

Beautification of City Planned

The Ladies' Civic Improvement Club are inaugurating a movement for the beautifying of Ashland and are asking the co-operation of every man, woman and child. They have sought information of the best landscape gardeners on the coast. They have bought the entire stock of Wagner Creek Nursery and these will be offered at very low prices. Roses, 5 and 10 cents; shade and ornamental trees, 5 to 15 cents. In addition, they ask anyone who has a bulb plant, shrub or tree that they can spare, to bring them to 94 Oak street, and these will be given away free of charge.

They are asking that every fence or building not painted to be white-washed or repaired, also each street to have a get-together meeting of its citizens to plan the kind of trees, flowers, etc., for their street. Every street should have flowers from February to December, so no matter when tourists come they find Ashland a city of flowers.

Look carefully to grouping of colors and do your planting around buildings, fences and walks, leaving the lawn proper comparatively free of ornamentation.

Those desiring further information inquire of following committees:

City Beautiful—Mesdames Rocho, Usher, Livingston, Bowers, Hilly, Gard and Graham.

Plant and Bulb Exchange—Mesdames Gillette, Whitmore, Merrill, Carleton, Warner, Scott and Trask. Cemetery—Mesdames Lamkin, Rondeau, McWilliams, Gard, Brown, Graham and Miss Susanne Homes.

Plants and trees will be sold at the Chautauqua building next Tuesday, February 16, 10 to 12 a. m., 2 to 5 p. m.

The ladies have the following varieties: Elm, sugar maple, catalpa, Linden, mulberry, English walnut, and many varieties of small ornamental trees and roses. To be sold at 5 to 15 cents.

The Civic Improvement Club cemetery committee held a meeting at the library with Mr. Penniston of the city park board present. After discussing ways and means of beautifying it was decided to hold a meeting with the city council committee as soon as possible so that they could take advantage of the sale of trees and flowers by the Civic Improvement Club ladies.

G. O. P. Elephant Trumpets Again

A big delegation of local men attended the republican get-together banquet held at the Medford Hotel in Medford last Friday evening. About 300 were present, coming from all over the county. The affair was a sort of love feast between the old liners and the progressives. Speeches by almost all the prominent men present were filled with loyalty to the republican cause and denunciation of the democrats. Taken all in all, it was a merry time and those who made the trip enjoyed themselves thoroughly. Benton Bowers of Ashland spoke concerning the effect of the democratic policy along the Mexican border upon the importation of cattle.

Those who went down from here were: H. G. Enders Jr., E. V. Carter, H. F. Pohlman, E. T. Staples, B. W. Talcott, A. C. Ninger, G. W. Kramer, J. E. Thornton, Homer Billings, E. N. Butler, H. L. Whited, C. A. Malone, Frank Toltz, Charles Kane, D. D. Good, C. B. Lamkin, Benton Bowers, Professor Briscoe, D. H. Jackson, George Milner, E. R. Greive, D. L. Tyson, M. C. Bressler, D. Perozzi, Joe Hurt, Bert R. Greer, Charles Greer and E. J. Kaiser.

The program rendered was as follows:

Invocation—Rev. Hawkins.
Song—"Battle Hymn of the Republic."

Duet, "United States," by Mrs. Bert Anderson and Mr. Edmeades, Mrs. Hoke accompanying.

"Lincoln," by B. F. Mulkey.
Reading, Gettysburg address, by Prof. G. A. Briscoe of Ashland.

"Washington and Lincoln," by Judge C. H. Gilmore.

Remarks, G. P. Putnam.
"The Bull Moose," by Col. H. H. Sargent.

Reminiscences by J. S. Howard.
"Democratic Party," Col. R. C. Washburn, Benton Bowers and C. M. Thomas.

Closed by singing "America."

Fruit Association Elects Manager

Prof. Clifford Metcalf was elected manager of the Ashland Fruit and Produce Association at a meeting held last week. The new manager comes from Los Angeles and was recently connected with the Polytechnic College here. Mr. Metcalf is an experienced business man and an expert bookkeeper and should be able to handle the affairs of the association in a manner profitable to all concerned.

The meeting at which the manager was chosen lasted well towards midnight and considerable heated discussion was indulged in. There were four candidates for the position, Ralph Hedges, D. D. Norris and Fred Clausen being the unsuccessful candidates. Norris is the present bookkeeper at the association's place of business, Hedges was a candidate for recorder in the recent city election, and Clausen is bookkeeper at the Talent cannery. All of the applicants were well fitted for the work and the five directors had a hard time choosing one.

A. C. Briggs, the former manager, resigned January 1, but remained on the job until the first of February.

Mr. Metcalf will take up the work as soon as he has recovered from the effects of an operation which it is necessary that he should undergo. He will handle both the manager's and bookkeeper's work but will have help during the rush season.

Exposition Contest Anybody's Race

The Panama-Pacific Exposition contest is growing fast and furious. The votes are being cast in stacks. Practically every purchaser of merchandise in Ashland is already interested in the candidacy of one or another of the contestants. A fifty-dollar trip to the exposition will pay carfare, diner, sleeper, hotel bills and leave a nice bunch of spending money for the winner.

Under the plan adopted for the contest the contestant with the least votes now, or possibly some girl who has not yet entered the contest at all, may be that fortunate one, for the contest advertisers are all offering special votes on special purchases and special sales, and the girl who watches the advertisements closest and works hardest to get her friends gathering votes for her will no doubt win the prize.

The race is still anybody's race. Get busy.

The list of contests and votes to noon today follows:

Mayble Payne	16,103
Blanche Salsbury	15,755
Ruth Hadley	15,225
Alvera Nelson	13,021
Madge Putnam	8,812
Myrtle Dougherty	8,635
Ruth Scott	7,699
Bessie Homes	6,610
Mrs. Elsie Churchman	6,160
Effie Oslin	5,390
Millie Lowe	4,630
Beulah Caldwell	3,778
Natalie Swigart	3,024
Reta Gard	3,000

Stump puller, good as new, a bargain. 115 Granite street. tt

Plants and Bulbs Wanted by Ladies

All persons having bulbs, plants, rose bushes or trimmings to spare that they will donate to the Civic Improvement Club for free distribution to citizens of Ashland for beautifying the city will kindly notify any member of the committee or leave same at 94 Oak street Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday afternoon from 1:30 to 5 o'clock.

MRS. C. H. GILLETTE,
MRS. G. W. SCOTT,
MRS. C. E. TRASK,
MRS. E. J. VAN SANT,
MRS. B. E. WHITMORE,
MRS. S. A. CARLTON,
MRS. F. H. JOHNSON,
MRS. W. H. SMITH.

Business Men's Class.

After request by the business men of Ashland, the Polytechnic Business College will hold a business men's class in percentage and interest Thursday of each week, beginning February 18. The class will be open to the business men and clerks only and will be under the personal direction of J. H. Hardy from 7:30 to 9.

Contract Let and Springs Work Will Begin Feb. 26

After negotiations for more than a week the springs water commission closed a contract Friday with Smith, Emery & Co. for complete engineering and installation of the physical springs plant. The contract provides that work shall begin on or before February 26 and be pursued diligently until completed. It will require about four months to finish it, weather permitting, and it is expected to have the whole development completed in time for a big Fourth of July celebration.

Negotiations are now under way with landscape engineers for the park development and architects for water temple and fountains, and it is expected to have the engineering started on the park soon after work begins on the main plant.

In order to have the work on the physical plant started at once it was agreed that detail plans and specifications be prepared in sections, the first section being the development immediately at the springs, and the details be approved by the commission before work started on the section. By this method construction work can begin three or four days after the engineers are on the ground. The contract with Smith, Emery & Co. covers the entire physical plant, leaving the park development and fountains only to be let later. The commission is now in communication with Mr. John McLaren with a view of employing him to landscape the park.

Trunk and suitcase sale at Enders'.

Sees Great Future For Ashland

John H. Dill, a substantial citizen from Muskogee, Okla., an old friend of the Tidings editor, arrived in Ashland last Thursday, purchased the Mrs. Crouch place on North Main street on Saturday, began overhauling the house on Monday and is now living in it. He came to Ashland on account of the climate, scenery and proposed springs development and is now a fulfilled citizen. Through his efforts no doubt fifteen or twenty families will be added to Ashland's population during the year from his old home, for he came from a place that has already accomplished just the development Ashland is now accomplishing, along a different line, however, and Mr. Dill and his friends back home know just how much can be added in population and values in a town when it gets started along natural development lines, and how quickly it can be done when sufficient power it put behind it, and they are all anxious to "get in on the ground floor."

Scenic Attractions To be Advertised

The Ashland Commercial Club was represented at a joint meeting of the Ashland and Medford Commercial Clubs by Messrs. McWilliams, Newcombe, Seager and McNair. The meeting was held in Medford last week, and plans were laid for the joint advertising by the two bodies of the scenic attractions of the Rogue River Valley. On Wednesday the local board met and ratified the deal which engages fixed space in the Peck-Judah Blue Book, a publication which is an authority on outings, transportations and hotels throughout the entire country.

Piece of String Works Wonders

W. A. Freeburg and J. F. Rocho started on a fishing trip Friday in an auto belonging to the latter. The party managed to get as far as Water street when something went wrong and the biggest part of the afternoon was spent by the would-be fishermen in vain endeavors to locate the seat of the trouble. Finally they phoned for a mechanic, who came and looked the machine over and diagnosed the trouble as being what he called "intermediary paralysis of the motive power." He went over to the nearest store and borrowed a piece of string and had the machine humming merrily in no time at all. Freeburg said, "Isn't it queer what a lot of trouble such a little thing can cause?" and the party moved sedately off toward the scene of their endeavors.

NOTICE—Scrip is given for cash trade. We treat all thirty-day accounts as cash, but any account not paid within five days after the regular thirty days time is up we will not be permitted to give the scrip. No deviation. Ashland Trading Co., Phone 122.

Klamath Falls papers state that despite the fact that Klamath county owes nearly half a million dollars, county warrants are at par.

For spray hose, spray pumps, spray nozzles and bamboo spray rods go to Peil for a square deal. 75-21

Phoenix Objects to Fumes of Plant

Members of the Civic League of Phoenix are circulating petitions asking that the Rex spray factory which was recently destroyed by fire be rebuilt outside of the city limits. It is stated by members of the organization that the factory should be rebuilt away from the city as its present location is a menace to the public health and that the fumes are killing the modrona groves near there. This grove is said to be the only one of its kind along the Southern Pacific route. Already the petitions have been signed by the majority of the citizens and in a short time will be sent to those in charge of the spray company. Investigations have been made and it has been found that the factory can be erected in a suitable place a short distance south of Phoenix.

Try Meteor bread. It is wrapped and contains scrip. For sale at the Vienna Bakery and at leading grocers. 75-4t

Special Election Changes Boundary

At the special election held last Friday the people voted by a majority of about 19 to 1 to change the boundary of the city so as to exclude the small strip through which the Pacific highway passes. The part excluded does not include any house or building. The vote was 521 to 28, only about a third of the usual vote being cast. It is expected that work on the highway paving up the hill will now be rushed.

Over two columns of social notes are deferred from this issue to Thursday's paper.

Highway Tree Day Is Postponed

Pacific highway tree planting day in Jackson county which was set for February 22 has been postponed owing to the absence of Commissioner Madden and the resultant inability of the people in charge to secure the county court's official sanction and help. The date will be announced at a later date for the tree planting day.

KLAMATH JUDGE WRANGLE SETTLED

Klamath Falls, Ore.—The settlement of the Union county judgeship dispute by the supreme court also ended a bitter dispute in Klamath county, a parallel case, and as a result Marlon Hanks, a local hardware merchant, has succeeded William S. Worden as county judge. Hanks was issued a certificate of election and took the oath of office January 4. Since then all court orders have been signed by both Hanks and Worden as county judge. Hanks' platform in the campaign was for a businesslike administration. Worden, during his term of office, conceived the idea of using the county's credit for the construction of roads, and he continued roadbuilding after the funds were exhausted, until the county was plunged deeply into debt.

The Tavern Hotel at Eagle Point was completely destroyed by fire last Wednesday. The damage is estimated at \$7,000.

Local Syndicate Sells Bonds

The local syndicate Friday sold \$100,000 of the \$175,000 auxiliary water bonds which they bought of the city of Ashland on January 26, to San Francisco parties at par and accrued interest to date of delivery. As soon as the bond blanks arrive they will be properly executed and be ready for delivery.

Local investors have engaged \$15,000 of the remainder of the issue and the prospects are good for selling another block of \$10,000 to local men. Fifteen thousand dollars of the issue is contracted to eastern parties and will be delivered as soon as signed. This will leave \$35,000 still held by the local syndicate, upon which negotiations are now under way with good prospects for sale.

If these sales are all consummated as it now appears they will be, the bonds will net the local syndicate par and accrued interest, so there will be no loss either to the city or syndicate in the transaction.

500 Extra Votes.

For one week we offer you reduced prices on trunks, suitcases and traveling bags. Going to the fair? Buy this week, 500 extra votes. See our sale ad.

H. G. ENDERS & SON,
"Where You Do Better."

New curtain scrim in Ashland Trading Co.

Would Have Former Partner Locate

D. H. Thompson of Pendleton was in the city Friday on a visit with his friend and former partner, Chester Stephenson. He is seeking a new location. Messrs. Thompson and Stephenson were formerly partners in a general mercantile business at North Yakima, Wash., which they sold out because of Mr. Stephenson's ill health, and about four years ago Mr. Stephenson came here and purchased the Johnson place on Wimer street, where he has been ranching and has entirely regained his health. Mr. Thompson then settled at Pendleton, from where he now comes. He was attracted here because of our proposed springs development, happening to call on the Tidings editor just as Mr. Smith and the springs commission were consummating a contract for the installation of the auxiliary water plant. Mr. Stephenson has great faith in the future of Ashland and is insisting that his former partner cast his lot here.

Lecture by College Girl.

Tuesday night at 8 o'clock at the Baptist church, Miss Alice Amelle Cogill, a student of the University of Oregon, will lecture on "The Younger Generation." Miss Cogill is not a representative of the extension department of the university, but is here on her own responsibility. Ten cents admission will be charged.

Ohio Reunion.

The Ohio Association will hold its annual meeting Tuesday, March 2, in Moose hall. All Ohioans and their families are expected to be on hand with well-filled baskets and regular Ohio appetites.

Medford Men Visit Ashland

A party of Medford men motored up last Friday and spent a couple of hours in the city calling on friends and looking the town over. The guest of honor was George P. Putnam, secretary to Governor Witzlycombe, who came down from Salem to attend the republican banquet at Medford Friday evening. Mr. Putnam said that the southern Oregon roads were the best in the state and fell captive to the attractions of Ashland. The party were brought up by C. Y. Tengwald. R. W. Ruhl, editor of the Medford Sun, Engineer Frank Kittredge, S. S. Smith and W. C. Leever made up the party.

For Rent.

Nicely furnished room with hot and cold running water, private bath, fine location. \$6 per month. Inquire of Mrs. S. J. Irwin, 156 North Main street. 75-tf

Get scrip with your meals and all purchases of 10c or over at the Vienna Bakery. 75-4t

War Affects Auto Industry

The European war has raised the high cost of living in many ways, but it has lowered the cost of automobiles and supplies.

Because of the lack of shipping facilities and the dangers from seizure by warring powers of gasoline an overproduction has resulted and we buy gasoline now at a lower price than for many years.

Since England has announced that crude rubber might be shipped to the United States from her possessions many of the tire manufacturers have announced a reduction in prices. The greatest reduction has been made by the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company, who have cut their old prices as high as 34 per cent on the smaller sizes and 22 per cent on the larger. These tires are of very high quality and this reduction in price will greatly reduce the cost of operating automobiles.

At the time the European war broke out all foreign orders were canceled immediately and an immense stock of automobile material was thrown on the American market. Fortunately the Reo Motor Car Company had a large surplus of cash on hand and they were quick to take advantage of the situation to buy in at low prices. This has enabled them to place on the market cars with many high-class features only found in cars of much higher price.

Thus a war which made for revenue stamps and high prices for food has had a directly opposite effect on the present and prospective automobile owner.

The Ashland Garage agent for the Reo and Cole Eight has a stock of Firestone tires for sale at the reduced prices and has recently placed a price of 20 cents per gallon on gasoline.

Firestone tires, the best you can buy for any money:

30x3, smooth tread	\$ 9.40
30x3 1/2, smooth tread	11.90
30x3 1/2, non-skid	13.35
32x3 1/2, smooth tread	13.75
34x4 1/2, smooth tread	19.90
36x4, smooth tread	20.90
36x4, non-skid	23.40
Reo 4	1,200
Reo 6	1,550
Cole 8	1,950

Delivered in Ashland.

Gasoline 20 cents.

ASHLAND GARAGE.

H. G. Butterfield.

Ashland Logical Resting Place

There is a rumor that there is to be an overland automobile service established between Seattle and San Francisco to run during the summer months. Although no definite information as to the establishment of this service has been received, it is said that it is a practical certainty.

According to the plan proposed, the buses will leave Seattle daily and stop at the important towns along the Pacific highway. The vehicles will operate by day, while the nights will be spent by the passengers at towns favorable as to geographical location. It is understood that the trip from Seattle to San Francisco will consume about eight days.

Roseburg has already appointed a committee to get in touch with the men behind the enterprise in an effort to make that city one of the stopping places. Wherever the buses stop the many passengers which they are expected to carry will spend considerable money for meals and lodging as well as for other things they need during their short stay.

Inquiry should be made into this proposition by Ashland, and efforts made to make Ashland a night stop-over place. Lying as it does at the end of the Jackson county pavement, at the foot of a great mountain, and a great distance from a big California town, Ashland seems to be a logical stopping place for such an auto service.

Driving at a reasonable rate of speed which would insure the passengers comfort and safety, it takes two days to drive from Portland to Ashland. While at some future day when the roads are paved it may be possible to drive 341 miles in one day, at present the roads are in such shape most of the summer that a greater rate of speed than twenty miles per hour would be impossible, and eight hours of driving would cover half the distance between Portland and Ashland at that rate.