

ASHLAND PARK BEING BEAUTIFIED FOR COMING SEASON

ASHLAND, Feb. 24.—Local parks are being made ready for the summer influx of tourists and picnic parties, and the favored spots will be more beautiful than ever the coming season. Hardy native shrubs and trees lead in the matter of giving permanency to the sylvan environment. Chief among the tree and shrub classifications which have been planted recently are 500 Oregon grape, 200 creeping maple, 200 columbine, 150 calphurn, 50 juniper, 75 cedar, 100 wild currant, 150 Scotch broom, 18 English walnut, 25 dogwood, 54 red willow, 15 Virginia creeper, 25 paradise tree, 17 wild lilac, 48 maple, 10 elm and 90 bunches of rushes, not to mention a lot of minor descriptions. All of these growths have got a fine start, and an enumeration is made in order that one may realize the extent and diversity which is being planned inside the park area. Live oak will be experimented with, 25 specimens of this sturdy growth having been planted.

Flowers and bulbs already in place include about 5000 tulips, 3000 carnations, 3000 lilies, 500 sweet Williams, 1000 hollyhocks, 500 foxglove, 1500 gladioli, and 1200 dahlia bulbs. These have been selected with great care, and the necessary cultivation is attended to strictly in line with the plans bestowed in the matter of selection. Those who have heretofore noted the beautiful appearance of the park surroundings will find the adornment greatly enhanced in the approaching good old "summer time."

The annual report of the park commission exhibits a gratifying condition, both as regards the physical status of the park area on the one hand, and the financial balance sheet on the other. Total receipts the past year, including a balance from 1917, were a trifle over \$8100. Of this sum the annual tax levy yielded approximately \$4000. The sale of cups at the mineral springs fountains netted nearly \$570, and gas privileges about \$120. The Chautauqua park special appropriation was \$200. Disbursements were a trifle over \$4700, the specific balance on hand, Dec. 31, 1918, having been \$1,392.42. The payroll for upkeep amounted to \$3,387.47 as far as labor is concerned. A major permanent improvement is the installation of 3000 feet of water-pipe with automatic sprinklers, devices which greatly reduce the former cost and labor incident to irrigating the plants and lawns. Nearly 500 feet of one-inch hose has also been added to the equipment.

Park commission officials hold no securities. The extent of the system implies lots of work, both theoretical and practical, while the scope of improvements continually being installed are sufficient to busy the members of the board in overseeing details. Individually they take pride in these activities, rendering a public spirited service in behalf of beautifying our local recreation and playgrounds, which are becoming one of the noted park reserves on the Pacific coast and a delightful resting spot for tourists and campers.

G. S. Butler is president of the commission, and F. E. Watson, secretary. James Galbraith is superintendent. In submitting its annual report for the past year the commission gracefully acknowledges the benefits of hearty cooperation between the board and its employes by closing with the statement: "We wish to express our appreciation of the untiring and efficient services of our park superintendent and the faithful assistance given him by the other employes of the commission."

MAGNIFICENT MONUMENTS OF MOSCOW LOST

VLADIVOSTOK. — (Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Many of the magnificent monuments of Moscow, commemorative of emperors and statesmen, have been destroyed, says a refugee from that city. Museums, libraries, and picture galleries has been requisitioned and their contents removed. The best government and private buildings have been occupied by the soldiers' and workmen's councils.

Military headquarters were located in the Kremlin when the refugees left Moscow. Hostages had been taken from members of the bourgeoisie and many executions had occurred. The city was subdivided into districts under supervision of commissions in a campaign against counter revolution. Krylenko was state prosecutor, Kamenoff administrator of the city. A common soldier, Muratoff, was commander of the garrison. There was no municipal duma. Street cars operated without regularity. Cab drivers charged from 20 to 40 rubles for the shortest trips.

There was no regular food supply. The inhabitants depended upon products brought in from day to day from the country. A pound of bread cost 10 rubles, meat 18, sugar 40; potatoes 50 rubles a pood (36 pounds).

FRENCH HEROES TO PLAY IN MEDFORD AT THE NATATORIUM

The French Army band—"the band from the trenches, men who are fighters as well as musicians are to appear here at the Natatorium, March 4th, as guests of Medford as well as guests of the nation, for the French Army band originally came to this country at the invitation of Secretary Baker of the war department. No little interest is added when it is known that the eminent director is one of the new guard of heroes who



have fought and bled for their country and the cause of liberty.

Many have suggested the publication of a book recounting the numerous adventures of the brave captain of the 69th French infantry. He joined his regiment as a minute man at the time of mobilization and from the Marne to Verdun, and later, fought in the notable battles of the war, until the day when he received the Croix de Guerre, and it requires little imagination to fill in between the lines of the official citation, which reads as follows: "Pollain, Fernand, officer, exceedingly brave. The first of September he led his section in an assault on the Farm St. Evre, which he captured. He was seriously wounded by the bursting of a shell in going out to reconnoitre the ground in advance of his men. He remained wounded on the ground for eighteen hours during the bombardment of two batteries.

On the same day, Captain Pollain received two other minor wounds and was carried to safety by his son, an under-officer in the same regiment, who went out in the night to find him, carrying him to the ambulance of the first line, under fire.

Captain Pollain of course has won distinction in music and medals from kings and republics, but few if any leaders of bands or orchestras can point to military achievements surpassing in degree the highest artistic honors.

Seat sale will open at Medford Pharmacy, Tuesday morning, Feb. 25. Prices \$1.50 and \$1.00.

GREGORY'S SUCCESSOR NOT YET SELECTED

BOSTON, Feb. 24.—Secretary Taft said today after he had talked with President Wilson that the selection of a successor to Albert B. Gregory had not been decided upon by the president. As yet the president had not signed the six billion dollar war revenue bill.

CALKINS' RULING UPHOLDS VALIDITY MEDFORD DISTRICT

The circuit court of Jackson county has handed down a decision and an order overruling the demurrers interposed by E. H. Hanley and others, which were interposed on Feb. 8th last to the petition filed by the board of directors of the Medford Irrigation District, praying for a decree confirming the regularity and validity of all their acts.

In his opinion Judge Calkins said that the only question presented was as to the regularity of proof of publication of certain notices, but the judge thought that the notices were duly published according to law as it stood at the time of publication. Continuing the opinion reads, "I find nothing irregular in the petition going to the jurisdiction, and as to the constitutionality of the law, I have found no ground, and counsel have pointed out none, whereby the law could be declared unconstitutional."

The order overruling the demurrers gives the demurrants ten days to answer the petition and this affords them an opportunity to deny the truth of any fact alleged in the petition.

RULES TO HASTEN ACTION UPON LANE'S RECLAMATION BILL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Right of way for action on the resolution to end government control of telephone and telegraph systems on December 31 next, will be proposed this week by the house rules committee. Chairman Poy announced this decision today after a meeting of the committee.

Special rules also were approved to permit consideration of two other measures. Secretary Lane's bill for reclaiming land for settlement by discharged soldiers and sailors and the bill creating a civil service retirement fund.

No action was taken in regard to other measures, including the public buildings bill and the prohibitory immigration legislation.

The general deficiency bill, only one of the annual appropriation measures yet to pass the house, will be ready for consideration near the end of the week.

DIED

WILSON.—After an illness of about ten days, Orrin Marble Wilson passed away at the Ashland hospital on Thursday, Feb. 20, 1919, at the age of 68 years, 11 months, and 16 days. He was born in the state of New York on the 4th of March, 1850. He moved with his parents to Michigan at a very early age. From the year 1867 to 1870 he served in the

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United States army, being a member of Co. F, 12th regiment of infantry, serving during the Indian wars of Arizona.

In the year 1887 he was married to Mrs. May McKinstry of Macomb

county, Michigan. To this union was born one son, Cecil Wilson of Seattle, Wash., age 20 years.

The family moved to California about the year 1900. In 1902 he moved to southern Oregon, living

most of the time on Wagner creek near Talent, Ore. His christian character and many kindnesses have made him many friends who will greatly feel the loss. Altho crippled in one arm, he was able to make a

living by hard work in the woods. The remains were laid to rest at 2:30 p. m. Saturday, in the Wagner creek cemetery, G. C. Griffin of the American Sunday School Union, conducting the service.

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