

LITHIA PARK SHOWS BALANCE FOR YEAR, TOTAL CARS 5000

ASHLAND, Jan. 8.—Some stock in the local park domain—either common or preferred—might prove to be a good investment, in view of returns made the past season financially, as well as otherwise. At a recent meeting of the park board, Frank Jordan was elected president; Mrs. C. H. Vaupey, vice-president, and W. H. McNair, secretary-treasurer, and the latter's annual report, recently submitted, contains some interesting facts and figures regarding the municipal playground for the past year, its activities, also income and outgo. The balance on hand, left over from 1921, added to the income during 1922, represents a total of \$10,282.50. Expenditures amounted to \$8,831.94, leaving \$1,450.56 to be applied towards working capital for the year 1923. Representing a registration of nearly 5000 machines, the income from the auto camp proper was \$3247.50. Figuring on a basis of census returns as applied to heads of families, and allowing three persons to each habitat, it is only reasonable to assume that each tourist car which registered at the camp grounds during the season, contained at least three individuals, consequently 15,000 people visited this locality through the camp ground agency alone, not to mention hundreds of others who did not avail themselves of this privilege. Expense incident to labor and materials as applying exclusively to the upkeep of the grounds, was \$2251.56, leaving the operation of the auto camp center netting a clear profit of \$995.84. In the face of this encouraging financial exhibit, nobody now doubts the wisdom and expedience of the charge of fifty cents per day levied against each car which availed itself of the privileges of the camp. As before stated, expenses incident to the operation of the park area in general for the year 1922, were \$8821.94, and \$5,515.33 of this amount was for payroll, practically all of which was locally retained. It is interesting, in the way of recapitulation to note the extent of park revenues and sources from which they are obtained. Taxes, as the major factor, yielded \$4,499.82; Chamber of Commerce, \$19; rent, \$; concession \$12.55; gas connections, \$10; wood \$3.50; city for undertaking, \$300; sale of drinking cups \$794.31. The cup item as regards sales, might look like profit-making, inasmuch as the original cost was but \$110.28, but the retailing feature was in behalf of the general welfare, and the end justified the means. Moreover, cup sales at a generous profit, will help along in meeting a possible deficit along other channels. The park board consists of five members, including Mrs. C. H. Vaupey, Mrs. F. D. Wagner, W. H. McNair, Frank Jordan and Amos Ninsinger, the official personnel being given elsewhere in this article. Harris Dean is superintendent of the area in general, and the past year J. H. Doran had charge of the auto camp grounds, both being efficient workers, alert in furthering every measure adding to the beautiful appearance of our extensive playground domain, which is the pride, not only of our own town, but also of adjacent ones. Doran's talents come within the versatile classification, being a preacher, author and lecturer. Moreover he is a physical as well as mental worker, and might be termed a "multiplier" in the sense of extending greetings and the glad hand to the stranger in our midst, qualifications so necessary in filling a position to which he certainly is to "the manner born."

Beautiful as the park is, and complete in its appointments, the board, nevertheless, have in mind certain changes which will add to its accommodations and convenience, one of which contemplates reducing the area of the elk reserve, in order to install another driveway so that motorists can approach nearer the picnic grounds, the reservation noted being far greater in extent than is needed.

MARKET EXPERT TO SPEAK AT FORUM

"Marketing" will be the subject upon which Paul V. Maris, director of extension of the Oregon Agricultural college will speak at the forum luncheon at noon on January 10th. Mr. Maris is particularly interested in this subject and especially from the standpoint of securing an understanding on the part of merchants, bankers and others, as to their relation to the problem. Luncheon will be held at the Medford hotel.

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Musical Hit, "Oh Look!" Page, Jan. 12



Viola Black, the dimple girl, with the New York Vanderbilt Theatre Production.

EAGLE POINT EAGLETS

By A. C. Howlett

Among the guests at the Sunnyside New Year's day for dinner was Nick Young, one of our Jackson county native sons who cultivates a fine farm on the Butte Creek bottom and is one of our prosperous bachelor citizens; Ralph Cowgill, the chief engineer on the irrigation canal from Big Butte to this section; E. Summer, the engineer who has charge of the construction work on the unit already allotted to Wm. Von der Hellen; Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Soukup, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Garnett, C. Garnett, Mrs. L. Bernard, all of Medford; W. C. Clements, our postmaster as well as our telephone owner and manager, and wife, and later in the day Mr. and Mrs. George W. Austin and wife of Medford and Brk. M. L. Pruitt who lives on and owns one of the fine farms on Little Butte creek, and among the business callers were Shorty Allen who a few years ago purchased a twelve acre tract of timber and brush land off of the Von der Hellen tract of Antelope Creek bottom land when it was simply a jungle, and he now tells me that he has it all cleared, plowed and sowed to winter wheat. A year or so ago he told me that he was working for Mr. Von der Hellen his regular eight hours a day and cutting the wood off the land clearing the brush out at intervals while he was resting. Such men as that never become a burden on society. His brother-in-law, Ira Hensley, was also in town with him. Henry Trusty and Wesley Miller of Elk creek were among the guests Monday night with us. Mr. Natwick is one of our contractors and was here looking after his interests in that line. Among the business callers last Tuesday were Jeff Conover, one of the pioneers of Rogue River valley, W. H. Crandall, one of our hustling farmers, orchardists and general wideawake citizens who called at the Sunnyside to try to dispose of some of the products of his farm. He seems to be considerably disappointed over the way the new road has been laid out and opened from the Crater Lake highway, as there is nothing to be seen on the entire route except chaparral brush and desert land; not a house or fence to be seen, but by making the change a very bad hill is avoided. Wort Pool and Alex Anderson who is living on the Charley Terrill place near Brownboro, was among the business callers and he reports that he has a band of 1200 sheep and that he has not had to feed any so far, and that on the second day of January, 1923 and that the grass was good, fresh and green. What will the readers of the Medford Mail Tribune up in Idaho or Montana or even the state of Washington think of hearing a band of twelve hundred head of sheep living and doing well on the range the first of the year, but so it is this year in southern Oregon.

Among the callers at the Sunnyside Tuesday for dinner were Mrs. C. H. (Nick) Caster of Butte Falls who came out on the stage and came here for dinner. Her husband is engaged in the meat market business in Butte Falls and Mrs. Caster was on her way out to Medford. W. E. Hammel was also among the diners and so was E. Ross, state irrigation accountant. Mr. Ross and Mr. Hammel were here attending a meeting of the board of directors of the Eagle Point Irrigation district. Charley Clark who is selling the Watkins products also called for dinner and J. A. Turnbow, the foreman on the repair work on the P. & E. railroad and J. P. Niles, his assistant, were here for the night. They were repairing the railroad bridge on Butte creek where the high water had undermined the approaches, and so was E. Summer, the engineer who has charge of the construction work of the unit allotted to Wm. Von der Hellen to build.

As my health is not as good as it was years ago and I am not able to get out and hustle for news, I, in my last letter inserted a chapter of my experiences as a circuit rider the first year I was in Oregon and as the obliging editor graciously admitted it to the columns of the Mail Tribune I will venture to trespass on his good nature again. When I closed my story I was located for the night with a family by the name of Caughman and there I met my co-laborer, and if it will not be considered out of place will remark that Mr. and Mrs. Caughman had two very attractive daughters, about sixteen, and eighteen years of age, and Mr. Smith, not unlike the rest of the young men of his age, did not object to good company. Well, after spending the night with the family when we got up for breakfast we found that it was raining in torrents and I had an appointment to preach at the Liberty school house on the north side of Long Tom creek, a stream about as large as Butte creek, and the prospect was good for another freshet. We decided that we would try to meet the engagement as Mr. Smith was familiar with the country. The reader will bear in mind that the flood of a week before had washed the fences and bridges all away but we heard that the Taylor bridge was still so it could be crossed, so we started, but we soon found that we were in the midst of the second flood, but we kept on our course swimming the sloughs as we came to them, and finally we reached the bridge, or rather what was left of it, for the water of the first flood had washed the approach to the bridge off leaving the timbers in tact on the southern side; but how we were to get our horses across the question and the water had raised so that there was no retreat. Our only alternative was to go ahead, so we tied our ropes together and look one horse at a time and made them swim across by low the bridge and by that means got our horses across and we walked on the stringers and were safe so far as this bridge was concerned, but there was yet an ugly little stream to cross and when we reached it found the bridge was gone, but Mr. Smith knew the country and he suggested that we go up the creek a few miles and he thought that we could cross, which we did, but we had to swim our horses but we had succeeded in making the trip so we rode along leisurely until we finally reached the house where we intended to go and when we reached there found not only the house but the yard full of people, for the man and wife who lived there had a family of sixteen children and many of them were married and had children of their own and they were all or about all who had come in from the low bottom land and when we rode up we met scores of faces wondering how we had ever reached there for by that time the water was as high or higher than it was at the place a week before. I see that I have not given the name of the family but it used to be a familiar name in southern Oregon, the name was Bied, and he was killed on Grange creek by a grizzly bear.

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DIARY OF TOURISTS TELLS WONDERS OF SOUTHERN OREGON

The following excerpts are from a diary kept by Mr. and Mrs. Richard T. Mason of Dayton, Ohio, recently received by the Portland chamber of commerce. The diary recounts a trip by motor from Portland, south to Grants Pass and the Oregon Caves and Medford and Crater Lake, thence to Klamath Falls and Bend and back to Portland, not leaving the Columbia river highway.

The diary is too voluminous to quote in full, but the following paragraphs are of interest locally: "At Grants Pass we heard the story of the Oregon Marble Caves. We were told at the hotel that in a very short time there would be good accommodations for overnight at the Grants Pass, but we did not have time to visit them on this trip. We wish to assure the people of Grants Pass that they will see us in another year for we hope to spend several days roaming through these caves, which from photographs and description surpass anything of the kind yet known.

The last thirty miles from Grants Pass to Medford is along the Rogue River and it was with great difficulty that I restrained my wife from climbing out and making camp at each turn of the river. This stretch of scenery is a classic in itself, and more time should be spent along it. "We had a wonderful night's rest at the Medford hotel, and on the morning of the eighth, after getting our instructions as to how to reach Crater Lake from the Crater Lake National Park company's office, in the hotel, we started on that trip of all trips, over the Crater Lake highway to the lake, which is about eighty-five miles from Medford. For fifty miles the drive took us along the same Rogue river as of the night before, and again the feeling of living forever among its beautiful charms, came over us.

"At noon we stopped for lunch at Prospect, which is the most unique mountain resort we visited, and I must take time to say that the meal served by Mr. and Mrs. Jim Grieves, who operate this resort, will linger in our memories for days, and re-center our memories whenever the thought of food comes to our minds. At one-thirty, after a couple of glasses of real mountain spring water we started on the last thirty-five miles of our trip for that day, to the world's most beautiful wonder, Crater Lake.

"The following morning, July 9th, my wife and I took a boat ride to Wizard Island and the Phantom Ship and while making this trip, caught the first Rainbow trout that it has been my pleasure to catch, and my only expression of joy in playing this wonderful game fish is 'Oh boy, how they do jump and fight!' My wife held this twenty-two inch fish, and stroked it as fondly as she would a house pet, and beamed with pride on the husband who had made this wonderful catch. From the boat landing up to the hotel, it is a distance of one and one-quarter miles by trail, and a difference in altitude of one thousand feet, and the climb up this trail is the best little appetizer that I know of. I'm sure that the wife lost at least four pounds, making this climb, but the hotel was the loser in the end, for I am sure that the dinner we ate upon our return not only made up the pounds lost, but added a few extra. The afternoon and evening of the same day we spent lounging about, taking a well-needed rest and feasting our eyes on scenery.

"The following morning, July 10, we started on a thirty-five mile drive around the rim of the lake, and again I am without words to express its beauties. After taking on a full load of gasoline and oil at Anna Springs camp, we left the park by the south entrance, on our way to Klamath Falls.

"Another wonderful night's rest at

The Multnomah hotel in Portland and early the following morning we were off for Mt. Rainier, in Rainier National park, and as we crossed the interstate bridge, leaving Oregon behind us, we turned, bowed and threw a kiss back to the most hospitable people in existence. You who live there may well be proud, every one of you, to say that your home is in Oregon, the summer playground of America.

"RICHARD T. MASON, "103 Beverly Place, Dayton, Ohio."



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