

BLIND COUPLE GET SLIM PICKINGS PLAYING IN STREET

"It's getting mighty hard for a blind man to make his living on the streets of this country," said John Oats, who with his blind wife spent several days this week on Medford street corners seeking money in return for musical selections on the harp and violin.

"We just make enough money to get two meals a day and lodging, and train fare from town to town," continued Oats. "That's all we did at Ashland and Medford and it was our experience in other states, including California, where we spent the winter, having reached that state from Indianapolis last September."

"The general public seems to have a prejudice against a blind person earning his living on the street, arguing that every blind person should be in some public institution for the blind. What work in such an institution making brooms for about \$2 a week! No able bodied blind person with red blood in his veins, and self respect, will do it."

"I was an expert carpenter for years before being stricken blind by a paralytic stroke. Then my wife lost her eyes through an attack of scrofula."

"That's all we unfortunates can do—just make enough to feed us and the children twice a day and have a bed at night—by sitting or standing and playing the same music over and over all day long in all kinds of weather."

COAST ARTILLERY WAITS ON CONGRESS

"Orders for mobilization of the coast artillery, O. N. G., are not expected until after congress has settled the conscription bill now before that body, according to Col. C. C. Hammond, who attended a meeting of the general staff in Portland Sunday."

"This seemed to be the general opinion of all members of the staff present," says Colonel Hammond. "The Seventh company, C. A. C., will soon receive a consignment of underwear, clothing, shoes, and camp furnishings including stoves from Captain T. B. Harris of Eugene, quartermaster of the Coast Artillery Corps, who has just received a large consignment of national guard equipment and supplies for the corps from Jeffersonville, Ind., and San Francisco."

Captain Harris will make the distribution of the new supplies to the various companies of the corps at once.

Among the clothing sent there is a lot of cotton goods for the use of soldiers in a warm climate. This is a new addition to the equipment of the corps.

PORTLAND CHAMBER BACKS CRATER LAKE HIGHWAY

A letter received yesterday by H. A. Latta, director in the Northwest Tourist association and representing southern Oregon, from Mark Woodruff, assistant secretary of the Portland chamber of commerce, accompanies a copy of a communication from the Oregon Development bureau to Forester Graves, U. S. forest bureau, Washington, D. C., which contains matter of special interest to the people of this valley. It follows:

"Having given attention and money to advertising Crater lake for the coming year, the people of Oregon are much concerned over the improvement of the road between Medford and Crater Lake national park. We have induced the state highway commission to appropriate \$50,000 for the purpose, providing the government will appropriate a similar sum as provided by section 5 of the Shackelford bill."

A Strong Endorsement
"This organization, representing the business people of this city, is strongly in favor of this action and will support you in every possible manner in recommending and securing favorable action by the proper governmental department."

"We have organized the Northwest Tourist association and will expend an average of \$50,000 a year in advertising the 'Northwest Tour,' of which Crater Lake is an important feature. The construction of the road is almost imperative, under these circumstances."

NO PREFERENCE RIGHTS RECOGNIZED O. & C. GRANT LANDS

United States Attorney C. L. Reames has written as follows regarding the method to be adopted disposing of the O. & C. land grant property:

"These lands are not yet subject to entry and will not be until the department of the interior has promulgated rules and regulations governing the same. The Ferris-Chamberlain bill confers upon the secretary of the interior the administration of this act. In due time that officer will promulgate and cause to be published certain rules and regulations which must be followed and strictly adhered to by each and every applicant who intends to locate upon any quarter section of land embraced within the grant. Those lands which are classified as timber lands will not be opened for entry at all but will be by the government sold directly under the terms and provisions of the act."

Preference Rights Are Denied.

"In the meantime, it is a physical impossibility for any person to secure any preference rights upon these lands. Approximately 20,000 applications have already been recorded in the offices of the several county recorders throughout the state of Oregon. These applications, and each, every and all thereof, are absolutely worthless and will be given no preference right or consideration whatsoever. They will all be entirely disregarded. Undoubtedly a number of unscrupulous men posing as locators will again attempt to take advantage of the situation and extort from the people location fees for alleged services in furnishing information relative to specific quarter sections of land. It is my opinion that all parties engaging in this business, under whatever guise they may work, are simply conducting a bunco game. When the lands have been finally classified all information concerning them will be given out by the general land office without any charge whatsoever to the applicant. I would appreciate it, therefore, if you would again, at this time, warn the public against paying any money at all to any alleged locator for any service connected with the filing of any of these claims."

How Lands Will Be Opened.

"I understand from you that a number of persons in writing to you have stated that they wish to go upon these lands at this time and thus attempt to establish preferential rights. They would acquire no rights whatever by any such procedure. "When the lands are opened to entry they will be opened by a public proclamation and all citizens will receive public and timely notice of the opening. This is the only way by which the lands can be fairly disposed of. Every effort will be made to prevent the exercise of any preference right."

ASHLAND AND VICINITY

Over 25 specialists have been engaged by the Roundup management to stage as many attractions for the big event here in July. Practically all of the talent and animals at the recent Philomath attraction have been secured, the list including livestock that is blooded together with some of the worst outlaw horses that ever appeared in the arena. A feature will be a bunch of Texas steers, all of them being real genuine longhorns. The presence of all these attractions is not contingent upon possibilities. Monte Briggs and Fred

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Herrin have returned from several roundup centers, bringing with them absolute contracts as to participants fulfilling every obligation. The overhead expense will quadruple that of last season. The association is overhauling the race track, introducing various improvements as to grade and curves. Additions will also be made to seating capacity, in spite of the fact that last year it was thought all these accommodations had been more than provided for.

E. M. Olmstead, a job printer here, and who for several years published the Mail at Stayton, has been in town this week. He has sold the Mail and is looking about for a new location. He might be prevailed upon to enter the newspaper field here.

Mr. and Mrs. Monte Briggs are living temporarily at the Ashland mine, incorporating the duties of caretakers with the enjoyment of an outing this early in the season in that scenic locality, quite near town and where city markets are readily available.

Louis Purves, son of the late James Purves, died suddenly at Stockton, Cal., recently by accidental electrocution, particulars being lacking. He was a Wagner creek boy of a well known family and followed the occupation of a lineman. His body will be brought here and buried in the Stearns cemetery, Wagner creek. The deceased was 23 years old and single. His mother, Mrs. Amanda Purves and two sisters, Mrs. Warren Williams, and Miss Nellie Purves, reside in Ashland.

Herman Mattern, mining expert and operator, has gone to New York on an important financial mission which will mean much in the way of development of a noted property near this city and one which is well nigh equipped for active operations.

Lloyd Parker, arrester at Sisson recently for larceny committed here last January, has been held to the grand jury in bonds of \$2500.

Benton Bowers is in Portland in attendance upon a legislative committee meeting of state-wide good roads development work.

One of the chief social events of the season will be the dance given under auspices of the Auxiliary club, Friday evening, May 4.

The Chautauqua dates for the assembly season this year are from July 10 to 20, inclusive.

Governor Withycombe will attend.

as guest of honor, a Monday lunch at the Hotel Austin, May 16, preliminary to addressing a tri-state good roads meeting at Medford on the evening of that date.

The Ashland band will furnish music at Eagle Point's Community Day celebration, May 3. There will be an address by M. S. Pittman, head of the rural department of the Oregon Normal School, and an illustrated lecture on birds and animals by State Biologist Finley. A wide diversity of athletic games will be the main feature, and in the evening a dance will be the finale with music by Loveland's orchestra of this city.

The West Side Parent-Teacher circle has elected Miss Ila Myers, president; Mrs. Clement Summers, vice-president; Mrs. W. W. Caldwell, secretary; Mrs. E. E. Phipps, treasurer.

On Sunday evening at the Methodist church, Rev. Marcus Paroungian, an American Sunday school worker, will relate incident that occurred during an eventful trip from his native country to America.

At a meeting of the East Side Parent-Teacher circle on Friday evening, Dr. Jarvis and Mrs. Ida Gard will give informal talks on current topics.

Helman's baths will open to the public on Tuesday, May 1.

Lithia park is spick and span in its spring setting of verdure and every feature of its adornment seems to have been attended to. Not so, however, with Chautauqua park, which up to date bears every aspect of neglect with the wreckage of winter evident on all hands. It is reported that the park commission will make no improvements in this new acquisition until all papers in the transfer to the city have been thoroughly clinched.

The Ashland Commissary department will be the name of a new organization formed to augment the food production in general by those who do not join the army militant. The prescribed uniform is of blue jeans texture, ultramarine shades predominating. Sidearms common to both rank and file will include hoe, rake and shovel and field gloves will supplant chevrons.

George Yates had his right leg broken recently, having been incidentally kicked by a horse.

H. L. Whited leaves for Iowa this week, his destination being the old family home at Eldora in Hardin county, where his mother, 83 years

of age, still resides. He will go east by way of San Francisco.

Lew Van Wogan turned the steeple-jack trick on Thursday afternoon when he climbed the frail pipe, 40 feet high, on the roof of the city hall and made some adjustments as to the tempo screech of the siren whistle operated by natural gas and which is used for fire alarm purposes. He was photographed "by our special artist" on the spot.

Wilford Allen, editor of the Courier at Grants Pass, has been appointed by the governor as a member of the State Industrial Accident Commission, the appointment holding "for the duration of the war," and made to fill the vacancy caused by the temporary absence of Carle Abrams, who as lieutenant-colonel of the Third regiment, has entered active military service.

Chauncey Stoddard, substitute carrier, is planting mail on the rural delivery route this week, while Rev. J. H. Doran, the regular carrier, is distributing garden seeds at his home placed on Mountain avenue.

The 33d anniversary of the founding of the legal Women's Christian Temperance Union branch will be observed with a prayer and praise service Friday afternoon, April 27, at the Congregational church.

Rev. M. C. Reed, president of the Chautauqua, has gone to southern California on a pleasure trip which will include a business mission in behalf of the forthcoming assembly season.

The Park provision store, near entrance to the automobile camp, has been leased by Mrs. Susie Allen to C. K. Croson, a newcomer from Toledo, Oregon, who with his wife will take possession May 1. Mr. Croson has heretofore been in the grocery and abstract business. He is a brother of Mrs. Thayer, who purchased the Gash place on High street.

John L. May, old time train dispatcher here, and captain of the Ashland military company during Spanish war times, has been notified by the war department that he has qualified for the grade of colonel in the regular army and that such a commission has been officially confirmed. He has been in the Oregon National Guard service for over 25 years, having been promoted in succession from captain to major, lieutenant-colonel and colonel. In civil life he was an

expert train dispatcher, in later years serving as assistant superintendent of the Southern Pacific, Portland division.

The Girls Honor Guard now has 60 members and active recruiting has ceased for the time being. Miss Vera Moffitt is guard leader. Dr. Maud Hawley captain of first corps, and Mrs. Lorena McNair captain of second corps. Riding, shooting and swimming classes have been organized under tuition of competent instructors.

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My house-warming Chocolate Cake



(Report No. 6) By the one who made it

This happened on my first day back at housekeeping.

On the table I had a can of Cottolene, looking just like an advertisement which read: "Use Cottolene." And that's what I was preparing to do. We were going to have a "house-warming" chocolate cake!

I used to be prejudiced. I didn't want anything but butter for cake-making. Once I

didn't even know what Cottolene was—didn't want it in the house. But now I find myself using it for everything—even for this company cake. I find it dependable. I measure exactly.

- Two-thirds cup Cottolene
- 2 cups sugar
- 3 eggs
- 3 cups flour
- 1 cup milk
- 5 level teaspoons baking powder
- Quarter teaspoon salt
- Flavoring

See how the Cottolene whips up with the sugar, like cream. I add the beaten yolks with light high strokes,

then the milk and flour, the flavoring and stiff whites last. Now, quick—I put the layers in the oven. And when they come out, they're beautiful! Tender-brown and gold—rich—fine-grained.

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