

Miniature Spring Outclasses All

Been to the fair? What impressed you most?

In nine cases out of ten after a general comment on the immensity and beauty of the exposition as a whole the visitor will tell you of the almost perfect Canada exhibit. This is undoubtedly the hit of the fair. Canada has spent years in getting this exhibit together and it is unique, realistic and different. However, everyone realizes that the exhibit represents a vast country of almost the area of the United States and is the combined effort of every section.

When state buildings are mentioned the Oregon building is generally the first named. Artistic arrangements of wonderful exhibits and the unique and wonderful building place the Oregon display first in the memory of the visitor. Then there is an air of hospitality and lack of formality which pervades the entire building and makes the visitor feel at home at once. And the Oregon reception and rest room! As one lady expressed it: "Well, you can always find places to sit down, but the Oregon rest room is the only place on the grounds where sofas invite you to lie down and really rest." The big fireplace with its blazing logs is always welcome, and as soon as the tired sightseer falls into one of the big Morris chairs in front of the fire he feels at home.

Ashland people are assuredly doing their share in supporting the exposition. Outside of Portland there is no city in Oregon which can claim more names in the register at the Oregon building. No matter what day in the week, one may always find Ashland names on the day's register sheet and may generally locate somebody from home about the building.

To attempt to describe the exhibit which H. O. Frohbach has installed would be to use up several columns of space, and you are advised to visit the fair and see it for yourself if you wish to see the best county or sectional exhibit on the grounds.

Finally, we can not refrain from mentioning the miniature lithia spring, which in reality is not really a miniature as it occupies a space of many square yards. There are several other mineral spring exhibits in various buildings, some merely piles of bottles and literature and some more pretentious, but there is not one which even approaches the beautiful Ashland spring, bubbling up out of rocks in a dainty setting of greenery, ferns and waterfalls. It is effective. It "has the punch." Fruit exhibits are passed by by many with a single glance, but that spring always halts the visitor and keeps him for several minutes. It is of inestimable worth to Ashland.

You Want to Know Why is a Laugh?

One of the most noted motion picture comedy directors was asked, "What is the psychology of a laugh?" He said: "Action that shows anticipation is flat and unconvincing. If fall down a flight of stairs, you must do so with some degree of naturalness, even though it be uncomfortable. In the making of a picture you little realize how hard it is to get a laugh. You may have to strive for hours, but when you get to the real point you just touch the situation as with a feather—make it appear to the audience as a casual incident."

That is the secret of the success of Charles Chaplin—most all of his comedy is on the spur of the moment. He writes his scenarios on his cuff. There are many dramatic stars in motion pictures, but only one comedian. Charlie Chaplin is the most valuable actor in the world at present, and it looks as though his popularity would keep up. There is an improvement in each picture. His latest, "The Tramp," is a two-reel special to be shown at the Lyric Tuesday and Wednesday. It is a scream from start to finish.

Charlie isn't producing as many pictures as formerly. He aims to finish a subject every three weeks. For that reason most people haven't any other engagement when one of his gloom destroyers is on the screen.

As affecting unfavorably Pacific coast ship-building industry, United States Attorney General Gregory rules that the La Follette seaman's act exempts all foreign ships and foreign-built ships admitted to American registry.

More About The Ashland Hill

The committee from the council and the Commercial Club which has been investigating the reason for lack of any indication of work on the paving of the Billings hill grade has found that big bodies move slowly and that even paving a few hundred yards of hill when the money is ready and the route decided upon takes time and red tape. Finally, however, things are beginning to brighten up and the paving does not look nearly as remote as it did a few weeks ago.

A letter was received the last of the week from the county clerk which enclosed the following letter from Engineer Cantline:

Salem, Ore., Aug. 30, 1915.

To the County Court, Jackson County, Jacksonville, Ore.

Gentlemen: I beg to advise that we have the plans covering the Ashland hill crossing completed and have taken the matter up with the Southern Pacific Company to reach an understanding as to what they will pay toward the elimination of said grade crossing. Before any final action is taken, of course, this will be submitted to your court for approval. Please receive this as a progress report on this work.

Also beg to advise that we have the Tolo crossing matter in hand and expect to submit same to the Southern Pacific Company this week to arrive at some understanding with them.

We have had these matters up with the Public Service Commission, who advise that they only take action in case the parties to the negotiations can not reach a conclusion.

Respectfully,
E. F. CANTLINE,
Chief Deputy State Engineer.

Successful Fair Closed Saturday

The eighth annual Jackson county fair closed Saturday. It was the most successful fair from every standpoint yet held. On Friday, Ashland and public schools day, over 3,000 people, the largest crowd that has ever thronged the county fair grounds, attended.

Does Unusual Photographic Work

Chester Stevenson still prosecutes fresh conquests in the field of photography. This time he has turned his attention to the photographing of music, reducing full pages within the compass of a postal card.

The work is surprisingly well done, as evidenced by the neatness and legibility displayed on a number of Prof. Gilmora's composition, written specially for the services of the church, including "Bread of the World," "Im But a Stranger Here," "The Voice that Breathed O'er Eden" (sung at the nuptials of the Rev. S. M. Dorrance), "When Morning Glides the Sky," "My God My Father While I Stray" (for male voices), "Brightly Gleams Our Banner," a "Kyrie Eleison," and "Gloria Tibi."

Mr. Stevenson's photography may safely be reckoned as one of the assets of Ashland.

Corvallis—Gazette-Times sold to Claude E. Ingalls of Kansas.

Pioneers of Southern Oregon Will Hold Reunion Thursday

The thirty-third annual reunion of the Southern Oregon Pioneer Association takes place in Ashland Thursday of this week. A large attendance from every part of southern Oregon is anticipated. At 10:30 a. m. at the Vining Theatre President F. D. Wagner will preside over the meeting and the following program will be rendered:

Invocation, Rev. Carnahan. Piano solo, Miss Edna Dougherty. Selection by Siskiyou Male Quartet. Reading, Miss Minnie Jackson. Address, Evan Reames, and another selection by the quartet. Following the program the gathering will adjourn to the Elks banquet hall, where a banquet will be served. In the afternoon the association will reassemble in the theatre and memorials to the pioneers who have passed away during the year will be read. Among those who will not be present to answer roll call this year are: R. V. Beall of Central Point, C. C. Beekman of Jacksonville, Albert G. Rockefeller and Mrs. Elizabeth Thornton of Ashland.

The banquet is for pioneers and members of their families only.

Noted Educator Dies In Ashland

Prof. Karl E. Guthe, dean of the University of Michigan, passed away at a local hospital Friday night. Prof. Guthe had been operated upon for stricture of the bowels and his death is attributed to weakness of the heart. Prof. Guthe was in the employ of the government for two years, then a member of the faculty of the University of Iowa for four years, and for the past six years dean at the University of Michigan. He was a nationally known and respected scientist and one of the leaders in the educational field. He was but 49 years of age and was cut down in the middle of his usefulness.

Prof. Guthe came to Ashland from San Francisco, where he took an important part in the recent national educational convention held there. At that gathering he represented the University of Michigan and was one of the most prominent speakers. He stopped off here with his wife and children to visit his brother-in-law, J. B. Ware, intending to resume his journey last Wednesday. He arrived in Ashland on September 2 and four days after his arrival was taken ill. He underwent two operations.

The body was sent to Richmond, Va., for burial. Mrs. Guthe and the children leaving Sunday noon.

Civic Club Shares Vining Proceeds

Tonight is Civic Improvement Club night at the Vining Theatre. Every loyal booster should make it a point to attend and help along the ladies. The Cox family, who have delighted large audiences for the past week every night, will appear in their farewell performance. Tonight's performance will be "Florette, the Music Hall Girl" and will feature the Spanish dance. The feature picture which rounds out the evening is "The Greyhound," an exposure of the gambling gangs which infest the ocean liners and prey off of moneyed people with more cash than brains. It is a good program and well worthy of your attendance.

Apple Crop Short Hundreds of Cars

According to estimates made by Portland fruit commission men, the Oregon apple crop this year will be only one-third as large as that of last season. One estimate placed the crop at 750 carloads. The valley crop will not be any larger than the small crop of last year. The dry summer has brought the imperative need of irrigation to the orchardists with increased force and next summer will see an apple yield of old-time size as a result of irrigation projects now being planned.

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Doctors of Three States to Idaho

The Tri-state Medical Association will convene in Lewiston, Idaho, October 6, 7 and 8. An attendance of 300 medical practitioners of Oregon, Washington and Idaho is anticipated. No doubt several of the local doctors will attend.

Kenton—Oregon Packing Company has bought 7 1/2-acre site for new cannery plant.

University Will Be Surveyed

Dr. S. P. Capen, educational expert of the United States government bureau of education, arrived in Eugene last week for the purpose of making a general survey of the University of Oregon. Dr. Capen comes to the state upon the invitation of President P. L. Campbell and the board of regents, and there is going to be a general weighing of and passing of judgment upon the finances, methods and results at the institution.

Dr. Capen stated that he liked the arrangements of the campus and thought it beautiful, but would make no further announcement until his final report. He will remain in the city until he understands every phase of the university activities. Then he will make a statement going into great detail and giving praise and blame where it is due. His work, it is estimated, will probably require a month's time.

President Campbell laid the matter before the board of regents early in the summer. He wrote to Washington and now the survey is to be made. Mr. Capen is a man of great experience in this work. He has spent the spring helping adjust the budgets of the Iowa state institutions and conducting a survey of the North Carolina institutions. The federal survey will put the most emphasis on educational results. It will deal with the university alone.

The university faces another survey next winter, however, in company with all other Oregon state institutions. This one was ordered by the last session of the legislature for the guidance of the next session, and will be conducted by a joint committee of the two houses. Its emphasis will probably be financial rather than educational, according to President Campbell.

Could it Possibly Have Been John?

John Dugger, up until a few months ago employed at the local Southern Pacific station and now employed in an Oregon City paper mill, is, according to the Oregon Voter, suffering the anguish of humiliation because of the fact that a young man by the same name was pinched for making nocturnal visits to hencoops in the surrounding districts. Poor John, we who know him in Ashland realize how his sensitive nature must suffer from the chaffing of his friends. Maybe even now John is wondering if his Ashland friends have read of "John Dugger of Oregon City arrested for stealing two chickens," and believe that John was John.

It was not a very heinous offense which Dugger the pinched was fined for. He was merely getting a couple of tender hens for a little fried chicken party. It was really a joke and should cast no lasting blight upon the young life of the miscreant, but even then—well, you understand.

N. B.—Now that we think about it, there was no description of either John and it may be that John was John.

Old Soldiers Camp at Medford

The southern Oregon reunion of the G. A. R. convenes in Medford Monday to Saturday this week. Numbers of old soldiers from every section of this part of the state are encamped at Medford. Ashland day is Wednesday, and practically the entire local post will attend. Among the Ashland veterans and their wives who are encamped at Medford are: Messrs. and Mesdames Hicks, Sayles, Palmer, Thomas, Powell, Beach, Coder, White, Hall and Mattingly. Many others will attend during the day. There is something of special interest every day and the old soldiers look forward to a most enjoyable week.

Two Features in One at Vining

A great Paramount feature in six reels combining a child actor picture, "The Bootless Baby," and a roaring comedy, "The Man On the Case," will be shown at the Vining Tuesday night. This is the first time that two features have been combined in one, and the result is bound to please. The first is taken from the well-known story of the name; the second represents the humorous attempts of a young millionaire, who disguises himself as a detective, to prove a girl's love.

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World's Greatest Irrigation Congress

San Francisco, Sept. 13.—California's difficult problems of irrigation, reclamation and flood control will be fully covered at the twenty-second International Irrigation Congress, which will be held from September 13 to 20 in various cities of the state at the invitation of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition. Many prominent irrigation experts and civil engineers who will be attending various sorts of related conventions at San Francisco during the above dates will take part in the deliberations of the irrigation congress.

The congress, perhaps the most important in personnel and in the amount and character of work projected that has ever been held in America, will open at Stockton, September 13, and close in San Francisco September 20. Meetings will also be held in Fresno September 15 and 16, and at Sacramento September 17 and 18.

The importance to the state of this series of meetings cannot be overestimated, for California is more than passively interested in irrigation and its allied problems.

It is planned to make the forthcoming congress a practical field demonstration of irrigation possibilities and results, rather than a theoretical talkfest that generally leads to few if any practical results. It is eminently fitting that this state should be selected for the 1915 meeting, for within our domain all methods of irrigation are to be found in all stages of development.

The International Irrigation Congress has been in existence for twenty-four years, its main purpose being to arouse public interest to the necessity of revising and reforming irrigation legislation in the western states and to induce the government to initiate a national policy of arid land reclamation.

The problem of successfully establishing upon land families that can prosper only by irrigation facilities, is one of the important questions the congress is now trying to solve. The further growth of the irrigated west depends upon the development and use of its natural agents of production—land and water.

Some of the more important subjects which will come up for discussion are "Colonization of Irrigable Lands," "Rural Credits and Marketing," "Water, Soils, Crops and Farm Bureau Work," "Irrigation Methods and Results" and "Financial Factors Affecting Irrigation."

Hon. Harry A. Chamberlain of the California state legislature is one of the men who is taking a leading part in the congress.

Still Have Hopes of Hooper's Arrest

Special Agent Cotturi of the Southern Pacific Company, who has been in charge of the hunt for John Austin Hooper since the latter decamped, will leave for the north tonight, having been here as a witness before the grand jury which has been considering the Hooper case, says the Grants Pass Courier. Mr. Cotturi is confident that Hooper will again run into the net and be caught, and believes that the wanted man is still either in southern Oregon or northern California. While in Eugene the other day the detective called upon the men who were with the hunting party in the Klamath country and who reported that they had seen Hooper. Cotturi thinks it more than likely that the man seen was Hooper as he had previously been reported in the vicinity of Prospect. Since appearing at the camp of the hunters in the Klamath country he is reported to have been recognized near Dorris, and it is believed that the outlaw is circling around to reach friends among the Indians on the lower Klamath.

Three Boys Steal Brass Fittings

Complaints were made out Saturday by District Attorney Kelly against three youths of this city, charging them with stealing brass valves and other brass fittings from the Ashland Manufacturing Company. The case will be tried in the county juvenile court.

Two Brown-Chambers sawmills at Cottage Grove start this week.

Eugene's Man's Views on Ashland

H. A. Tromp, paying teller of the First National Bank of Eugene, and Mrs. Tromp spent the past week in Ashland and vicinity. During the week, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Duryea, they made the trip to Crater Lake, going by way of Medford and Prospect and returning by way of Klamath Falls and Ager to the Pacific highway, thence over the Siskiyou grade to Ashland.

Mr. Tromp visited the springs and went all over the new park system. He expressed himself, when interviewed by a representative of the Tidings, as immensely pleased with Ashland. Among other things he said: "I think you have a delightful city. The beauty of its surroundings, your splendid climate and fine water make an ideal combination and ought to draw a great many people to your city who are seeking a pleasant place in which to live. I should think life would be most enjoyable in Ashland."

Mr. Tromp is interested in civic development and activities. He is a member of the municipal band commission of Eugene and has been an active member of the board of governors of the promotion department of the Eugene Commercial Club for several years. He believes in developing the country tributary to a city, in order to make a solid foundation for the future growth of the town. He seemed impressed with the fertility of Jackson county soil, but thought we would be more prosperous if we would work for irrigation and more alfalfa, pigs and sows instead of devoting all our energies to fruit raising. He said he thought with irrigation there would be no limit to the possibilities of the Rogue River valley from a productive standpoint.

There seemed to be no doubt in the mind of this visitor that Ashland has every advantage as a resort city. He predicted big things for us, if our citizens would get behind things and work in unity and harmony, making the most of the city's splendid natural resources. He thought the work on hand was being well done and that Lithia Park was going to be one of the most beautiful in the country. In short, he thinks Ashland a "delightful city."

Portland Gas and Coke Company paid 7 per cent dividend on all stock children leaving Sunday noon accompanied by Earl C. Weaver, Mr. Ware's son-in-law.

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