is a steady flow of water provided by the new pump. The cylinder is but forty-five feet below the surface, but the water comes through a pipe that reaches the bottom—seven feet level. This insures water of positive quality without loss of gas. The well is cemented down to bed-rock and from there on has walls of eternal rock without man-made lining of any kind. The water at the park varies some from day to day as yet, but Mr. Phillips says this variation will disappear after the water has flowed through the pipes for a while and that the water will be just as it is at the well—nothing more and nothing less. While the public is not sold on it, it is conceded to be a fine water of its variety.

A large number of excavations have been made along the soda pipe-line and the plugging of various leaks is under way. The joints of the pipe have also been encased in cement in about fifty places. As soon as the Lithia spring pump has been remodeled, Mr. Phillips will go to work on the sulphur water system and overhaul it.

34 HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS GRADUATE AT ASHLAND H. S.

ASHLAND, May 19.—Under leaden skies and despite unfavorable weather conditions, the class of 1916 of the Ashland high school was greeted by one of the largest audiences last night in the history of graduating exercises from that institution. The Armory was packed, and the enthusiasm of loyal friends of the student body was met by a characteristic display of genuine class spirit from the 34 graduates under the magic spell of appreciation and deserved encouragement. Of the class membership 18 were boys and 16 girls.

Address by Dr. Conklin

The Armory was gaily decorated with buds and blossoms and every accessory that the auspicious event implied. The address was by Dr. Edmund S. Conklin, of the department of psychology of the State University at Eugene. His theme was "The School and Social Demand," a topic which incorporated a plea for the high ideals associated with the theory and practice of education with a strict observance of the ethics which govern conventional deportment in all the walks of life. Dr. Conklin appeared here in place of J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of schools, who was prevented from being present owing to serious illness in his family, and it in nowise disparages the abilities of Mr. Churchill to state that the introduction of Dr. Conklin's name on the formal program was a happy substitution in an unavoidable contingency.

Superintendent George A. Briscoe presented the diplomas, adding brief sentiments of regard for the young people now arriving at the parting of the ways as between relinquishing school duties and entering upon a wider field of usefulness. The class prophesy was by Harold Frohbach, who brought into play a weird horoscope as applied in foretelling the future vocations of his fellow graduates.

Graduation Program

Practically the entire order of exercises was followed as here outlined:

"At Sunset," Brewer, High School orchestra.

Invocation, Rev. A. R. Blackstone.

"Water Lilies," St. Clair, High School orchestra.

Class Prophecy, Harold Frohbach.

"In Promptu and Scherzo," Burleigh, Alice Vander Sluis.

"Boosting the Old High School," Engledinger, Class of 1916.

Address, Dr. Edmund S. Conklin.

Presentation of Diplomas, G. A. Briscoe.

Benediction, Rev. A. R. Blackstone.

"Mon Plaiser," Roberts, High School orchestra.

The high school orchestra of nearly a dozen pieces showed remarkable proficiency as to instrumentation, while "Boosting the Old High School" rendered in chorus by the Class of 1916, approached the climax of student spirit and enthusiasm, making the welkin ring.

Class Roll Call

The following is the class roll: Margaret Ames, Raymond Badger, Meredith Beaver, Elden Corthell, Myrtle DeCarlow, Helen Dickerson, Granville Dalzell, Helen Esse, Clyde Farrar, Elbert Farlow, Harold Frohbach, Gerald Gunter, Myra Gunter, Ralph Harris, Marie Holmes, Ward Hammond, Floyd M. Lane, Cornelia Larsen, Mary Mathes, Etta Morrow, Margaret Mulcom, Ray Morgan, Helen Moore, Ivan Phipps, Aubrey Redifer, Harry J. Reizel, Charles Porter, Morris Pixmote, Margaret Schell, Corinne Sweet, Clement Summers, Alice Vander Sluis, Aileen Walker, Mary Weisenburger.

To this list is to be added Richard Ware, who has been taking a post-graduate course the past year. Of the 34 in the class all are local residents with the exception of Margaret Ames and Alice Vander Sluis, of Talent, and Elden Corthell, of Phoenix.

Colleges Selected

Predilection as to institutions and future studies assigns Harold Frohbach to the University of Wisconsin; Richard Ware, University of Michigan; Elbert Farlow, Leland Stanford; Alice Vander Sluis, University of Oregon; Ralph Harris, Oregon Agricultural college. Others have not as yet signified the institution of their choice as regards the higher educational privileges but a considerable number will fit themselves for teaching, following traditions of the average graduate in securing a vocation. Members of the present class find themselves particularly well informed in various branches the scope of which goes to make up a liberal education, including commercial, literary and scientific departments, domestic science and art, manual training and other practical accomplishments.

With the close of the school year there have been a number of pleasant gatherings, either given under the auspices of the various student bodies or tendered in their behalf by a host of friends interested in their educational as well as personal welfare. There have been reunions galore by classes and collectively. A special feature was a series of six progressive parties initiated in Ashland and brought to a close at Talent, where the final one was given with Miss Ames as hostess, at which nearly the entire class membership was present. The meeting of the alumni association but Memorial hall tonight, at which the class of 1916 will be admitted into full fellowship with that organization, marks the final chapter in the business and social annals of the Ashland high school for the current year. It now remains for the individual members to make the best of opportunity.

GEN. MILES MAN OF THE HOUR IF MILITIA CALLED OUT

BRIG GEN. A. L. MILLS

WASHINGTON, May 19.—If Uncle Sam is forced to call the militia into active service, Brig. Gen. Albert L. Miles will suddenly loom up as one of the greatest public figures.

As chief of the division of military affairs of the general staff, he will be the Sir Sam Hughes of the United States. And his task of recruiting the citizen army up to its full strength and giving it the proper training will be just as important as that for which the famous Canadian was awarded a knighthood.

General Miles is a West Pointer and was superintendent of the Academy eight years. He saw active service in the Philippines and was president of the war college in 1912.

TOWNE PROMISES TO OPERATE WHEN RAILROAD ASSURED

S. S. Bullis has received a letter from Robert S. Towne, owner of the Blue Ledge mine which removes all doubt as to the operation of the mine if the proposed railroad is built. Not only does Mr. Towne agree to operate but he declares the work of preparation for operation will start just as soon as the construction of the road is a certainty. The letter follows:

New York, May 13, 1916

Mr. S. S. Bullis, Southern Oregon Traction Co., Medford, Ore.

Dear Sir: Your favor of the 8th instant to Mr. R. S. Towne has been duly received and he has requested me to acknowledge same and thank you for the information conveyed with regard to possibility of extension of the rails of your company to the Blue Ledge district and to assure you that when the construction of this line is arranged for and can be considered a certainty he would begin the work of getting in readiness for operation of the Blue Ledge mine and that barring some unforeseen accident or positive change in conditions, this property would be operated on full scale upon completion of your road to Joe Bar or other point available for us and it is estimated will furnish freight movement of ore and concentrates of in the neighborhood of 150 tons daily.

Yours very truly,

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Assistant general manager Compania Metalurgica Mexicana

Mr Bullis considers this letter very satisfactory. The tons of ore daily would in itself pay for the operation of the railroad in Mr. Bullis' opinion without mentioning the of ore products that would be shipped back to and from Medford over the line when built. There are billions of feet of timber, largely pine, and the land is rich agriculturally.

ROBINSON'S BIG CIRCUS COMING HERE ON MONDAY

For years John Robinson's Ten Big Shows which will appear in Medford Monday, May 22, afternoon and evening, has been noted for its splendidly trained elephants.

Writing of the elephants, perhaps the most wonderful trainer of wild animals the world has ever known, has this to say: "About the only possible thing to make an elephant take when he has a bad cold is a good dose of hot whiskey and onions, and he appears not only to like it, but to wish for more. However, if the elephants are looked after and cared for properly, it is rarely necessary to give them medicine. They are generally healthy and the chief thing to guard against is a chill or cold, when there is always a possibility of pneumonia following.

"An elephant sleeps in a peculiar manner. Nearly all lie on their left sides with their trunks curled up making a peculiar hissing noise at regular intervals, something like a sound of steam issuing from a kettle. He is not a sound sleeper. He does not take much notice of his keeper prowling around in the night, but should anything strange or unusual take place, the hissing stops suddenly, two small lights appear in the elephant's head and the animal is wide awake and evidently watching. At the first sign of danger he trumpets shrill, so that strangers he gives the first alarm, when no living thing besides suspects anything amiss."

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SCHOOL EXHIBITS ATTRACT CROWDS AND DRAW PRAISE

Hundreds of people both old and young were coming and going Friday Thursday from all the school buildings of the city. The exhibits while not elaborate were both unique and strictly up to standard. Some of the patrons who had children in the grade buildings as well as the high school building, visited each. The teachers and pupils were also visitors to all the buildings studying and comparing the various grades of industrial work with that of their own. The cooking and sewing were especially good. The various garments perfected by hand as well as with machine, showed that their work had been carefully and painstakingly supervised. The Jackson school combined their entire exhibit and held it in the lower corridor of the building. The outline work done in charcoal and water colors were especially good.

The Lincoln school in addition to the water colors and chalk work had a specially strong exhibit of cooked foods. The tableset for six with the food displayed showed the girls have been taught that serving the food properly is by no means the least of the girl's education.

The Washington school had a very strong exhibit of primary work. The hand work of the children of the lower grades was especially commendable. In the upper grades the usual landscapes, in colors and in flat washes prevailed. On the upper grades the sewing and cooked foods attracted the attention of all visitors. The girls of the seventh and eighth grades erected candy booths and were disposing of their sweet meats at nominal prices.

The Roosevelt school was visited by a great number of parents. The Parent-Teachers held their final meeting of the season at this school and it brought out a goodly number of people. The exhibits from the primary grades up were especially good. The poses and the copies made by the 7th grade girls attracted much favorable comment.

At the high school parents and teachers were in constant attendance. The sewing exhibit directed by Miss Booth deserves very favorable mention. Garments of all descriptions—hose that suit the taste of the most fastidious were there. Dainty lingerie, graduating dresses, blouses, party gowns and full suits and a full line of millinery completed the exhibit.

The cooking exhibit under the direction of Miss Mitchell was the mecca for many visitors. Salads, relish, bread, pies, cookies and food of almost every description comprised the exhibit. After 3 p. m. most of the food was sold to the visitors.

Next to the cooked food exhibit and in the lunch room was held the mechanical drawing exhibit. This display, while not elaborate is perhaps the best of its kind ever undertaken. The lettering was especially good, while the care and patience in the detail work shows the results plainly. This work is under the direction of Mr. Struble who has had charge of the work during the last few weeks.

The work everywhere was strictly up to expectations. It has given the student ample opportunity to express himself through his hands. When we consider the fact that the art and industrial work has not been under the direction of a special supervisor, it should be considered creditable, indeed.

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