

Wonderful Fire Loss Reduction

Announcement has been made by State Forester Elliott that the fire loss on lands supervised by the state forestry department has so far this year been less than \$500. Last year the loss was approximately \$29,000.

The state forester has called in all forest patrolmen save those in Jackson and Josephine counties, where there is much underbrush. In the state there are 22,000,000 acres of timber and brush land, and of this amount 10,000,000 acres is timber land owned by the government, 10,000,000 acres is timber land privately owned, and the remainder brush lands.

A heavy pall of smoke has hung over Jackson county for the past two weeks, due to burning of brush and big fires over in California. The campaign of the forest department to prevent forest fires is beginning to have its effects and campers generally observe much more care.

Many Real Estate Transfers in Day

Just take a look at the following if you do not believe Ashland real estate is moving. This is the real estate transfer report of a single day taken from the court house records at Jacksonville and compiled by the Jackson County Abstract Company. This day is away above the average, of course, but there is a steady stream of deals being transacted in Ashland which speak eloquently of the real estate awakening which is going on here:

- Michael Powell to D. S. Powell et ux., land in Ashland, \$100.
- John S. Herrin to F. W. Herrin, timber on land in sec. 10, 35, 1 E., \$1.
- Miriam D. Way to Annie C. Robertson, lot 6, Ashland H. Assn. tract, \$1,300.
- George W. Dodson et ux. to J. A. Orchard et ux., land in 39, 1 E., \$600.
- Fermin Zana et ux. to Frank Fehige et ux., lots 8 and 9, block D, Railroad addition, Ashland, \$10,000.
- John S. Herrin to Ina G. Herrin, lot 9, block 14, and part of lot 10, block 14, Helman addition to Ashland, \$1.
- H. O. Triplett et ux. to T. S. McDaniel, lots 30, 31 and 32, block D, Meikle and Payne addition, Ashland, \$10.
- Tom Bushong to Ellen M. Carlock, land in Ashland, \$10.

Big Attractions At State Fair

Among the big attractions at the state fair which will be held at Salem September 25 to 30 will be "The Sagebrush Symphony" juvenile orchestra, composed of 25 boys and girls of Harney county, Oregon, who have been under special instructions for the past four years and have developed marvelous ability in harmony and execution of wind and stringed instruments. They are coming to the state fair as a special attraction of educational and entertaining merit and one well worth travelling many miles to see and hear. Their repertoire includes both popular and classical compositions, and musical critics who have heard them in concert pronounce them little short of the marvelous.

The "Spirit of '75" as well as that of the early '60s will be vividly and strikingly portrayed and recalled by the stirring patriotic selections as rendered by the Veterans' Pipe and Drum Corps, which will be one of the special features of entertainment at the state fair. This corps is composed of veterans of the Civil War, that once valiant army whose ranks are rapidly depleting. Each individual of the organization is an artist with the instrument upon which he performs, and the character of music which they will render, together with the spirit in which it is rendered, is of a nature to stir the blood and patriotic impulses of all loyal American citizens.

The night horse show, a special feature of rare beauty in blue-blooded horse flesh, equipment and grace of carriage in fancy and expert riding and driving, and the daily speed program, \$16,000 in purses with the best list of entries ever assembled on Lone Oak track, will be two of the big attractions to be staged.

Annex 6,000 Acres To This District

A strip of orchard and farm land covering an area of approximately 6,000 acres lies between the original north boundary line of the Ashland-Talent irrigation district and west of the Rogue River Canal Company's Phoenix segment of the latter's system. The canal company's proposed high-line ditch, covering an area of 28,000 acres, will follow the Phoenix canal line. The only relief for those in the intervening strip is to be annexed to the Ashland-Talent district. That is being done now, a sufficient number of farmers having signed up to make it legally possible. Robert Brevard of Medford is completing that feature of the work.

First Hunting Accident in County

The first hunting accident of the season in Jackson county occurred last Wednesday when Attorney Kirkendahl of Klamath Falls shot George Van Anken, mistaking him for a deer. The accident happened on Union creek. Van Anken is a farmer of that district and was acting as a guide for the hunting party, and was slightly in advance of the crowd, beating the brush, when he felt the twings of the bullet in his cheek. The bullet passed through his cheek but did not hit a bone, to which fact Van Anken probably owes his life, as the soft nose bullet would no doubt have blown his head off had it hit a hard substance. The injured man was brought to Medford, where he is at the Sacred Heart hospital. Kirkendahl is said to be suffering from a nervous shock and has returned home.

Fine Damsite in Ashland Canyon

That there is a site available in Ashland canyon for a reservoir which could be built for \$75,000, which would have a storage capacity of 25,000,000 gallons of water and which would run the electric plant at full capacity regardless of drouth or cold all year around, and would furnish plenty of water for a population double or treble the present population of Ashland, is the good news contained in a report made to the city council Tuesday night by City Engineer Walker. Some time ago, several months in fact, Mr. Walker happened upon the site while on a ramble up the left fork of Ashland creek and was immediately struck with the possibility of a big storage reservoir at comparatively small cost. Later upon instruction of the city council Mr. Walker spent two or three days surveying the site, his finding being the basis for the report made Tuesday. It was not the intention of the council to plan any such construction at present, but that some day the reservoir will be needed is conceded, and Mr. Walker's report will be filed so that when the need of more storage becomes imperative it can be used as most valuable data. A few extracts from the report are as follows:

"At a point about a mile above the forks of the creek the banks slope so as to allow a favorable cross-section for a dam, and then immediately come away from the creek bed, allowing an exceptional storage reservoir site for Ashland Creek canyon. My survey shows that with a dam eighty feet in height above the creek bed, the top length of dam being 250 feet, a reservoir will be formed above it that will have a maximum width of about 300 feet and a length of 600 feet."

Regarding the capacity of such reservoir Mr. Walker says: "Over a large part of this site the water would be at least fifty feet deep, and I estimate the storage capacity of the reservoir at 25,000,000 gallons. This is about twenty-five times the capacity of the city's lower reservoir and probably fifty times the capacity of the upper reservoirs built for the electric plant."

As to dam construction Mr. Walker says: "The most economical dam would be one of earth and loose rock, with a core wall—probably of concrete. Such a dam would cost about \$75,000. If the city had this dam and reservoir it would enable us to run our electric plant to its fullest capacity at any and all times of the year,

Enthusiastic Crowd Hears Hughes Eulogized at Big Rally Friday

Ashland now has a Hughes Alliance branch with three hundred members. These were all signed up in a hurried canvass of parts of the town previous to the Hughes meeting Friday night, which was attended by about six hundred enthusiastic supporters of Hughes. City Chairman T. H. Simpson has the list of Hughes Alliance members, and those who wish to join should see him. Owing to the lateness of the hour no attempt was made to sign members following the Friday meeting.

Mr. Simpson opened the Friday meeting by introducing Mrs. Ed Hanley of Medford, who made a brilliant address and presided over the meeting. After paying a beautiful compliment to Ashland Mrs. Hanley launched into a scathing denunciation of the "scurrilous attack" made upon the Hughes Women's Special which is coming west in October, by the editor of the Mail Tribune at Medford. Mrs. Hanley mentioned the work which several of the women who are coming on the special have accomplished and denounced the lack of chivalry and apparent lack of investigation which had led to the attack made in the Medford paper. She then launched into a review of the things "which Wilson has not done," laying special emphasis upon his attitude toward women's suffrage. "When a woman does a thing she does it and tells her husband afterward" was a statement which brought down the house. The lack of protection which was evident during the past two years received a vivid delineation from Mrs. Hanley, part of her remarks being as follows: He told us if we did not want to get hurt, to stay at home. They did stay at home down along the border, and when trouble came they were told to move back farther from the border." Mrs. Hanley had an everready flow of witticisms and originalities, one which especially tickled the fancy of the crowd being: "Mr. Edison's support of Mr. Wilson was to be expected. We all know that Mr. Edison is an electrician and naturally is interested in anything which switches on and off."

She closed her talk with an encomium to the republican party, who "would start the country growing again where it left off four years ago." Mrs. Hanley impressed the fact upon her hearers that the women were a factor who are to take a great part in the political affairs of the future, and a factor who are not swayed by immaterial things but go straight to the heart of the truth with unerring accuracy.

A beautifully rendered duet by Misses Anderson and McCormick was the next number on the program and was followed by an original recitation by Dick Posey which brought a storm of applause.

Predicts Great Resort at Lake

Central Point Herald. W. A. Cowley and family and J. R. Hamilton motored to the Lake of the Woods last Sunday. They report the roads in good condition, and the lake itself is most charming body of water.

The lake is about three miles long and about a mile wide, and lies right at the foot of Mount Pitt, on the east side of the mountain. The camping grounds that skirt the lake are about the best and most picturesque of any in the state. Forests of beautiful fir and sugar pine trees surround the lake, and that they contain some real game is evidenced by the fact that one of the families in camp there shot a large bear last week. Rainbow trout of good size abound in the lake, and now that a good automobile road has been opened up, Mr. Cowley predicts that a famous summer resort for southern Oregon.

Council will meet in adjourned session tomorrow evening.

regardless of drouth or cold. It would furnish 100 gallons per day to an additional population of 10,000 people for four weeks, this from the storage only. This would take us over any period of drouth and would doubtless enable us to care for a population double or treble what we now have."

The council ordered the report filed for future reference.

Oakland Boys' Band In Two Concerts

The Oakland Boys' Club band which appeared in this city two months ago is here again on the return trip and will play two concerts in Lithia park, one tonight and one Tuesday night. The boys have been north as far as Vancouver, Wash., but on account of the rains were forced to abandon the idea of an extension of the trip farther north which was planned. They will camp in Chautauqua park as they did on the occasion of their previous visit. The former concert given by the Oakland boys attracted one of the biggest crowds of the year and the music offered was greatly enjoyed. A dance will be given following the Tuesday concert.

Ticket Agents See Lithia Park

A large party of railroad officials, ticket agents, etc., who are "seeing America first" were in Ashland yesterday and were taken over Lithia park, the drives and the city by Agent G. N. Kramer. The whole party marvelled and carried away impressions which are bound to be redundant in recommendations of a visit to Ashland when selling future tickets. Among the party were: R. H. Brooks, assistant city ticket agent at San Antonio, Texas; C. E. Lewis of Houston, Texas; W. H. Jenkins of the Portland headquarters; Charles A. Chalfour of New Orleans; R. J. Smith, district freight and passenger agent for the S. P. at Sacramento; Bert Anderson of Dallas, Texas, and J. F. Darnell of Beaumont, Texas.

Farm Loan Meet at City Hall Saturday

The committee of the Farm Loan Association held a very enthusiastic meeting at the city library, Medford, last Saturday and a good attendance of farmers was present. All phases of the loan law were explained by the chairman and secretary and others present. J. F. Roche of Ashland made a strong appeal to educate the farmers on this subject, which received hearty applause and resulted in a meeting to be held at Ashland next Saturday, September 30, at 2:30 p. m. at the city hall. Able speakers will be on hand. Committeemen were appointed for the different districts to solicit signers for loans and to explain the act to those interested. J. F. Roche was appointed for Ashland and F. P. Snyder for the Bellevue district. The question was brought up in regard to whether loans could be made on property in a bonded district. While this has not definitely been settled, it may prove a barrier as the government will only loan on property that can show a clear title, or in order to perfect a clear title at a low rate and for a long term.

In order to form a preliminary estimate of the amount of money which will be wanted by the farmers of this district, all those who might desire to negotiate loans are requested to see Mr. Roche or Mr. Snyder, who are keeping lists of names of those who are interested in forming a farm loan association.

Gotch Suffered Broken Limb

Frank Gotch, the noted wrestler, champion of the world and perhaps the only champion who retired with his laurels undisturbed, will not be seen in Medford with the Sells-Floto show if a news dispatch from Chicago is to be believed. According to the dispatch, Gotch passed through Chicago bound for his home in Humboldt, Iowa, with a broken leg which he suffered at Kenosha, in plaster. Jess Willard, however, is still with the circus and will be seen in Medford unless he breaks something between Portland and the Rogue River valley.

Farmers, Attention

Mass meeting of those interested in the farm loans will be held at the city hall, Ashland, September 30, 2:30 p. m. Able speakers will be on hand. All are welcome.

Don't forget the place when you want something good to eat—the Lithia Bakery and Restaurant, 36-2t

Mr. and Mrs. Mark True go this week to Portland for a short visit and will return to Salem in order to attend the state fair before returning home.

The Lithia is the place to eat. 36-2t

F. D. Swingle, who has recently returned home from eastern Oregon, has been suffering with rheumatism for some days past.

Boy Scouts Go Agate Hunting

Led by Scoutmaster George Holly, a party of twelve Ashland Boy Scouts left this city bright and early Saturday morning, bound on a two days' outing to the agate beds and Rogue river. The party traveled in two rigs and three bicycles. Eagle Point was the first objective point, and several hours were spent hunting agates near there and on the desert between that place and the river. A number of nice specimens were found. Camp was pitched Saturday night on the river and a big campfire was a feature of the evening. A real old-fashioned snipe hunt with three of the boys holding the sack was also a feature. The return was made Sunday. Those who made the trip were George Holly, Marshall Barber, Ralph Dyer, Earnest Pugham, Otis Johnson, Roy Clary, Leslie Herr, Edwin Mowat, William Allen, Bruce Kathburn, Lawrence Porter, John Saunders and Gordon Didda.

October 9th Fire Prevention Day

The following letter was received today from State Insurance Commissioner Harvey Wells of Salem: "The anniversary of the Chicago conflagration is October 9, and nearly every state in the Union will observe this as 'Fire Prevention Day.' The Insurance Department of Oregon wishes to urge the observance of this day and earnestly requests the municipal officers to call the attention of the citizens of their community to the need of fire prevention.

"Fire prevention means good housekeeping; the cleaning out of attics, storerooms, closets and basements; the proper disposal of rubbish; repairing defective flues and chimneys; repairing gas fixtures and electric light cords; making heating plants and stoves safe; and proper storage of gasoline. Try fire prevention once and you will find it is to your interest. I am sure the cleaning up of places will mean sanitation as well as fire prevention.

"And I appeal to every school district to hold appropriate exercises and fire drills. If any schools are interested probably this department can offer suggestions for the school program.

"I trust that the insurance agents will co-operate with the fire departments and officers of the different municipalities in order that the many towns in this state may properly observe this day.

"HARVEY WELLS,
Insurance Commissioner."

Band Makes Hit in Last of Series

The last of the regular series of band concerts, held last Thursday night, attracted the largest crowd of the past month and pleased them immensely. The band will give another concert, weather permitting, on Wednesday evening of next week. The regular series of concerts which were contracted for are now finished and the band boys are giving this extra concert to show their appreciation of the support given them this summer. The Ashland band has given Ashland and Ashland's guests a great deal of fine music this summer. The men of the band have given an unstintingly of their time for two concerts and two rehearsals a week, and the business men who have donated small monthly amounts which altogether made up the sum which enabled the band to do this are to be commended as well. The band men hope to find a means of keeping Director Carl Loveland here this winter at the head of the men's and boys' bands. A movement to have the band cared for by a small percentage of the tax levy is advocated by the band men on the grounds that the entire city instead of a few men should bear the burden, small though it is, of supporting a band.

Social Service League

The regular monthly meeting of the Men's Social Service League will be held next Tuesday evening, September 26, at the Methodist church, at 8 o'clock. A very interesting program has been prepared and all men are invited to attend.