

ASHLAND MAKES NEW CONTRACT FOR CITY LIGHTS

ASHLAND, May 2.—(Special.)—

As foreshadowed some days ago, the city council has entered into a contract with the California-Oregon Power company for electric current on a reduced basis, the contract to run for five years. The papers are signed by the municipal officers, but are still to be ratified by the corporation's officials at San Francisco. The city pays \$600 per month for current, instead of \$700 per month as heretofore, the company waiving all further rights as to franchise privileges, a contention which raged for years and promised litigation between the town and the old Ashland Electric light & Power company. On the other hand the town tacitly agrees to take over gradually a lot of the equipment of the power company, so that the expense of this investment may counterbalance what is saved in the reduction of current charges on the monthly basis of \$600 instead of \$700. The actual value of this equipment will determine how much has been saved by the new deal. However, with all franchise privileges abrogated, it gives the city a free hand to act in emergencies arising over the installation and workings of one of the chief public utilities, and in the light of past history this is a welcome change over past conditions. Reinforced by the municipal plant, the city does not use the \$600 worth bought monthly from the foreign corporation, but the excess is "convenient to have on hand."

Lookout for the Elks big rally on Saturday, May 3. The imposing parade will mobilize near the Library at 4 p. m., and march to the Plaza, to the accompaniment of many novel features never before witnessed in these parts. In the evening a large class of candidates will be initiated, one of successive relays which will boost the membership towards the 1000 classification.

Gus Morris, assistant superintendent of the S. P. on the Portland division, was in Ashland on Thursday, bound for San Francisco, accompanied by Chief Clerk Ormsby of the general ticket and passenger department in Portland.

The field meet under county high school auspices, on Wednesday, was a big event, enthusiasm running high. The official program embraced 47 events. In number of points Medford scored 159, Ashland, 106, and the county outside, 66. Ashland shone in the half-mile relay race, winning a brilliant walkaway, also the local girls in the indoor baseball game scored a pronounced victory.

The Boy Scout dramatic venture, staged for Wednesday evening, April 30, has been postponed a week, owing to a surfeit of other attractions.

Bill Pracht, non-com officer in the navy, has been sailing the Adriatic near the scene of trouble which promises to embroil Italy with her neighbors. It seems the U. S. has quite a representation among the allied fleet patrolling the waters on the Dalmatian coast.

It would be a blessing if, with the advent of any paving operations in this vicinity incident to work on the Pacific Highway, that section of Park avenue leading from Peils warehouses to the Lithia entrance, could be spread with bitulithic. This early in the season the dust is a pest on this particular unit of Park avenue, and later in the season the comforts of camping in Chautauqua park are marred as the dust clouds roll by.

Among employees in the local branch of the Swift company is Merrill Thorne, returned soldier.

A cooked food sale will be held at the Whitehouse grocery on Saturday, May 3, by the social circle of the Christian church.

Helman's baths will be opened to the tide of summer visitors, as well as for the benefits of local patrons, on Saturday, May 3.

Mrs. G. H. Hedberg and daughter Agnes, have of late been visiting in San Francisco and other California points.

Henry C. Snarr is assisting in invoicing the equipment of the Ford garage, preliminary to its being taken over by the new management.

Mrs. T. W. Aeklin is employed in the millinery and ladies furnishing department of the Enders store.

Homer Billings has a wire from John Riez, Y. M. C. A. worker overseas, announcing his arrival in New York on April 28, direct from Marseilles, France, and that his footsteps are pointed already towards the Pacific coast.

The many friends of Robert Garrett will regret to learn of his continued illness.

Harry Moran, returned soldier, has been addressing Phoenix gatherings on war experiences.

Well known former residents of Siskiyou county figure in news items from that section of northern California. Rev. Father Patrick Carr, of Dunmuir, a patient at Merritt hospital in Oakland, died April 22, and was buried at San Francisco. Dr. W. F. Shaw, for years in practice at Yreka, and at one time county physician, has moved permanently to Nicolaus, near Sacramento.

A deportation car containing over 50 undesirables, passed through here early in the week, southbound, traveling under "tourist" car auspices, destination being east via Sacramento. The personnel included all types as gathered from Pacific northwest territory. A few local parties kept

in hiding from off the platform until the train pulled out, and one citizen was unkind enough to remark that when a movement of this kind should be instituted throughout this territory it would need two cars at least to accommodate the exodus from Ashland and Medford, not to mention Salem.

Members of the Modern Woodmen of America are reminded of the meeting, Monday evening, May 5, called to take action in a referendum vote regarding a re-rating of assessment classifications.

John Goodwin, returned soldier from overseas, is visiting relatives here.

With over 30,000 soldiers in the service, both at home and abroad, Oregon's military history should be an interesting one, but the state cannot compile such data without the assistance of county and municipal units. It therefore behooves every man, whether he has served overseas or not, to lend a helping hand. Let us begin right here at home with our local boys, before any more are scattered to the four winds. Leave data at the city library, which institution will collaborate with parties delegated by the state to the end that we may have as complete a record as possible of all participants in the various branches of the service. Portraits and views of scenes in the war zone are solicited, also souvenirs of the great conflict are acceptable, as all these moments will perfect the record. The library is the logical channel through which to gather these facts and figures, and Ashland's soldier boys are urged to lend a helping hand in this work, as such details promise to be of value to future generations. Civil war history furnishes evidences of records made by states, counties and municipalities.

LIMITATION OF CARRIERS' LIABILITY CALLED ILLEGAL

WASHINGTON, May 1.—Limita-

tion of the carriers' liability by the carriers' liability by the value of property at the time and place of shipment was held by the interstate commerce commission today to be illegal. This long standing provision of bills of lading was ordered stricken out in its entirety from the uniform bill prescribed by the commission as a result of its exhaustive investigation, begun last year, into the contracts required by carriers before undertaking the transportation of freight.

In prescribing a uniform bill for export shipments, however, the provision was retained, as the Cummins' amendment to the commerce act, which the provision was held to contravene, was ruled to be inapplicable to shipments to non-adjacent foreign countries.

The new bills of lading were ordered put into use by all carriers subject to the commission on or before August 8 with 30 days' notice to the postmaster of the change.

The commission held that it had authority to enforce the statutory law in regard to bills of lading and that numerous complaints made a uniform contract imperative. The livestock contract will be


considered in a supplemental report. Additional forms for such special traffic as coal and perishables were held to be unnecessary.

SCHOOL TEACHERS OF TACOMA FORM UNION

TACOMA, Wash., May 2.—Tacoma school teachers at a meeting last night formed a union, called the Federation of the Public School Teachers of Tacoma, which practically every teacher in the city has joined. The union will later ask affiliation with the American Fed-

eration of Labor, its leaders said. It was formed following refusal of the school board to increase the salaries of the poorer paid teachers \$10 a month. The new union has announced its intention of calling an election to grant the school board power to exceed the ten mill tax limit in order that salaries can be increased.

BUENOS AIRES, May 1.—Dr. Manuel Carlos, president of the Argentine Patriotic League, today approved President Wilson's declaration relative to Italian Adriatic claims.



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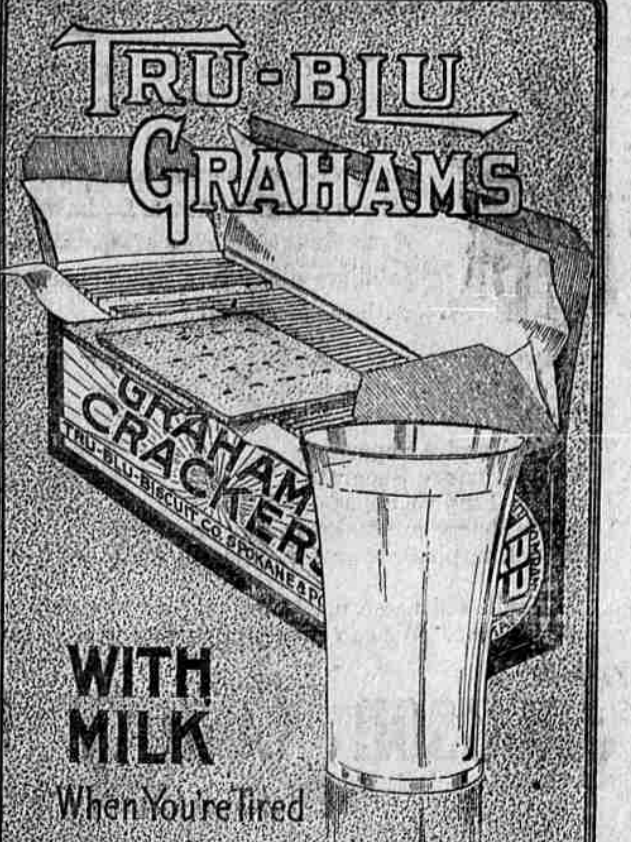
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