

J. PHILLIP SOUSA TO ADDRESS THE C. OF C. FORUM

John Phillip Sousa will address the members of the Medford chamber of commerce at their forum at the Medford hotel next Wednesday. It is seldom that the opportunity presents itself to secure a speaker whose reputation is world wide and therefore are the members of the chamber extremely fortunate in having Sousa come to Medford on a Wednesday and consent to address them at their forum.

N. Y. Stocks

Table of New York stock prices for various commodities and industries, including sugar, leather, copper, and steel.

Now Showing at the Page Theater



The Norma Talmadge picture, which is the current attraction at the Page theater, is an adaptation of the stage play of the same name, 'The Wonderful Thing,' which had such a successful run, with Jane Kantes as the star.

URGE MRS. MEARS TO CONTINUE WORK LOCAL RED CROSS

At the regular meeting of the board of directors of Jackson County Red Cross, held at the library, the resignation of Mrs. Rose Scheffelin and Mrs. Sara B. Mears as headquarters workers were presented. Mrs. Scheffelin stated the necessity of her severing her connection with the organization to enter other lines of business on January first, and her resignation was therefore accepted. Mrs. Mears was earnestly requested to continue the work until a successor be secured at the headquarters closed.

BIGGEST XYLOPHONE WITH SOUSA'S BAND

The biggest xylophone ever made has been delivered to George Carey, the xylophone soloist of Sousa's band, the instrument being the artist's long cherished plan to produce impact melody of a quality and degree never before derived from this style of instrument. The new xylophone is twelve feet long and permits the simultaneous playing by eight performers, thus constituting an "xylophone orchestra" with but one instrument.

J. M. Jones Appointed. WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Postmasters nominated today include John M. Jones, Portland, Ore.; Edwin M. Bean, Casper, Wyo., and Hattie Peterson, Fort Laramie, Wyo.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Nominations of William D. Gregory to be land office register at Walla Walla, Wash., and of Captain Mark L. Bristol to be rear admiral, were sent to the senate today by President Harding.

ASHLAND PASTORS FILE ENTRIES FOR GRADUATION TALK

ASHLAND, Dec. 19.—Popularity associated with perpetuity sometimes has its disadvantages. With high school graduation over six months in the distance prospectively, a free-for-all series of entries is demanded by the local Ministerial Union as applying to the clergy, in rotation, in connection with the honor of delivering the baccalaureate sermon. If rotation were adopted in this respect, it would fall to the lots of the average pastor to deliver this oration to the high school grads about once in a generation, such is the multiplicity of creeds represented locally. Here follow the major ones; those in the minor classification also being numerous: Methodist, Presbyterian, Baptist, Congregational, Christian, Episcopal, Catholic, Christian Science, to which might be added dual sects of the Brethren, Adventist, and Free Methodist, the term "free" not implying that the followers of the good old Methodist Episcopal persuasion are enslaved. Then we have the Temple of Truth with its classes in Theosophy, also the Pentecostal Mission, while means of designation having expired by limitation another sect was compelled to adopt the term "Undenominational." The Methodist Episcopal pastor has been chosen by the student body four consecutive years in succession, a circumstance which is following precedent established by the Oregon conference in returning Mr. Edwards year after year to the Ashland field. In the face of representations made by the Ministerial Union that city pastors should rotate as to delivering the baccalaureate philippic, the school board passes the buck along to the students, disclaiming jurisdiction in the matter. Even so, why don't the school board allow the students to choose their own superintendents and teachers? If the rule of rotation, however, is adopted, it might lead to some innovations by way of contrast to the custom in years past, for in the course of events the vicar of Trinity Episcopal might conduct vespers, Father Conaty might perform high mass, or Rabbi Jesse Winburn might observe the Passover at Sap-and-Salt synagogue—the term "night" being used advisedly. If Methodists dominate the school board, Presbyterians predominate on the city council, while the chamber of commerce is hopelessly committed to "free thought." Specifically, the following is the resolution presented to the school board by the Ministerial association, as signed by Rev. Walter L. Evans, Baptist, as president, and Rev. C. F. Koehler, Presbyterian pastor, secretary:

TRAIL-PROSPECT ROAD WILL BE FINISHED, 1923

Word reaches Medford that the matter of improvement of the Crater Lake highway between Trail and Prospect has been worked through at Portland and most of the work on that link in the road to the lake will be done next summer with the last of the working in all probability the following summer. Ben Sheldon, president of the Chamber of Commerce and the members of the county court appeared before the state highway commission twice and in addition had a lengthy session with the district forester and the engineer of the U. S. Bureau of roads. Under the co-operation provision of the federal law authorizing the expenditure of federal money on this road, the contracting will be done under the supervision of the federal authorities. Mr. Cecil, district forester and Mr. Purcell, the road engineer for the government, assumed the Jackson county delegation that contracts would be let just as soon as the surveys made for this section had been checked up and approved and the funds were in hand. It is believed that this can be done so that actual construction work can be commenced early in the spring.

The importance of keeping the road open to travel during the months of July, August, September and October so as not to interfere with the Crater Lake travel was impressed upon the forestry men by the local speakers, and satisfactory assurances were made that a most earnest effort would be made to so direct the contracting work that those sections where construction work would necessarily block traffic, could be worked out during the earlier or later months of next season.

At the October meeting of the highway commission, Mr. Sheldon obtained assurances of work during the forthcoming season up as far as Cascade Gorge. This last negotiation has increased the work contemplated so as to include the six miles between that point and Prospect. This work, when completed, and taken in conjunction with the work between Eagle Point and Medford, a contract for which was authorized by the commission at Portland last Thursday, will close every gap between this city and the lake so far as a standard grade is concerned and will provide for the macadamizing of the same to a point six miles above Prospect.

NEW DECORATION SHOWS CARPENTIER A HIGHBROW

PARIS, Dec. 19.—The French government has instituted a new decoration—the Order of Physical Education. It will have knights, officers and grand crosses as have other French decorations. The ribbon will be violet with a white line. The first bestowals are to be made on January 1, when Georges Carpentier is to be made an officer and Francois Descamps, his manager, a knight.

START DRILLING FOR OIL IN SAMS VALLEY

The Seattle Oil and Gas company have taken over the leases in Sams Valley formerly held by the Vulcan Oil company and will start operations tomorrow with a drill capable of going to a depth of 1000 feet. This light outfit will be supplemented by a larger one if prospects justify. The work will be started on the Smith and Townsend property near Beagle, and will further extend the hole now down to the depth of 280 feet. A good showing has been made. A number of local people are interested in the project.

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BRIAND, LLOYD GEORGE DISCUSS REPARATIONS. LONDON, Dec. 19.—(By the Associated Press)—Premier Briand of France went into conference with Prime Minister Lloyd George at the latter's official residence in Downing Street this morning. It was expected that German reparations would be the first question considered but the newspapers declare the conversations may develop a comprehensive discussion of the European financial and economic situation.

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