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All Set For The Big Games

Basketball interest is wrought up to the highest tension with the approach of the Medford-Ashland series. Neither team is given more than an even chance of winning the series, and a tie which would necessitate the playing of a fifth game on a neutral floor may become necessary. The first game is played Friday at Medford, the second game Saturday night at the Ashland high school gymnasium here. Already nearly all of the reserved seats for Saturday's game are gone. One entire side of the house has been reserved by Medford rooters. Medford will come up 500 strong, bringing their band and some new rooting stunts. Ashland rooters have an entire section to themselves and will stage some unique rooting effects. On Friday night a special train will carry the Ashland fans to Medford, accompanied by the Ashland band. Every available automobile in town will be in service and about 500 fans will go down.

The Medford team is said to be in prime condition for the contests and hopes to win the games on their own floor easily. Ashland goes down determined to upset the dope and win from Coach Klum's team on their own swimming rink. The Medford sport writers have lost no opportunity to build up an alibi which will come in handy in case their team loses at Ashland by constant references to Ashland's "cigar-box" floor. The floor was carefully measured and was found to be seven feet longer and five feet wider than required by the basketball rule book. The Ashland floor is practically the same length as Medford's and but a few feet narrower. It is larger than two-thirds of the playing floors in the state, the best lighted in the state, has baskets which are set solidly, and is regulation in every respect except that which requires three feet of space back of the side lines, and in that respect the Medford floor is worse, having sidings of rough boards and no outside lines except at the end.

The Ashland boys have it over the red and black team by about five pounds on the weight average, for although Fraley is by far the lightest on either team, Delsman is the heaviest by a still wider margin. The Medford team has a defense which nothing but brilliant passing and phenomenal basket shooting can score over. Ashland can win if the team plays the game of which they are capable. Neither team has an exceptionally strong center, Harris, the Ashland man, having the edge because of his superior shooting ability. Ashland's weak point in the games which they have lost was inability of the forwards to watch the running guards, but this fault has been overcome. During the past week the team has been practicing against a town team and have improved wonderfully in their passing.

Cooper, who gave perfect satisfaction in the past two series, will come up from the Willamette valley to referee the series and will eliminate any possibility of jangling over decisions. Both teams are confident of victory. So are the rooters. It will be "some" series.

Booze Powders Are Without the Law

A powder from which an Ohio company says "the most delicious and mellow whiskey can be made" comes within the purview of the prohibition law and can not be sold in this state, according to an opinion rendered recently by Attorney General Brown at Salem for the district attorney of Coos county. The district attorney asked the attorney general if it would be lawful for a firm in Coos county to establish an agency for the company. Attorney General Brown held that "Zanol" came within that provision of the prohibition law which says "all mixtures, compounds or preparations, whether liquor or not, which are intended when mixed with water or otherwise to produce, by fermentation or otherwise, an intoxicating liquor, shall be deemed to be embraced within the term intoxicating liquor," as defined in the law.

The St. Helens Shipbuilding Company have under construction at their shipyard two five-masted auxiliary power schooners.

Cazadero, Ore., is to be connected with Garfield by railroad.

Band.

The Ashland band will practice at 8 o'clock tonight in preparation for the trip to Medford tomorrow night. The band will leave with the special trainload of rooters at 7:15 Friday evening for Medford. Boys' band practices at 7 sharp for one hour tonight.

Lion and Lamb Could Not Agree

The lion and the lamb, who are, by all axioms, supposed to take peaceful turns at governing the March weather, must have disagreed and finally met in conflict up in the regions from whence our weather comes, for all the night of the last day of February and all the first day of March, fleecelike snow fluttered down from the sky. March did not come in with a lionlike roar, but quietly with low hanging clouds and occasional flurries of snow which were soon dissipated by frequent beams of sunshine.

The February rainfall was considerably less than it should be and farmers welcome the outlook for more moisture in March. The spell of warm weather which made the last two weeks of February almost springlike in their balminess, hastened the budding of fruit trees and the colder weather came just in time to prevent premature blooming.

Civic Club Hears Several Talks

The Civic Improvement Club met Tuesday evening at the library and listened to several interesting talks by business men of Ashland. W. E. Newcombe dealt with the general welfare of the city in an interesting talk. V. O. N. Smith gave as his subject "Boom, Boom, Boom," the three booms being the past, present and future. H. O. Frohbach asked the endorsement of the club for the committee which has the dedication celebration in charge and received it by a unanimous and enthusiastic vote. Mr. Frohbach also told of a distinguished visitor who will be here in July, George K. Watius, secretary of the National Civic League. All of the officers of the league will visit the national parks this summer and will be here after a visit to Crater Lake. Mr. Watius is a close friend of Mr. Frohbach and will spend several days here as his guest. The Civic Club will invite him to address them.

J. F. Rocho gave the final talk, making comparisons, some of which were very much to the point. Light refreshments were served and a social evening followed.

Boy Killed While Beating His Way

The man who was killed when he fell from the Shasta Limited Sunday morning at Voorheis has been identified as Fred McArdle, the son of Mrs. Clara McArdle, of 1100 McAllister street, San Francisco, Cal. The young man was one of four who started from Portland to San Francisco. One of his friends was on the same car with him and saw him fall. As soon as he arrived in Ashland he notified the police and a speeder was sent out from Medford and the remains taken to that city, where he was later identified by his companions. It is not clear whether he was riding the rods or the blinds.

The man was not a professional hobo according to his companion, but was out of money and wished to reach his mother, choosing to "beat" his way.

Angwin Appointed Foreman Here

J. E. Angwin, who was sent here from the shops at Dunsmuir to take charge of the local roundhouse forces of the Southern Pacific following the recent shake-up, has had his appointment confirmed and is now roundhouse foreman here. Mr. Angwin has a wife and family in Dunsmuir who will join him here later.

Booze Shipments Into Ashland Twice As Big This Month as Last

Sixty-eight Ashlanders were unable to stand the drouth during the past month, and as a result 136 quarts of the stuff which the mail order houses sell for whiskey was shipped into Ashland. All of this came in by express. The amount of beer which came in through the freight house has not been totalled as yet, but will amount to several barrels. Forty-four quarts of beer were shipped in by express.

In February but 70 shipments of liquor were received in the city and a correspondingly small amount of beer. During March the police predict a still greater increase than during the past month. Later as the people who like to have beer and whiskey around the house become more accustomed to the prohibition system, the shipments will become greater and then settle down to an average. Most of the shipments are whiskey because the greatest effect from the smallest quantity can be gained from it.

The express clerks on the railroad report an amazingly large amount of booze coming into the state. Much of it comes from San Francisco and Sacramento, but the recently established wholesale house at Hornbrook is also contributing hundreds of quarts daily. In one car recently there were 27 packers of "firewater," each packer being about four feet long by three feet square.

And the booze which is shipped into Ashland by common carriers is as yet but a small portion of that which is consumed in the city, as a great number of the foresighted laid in a sufficient supply to last several months before the first of the year.

Babies Will Rule World Next Week

His royal highness the American baby will have the entire nation bowing before him during the week of March 4-11. For that is baby week, and hundreds of cities and towns will devote seven jolly days to the betterment of the country's greatest asset—its babies.

Baby week begins on Sunday, March 5, which will be observed as baby Sunday in the churches, and ministers will preach on child conservation. Then throughout the week there will be other features, including a mother's day, a father's day and others.

Throughout the week lectures will be given on baby welfare, various campaigns to raise money for "better babies" work conducted, and an educational campaign carried on throughout the entire country.

In Ashland the Parent-Teacher Association is having badges printed for sale on the streets. They bear the slogan, "Better Babies, Better Parents, and Better Cities."

Several Trainloads Of Factory Material

The magnitude of a beet sugar factory can be comprehended when it is known that 74 carloads of materials and machinery have been ordered out for shipment to Grants Pass to be used in its construction and equipment. These 74 carloads are in addition to the materials that will be obtained in this region, all of them coming from the east. Two cars, carrying structural steel, have left Minneapolis and are coming through on schedule time, having passed Council Bluffs several days ago. The shipments of steel from Minneapolis will total 15 cars. The sugar-making machinery will come from Alabama, Pennsylvania and Ohio makers, and 30 cars have been listed for shipment as they are ordered out by the factory builders. From Pennsylvania will come two cars of pumps used in pumping the beet juice through the factory, and five cars of piping will be required. The boilers will fill eight cars, and the engines two cars. A certain grade of fire brick needed will be obtained in Pueblo, Col., seven cars of which will come.

Much of the material for the factory will be obtained here, including the timbers, while quantities of crushed rock, common brick, cement, etc., will enter into the building. A local firm has already contracted for the supplying of 3,000 barrels of cement.—Rogue River Courier.

Fair Awards Are Being Issued

In response to inquiry, the secretary of the international award system has written to H. O. Frohbach, who represented Jackson county at the P. P. I. E., concerning the probable time at which the awards of successful exhibitors from Oregon at the Panama-Pacific exposition will be made, saying that "they will not be prepared and ready for some months. The diplomas are being issued in the order of classification of the exhibit department and agriculture and horticulture are both toward the end of the list."

COMMERCIAL CLUB.

Keep next Monday night open for Commercial Club meeting. Several important matters will be brought up before the club and a full attendance of members is urged. All who are not members are invited to be present also. Meeting called at 8 sharp.

Empties To Relieve Oregon Car Shortage

Hundreds of empties are being rushed through Ashland to relieve the car shortage throughout Oregon. Fifty-four cars left here in one train yesterday morning. An average of fifty empties a day are going through northbound. One five-engine train of empties was forced to leave about twenty-five cars at Hornbrook to be brought over by the local freight.

Banana specials also provide a great deal of the freight traffic at present. The banana trains are led here and rushed through on express time. For some time the Southern Pacific lost the banana trade which was carried on the Great Northern steamships, but a contract to deliver on fast express time resulted in the resumption of the shipping by rail. One train which passed through yesterday morning had fifteen cars of bananas for Seattle alone.

Passes Bad Check and Disappears

R. B. Stone, alias R. B. Adams, a bad check artist wanted in Chico and other California towns, pled his trade for a few hours in Ashland recently and got away with ten dollars in good hard cash which belonged in the till of Loomis & Nelson's grocery. The gentleman put up a plausible story and worked a slick game. He first visited the store in the morning of Monday, remarked that it was a bad day to move, and stated that he had just come from Klamath Falls to locate in Ashland and had a carload of household goods in the local railroad yards. He said he would be in later to do some trading with the store, and after asking a few prices left. He returned later in the day and ordered about five dollars' worth of groceries to be sent up on the second morning delivery the next day to 411 North Main street. The man offered a check for fifteen dollars on the First National Bank, signed by Yockey & Beaver and payable to R. B. Stone, received his ten dollars change and disappeared. He told the grocermen that he was a relative of O. J. Stone and was to move into the Stone house.

Stone is wanted in several places in California and his description is on file at police stations throughout the west.

Grand Jury Finds Two True Bills

The grand jury was drawn Monday morning and had three cases submitted to them, from which two true bills were returned. One, the State of Oregon vs. H. K. Moore, of Dunsmuir, Cal., charged with immorality, the State of Oregon vs. H. C. Foster, charged with obtaining money under false pretenses. The grand jury consisted of S. S. Smith, foreman, of Medford; E. T. Staples, Ashland; E. M. White, Climax; W. P. Hilton, W. H. Jordan, Applegate; W. W. Matney, Jacksonville, J. L. Wyland, Beagle. The grand jury having finished its works adjourned until May 15.

Phone Flue Fires To Department

The fire department was called out this morning to keep watch over a flue fire on East Main street. Instead of the customary single ring for a flue fire, someone turned in the full alarm, including the roundhouse whistle, and the entire company turned out. When a flue fire occurs, the fire department should be called up on the phone and the city saved the expense of paying the entire volunteer force.

Old Quarrel Ends in Murder

M. D. Bousman shot and killed L. B. Akers and wife Sunday morning on a lonely mountain road near Wilderville, ten miles west of Grants Pass, the result of an old feud. Bousman Sunday evening, confessed the killing, in a detailed statement and is now in jail in Grants Pass.

The bodies of Akers and his wife were found eight hours later by James Benninger, who works in a sawmill near the scene of the shooting, and he notified the officers, who, when they arrived about dark, found one of Bousman's canes near the scene.

As he and his neighbors had been having trouble, the sheriff immediately went to Bousman's house, suspecting him. The sheriff rapped twice on the door of the house before Bousman answered and then wanted to know if the sheriff was alone or if he had a mob with him.

When informed that the sheriff was alone he lighted a lamp and let the sheriff in. The sheriff asked him if he knew anything about the shooting and Bousman replied that he knew all about it and told the following story:

He said he had gone up the road to Akers' place with the intention of killing the couple when they drove out to church, but his heart failed him, declaring that he could not shoot a man who was not armed. He then strated down the road, and when the Akers' rig caught up to him Mrs. Akers called to him to get out of the road.

He then turned around and shot both horses, killing them, shot Mrs. Akers through the breast, killing her instantly; shot Akers through the head, seven shots being fired in all, corresponding with seven empty shells found at the scene of the shooting.

Bousman claims that after he shot the horses he did not know what happened, but tells the story of the rest of the shooting calmly. The only witness to the shooting is Bousman, and the weapon used was a 25-35 Winchester carbine.

Bousman has had trouble with the Akers family for the past three years over line fences and stock, and the Akers had complained to the county attorney to the effect that Bousman's hogs were running at large.

On Saturday the county attorney notified Bousman to keep his hogs up. Bousman claims that at the last election his precinct had voted to allow hogs to run at large and that he was in part justified in the killing on that account.

The killing occurred about 9 o'clock Sunday morning, but the bodies were not found until 5 o'clock in the evening. Bousman had taken a dose of poison shortly before the sheriff arrived and laid down on his bed to die when he was aroused by the sheriff. On the way to town he became sick, but the poison did not take further effect.

He tells the story of the killing calmly and shows no remorse. He is about 63 years of age and has no family. Both the murdered people were about 55 years of age and they had no children. At the coroner's inquest no new facts were brought out, the jury charging Bousman with the killing.

Proc Klum Manual Training Head

Ashland friends of Professor Otto "Proc" Klum, who taught in the manual training department and coached athletics here last year, will be glad to learn that he has been elected head of the manual training department at Medford by the school board. Mr. Klum is a graduate of Ashland high school and is taking college work and will receive his degree soon. He has made a decided hit at Medford, where he coached the winning football team last fall and has developed a faster basketball team than the city has ever known before. Mr. Klum will have an assistant to help him in the manual training department, so that he may give a goodly portion of his time to athletics. "Proc's" many Ashland friends wish him success in the manual training work and hope that his team will beat all their opponents except Ashland.

A giant ship-building plant will be located at Portland, officials of the Willamette Steel & Iron Company and the Northwest Steel Company announce.