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TEMPLARS' DANCE BASKETBALL TEAM ASHLAND FEB. 22 TO PLAY PELICANS TO BE BIG PARTY PRACTICE TUSSLE ON MIDWAY ROAD

The Knights Templar dance and card party which is planned for the night of Washington's birthday, promises to be one of the most enjoyable events of the year in Masonic circles. Ashland's attractive new Masonic temple will be the scene of this pleasant affair and the committee in charge of decorations will array the ballroom in appropriate dress for the occasion. The party will be held under the auspices of Malta Commandry No. 4.

The Medford high school basketball team will journey to Klamath Falls Friday, and play the Pelicans of that city in an exhibition game. The Pelicans have not been beaten this season, and think they are pretty good, and so do the locals and a hectic contest is promised. The Pelicans defeated the Medford National Guards, with Knips sick, and no reverses, recently. Coach Callison figures it will be a good workout for his charges.

The hearing on the petition for the construction of the Midway road will be held the first Wednesday in March, according to the latest action of the county court. The hearing was set for February 27.

The voters have filed their reasons of the right of way will estimate that the property loss by part on the proposed road, and be in the neighborhood of \$3500. Benefits accruing from the proposed construction, the report states, will fall upon farmers and orchardists, upon a new area for development, and give the Byberry bridge and Sams Valley country a shorter route to this city with their produce.

The Sams Valley Grange at a recent session approved the construction of the road. Residents of the Sams Valley district are journeying to this city by more or less of a roundabout way, and the Midway road would give them more of a straight route.

There is some objection to the building of the road, opponents claiming it will damage orchard property. In some cases land is being held at a rather high figure, and it is probable that some of the prigs for a right-of-way will have to be settled in court. If the road is finally ordered constructed, work would start at an early date, and be in condition for traffic with the opening of the fruit hauling season.

ELKS WRECKING CREW PREPARES FOR BATCH OF NEW CANDIDATES

The Medford lodge of Elks has issued an urgent appeal for a dozen "one plank" and "sharp" shavers in their, and for fifty or more discarded bed slats of hard wood, all to be delivered at the Elks temple building late Tuesday afternoon, and for which liberal payment will be made. The items asked for must be delivered not later than 7 p. m. on that day, for about 12 p. m. the lodge will initiate a large class of candidates. Also the lodge officials urge their strongest members, preferably husky golf players, be present on this occasion prepared for about fifteen minutes' activity. The word has gone out but seldom it is that the lodge has such a choice morsel to work on as the present batch of candidates.

CAR OF D'ANJOURS SETS NEW RECORD ON AUCTION PRICE

A car of Rogue River valley nears from the S. A. Nye orchard were sold yesterday by Simon Shuttleworth & French company; Guy W. Connor, local representative, and set the highest auction price received for valley fruit from the 1928 season. The Nye car of D'Anjous topped the season's sales, and brought \$4.55 for the fancy.

A telegram yesterday said that the shipment was in excellent condition, and exceptionally well graded. Twenty-one cars of Northwest-ern pears were sold on the auction market Monday, and the New York auction market was reported as strong.

The general average price for Oregon D'Anjous was as follows: Extras, \$2.83; new box fancy, \$3.76; halves, \$2.25; Nells; Extras, \$2.91; fancy, \$2.97 per box. The report stated that the price of Nells was strengthening.

BIGELOW AND BOWMAN CAN NOT RESIST LURE OF MEDFORD

The old saying "they never come back" goes awry in the cases of Carl Bigelow and Carl Bowman, the former having just returned to the city after a fourteen month residence in Portland and again become connected with the DeVoe Collectory establishment, and the latter veteran barber having decided to again open a barber shop in the city, this time on West Main street opposite the Rialto theater, after an absence of several years at Prospect.

The two Carls will be a welcome addition to Medford's populace. Carl Bigelow's return to the DeVoe store makes that place again the official town headquarters in Medford. Carl Bowman's return is bound to help make the fishing for other Medford anglers in the Rogue river better, and the rattlesnakes between Rogue Elk and Prospect will get a much needed rest, for he will no longer have the time to toy with them for fun, and compress them into a patent hit-tonic.

While the presence of Mr. Bowman will again become a familiar one on Medford's streets, as soon as he gets his new barber shop going, in about ten days, that old derby hat which he had worn for so many years—he himself said today it was 17 years—until he located his shop at Prospect several years ago for the comfort of tourists and the new wage workers, may no longer be seen. Mr. Bowman says he has the old derby parked in a garage in this city, but that if the present popularity of derbies continues long enough he may have his former favorite resurrected at Tom Meertman's blacksmith shop, and don it again.

Portland—Plans under consideration to establish bus route between this city and Salt Lake City.

ALLEY WILL MEET HESLIN AT RIALTO

Good news to Medford and the surrounding territory is the announcement today that Tom Alley of Portland, himself of the "benefit" who appeared here several weeks ago in a match against Sillar Jack Wood, will be at the Rialto theatre next Monday night in another match.

This time he will meet Jim Heslin, a champion light-heavyweight wrestler of Australia, in a finish match. An added attraction of the evening will be the showing of moving pictures of the Ed (Strangler) Lewis and Gus Sonnenberg, present world's heavyweight champion, in their championship match at Boston several weeks ago.

PERMIT IS GIVEN FOR PATTON HOME

A building permit to construct a home on Valley View drive at a cost of \$15,000 was issued yesterday by the city to Hamilton Patton, who will begin construction immediately. Other permits were issued to S. Childers to build a dwelling and garage on Spencer street at a cost of \$2500 and to Sidie Osenbrugg to build a dwelling on Vancouver avenue at \$2000. A permit was also issued to J. J. Osenbrugg to build a service station on South Riverside at a cost of \$2000. The Patton home is planned to be one of the finest in the valley, and one similar to it to be built by George M. Roberts at a cost of \$20,000.

SECOND SERIES OF DEBATES WILL BE HEARD TOMORROW

The local high school debating team are to enter into the second of a series of three triangular debates, with the Grants, U. and Ashland schools tomorrow night, and hope to raise their score of five, made in the last contest, to a substantial mark above Ashland, which led with seven points.

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TO REPEAT CHUCKLE KMED RADIO TONIGHT

Much interest is being shown among the many radio fans of southern Oregon in the return engagement of "The Chuckle" during Copco hour tonight. This clever radio drama is said to be one of the best efforts of Miss Helen Norris, local playwright, who is gaining a nation-wide reputation for her excellent productions, and made a big hit when presented by the Copco Players early this month.

CALIFORNIA BANKS FILE SUITS RECOVER TAXES

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 19.—(AP) Suits to recover more than one million dollars in taxes paid during the past three years by 303 national banks in California were filed against State Treasurer Chas. G. Johnson here. The complaints allege that the state discriminates against the banks in favor of outside competing capital.

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