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Ashland Day Is Biggest Day at Fair

Ashland sent down a crowd of two thousand to the county fair at Medford Friday, including the Ashland band. The stores closed for the afternoon, as did also the schools, and the Pacific Highway witnessed a steady stream of cars carrying the hundreds to the fair. A special train carried down several carloads and the band, which together with the Medford band furnished music all afternoon from the grandstand at the fair grounds. It was Ashland day at the fair in more ways than one, the Ashland entries cleaning up the races and Ashland willing all kinds of prizes. The Ashland district has captured the first prize among the districts, and Ashland exhibitors in every class won many blue ribbons. The list of prizes will be published as soon as completed.

The racing at the fair was unusually good this year. Wade Hampton, owned by Jim Bowers of Ashland, came out an easy winner Friday in the quarter mile but lost on Saturday to Eureka, fast horse from Eureka, Cal Fiddler, another Ashland horse, beat Bessie Mills in the half mile Friday, but lost Saturday in the five-eighths. The relay string ridden by "Jinks" Murphy of Ashland won the relay race, making the best total time and winning the heats on Friday and Thursday. The bucking was good on all three days, as were also the other events.

The attendance on Ashland day was the largest of the three and the total attendance exceeded that of last year. Much more interest was taken in the county fair this year than ever before.

Concentrating Plant for Waldo

A. H. Gunnell and Dr. Reddy have recently been closing deals for machinery for installation upon the property of the Waldo Copper Company at Takilma, and expect to have a concentrating plant of 50 tons daily capacity under operation within the next 60 days. Some of the machinery is already in place and the balance will be moved within the next few days. Power for the operation of the plant will be supplied by steam engines and boilers. There will be rock breakers, roughing rolls, trommel, Hartz jig, regrinding mill, and four concentrating tables. All the low grade ores now on the dump will be concentrated, and the concentrates hauled out to the railroad at Waters creek for shipment to the smelter. Heretofore the lower grades of ore could not be realized upon, and thousands of tons were placed upon the dumps to await the installation of the concentrating plant. The new machinery will double the output of the mine, the higher grades of ore being hauled direct from the mine to the railroad at present, while the lower grades will be concentrated to a product of 12 to 15 per cent ore before being hauled. About 30 men are at present employed at the Waldo, and many teams are engaged in hauling the ore to Waters creek.

The Waldo Copper Company includes Dr. J. F. Reddy, A. H. Gunnell and DeWitt VanOstrand in its organization, and the mining property has much underground development, the value and extent of its ore body having been established and heavy shipments already made to smelters at Tacoma and Kennett. The operation of the mine is in charge of F. W. Richard, superintendent.—Grants Pass Courier.

S. A. Peters Goes To Portland Bank

S. A. Peters, Jr., who since his graduation from Ashland high school with the class of 1914 has been employed in the Citizens Bank, has accepted a position with the Canadian Bank of Commerce in Portland. The position offers exceptional opportunities for advancement, the Portland bank being one of an immense chain of banks throughout the United States and Canada. Mr. Peters will spend a couple of weeks in the mountains and will take up his new duties about October 1. Troy Phipps, son of E. E. Phipps of Ashland and a graduate of Ashland high in the class of 1915, will fill the vacancy in the Citizens Bank here.

Beet Seed From Russia for Valley

Beet seed for the 1917 crop for the factories operated by the Utah-Idaho company, including the factory at Grants Pass, has just been received from Russia. One thousand bags of the shipment are being held for the Grants Pass district. The Railway and Marine News of Seattle contains the following note concerning the arrival of the seed in the Puget Sound port:

"A new and important trade movement was noted during the month, when a shipment of 6,000 sacks of Russian beet seed was received on Puget Sound by one of the big Japanese freighters through the well-known importing house of Frank P. Dow Company. The shipment originated at Kiev, sometimes spelled Kieff, in the interior of Russia, and moved over the Trans-Siberian railroad to Vladivostok, thence to Japan and thence to Puget Sound, where it was transferred to Union Pacific cars and sent by fast freight to Salt Lake City, the headquarters of the Utah-Idaho Sugar Company, the seed there to be distributed among the farmers of Utah and Idaho. The seed cost f. o. b. Puget Sound $135,000, and other shipments are to follow to the same consignee, this company operating immense sugar plants in Utah, Idaho and Oregon, and planning a new factory at Yakima, Wash., this year."

18,000 Pounds of Mine Machinery

A large piece of machinery, weighing over 18,000 pounds, was taken from a flat car at the Billings crossing Wednesday and stood there most of the day awaiting the arrival of a Bull tractor from down the valley, which was to haul the heavyweight hunk of metal up to the Ashland mine Wednesday night. The machine was from the Baden mine near Gold Hill and is used in pulverizing the crushed ore. While the casing slowly revolves, huge case-hardened steel balls weighing perhaps a ton apiece crush the ore into a dust. This is bnt one of several gigantic pieces of machinery which have been taken to the Ashland mine recently. It is reported that Manager Bartlett of the mine has paid out $12,000 in the past thirty days in this vicinity. We are told that Mr. Bartlett states that he has enough ore blocked out to run the mill which he is erecting, for two years.

Commence Work on Sutherlin Railroad

Roseburg Review. A crew of engineers under Engineer L. G. Hicks of Roseburg today began the work of placing the grade stakes for the immediate resumption of work on the Sutherlin-Coos Bay railroad, which will tap the Roach Timber Company's big holdings near Sutherlin.

It is the plan of the timber company to finish the first eight-mile unit of the road before the rains begin this fall, and by laying the steel it will be possible to reach the two sawmill sites, upon one of which a 200,000-feet capacity mill will be built during the winter or spring.

The plans for the mill are now being drawn by Chief Engineer N. A. Pracna of the Weyerhauser Company, of Seattle. General Freight Agent H. A. Hinshaw of the Southern Pacific Company conferred with Manager R. M. Fox of the Roach Timber Company yesterday with regard to the transportation of machinery and supplies for the development of the project. During a recent visit at Sutherlin, Frank J. Miller of the Oregon Public Service Commission passed upon the road crossings over the Roach company's proposed line.

President Sproule of the S. P. system says now that the railroad is completed into Coos Bay they intend to develop the Beaver Hill coal mine to the fullest possibilities.

Prineville is voting $100,000 bonds to aid in financing construction of a railroad from the maine line of the Oregon trunk to that city.

According to recent statistics, the Oregon Brass Works do a $225,000 business annually.

Trustees Recommend Bade Plan As First Step in District Irrigation

The first definite statement which has been issued by the board of trustees of the Talent irrigation district in regard to the immediate future plans is included in a letter which the board will send out to all the landowners of the district and a copy of which is printed herewith. The board has been holding frequent and lengthy sessions, spending a great amount of time and careful study on every phase of the situation, and finally arrived at the conclusion that recommendation of the project of Contractor Bade was the best move toward securing water.

C. F. Bade's Plan.

Mr. Bade's plan is to utilize the run-off waters of Ashland, Neil and Emigrant creeks. The work which he will do is privately financed and if proper co-operation with the landowners is met with will put water on a great portion of the land in the Ashland-Talent district by the 1917 season. All of the canals which Mr. Bade's company installs will be under the direction of the engineers of the district trustees and the Bade system when completed will make the first unit of the plan. No bonds of any kind will be issued for this Bade construction. When the main system from a reservoir in Beaver creek district, Fish lake, or wherever it may be located, is constructed, the Bade canals will furnish part of the system. The approval of the board of trustees of the Bade plan should result in the early acceptance of the Bade contract.

The Letter.

Office of Board of Trustees of the Talent Irrigation District.

Talent, Ore., Sept. 16, 1916.

To the Citizens of the Talent Irrigation District.

Your board of trustees realizing that it would be impossible to procure irrigation for 1917 and feeling that the people desire progress as rapidly as possible, some time ago sought to develop some means under which relief could be furnished as many members of the district as possible, and at the same time start actual construction work along the district plans.

We are gratified to state that we have interested C. E. Bade, a large contractor, in our project and he is now offering to you as individuals a contract to meet our views of the situation and which contract is not only approved by the board, its engineer and attorney, but which we recommend to all land owners. The canals under this contract are to be constructed upder plans approved by your board, and when complete will be the first unit for our permanent district scheme. The contract provides that the district may, upon notice, purchase these contracts and this we expect to do.

The plan contemplates the diversion and use of such unappropriated waters as may exist in Emigrant, Neil and Ashland creeks. The records show that there will be sufficient water available to warrant this expenditure.

In order to make possible the construction of said canals and the delivery of water for 1917, as stated, it is necessary that the contracts be executed and delivered by October 1, 1916, and we urge that you give this your immediate and earnest attention.

ED ROBINSON, Pres.
J. W. MILLNER,
O. A. MANNING.

Hanly Would Make Ashland His Home

"I will never forget the time when I was here before and climbed Mt. Ashland and watched the Almighty make a morning," declared J. Frank Hanly, ex-governor of Indiana and prohibition candidate for president of the United States, as the introduction to his speech at the Chautauqua tabernacle Saturday evening. "I have been in every city in the United States, and if I had my choice of places to live I would spend the last of my days in Ashland." Mr. Hanly then launched into a glowing tribute to Ashland, which he learned to love upon the occasion of a lengthy visit while touring the country on the Chautauqua platform some time ago.

A crowd of over three hundred people had patiently waited from 8 o'clock, the hour set for the opening of the evening's program, until 9:15 when the prohibition candidates finally arrived. Mr. Hanly's speech repaid all for the long wait, however, and left an impresison in Ashland which will make votes for his cause. He dwelt at some length upon his objections to the saloon, stating his principal objection to be the fact that it threatened free government. The two leading parties were both "roasted" because of their failure to take a firm stand on the prohibiton question, which Mr. Hanly proclaimed to be the greatest national issue of the day. Coming to Oregon's problems, the results gained by the dry law passed last year were commended, the so-called brewers' amendment which is to be voted upon at the coming election was condemned, and his hearers were advised to exert all their influence on behalf of the amendment which prevents shipment of liquor into the state.

"Our reception everywhere has been most cordial," Mr. Hanly said. "Thousands have listened to us every day, always with courteous attention and nearly everywhere with sympathetic interest. This has been especially true in the dry states of North Dakota, Washington and Oregon. Men and women have vied with one another in the heartiness of their handclasps, goodspeed and assurances that though they have not heretofore voted the prohibition ticket they intend to do so this year.

Dr. Ira Landrith, candidate for vice-president, also spoke and made a very pleasing impression.

The party spent Sunday morning quietly in Ashland and left at 1 o'clock on their special train for Dunsmuir, Cal., where they opened the campaign in California.

Nine cars of cattle, four of hay and two of vetch seed left Harrisburg, Ore., in one day for different parts of the country.

Fort Klamath to Here in Six Hours

That the road from Ashland to Pelican Bay is open for automobiles and offers no very bad places for the motorist is proven by the trip made from Fort Klamath last week by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Neil and K. Looseley in the latter's Chevrolet car. The distance is a trifle over seventy miles, including approximately thirty miles around Klamath Lake from Fort Klamath to Pelican Bay lodge, which is in fine shape, the twelve miles from the lodge to Lake of the Woods, which is passable, and the distance from Lake of the Woods on in to Ashland, which is traveled by numbers of automobiles every Sunday. The party started from the fort at noon and arrived in Ashland at 5:55 p. m., a little less than six hours for the trip, which in stage coach days took the biggest part of two days. Extensive improvements have lately been made on the road and next spring should see it put in first-class shape by some means.

Frank Hogan, who has been living in Ashland for the past year and a half, left this morning for Waterbury, Conn., where he will spend an extended visit.

HUGHES ALLIANCE RALLY.

A rally for purpose of forming Ashland branch of Hughes Alliance will be held Friday evening in the Chautauqua building, commencing at 8 o'clock. The program committee, consisting of Messrs. E. V. Carter, E. D. Briggs and O. F. Carson, announce the following features:

Ashland band in several selections.

Other musical features.

"Dick Posey," R. P. Campbell, original reading.

Col. Washburn of Medford.

Walter L. Tooze, state organizer of Hughes Alliance.

Everyone urged to plan to come.

Ashland should have a branch with 500 members.

Largest Siskiyou Copper Mine Sold

The Grey Eagle mine near Happy Camp, on the Klamath river road, the largest developed copper property in Siskiyou county, has been purchased by W. B. Thompson of New York, the noted mining magnate.

Engineers state that the property contains fully 500,000 tons of developed chalcopyrite ore, averaging 5 per cent copper, and that the mine promises to be the greatest copper property in California, after the Mammoth at Kennett.

For years the property has been vigorously developed by Dakin & Farish of San Francisco, and several outside holdings have been added to the original location. It is stated that the new owner will immediately start extensive developments and that a large reduction plant probably will be erected early in 1917.

The deal is expected to have a greatly stimulating effect on mining throughout the Happy Camp field.

The Marin Andrews placer mine, near Scott Bar, has been sold to R. J. Barber and associates of Boston, who are preparing to operate along greatly broadened lines. The property adjoins the noted Milne mine, and has been producing almost constantly for sixty years.

Numerous companies in the Happy Camp, Forks of Salmon, Sawyers Bar, Scott Bar and other placer districts are preparing for a brisk season with the first fall rains.

Ten-Year-Old Girl Longs to Return

A lonesome little ten-year old girl, way back in Cedar Bluffs on the dry Kansas plains, wrote the following parody on Tipperary in a moment when thoughts of her little schoolmates, the hills and the green of her Ashland home made the Kansas exile seem almost unendurable. The little girl is Esther Wright, granddaughter of Mrs. A. R. Wright of this city and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Wright, former Ashland residents, who have been in the east for the past year but will soon return to Ashland:

"It's a long way to Ashland, Oregon,
It's a long way to go.
It's a long way to Ashland, Oregon,
Where the lithia waters flow.
Goodbye, Cedar Bluffs,
Farewell, Kansas plains,
It's a long, long way to Ashland, Oregon,
But I'm going back there."

Scandinavian Concert Success

A concert was given in Lithia park Sunday which is probably unique in the musical annals of the state. Under the auspices of the Rogue River Valley Scandinavian Society, an organization which includes several hundred former residents of Norway and Sweden, the Ashland band gave a concert of Scandinavian music. The band has been working for several weeks in preparation for this concert and executed the unusual and difficult music in a manner which won great commendation. Several hundred Scandinavians attended the concert and the usually large Sunday crowd, totalling about 3,000 persons in all.

The bandstand was decorated with the flags of the Scandinavian countries. The band had a full instrumentation of twenty-six pieces and the music was unusually good. The playing of the "Stars and Stripes Forever" and "The Star Spangled Banner" at the close of the program aroused an ovation such has seldom greeted the efforts of any band in Ashland.

Big Northern Cal. Ranch sold

H. H. Hudson and Lou Edmonds have purchased the Jack Gilpin ranch, consisting of 615 northern California acres, together with all stock and tools. The purchase price, it is said, was $25,000. It is located about four miles south of Montague in Siskiyou county, California.

It is announced that actual grading on the new railroad at Sutherlin will start at once.

Last Band Concert Wednesday Night

The final concert of the Ashland band for the 1916 season, providing arrangements are not made to extend the concert season, will be presented on Wednesday evening of this week, commencing promptly at 7:45 o'clock. The Ashland band at the close of the season is playing fine music, having enjoyed the benefits of playing together twice a week in concert and two practices a week for the past several months. The band will present full instrumentation and the best concert of the summer as a fitting finale to a season of fine music. The program follows:

March, "Flag Day".....Schramm
Valse Hesitation, "First Love" (Premier Amour).....Holzmann
Operatic medley, "Echoes From the Opera"..Arr. by Mackie-Beyer
Song, 'When I Was a Dreamer".. ..... Van Alstyne
Carl H. Loveland.
Medley overture, "Bits of Remick's Hits" .....
Synopsis: Introduction, Alabama Jubilee, In Old Madeira, the Wedding of the Sunshine and the Rose, The Sweetest Girl in Monterey, Circus Day in Dixie, The Bars Are Down in Lovers' Lane, I'm On My Way to Dublin Bay, Dance, Molly Dear, It's You I'm After, Dancing the Jelly Roll, It's Tulip Time in Holland.
Arr. by Lampe.
Serenade, "Tendre Amour" (Tender Love)..... Clements
Patrol, "The Blue and the Grey" ..... Dalbey
(By special request.)
Military march, "Spirit of Independence" ..... Holzmann

Lowe Exhibits Ideal New Wheat

D. M. Lowe, southern Oregon "dry farmer" who has won highest honors at every big exposition and land show in the United States for many years with his dry farm exhibits, exhibited at the Jackson county fair last week some wheat which he believes is absolutely the best wheat Oregon can grow. The Sperry Flour Company sent Mr. Lowe fifteen pounds of the wheat last year, Mr. Lowe raising 21 bushels at the rate of 44 bushels to the acre from the small amount sent. The Sperry company secured the first bushel at a cost of $6,000, according to Mr. Lowe, an expert working several years to produce it. Mr. Lowe was one of the farmers throughout the United States who were sent small amounts of the original wheat, which is called Sperry wheat. The 21 bushels which Mr. Lowe raised will be distributed in small amounts among the farmers of Rogue River valley so that by the end of next year a good record will be had of the performances of the grain on every type of soil and under the conditions in every part of the valley.

The wheat Mr. Lowe planted was sowed on light, dry land, but during the hot spells was not in the least affected. The product Mr. Lowe shows at the county fair is beautiful wheat, uniform, fat grains with a high gloss. He states that analysis has shown it to contain a remarkably high proportion of flower elements, so high that he is willing to stake his reputation that the Sperry wheat is the coming wheat for Oregon to grow.

Much more grain is being raised in the valley this year than since the years prior to the fruit boom, and a great deal more interest is being taken in grain raising. To exemplify this is the fact that at the county fair this year there were thirty exhibits of grain collections as against six in 1915.

Ashland Garage Changes Ownership

W. J. Albert assumed charge of the Ashland garage Thursday of last week, taking it over from C. F. Hammit, who has been running it for the past several months. Mr. Hammit returns this week to his home in Santa Ana, Cal. Mr. Albert has had considerable experience in the garage business and has the knowledge and the equipment at the new garage to turn out good work.

The Bay Park mill near North Bend has started with a crew of 60 men.