

ASHLAND BUSINESS MEN GET BEHIND GRANITE QUARRY

ASHLAND, May 1.—No less than a score of leading citizens locally have joined in guaranteeing a very substantial promotion fund to meet preliminary expenses incident to developing the Blair Granite Quarry on an extensive scale. This is a property located in the vicinity of Ayer's Spur, about six miles southeast of Ashland. For some time past, H. C. Galey, of this city, assisted by E. V. Carter, has been conducting an exhaustive investigation of this proposition, the findings being extensive. Options have been secured, titles perfected, and a practical examination made by experts. The investigation in general has covered the scope of supply and demand, prices, freight rates, etc., in order to arrive at a comprehensive understanding of what a thorough development of the quarry implies in the way of establishing a splendid enterprise at our very doors. It is needless to dwell upon the wonderful success of eastern granite quarries, both Vermont and New Hampshire having notable properties in this classification. "Blair Granite" is known the world over. Samples of this stone are available here, and by comparison with those of the native product, the latter loses nothing competitively. It is not only the desire, but also the expectancy of those interested to be assured that our local people join forces in the establishment of an enterprise on such a substantial basis, providing a home industry, which should reach great proportions, for the possibilities are right at hand, needing only confidence and encouragement to develop them. People of the valley in general will be offered an opportunity to back up moral encouragement by financial support in furthering a permanent industry. During the past year the quarry's output reached a value exceeding \$20,000. It has been operated the past six years with nominal success, a status which should assume a phenomenal one if development occurs along lines which the project abundantly justifies.

About half a dozen clerks in the local postoffice will be given an opportunity, May 3, of perfecting themselves in matters regarding schedules etc., due to a formal examination along these lines.

Following closely upon the disarmament conference at Washington and succeeding the armament conference at Genoa, a third conference was lately held up the canyon amid Sap and Salt surroundings, affording some distinguished visitors an opportunity of viewing at close range the charms of this rustic retreat in the midst of a typical woodland and brookside environment.

The Bible School sessions for May will be held at the Nazarene church, and in the meantime Children's week, April 29, May 7, will be observed on the basis of furthering a Sunday school campaign on a general plan, as outlined by special committees.

Municipal traffic rules, moderate and eminently fair to all parties concerned, are being assailed, not only by tourists but also by local residents, especially those interested in accessories as supplied to tourists, who

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also urge that the fifty-cent charge to tourists for auto camp privileges be done away with and that the grounds be absolutely free to all comers. Some of the garages are offering to subscribe to a fund to provide upkeep for the camp grounds and parks in general, provided a return is made to the free status. In the meantime the speed limit through town is fixed at 20 miles per hour, with the additional limitation of a 12-mile gait while passing school houses directly on the line of the Pacific Highway, this circumstance complicating traffic matters.

Night Patrolman Roberts is home from a visit of several months' duration in Central California.

The Modern Woodmen meet on Monday evening, May 1, in Moose Hall, corner of Main and third streets.

What are termed "school hours," as applied to auto traffic speed regulations, refer to the period from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. Large signs will be strung across the street announcing speed limitations.

On Friday, May 5, the Christian church will hold a meeting for women, devoted to missionary extension, visitors from Portland and McMinnville to be present.

"Sap and Salt" sayings will soon be syndicated, developments to this effect being under way on a national basis. Bert Moses will go east, and Jesse Winburn will come west, Bert accompanying him. The syndicate feature will be an extensive one, and has been under way for some time past through metropolitan channels.

Talent's Olympic marathon was held last Friday, John Beeson, as marshal of the day, and Coach Hughes, as official starter, both being from Ashland.

Bonus or no bonus, nearly 1000 ex-service men have been appointed postmasters under the present administration.

Malta Commandary meets on Wednesday evening, May 3, also work in the order of the Temple. This meeting will fix the limitation of commandary petitions, which can be acted upon in time for applicants to qualify for the Shrine ceremonial at Medford, May 25. At the meeting May 3, supper will be served at 6:30.

A prize of ten dollars for the best oration, as offered by the D. A. R., was won last Friday evening by Edith, high school pupil, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Dodge. The subject related to "Americanization."

The local paper carries a classified ad which announces that "the convalescent home is a quiet place, now that the tourists are all in jail or the Medford auto camp."

The Parent-Teacher gathering will be held at Hotel Ashland, on Tuesday, May 2. Mrs. Hill, state president, will be here, also Mrs. Milton Higgins of Massachusetts, national president. There will be a luncheon at 12:30, followed by a reception from 2 to 5. In the evening these distinguished visitors will be entertained at Medford. Mrs. H. T. Elmore, of this city, has been appointed delegate to the national convention, which meets in Tacoma, May 8-12.

Hubert Bentley, former clerk in the Ashland postoffice, is now carrier on rural district No. 1, succeeding J. H. Doran, who in turn has been promoted to the position of "glad hand extender" to tourists in auto camp grounds park.

In these moving and housecleaning days, remember the salvage headquarters in the tent near the Tidings office, conducted by the Civic Improvement club, which opened for the season on May 1.

EAGLE POINT EAGLETS

By A. O. McVitt

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Houston of Trail were among the business callers Wednesday morning on their way to Medford.

J. D. Patrick who has been doing some carpentering around town was engaged Wednesday putting in some shelving in the residence of F. J. McPherson, making it more convenient for Mrs. McPherson, and now he is engaged putting in some flumes in an irrigating ditch on Thomas F. Nichols' farm on Rogue river a short distance below the Dodge-French bridge.

Stanley G. Jewett of Portland and L. A. Jones of Medford were here for dinner Wednesday. Mr. Jewett is predatory animal inspector of the U. S. Biological survey.

Judge E. D. Briggs of Ashland, Ralph Cowgill of Central Point and V. H. Vawter of Medford were also here for dinner at the same time. They were out working in the interest of our soldier boys. J. D. Jones and son M. J. Jones, P. A. Hill and H. H. Smith of Butte Falls were here for dinner Wednesday and so was J. W. Berrian, the superintendent of the fish hatchery. He reports that he has already seven hundred and fifty thousand fish hatched out of the eggs he has taken out of Little Butte creek here and that they are doing fine.

F. J. Ayres and wife who live on their farm on the P. & E. R. R., were visiting their niece and nephew, Mrs. and Mr. George Phillips of this place, Sunday, April 23.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Conover were trading here Wednesday.

J. W. Hoover, superintendent of the Allvesta orchard was also here on business and tells me that the prospect for a fine crop was never better. That he has it well pruned up and in fine shape. That he has also been making some substantial improvements in the line of new buildings and is getting it up in fine shape again.

Mrs. J. Wattenberg and her daughter, Miss Evelyn were also among the business callers Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Wattenberg are the lessees of one of the best farms along the banks of Rogue river, belonging to Thomas F. Nichols and his sister, Mrs. Carlyle Natwick and Mr. Wattenberg is considered one of the best farmers in the county, and that is saying a great deal. The ditch and flume will soon be completed so as to put water all over it, and a large part of it is already set in alfalfa.

Harvey Stanley of Wellen, was here with his team cultivating a part of the place his father-in-law, John Rader, bought of Wm. G. Knighton. It was already set to alfalfa and was plowed up just a few days before the deal was made with John Rader and I predict that there will be a fine crop next season if not sooner.

Frank Haselton, the foreman on the antelope orchard, was in town Thursday morning and reports that the prospect is bright for a big fruit crop this season and that the frost had done no damage so far.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Wood of Medford passed through here on their way to Butte Falls Thursday morning and the lady walked through the town and distributed religious literature as she went and some of it was very interesting. They were accompanied by a man named Hughes.

I received a note from Rev. C. C. Hulet, the Sunday school evangelist for the Presbyterian Sunday school society Thursday, too late for my Wednesday letter, requesting me to announce that he and Rev. Harrison would hold services in Butte Falls Sunday, April 30, and each day up to and including May 12th.

There were two strangers here for

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Everybody loves a horse, and when the horse is ridden by a pretty girl, smartly garbed, it's a dull eye, indeed, that doesn't sparkle at the sight. With the A. G. Barnes Wild Animal Circus, coming to Medford on Wednesday, May 3rd, for two performances at 2 and 8 p. m., beautiful high school horses, with pretty girls to ride them, present an equine ballet—one hundred horses dancing to the throbbing and swell of the big show band, with superb grace and in perfect unison. Now and then, the young women dismount and

dance a step with the forefeet of their steeds. The splendidly trained horses in this act are valued at \$12,000, and the girls—well, they're mostly sun kist beauties of southern California, and the total of the German reparations wouldn't buy a lock of their hair.

You'll see many of 'em in the two mile street parade the forenoon of circus day and in "Alice in Wonderland," the beautiful fairyland fantasy, edition of 1922, which opens the show, and you'll agree that both the girls and the horses are wondrously fair.

Thursday whose names I failed to learn and later Pearl Stowell, F. Myhre, Emil Myhre, Oscar Smith and Wm. Cottrell came in for dinner.

J. L. Robinson, one of our prominent farmers who is generally up-to-date with his work was here Thursday and I asked him if he had his corn ground plowed, for he generally puts in quite a lot of corn and he replied he was plowing it now and dropping it as he plowed. He is using his tractor, and has his harrow attached behind it thus finishing it up as he goes—quite a departure for him for he generally plows his corn land in December, but the past season has been so wet he could not get on the land so is trying it "the lazy man's way."

There have been two or three small changes in real estate that I had not heard of in time for my last letter. Wm. G. Knighton sold a small tract of land, a little over an acre, to Floyd Pierce, and the rest of the tract, joining the old F. M. Stewart property to Clifford Hicks, about four acres, all of both tracts set in alfalfa and under the irrigation ditch, both good buys. And I understand that there has been a lot sold to a woman, but am not able to report it as yet until I learn more definitely.

George Holmes, our garage man, made a business trip to Portland Wednesday night.

S. J. Smith of Butte Falls, came out

Friday and went on up to his home. Mrs. Charles Wilkinson who spent the most of her time at their home at the Dead Indian Soda Springs, came out Friday and went out to her farm on the Eagle Point-Phoenix road. Her husband is unable to live with any comfort in the valley on account of the altitude and the result is they live together in the hills.

G. M. White of Medford, passed through here Friday on his way up to George B. Brown's with three large brood sows of the Poland China breed that Mr. Brown had purchased on Applegate. Mr. White said that he was to move Mr. H. L. Young out to Medford on his return trip.

Miss Carmen Wilson of Medford, R. L. Dixon, a cattle buyer of Fort Klamath, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stanley and son Bertland and J. Jones of Butte Falls, were here for supper Friday, and Mr. Jones was here for dinner and remained over night.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Spencer, Dr. Wolf, Beattie Burkhardt, Ida Magerle of Rogue River, spent Wednesday hunting gates above Eagle Point. They were the guests of Mrs. Frank Lewis.

W. OF W. SPEAKER AT FORUM THIS WEEK

"Community Consciousness" will be the subject of an address at the Medford Chamber of Commerce forum next Wednesday. This will be given by L. J. Boak who is the head counsel of the Woodmen of the World and who is also the president of the Chamber of Commerce of Denver, Colorado.

As a recognized leader among insurance men, Mr. Boak was called to Washington during the war to help frame the insurance policies of the government. He was one of the big men of the country who rendered expert service without remuneration and he is entitled to every courtesy that may be extended him while in Medford.

The luncheon will be held at the Medford Hotel at the noon hour and officials of the Medford Camp are extended the privilege of this forum.

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