

Items of Interest From the Rogue River Valley

ASHLAND TURNS OUT THURS., BUILD ROAD TO SHALE

ASHLAND, May 18.—Though not exactly reminding of a convict camp working out penalties on the highways nevertheless the results obtained by the boosting element of this town, which on Thursday of this week accomplished a prodigious amount of construction on the road leading from the Dead Indian thoroughfare to the scene of the shale deposits which are being developed, brought conviction with the spirit displayed by an army of local folks helping the project along on a purely volunteer basis. The highway particularly involved is one nearly five miles in length which will connect the shale fields with the Dead Indian road property. There is machinery approximating \$50,000 in value already installed on the grounds. The output contemplates a production of two barrels of oil to the ton of shale with a by-product of 12,000 feet of gas also. Allowing 3000 feet of gas a ton to get the oil, a surplus of 9000 feet of gas per ton would be available for commercial purposes. On Thursday the busy assumed the phase of a saints' rest aspect, to such an extent were business houses closed, even including the banks. The hour for starting was 8 o'clock a. m., and the exodus began right on time, with pickaxe and spade in evidence, also many cars and trucks, instead of banners flying. Impromptu sentiments, enthusiastically expressed, encouraged the volunteer brigade in going over the top, a terse refrain being vociferated about as follows:

Ashland is a grand old town
Where people freely think,
Thus causing critics bold to use
Just tons of printers' ink.
Yet Ashland, on her scenic throne,
Right near Old Grizzly's shale,
Delights in shocking tourist squads—
Then turns and shocks her kale.
Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Kinney have returned from a month's visit with relatives and friends in Oakland, Cal., and vicinity.

Leverett Davis, mining engineer of Denver, Colorado, was an Ashland visitor on Wednesday. He has recently assumed control of the Pilot Knob mine in Siskiyou county, near Grotto, T. K. Anderson, who formerly lived here, having relinquished management of that property. Davis came over the mountains in the family car for a visit to Ashland in a general way, also to procure supplies. While here he bargained for a real live goat on the hoof, also stocking up with plants and shrubs from the local greenhouses to reinforce the lawn and garden herbage on the home domain. The Pilot Knob property is scenically located on Empire Creek a few miles above Grotto.

HOARSENESS
Swallow slowly small pieces
—rub well over the throat.
VICKS
VAPORUB
Over 17 Million Jars Used Yearly

ville, which city is located in the center of a wide diversity of Siskiyou county's mining interests.

Following the banishment of slot machines and punchboards throughout town, an effort is now being made to assess a specific license of ten dollars on pool tables, the contingency arising that such a levy would also apply to billiard installations in private homes. Funeral services of the late Mrs. Emma Coffee, who died in this city on Wednesday after prolonged illness, will be held on Sunday afternoon at 2:30, in Masonic hall, under auspices of the Eastern Star, she having been a member of Alpha chapter No. 1. Deceased was a native of Pennsylvania, and was 67 years of age. She was a widow and had resided in this vicinity about 15 years, her husband having died here eight years ago. Interment will be in Ashland cemetery. Mrs. Coffee leaves one daughter, Georgia, well known resident locally, also a sister, Mrs. Anna Williams, who has been in Ashland for some time past, and two brothers who reside in Iowa. In her passing, Ashland loses one in whom the qualities of a splendid womanhood were exemplified in the daily experience, and many will remember the quiet, kindly demeanor which characterized her acquaintance with a large circle of intimate friends.

Dr. Geo. J. Kitz, who has been in California for several months in the vicinity of Cedarville, Modoc county, is home for a temporary stay.

Miss Margaret O'Neill, of Hornbrook, occupying the composite position of postmistress, express agent, and manager of the telephone exchange in that railroad center, has been visiting friends in Ashland this week.

At a meeting of Malta Commandery, Wednesday evening, a resolution submitted providing for granting permission for the institution of a unit of the Knight Templar organization at Medford, was defeated, the vote being 21 for to 29 against the proposition. This is the second time the project has been turned down within a month.

"Satan's Empire is Falling," which is the vernacular is equivalent to the assumption that "the devil's to pay," a subject which will be dwelt upon by Maurice Herr, at the Lyric theatre on Friday evening, May 18.

Malta commandery meets on Friday this week—order of the Temple, six candidates. Work begins at 5 p. m., with intermission for supper at 6:30.

The Lithians meet in annual session Friday May 18.

Band music in the parks will require approximately a thousand dollars to meet the necessary expense for the season. The city has appropriated \$400 for this purpose, which sum the chamber of commerce supplements by \$200, leaving the balance to be raised from other sources. The outlay mentioned contemplates concerts on Wednesday evening and Sunday afternoon of each week.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. French, of Grants Pass, former residents here, were revisiting Ashland recently, accompanied by their son Ralph and his wife and little daughter. Ralph is now a lieutenant in the government air service, and is stationed at a leading aviation center up in Washington. He is a splendid appearing fellow, of a type of the ideal army officer.

Dr. H. M. Shaw returned home on Thursday from a brief stay professionally in the vicinity of Weed, Cal., a lumber center which he reports as being especially active at this season of the year.

CENTRAL POINT HIGH SCHOOL TO PRESENT PLAY

CENTRAL POINT, May 18.—The operetta, "The Windmills of Holland" will be presented by the Central Point high school May 18, Friday at eight o'clock, at the Central Hall. The setting of this play is in Holland. The plot is centered around a certain mill and farm house in which live "Hertogenbosch" and his wife and his two daughters, "Wilhemina" and "Karin" and the sisters' sweetheart, "Hans" and "Franz." During the play the girls tell their beaus they are tired of them and they part. Next comes "Bob Yankee" from America who is trying to sell Hertogenbosch some new machinery to replace the windmills. Hertogenbosch is just ready to consent to buy some new machinery when the workhands and all come in and tell him that if the old mill goes they strike so Hertogenbosch decides that he loves the old mill too much to part with it and so Bob Yankee remains for a while as their guest. In the end the girls and their sweethearts make up and everything ends happily.

In connection with this Butte Falls will stage their play, "For the Love of Johnnie." The senior class of the Central Point high school presented their play "Green Stockings" to Butte Falls a week or two ago and Butte Falls received all the money taken in.

In return the Butte Falls students are coming down here and give their play and all the proceeds go to the high school here. There are two literary societies in Butte Falls. One put on one play at Phoenix and the other is the one which is going to stage the play in Central Point. The juniors of the high school of Central Point are selling tickets and a full house is expected. The proceeds of this play will be used for track. Everyone should come out to this as it is the last play of the year and the track men deserve to have all the money that can be given them.

Mr. and Mrs. Jewett are the directors of this play and will see to it that the play is well given and the parts well picked. The cast has been practicing on this play for the past seven weeks. The prices have been placed where all can reach them. Adults 35c; children, 20c; reserved seats, 10c.

After being victorious in the track meet at Talent a week or two ago, the track team of the Central Point high school underwent a defeat at the hands of Medford. A meet took place there Wednesday afternoon on the ball grounds. The score in points was 87 to 54 so that goes to show that Central Point was not beaten so very bad. The girls took first place in all the races, but the boys were less fortunate. The Singler brothers, Richard and Rudy of Medford, were the stars of the meet, taking nearly all the first places in the events in which they were entered. If they had not been competing Central Point would have very nearly beaten. The eight-eighty was the first event to be run. First place was taken by Central Point, which was represented by Charles Cunningham and Everett F. F. Cunningham getting first by a head of fifteen or more all through the race he kept a very large lead of all the rest. Chastain of Medford cut it down to a great extent and was gaining steadily. Central Point was handicapped on account of the smallness of the school, therefore the lack of material, while Medford has very much more to choose from. They did well to make so good a showing as they did.

On Tuesday night the management of the F and E presented an exceptionally good program to the people of Central Point. The D. O. K. band of Medford gave a concert outside of the show and also within the theatre. A large crowd was present to enjoy the show and furthermore the music. A large number of people were present from Medford. The show, "The Flames of Passion," which was filmed in Oregon, was "full of action" as a person might call it. Tonight a special attraction has been secured "Cactus" and "Orarie Tille" will give a rifle shooting exhibition. These two persons are very skillful in the use of firearms, so will give a very interesting and educational exhibition. No doubt a large number will be present.

Operations on the new Southern Oregon Clay Products factory commenced about the first of last week and now the work is progressing rapidly. A car load of machinery arrived a short time ago and is now on the ground being gotten into condition for use. Specimens of the clay that will be used are on the ground and the company has a very large source of the white clay in the Meadows district and is practically unlimited.

Mr. Herman Prieme departed for Klamath Falls Monday, where he will sell McNeess products. Mr. Prieme had just arrived about a week before his departure. While here he purchased a new Chevrolet light truck to take the place of his team that he had used previous to this time.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miller left for Los Angeles, where Mr. Miller will follow his trade as carpenter. They expect to be gone for over a year. Their place was rented to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tompkins.

On last Sunday a supper was given in the basement of the Brick church in honor of the anniversary of the Epworth league. A large number were present to partake of the feast.

Miss Kathlene Seller has been sick for the past week with a nervous breakdown but is very much improved. She has been staying in Butte Falls for the past several days. She is to be back tomorrow.

ROGUE RIVER

Miss Muriel Mathews and Elliott Butler gave a party Saturday night at the Riverside club house for the Rogue River high school and faculty. The evening was spent playing games, music and some dancing. Light refreshments were served during the evening. Everyone went away saying they had spent a pleasant evening.

Mrs. F. C. Elliott of Riviera was shopping in Grants Pass on Saturday. Mrs. Abbie Champlin, Mrs. Beatrice Jones, Mrs. George Kettle and Mr. Charles Champlin were in Grants Pass Saturday.

Mr. Fred Guy, our rural mail carrier, was unable to deliver mail on Monday, on account of breaking the crank shaft in his car.

F. L. Champlin was in Medford on Monday and Tuesday.

The Fools Creek school will close with a picnic on Friday, May 25th. This has been a very successful school year and Mrs. Viola Kershaw has been re-engaged for another year.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Engel, formerly of Riverside colony, have moved to Grants Pass. Mr. Engel is employed by the Jackson County Creamery of that place.

Mrs. Joe Woodcock met with what might have been a very serious accident. She was driving a Ford Sedan and lost control of it and went off the highway and the car tipped over on its side in a deep ditch, but she escaped without injury to herself, but the car was badly demolished.

Mr. P. McQuat, who has been the ditch tender for the Gold Hill Irrigation company in the past, will now have the upper half to look after, while Mr. F. C. Clark of Rogue River has the lower half.

The commencement of the Rogue River high school will be on June 1. Miss Muriel Mathews, Elliott Butler and Victor Birdseye are members of the graduating class.

The people of Rogue River and in the rural districts are very much peeved owing to the change of time in trains. They are getting The Mail Tribune at night as they have been doing for years past.

PUREBRED JERSEYS FOR OREGON FARMS

PORTLAND, Ore., May 18.—Direct from the Isle of Jersey, sixty head of purebred Jersey dairy cattle have arrived in Portland and will be distributed among the breeders of fine stock throughout the state.

The herd, which is the first in nine years to reach Oregon on a direct shipment from the islands, will remain on exhibition in the livestock pavilion at the Pacific International show grounds in north Portland until June 21, when the animals will be sold at public auction.

ATTY. LINDAS WILL DELIVER ADDRESS GOLD HILL CLASS

GOLD HILL, May 17.—Attorney B. F. Lindas of Medford will preach the baccalaureate sermon for the Gold Hill schools this year. The services will be held at the Methodist Episcopal church next Sunday evening. Dr. M. M. Reid the local pastor, will assist in the services. The commencement address will be given Friday, the 25th of May in the high school auditorium by Mr. Miller of the Oxford hotel at Grants Pass, who has long been connected with educational work in the schools. The senior class of the high school will present their play, "All a Mistake," a comedy in three acts this evening at the high school auditorium.

Gold Hill friends of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Britt are in receipt of announcement of the Rushville, Nebraska high school class of 1923 commencement exercises. Among the class roll names are Willard H. Britt and Lois A. Britt, son and daughter of the ex-Gold Hillites. The Britt's lived here at Gold Hill a number of years and left in 1916 for Rushville, Neb., while they are engaged in farming.

The management at the local cement plant was considerably annoyed last Monday morning when they discovered that some one during the night had left a large sized stop cock open at the crude oil reservoir on the hill above the plant open and let many thousands of gallons of oil escape. The oil ran down the hill a quarter of a mile and made a large pool alongside of the Southern Pacific railway track between the plant and Gold Hill. To prevent an accidental fire a crew from the plant fired the escaped oil which caused considerable alarm by the large volume of smoke in Gold Hill, which gave the appearance of the whole plant being on fire.

Ex-postmaster H. D. (Johnny) Reed left by train Wednesday evening for the north and east on an extended trip. While in the east he will visit

his childhood home in old Kentucky. On his return home he expects to take a traveling position with a bond house to cover the southern part of this state. Nellie Reed the new postmistress, has announced that Miss Eveline Cameron of Gold Hill will be her deputy in the office. Miss Cameron is one of the 1923 members of the Gold Hill school graduating class, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cameron of Gold Hill.

APPEGATE

The senior class of the Applegate valley high school gave the annual class play, "Won By Wireless," in the community hall last Saturday evening, May 12. The house was packed with a very appreciative audience. The performance was repeatedly interrupted by cheers and laughter. The presentation was a credit to every one who took part in it. The players performed like professionals. The event is without a parallel in the annals of the Applegate valley community life.

On Thursday evening, May 24th, the commencement exercises of the Applegate valley high school will be held in the community hall. The largest class in the history of the local high school will then receive their diplomas. Following are the members of the graduating class: J. Cyril Atkins, Benjamin Franklin Ellis, Clara Foerst, G. Ashton Foerst, Dorothy Dearing Head, Estella Genevieve Layton and Everett A. Smith. Professor A. J. Hanby of Medford will deliver the commencement address on the subject, "The Value of Education." Mrs. Gladys Page Pitcock will render special music for the occasion. The program in full is as follows:

Salutary.....Dorothy Dearing Head
Class History.....Clara Foerst
Piano solo, Valse Oubliee.....Mrs. Pitcock

Address, "The Value of Education".....Professor A. J. Hanby
Piano solo, "Impromptu-Fantasia".....Mrs. Pitcock

Mrs. Gladys Page Pitcock.
Class Prophecy.....Everett A. Smith
Class Will.....J. Cyril Atkins
Class Poem.....Benjamin F. Ellis
Valedictory.....G. Ashton Foerst
Presentation of Diplomas.

Class song.....Estella G. Layton

FIRST CUTTING OF ALFAFA FULL OF WEEDS IS REPORT

(By Mary O. Carey)
EDEN PRECINCT, May 17.—H. G. Shearer is having his alfalfa cut on his little place in North Talent. James Allen is doing the cutting.

Mrs. A. S. Furry is in Medford with her daughter, Mrs. Neil Franklin. The new granddaughter makes it needless that Mrs. Franklin have her mother with her. Mrs. M. Rose has been staying with Mrs. Franklin, but is on the sick list the past week.

As far as can be learned at this writing, the Alfalfa hay in the valley will not be a very good crop this first cutting there is so much foul stuff in the hay on account of the cold weather.

Mrs. Homer Reed from the Gas plant was a business caller at the plant farm Wednesday morning. Mrs. Reed is another of the poultry fanciers of this part of the valley.

There has been a number of almost serious cases of the flu epidemic in this vicinity. Louie Colver has been quite sick, as have a number of others. Otto Caster of East Eden was very sick.

S. S. Bullis of the Medford Cannery company was in our vicinity the first of the week on business connected with products for the cannery. Mr. Bullis has quite an acreage signed up for the raising of tomatoes and other garden produce for the cannery.

Dr. Malmgren of Phoenix will have a new garage built on his Ashland property this coming week and have the house painted, and some other improving about the place done.

J. M. Rader and Jim Smith returned Wednesday from a several days' stay at the Rader mountain ranch. They rebuilt some fence and turned in the water on the pasture.

Mrs. Noah Chandler is keeping little Jimmy for Mrs. Jack Allen, while she is out with her blanning crew at the Hartzell orchards.

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