

Items of Interest From the Rogue River Valley

ASHLAND'S HIGH SCHOOL OPERETTA TO BE REPEATED

ASHLAND, Jan. 26.—There will be a second presentation of "The Captain of Plymouth," the comic opera staged by high school students. The initial appearance was on Thursday evening this week, with such splendid results that a repetition of the charming operetta will take place on Friday night. Prospective additional financial returns are also a factor in prompting the "return engagement." Donald Wright interprets the title role as The Captain; John Galey, John Alden; Marshall Barbro, Erasmus; Ruth Flackus, Priscilla; and Keith Brookmiller, Kontonka. Charity, Mary and Patience will be exemplified by Maxine Monger, Margaret Dougherty and Lillian Reimer, respectively. This is an entertainment which will delight everybody, with nearly a hundred high school lads and lassies in the cast. Leona Marsters is musical director of the comic opera, with Zipora Blumfeld as dance director. Leonilla Smith and Elsie Howell are dramatic directors. Pianist is Gertrude Brown, with Margaret McCoy as general assistant.

Earl Rasor, familiarly known here as a fine singer, is now located at Charlotte, North Carolina, a lively southern city of over 50,000 inhabitants, located within the limitations of the famed resort section of the Carolinas. He is connected with the Baptist church of that city, a metropolitan organization of wide scope and influence, is director of its musical activities, his salary in this respect being \$2400 per year, with opportunities in the way of private instruction in vocalization materially increasing this state revenue. Mr. and Mrs. Rasor, both "addicted" to music, are much pleased with their new home environment, and many friends hereabouts will learn with pleasure of the success attending them in that ideal southern clime. His address is 1003 West Trade street, Charlotte, N. C.

Incident to the alignment of programs connected with a county Sunday school institute to be held Feb. 6-9 in various localities, the date of Friday, February 9, has been set for the initial gathering in Ashland.

Very opportunely, Senator Eddy, of Douglas county, objects to the educational bunk which implies nowadays that students shall be long on Greek and Latin studies and Roman mythology, but might short on practical education as applying to reading, writing and spelling. He might have added typewriting also to the list as among present day necessities. The average boy or girl, in this respect, is alert mechanically, but when it comes to spelling and punctuation, deliver us from too much of this work which invites criticism.

Funeral services of the late Giles Parman, who died in this city last Sunday, were held on Wednesday at the family home on B street, interment being in Mountain View cemetery. Deceased was a native of Missouri, 83 years of age. He was a Civil war veteran, having served in

an Iowa regiment during the rebellion, and has been a resident of this vicinity for over 15 years.

Basketball at the high school gym., Saturday evening, January 27, when Salem will meet Ashland in one of the brisk games of the season.

Local bakeries are installing electric ovens, the latest property to be equipped in this respect being the Bon Ton establishment on Fourth street.

The Eastern Star Embroidery club has changed its name and will hereafter be known as the Alpha Social club, its schedule of meetings being the second and fourth Tuesday evenings of the month. Hereafter it will be duly officered, the president for the current term being Mrs. Ella Mills; vice president, Mrs. Emma Coffee; secretary, Mrs. Mabel Roberts; treasurer, Mrs. Effie Brown.

John L. Bateman, former well known resident, is now located at Feather Falls, California, in Butte county. The family, however, will retain residence property at Oroville, which is rented temporarily.

President Kerr's daughter, Genevieve, teacher in the Talent schools, was a guest at the banquet at the Plaza Confectionery, Tuesday evening, on the occasion of the visit of Prof. Dubach, of the Agricultural college.

Ashland seems to also have sent a delegation to Jacksonville, urging that county nurse activities be continued, assuming as a protest originated here urging that the service of a nurse be dispensed with, the protest, it is alleged, having originated through Christian Science channels.

Next week is the Christmas Eve period, January 28th to February 4, and the local senior and junior units of that active church auxiliary are planning to observe the week accordingly.

On January 22, R. A. McAllister and Nellie Willis were married at the Methodist parsonage, Rev. S. J. Chaney officiating. The home of the young married couple will be a suburban one in the Nell Creek district.

On Wednesday there was a printing demonstration on the premises of Albert Johnson, noted horticulturist, whose extensive orchard properties are on the west side of town.

A local preacher who went on a junket trip to Los Angeles to witness the "unveiling" of the noted healing temple being erected in that metropolis, is quoted by the home paper as saying that he "was quite impressed with the city of Los Angeles, but stated he did not get to see the faces of any of the women of the town, on account of the cosmetics, but he thought they might be good looking otherwise." It seems that it was the Baptist pastor who arrived at this conclusion.

The local Chamber of Commerce is making extensive preparations in the way of planning for the annual banquet on Tuesday evening, January 30. The scene of the spread this season will be the Depot Hotel, which of late has been extensively overhauled and refurbished.

Residents of Terrace street are troubled in their dreams by visions of deer raising havoc among the gardens and orchards. Years ago a like complaint was raised, but in those days bears were accused of being the aggressors.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 25.—Hearings scheduled for today in federal court here on the supreme court's mandate for a separation of the Southern Pacific and Central Pacific were postponed until March 19.

OLD PIONEER OF ROGUE RIVER DIES, AGED 87

ROGUE RIVER, Jan. 26.—Wednesday night, Jan. 17th, at 11 o'clock Mr. J. H. Whipple, an old resident of this community, passed away at the ripe old age of 87 years. Death followed shortly after an attack of paralysis. Mr. Whipple was born in New York, came west to Iowa, then to California, and finally made his permanent residence here at Rogue River. He was identified with all the activities of the country and was permitted to view with a great deal of satisfaction the transformation of this section from a veritable wilderness to that of advanced civilization, covering a period of nearly forty years. He was always looked upon as one of the reliable citizens of the community, and many fast and intimate friends and neighbors regret keenly his death. He leaves two sons, James and Mark Whipple and his wife, now 82 years old, to mourn his departure. The funeral services were held at the Hope Presbyterian Church Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, Rev. William Lee Gray officiating. The body was interred in the local cemetery. A large representation of citizens was present at the funeral service, and as an evidence of the respect and esteem which the deceased held in the community, the local school was dismissed at the hour set for the funeral.

On Friday night, January 12th, the newly elected mayor and city council met in regular session and transacted the business of the city. The mayor, F. W. Clark, appointed standing committees, as follows: Health and sanitary—P. Freed, A. Milton, W. S. Cary, Finance—A. Melville, D. Swacker, E. Woodcock. Streets—A. Milton, E. Woodcock, P. Freed. Light and water—S. Sandry, A. Melville, D. Swacker.

The mayor also made the following appointments: Fred O'Kelly, city treasurer; Dr. W. S. Cary, city recorder; and A. L. Blackburn, city marshal. All bills against the city were presented and ordered paid. The Civic Improvement club of Rogue River presented a communication protesting the granting of a license for a pool hall. As there was no application on file for such a license, no action was taken. An ordinance was presented and passed changing the monthly meeting night from Friday until the second Monday night of each month. The meeting adjourned to meet again Feb. 12th.

The Rogue River high school basketball team, on Thursday night, January 18, defeated the Cottage Grove high school team by the score of 19-29. It was a fast and exciting game and both teams played good basketball. The high school team of Rogue River will play Phoenix high school this Friday night at Phoenix.

The city council met in special session Wednesday night and voted \$100 for the improvement of Gillmore avenue. The avenue is the only street leading to the property of the Ancient River Mining and Milling company and was very badly in need of repair.

On January 29th the fourth number of the Ellison-White Yceum course will be given at the Community Hall, and a very entertaining and instructive program is expected.

The Community Club met at the Community Hall Tuesday evening and among the important business transacted was the appointment by President Brashear of the executive committee for the year, as follows: W. H. Sparks, chairman; Mrs. Arthur Earhart; Mrs. A. L. Melville, James Whipple and Victor Birdseye.

The dance to be given by the Odd Fellows at their hall Friday night promises to be one of the pleasant social events of the season.

Last Sunday Rogue River was favored by a visit from two of its former honored and respected families, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Evans and son of Central Point, and Mr. and Mrs. David Territt and Mrs. Territt's mother of Central Point.

AGATE ITEMS

Henry Gregory, our road supervisor, has been giving the roads the once over with a grader. The roads are in better condition than usual for this time of the year.

The mild winter and consequent better pasture, has been quite beneficial to the stockmen and is welcome as a substitute for high priced hay.

Paul Kenoyer, a carpenter and building contractor, has moved into the Orr house pending investigation of the valley as a future home.

Two of our farmers who started in the new year by buying cars are, D. W. Hebe who has a Nash Six and E. E. Minnick who purchased a Chevrolet.

On Tuesday and Wednesday Mrs. T. H. Weedon and family moved to their recently purchased ranch on the Applegate.

Howard Mayfield and family suffered

the misfortune of having their house burned recently. Part of the household goods were saved. The building was partially insured.

E. C. Hamilton is engineering the construction and repair work on the Table Rock Canal.

A community dance was held at one of the canal company's houses on Sunday evening. About 25 were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Hurt of Medford visited at the E. E. Minnick home Sunday.

Little Elmo McGraw has been quite ill for three weeks, but is slowly improving now.

TRAIL ITEMS

Miss Burr and Miss Mordoff of Medford and Mrs. Carter of Jacksonville attended the teachers' meeting at Trail Saturday.

Mrs. Stewart is driving a new Chevrolet these days.

Miss D. Peterson was called to Fort Klamath suddenly by the sickness of her sister, Mrs. C. Hutchinson of that place.

Minnie Poole spent the week end with her parents near Trail.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Pritchett and two little children and Mrs. Cushman and son Charles, were visitors at the Hall home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Middlebush and Enid Middlebush attended a show in Medford Saturday evening. They reported the fog so dense, that it was quite difficult to see to drive.

Mrs. Ralph Watson was a Trail visitor Thursday. Her friends were glad to see her able to be out again.

Mrs. A. T. Pool is on the sick list.

Mrs. M. Siemes was a pleasant caller at the Owens home Tuesday.

Charlie Fellers is hauling hay from Eagle Point.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Ragsdale are recovering from the flu.

The Pence children are all sick with the whooping cough, also the Morgan children and the Sandry children on Elk creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Vaughn and little son, Donald, of Medford were callers at Mrs. Vaughn's parents on Elk creek Tuesday.

The work on the Trail creek bridge was resumed this week.

EGG PRODUCERS CONSIDER PLAN TO AID RETAILERS

EDEN PRECINCT, Jan. 26.—There has been some talk of a meeting to come to an agreement to patronize the firms who have been willing to keep up the price of eggs. These firms are back of the poultry men and they should have the support of every farmer. The price of feeds have not been reduced and the poultryman cannot sell his eggs too cheap, and feed high priced grains. There is need of cooperation between producer and retailer where such conditions exist.

Arthur Rose has a fine dairy herd of some twenty cows and figures he will be able to turn off a fat veal and a fat hog every week through the summer. Mr. Rose has bought hay enough from C. Carey to run his cows until hay cutting time. He has purchased some pure bred sires of both hogs and cattle.

We who are interested in the raising of poultry, feel quite proud of one of our local yards. That of E. C. Lockwood of Phoenix. Mr. Lockwood sold last week to one of the leading breeders white leghorns, in California, fifty of his pedigree roosters. Mr. Lockwood received five dollars apiece for these birds. They were really worth more, but this is the first big order to go to California and Mr. Lockwood made some concessions. However should some of the poultry people here buy one of these birds they would pay double the price and think they had secured a bargain.

There is much anxious speculation over the renewed activity at the Trigon and each one who has contributed to the prospect well, is anxious to see the outcome. There must be test wells put down if we are to know if oil does exist in commercial quantities. There must be cash to further the work if it is done. Most of the wealth-producing industries in this valley have been financed by outside capital. This oil proposition may truly be classed as work done by local capital. Col. Mundy has been at the job for years and is truly a real stickler.

From the way the work is proceeding on the highway we believe it pays to put in a farmer or orchard man as superintendent. There has been more work accomplished in a given length of time since they began work than ever has been done on this highway. There seems to be no killing of time. The teams and men are out on time.

and work until five in the evening. Many of us feel the expense of paying for the tiling but when the work is done it will add to the value of every property owner along the highway. Like the paving, we will be glad when it is done. The drains will be real drains instead of sinkholes for a winter rains. Each one will have a dry walk out to the car. A thing that many had neglected to provide for themselves.

Dave Watt returned last week from a business trip of a couple of months at Butte, Montana, to his home in Phoenix.

Jim Harvey and his son-in-law, J. C. McClain, of Phoenix, were trading in Medford Wednesday. Jim will garden some land which he lately purchased near the big ditch the coming season.

There were quite a number of our citizens who were at the presentation of "The Mikado" in Medford Tuesday evening. It will be remembered that Mr. George Andrews put the play on at Phoenix several years ago with the help of local talent.

Mrs. A. S. Furry is off on a vacation this week, while her mother is playing housekeeper at her home near Phoenix. Mrs. Furry is in Medford at the home of her sister, Mrs. C. Cate.

Mrs. W. S. Stancil was making several short calls last Sunday afternoon, among them at the home of your correspondent, and on Mrs. Rose at the Furry home.

Work has begun on the cleaning out of the irrigating ditches on the Wortman orchard, a force of men being at work throwing out the accumulation of moss and mud.

While there is much favorable comment on all of the new homes which have recently been built along the highway, there are more who go into raptures over the Lampore than any other. The whole plan of both house and grounds seem to appeal to all passers-by.

Mrs. T. T. Simpson, mother of Mrs. Noah Chandler, is very ill at her home on South Central in Medford. Mrs. Ray Tompkins, daughter-in-law of Mrs. Simpson came to Medford from Vader, Washington, Wednesday to be at the bedside of her mother-in-law.

The many workers at the Talent Cannery were sorry to have that industry close down for this season last Saturday. They have had a longer run this year than ever before and are planning on a greater amount of work next summer and fall than in any previous year.

The town of Phoenix is somewhat exercised over the great expense which the putting in of tiling at all of the street and other crossings which the widening of the county highway will necessitate. Some property owners have strongly objected to their having to bear the expense of the cost of tile in front of their property.

S. SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETS GOLD HILL ON FEBRUARY 6

GOLD HILL, Jan. 25 (Special).—The Jackson County Sunday School Council board met in Medford at the Presbyterian church last Tuesday evening for the purpose of fixing the time and places of holding their county institute in February and making up of the program for the same.

The members of the board who were present were W. W. Robinson, of Ashland, president; Prof. Aubrey Smith, of Medford, vice president; E. C. Faber, of Central Point, secretary-treasurer; Dr. B. Webster, president of the Phoenix district; A. E. Kollogg, president of the Gold Hill district; Mrs. H. A. Canaday, of the Young People's Division; and S. D. Taylor of the Adult Division.

There will be a four-day session of the institute as follows: Gold Hill on Tuesday, February 6th; Medford the 7th; Eagle Point the 8th; and Ashland the 9th, and three daily sessions first at 10:00 a. m., second at 1:30 p. m., and evening session at 7:00.

The state speakers all from Portland which are billed for the entire session are Miss Georgia Parker, of the Children's Division; Rev. F. M. Jasper of the Young People's Division; and Rev. A. J. Ware of the Adult Division.

The local presidents will have immediate charge of the several sessions during the institute, which are as follows: Ashland Dist. No. 1, O. F. Carson; Medford No. 2, Dr. B. Webster of Phoenix; Gold Hill No. 3, A. E. Kollogg; Eagle Point No. 4, John C. Stille.

The Gold Hill