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WHAT ABOUT PARK CONCESSIONS

Some two months ago Mr. Greer, in a letter to the park board suggested that it would be a good income proposition for the park, and would relieve a necessity in the city for quarters to accommodate summer sojourners, to establish a tent city on the old Chautauqua grounds in the park.

After consideration the park board decided that under the charter provision not giving the park board power to "sell or lease" park property the concession could not be granted.

We think the park board should install the enterprise rather than sell a concession. It could be made to pay five thousand dollars per year profit in five years. But will they do it?

As to concessions in the park. What difference is there in selling a concession for three days, three months, or five years? We think if the park board can sell any kind of a concession under the law, it can sell the tent concession. If not, then no concessions should be allowed in the park. In order to get any sort of concession and amusements that cost considerable money to construct it will be necessary to sell reasonably long time concessions. Either that or the park board will need to construct them with park funds. To push our resort features necessarily demands that accommodations and amusements be supplied for the comfort and entertainment of visitors. It appears a short sighted policy to neither supply them or grant concessions to others willing to supply them.

After looking somewhat into the law we are satisfied that the park board is not estopped from granting such a concession. However, the matter should have a binding decision in the interest of the further development of the city along resort lines. It should be taken into court and settled, for if such concessions are not legal then Fourth of July concessions are not legal. The matter should be taken into court and the power determined or the law should be changed.

Ashland must not be hampered in her forward movement by such technicalities.

DANGER OF HIGH VOLTAGE WIRES

The Free camp ground sign at the junction of Main and the Plaza was removed yesterday because the pole was decayed and fear was entertained that the sign might pull it over where pedestrians would come in contact with the high voltage electric wires carried on it. It is a mistake in a city to carry high wires on poles anyway. Where population is congested all high voltage wires should be carried in conduits underneath the ground. To make the change would prove expensive, but not more so than the damages resulting from the electrocution of one or more citizens. It is a matter well worth pondering.

SHOWS REAL PROSPERITY

Ashland bank statements just issued is indicative of the forward movement of the city along all lines. The deposits of all of them is largest in the history of the several institutions. Ashland is not booming but she is enjoying real and solid prosperity. She has started developing along her lines of least resistance and her efforts are bringing results. Her advancement now is apparent enough so that her most pessimistic citizen must acknowledge it, to himself at least. That means that our average citizen will gain confidence in our future, all of which amounts to a vast sum in putting a city forward. For our part we think rents and real estate are too cheap in Ashland. Had we one hundred thousand dollars or more for invest-

ment we would chuck it into Ashland real estate at the present prices, feeling assured that twelve months would bring us a fine profit. Because we have confidence enough to invest if we had the cash, we feel that to advise investment to those who have is the greatest favor we can offer. Buy Ashland real estate. It is going to get better fast.

WEST VIRGINIA HAS STRONG '19 ELEVEN

(Special to The Tidings)
MORGANTOWN, W. Va.—Twenty-seven regulars of the West Virginia university football squad went into training September 8. The squad is comprised of 15 players from the 1917 aggregation, three from the 1918 squad, most of last year's players and a gang of promising new gridgers.

The squad which will fight for positions on the '19 team is composed of Captain Rodgers, King, Lentz, Lewis, Bailey, Hager, Brooks, Harwick, Ice, McCue, Emsweller, Mills, Weimer, Knight, Dorsey, Webster, Hite, Kay, Martin, Mullan, Setron, Bell, Kiger, Dawson, Hill, Davis and Parker.

The hope of the "mountain college" this season is to be at the University of Pittsburg in the big game of the season on Forbes Field, Oct. 11. They figure that Warner's team will not be up to its usual strength, due to the loss of Peck, Sutherland, Sies, Seidel, Stahl, Hilty, Herron and Carlson, while their eleven should be the best of the decade.

ANOTHER MIRACLE REPORTED FROM THE SUNNY SOUTH

From Atlanta, Ga., comes the following:
Snakes are not climbing trees, and alligators have cut out jig dancing in this drybone section, but here's evidence of warmer weather influence on the weather reporter of the Mason City Globe Gazette:

Seven years ago a farmer living west of this city hung his vest on a fence in the barnyard. A calf chewed up a pocket of the garment in which was a standard gold watch.

Last week the animal, a staid old milk cow, was butchered for beef, and the timepiece was found in such a position between the lungs of the cow that the respiration—the closing, in and the filling of the lungs—kept the stemwinder wound up, and the watch had lost but four minutes in seven years.

The increase in the number of pupils entering the public schools at the opening of the year last week is a good criterion of how our city grows. At the end of seven days of school this year, September 16, Superintendent G. A. Briscoe made a report of the number of pupils in the schools, which shows a total of 903 pupils, and is a gain over that of last year's report made October 4, after school had been in session twelve days.

Table showing enrollment statistics: Total 863 903, Hawthorne 274 297, Junior High 406 426, Senior High 183 180.

This year's enrollment so far lacks three of being as high as last year. This is due to the fact that few of the older boys have given up their excellent jobs to enter school, but Superintendent Briscoe makes the statement that by next Monday this school will in all probability have an enrollment of 200.

From the first of September to the 18th, 29 new subscribers have taken out cards at the public library. This is an indication that Ashland is growing as these are practically all newcomers who have lately located here. Beside this 29 there are a number of transients who get books at the library who are not entered as regular subscribers. One of the latter came into the library a day or so ago and stated that she had not realized that pleasure was in store for her before. She said she had been so taken up with Ashland and the park that she had not taken the time to look up a library, but was fully appreciative of its advantage.

VOGUE FOR RICH MILLINERY



What with velvet, cloth of gold and silver, ostrich feathers, rich embroideries, ornaments and new, durable-looking flowers, millinery for winter is rich beyond the dreams of splendor-loving women.

The Social Realm

THURSDAY'S NEWS

M. E. Social Aid
The first social aid meeting of the Methodist church was held at the home of Mrs. James Barrett, 44 Church street, yesterday afternoon. This was principally a business meeting, and officers were elected, plans made for the coming year's work and all the details arranged for the season. The following officers will serve this year: President, Mrs. George Carey; vice-president, Mrs. James Barrett; secretary, Mrs. A. A. Marake; treasurer, Mrs. W. D. Hodkinson. A large attendance was present at this first meeting, and prospects look favorable to a pleasant and profitable year in church social work.

Missionary Society Started

Clubs and societies are slow starting this year. As a usual thing these functions are in full swing by the middle of September, but apparently the housewives of the city are too busy with fruit preparing for the winter that they are not taking much interest in society events at present. These will no doubt start more actively at the opening of the coming month. Starting yesterday the Women's Missionary society of the Presbyterian church held its first meeting of the year in the church parlors, beginning at 2:30 o'clock. The topics for the day were Indians for the home study and India for the foreign. The former was discussed by Mrs. James Rudd while the latter for the latter being absent the topic was given a general discussion. Mrs. Warner of Medford, Presbyterian president, was present and reviewed the Synodical session held in Eugene some time ago. Tea was served and a social period followed. Among the visitors at the meeting were several of the new teachers.

FRIDAY'S NEWS

Ex-Service Men Dine
Mrs. Bingham assisted by Miss Pygall entertained at dinner Wednesday evening a small party of former service men who expect to leave for school soon. The table was prettily decorated with La France roses and heartsease. The dinner, which was strictly stag, was thoroughly enjoyed. Those present were Ward Hammond, Meredith Beaver, Verne Blue, Oscar Silver and Harry Silver.

Auxiliary Club Starts

The ladies of the Auxiliary club will hold a special meeting at Auxiliary hall Monday evening, September 22. All members are requested to be present as work for the winter will be discussed and classes formed. Hostesses for the evening will be Mrs. O. A. Paulserud, Mrs. H. G. Ender, Jr., Mrs. W. H. McNair.

Ashland Girl Wedded

Miss Agnes Danford, a well known Ashland woman, who has taught school in the Indian schools of Alaska for the past eight years, was recently married to John L. Sullivan, a business man of Alaska, according to news that has reached this section. For the past year the bride has been teaching on the Aleutian Islands in the Bering sea.

College Women's Club

The College Women's club of the Rogue River valley will meet with Mrs. C. C. McCurdy of 1514 West Main street, Medford, Saturday, September 20, at 2:30 p. m. This is the first meeting of the year and Mrs. E. N. Warner will be program leader. All college women in the valley are entitled to membership.

SATURDAY'S NEWS

Civic Club Will Start
The Civic Improvement club will open the year after the summer vacation Tuesday, September 30. The opening meeting will take the form of a luncheon at the Hotel Astoria at 1 o'clock p. m., on that date, to be followed by a business meeting in the hotel parlors. This event will be a get together meeting to be enjoyed by all the members and those interested in civic work, and will

Teachers' Picnic

The corps of teachers from the Senior High school entertained the teachers from the other schools with a picnic in the park last evening. A fine feed of which hot Hamburger sandwiches was the leading feature was served, and a pleasant informal evening was spent among the instructors who took this time to become better acquainted with one another.

Band Concert

A goodly company turned out last night to the band concert held in Litchia park last night. The evening was one of the most delightful of the season and the music rendered appealed to the popular tastes of the assemblage.

Successful Conference

The conference held in the Presbyterian church last evening of the officers and teachers of the Sunday school was a very successful event, upwards of twenty-one being in attendance. A fine supper was served in the church parlors preceding the conference. Revs. J. W. Hoyt and C. P. Koehler discussed the various topics of interest to the assembly, which were attended with interest by the audience.

Teddy, Jr., was met at the Ashland station yesterday evening by representatives of the Ashland Post, American Legion, and after a brief hand-shake with the considerable crowd which had gathered to see the famous ex-president's fighting son, was taken to Medford where he spoke for a few minutes to over a thousand people and took his train on to Portland. He is the chief speaker at the state convention of the American Legion there today. He is making a tour of the country on organization work for the legion of which he was a prime mover.

Young Ted has his father's smile and a personality which pleased the crowd. He confined his remarks to the aims and ideals of the American Legion. Several automobile loads of Ashland ex-service men went to Medford to hear the national organizer.

Sixty-something ex-soldiers and sailors and one ex-marine made the Ashland armory a lively place Tuesday evening when a permanent organization of Ashland Post, No. 14, of the American Legion was effected, officers elected, plans laid to furnish club-rooms and stage a series of jassful stunt evening this winter, and huge quantities of coffee, doughnuts and smokes destroyed.

Ashland's quota in the national membership drive on this week was seventy-five members. The boys hit the top and went over Tuesday and are now out to double the quota. The local post is represented at the state convention at Portland by Billy Briggs who left on the same train with Theodore Roosevelt and the Southern Oregon delegates Tuesday.

A constitution and by-laws were adopted Tuesday and the following officers elected: President William Briggs (Major Malone asked that a local man be given the top-kickers job as he was unable to be here to attend to the details which come up daily); Vice-President, C. A. Malone; Secretary, Lynn Mowat; Treasurer, H. O. Butterfield, to replace temporary Treasurer Bert Freeman, who is going to school; Historian, Edwin Dunn; executive committee members to act with officers, John Anderson, Perry Ashcraft, S. A. Peters, Ray Wolcott, and D. M. Spencer. Every branch of service is represented on the executive committee.

Plans were laid for furnishing a club-room. Committees will soon be named for the entertainment stunts for a rip-roaring meeting which will be held on the second Tuesday in October, the second Tuesday of each month having been selected as meeting night. Resolutions commending the stand of the Astoria post against alien slackers were passed and other business cared for.

Don Spencer broke up the meeting by blowing mess call and the gathering resolved itself into a hungry gang of good fellows. Much coffee, many doughnuts and "beaucoup" cigars were taken into camp. The boys are determined to get every ex-service man whose home is in or near Ashland, into the post before the week is out.

T. H. Powell, the transfer man, put in a claim against the city council at the meeting last evening for \$14.25 for injuries done to his truck. According to Mr. Powell the city electricians were working on B street and had left wires on the street. Mr. Powell ran into them with his truck, he stated, and broke the windshield on his car. Council sustained Mr. Powell's claim.

STRUCK BY MISTAKE

CARDIFF.—3000 Llwypia miners struck by mistake when two comrades were arrested for non-payment of income-tax. They had voted not to pay income-tax after April, but finding the men's tax dated from September, the strikers resumed work.

High prices for several years stimulating larger hop acreage. Salem—North Fourth street to be paved.

Natorium Ends Popular Season

H. R. Triglitas, manager for the Ashland Natorium during the past season, winds up his affairs with that institution today. He will remain in Ashland over Sunday in order to participate in the ball game tomorrow, after which he will leave for a visit to San Francisco. Mr. Triglitas graduated last spring from the University of Oregon and will go to Portland this coming year and enter the University of Oregon Medical college there.

The season just closed at the Natorium had been one of the most successful in its history under the efficient management of Mr. Triglitas. Not only has he conducted the affairs of that institution so well that it has been one of the most popular pleasure resorts in the city, but he has proven to be a successful teacher in swimming and has conducted many classes in swimming this summer, the members of whom have become proficient in the art, thanks to his instructions.

Mr. Triglitas is planning on returning next summer and is arranging many innovations which if carried out will greatly advance the popularity of the Natorium. He has made a host of friends while here this summer who will be glad to see him return another year.

"Every parent, guardian, or other person in the State of Oregon, having control or charge of any child, or children, between and including the ages of nine and fifteen years of age, shall be required to send such child, or children, to the public schools for a term or period of not less or more than the number of months of public school held annually in the district."

The above section includes all children between the ages of 9 and 16. And "all children between the ages of 16 and 18 years must be in school or legally employed. If employed, they must attend the part time school," which shall be established for such employed children. And "any person, firm or corporation, employing a child between the ages of 14 and 18 years shall permit the attendance of such child upon a part time school or class whenever such part time school or class shall have been established in the district where the child resides or may be employed."

The time taken out for the part time school "shall be counted as part of the number of hours fixed for the legal employment by federal or state laws."

The truant officer of the school district shall be charged with the responsibility of the enforcement of the attendance upon part time schools and classes of children between the ages of 14 and 18 years in accordance with the terms of this act.

None of these regulations apply to any person who has completed the first eight grades of the common school course, but all other persons are subject to its regulations, and parents, guardians, and employers of persons under 18 years of age asked to become familiar with the provisions of the law.

If there are fifteen persons between the ages of 14 and 18 years in living in Ashland, who have not completed the eighth grade, the school board will organize a part time school and all such persons will be required to attend this part time school not less than five hours per week. The part time school is for those who are legally employed; all others between the ages of 14 and 18 years, must attend the regular day sessions if they have not completed the first eight years of the common school course.

A copy of the school census will be furnished the superintendent and by law he is required to check the list and report all persons who should be in school and are not, to the truant officer, who is required to proceed according to the provisions of the compulsory educational law. These are public duties put upon the school officials. They are not left free to act as they please in these matters, but must follow out the rules and regulations as set forth in the articles of the Oregon state law.

Returns are coming in of the stories being circulated over the country in regard to the National Editorial association trip made here in August which included Southern Oregon. In the Westinghouse, S. D. Times-Enterprise, which was received this week by Mayor C. B. Lamkin, appears a complimentary writeup of Southern Oregon in which the publisher says:

"The three principal cities of Southern Oregon are Grants Pass, Medford and Ashland, located in the famous Rogue River valley. These three cities joined forces in entertaining the editorial party. * * * It was the good fortune of the publisher of this paper to have as the driver of his car Mr. C. B. Lamkin, the mayor of the city of Ashland, and one of the greatest boosters of Southern Oregon and the Rogue River valley that that country has. He came from northwestern Iowa and had traveled all over South Dakota, so we felt like old-time friends right away."

After giving a description of the trip to Crater Lake the editor said further: "The return trip was accomplished in much less time than the outgoing journey and we arrived in Ashland in plenty of time to clean up and prepare for the sumptuous banquet which the ladies of the city had prepared for us in the shade of the trees in beautiful Litchia park. Never have we seen such a display of fruit as covered those tables. Fruit is the leading product of that part of the state and we were given ample proof of its abundance and excellence. Not only the fresh fruit, but the jellies and jams and preserves prepared by the good housewives of the city. The whole meal was home products. If any people on earth can live without outside assistance the people of Southern Oregon can. While they specialize in fruit, yet there is a great deal of diversified farming done and livestock grown quite extensively."

"Possibly Medford has a little the best of it in size over the other two cities, but certainly a person never look no further than Ashland if he wants a pleasant place to live. It has an ideal climate, seldom reaching the freezing point even in the midst of winter. Palm trees are grown in the yards, which is pretty good evidence that it doesn't get very cold. Nor does it get excessively hot in the summer, located as it is among the foothills of the Siskiyou mountains. There is an abundant supply of the finest water one ever drinks and the orchards and gardens and farms are all irrigated, for there is but very little rain during the summer months. There is a fine high school of which every resident is justly proud. They have an auditorium much larger than any other town twice the size can boast, and the very best Chautauqua talent is brought there every season."

"We were agreeably surprised to meet some old friends in Ashland. Mrs. Ella Connor waylaid us in the park. She was visiting with her sister, Mrs. W. A. Turner, formerly in the real estate business in Huron, and we remembered him immediately when he appeared on the scene. He is prospering there and wonderfully well pleased with his home."

E. E. Marcy, proprietor of the Overland garage, has just returned from Portland where he had been attending the Overland convention in session there. Mr. Marcy has come back a thorough convert to the new Overland Four which had been exploited as the "Mystery Car" for some time previous to the convention.

This car is the lightest car made except the Ford, is the product of the big Toledo factories and had never been seen in public until this week. It was conceived in secret, tested in secret and was found entirely desirable as a light, cheap car. Mr. Marcy said the only drawback is that the west is not able to get them at present, as orders are given faster than they can be manufactured. He stated that when the motoring season in the east has ended for the winter, then the west will come into its own, and these cars can be supplied to the would-be purchasers.

Thousands of acres being dyked and drained in Klamath basin.

Find No Room for Poor St. George

(By the United Press)
LONDON.—(By Mail.)—Famous Britishers will have to hurry up and die if they want to be buried in the national Valhalla, Westminster Abbey. There is absolutely only room for six more, and they will have to be cremated first, according to Rev. Canon R. H. Charles, who is in charge of abbey graves and interments.

The suggestion cabled from Australia that the abbey should be the last resting place of a casket of bones, alleged to be those of England's apron saint, St. George of Cappadocia, which were excavated by Australian troops in Palestine, finds little favor with Canon Charles. "I don't care 'tuppence about his bones," he declared emphatically. "Just now I am more concerned about the remains of England, if the labor troubles don't cease."

"Anyhow, there is only room for the remains of six more famous people in the abbey. I am trying to secure additional ground for interments! there are some old houses behind one of our Norman walls which will have to come down some day. I want the space reserved for the interment of the famous men. There are so many, great men nowadays, and there will be so many in the years to come, that space for six seems inadequate. If we get this space we might have room for St. George."

LONDON.—(By Mail.)—Profiteering and the H.C.L. is not a modern evil. Queen Elizabeth had to deal with it, and she adopted drastic measures against sixteenth century profiteers, or "bodgers," as they were popularly called then. An Elizabethan proclamation to lords-lieutenant of counties and local authorities, of dated 1597, is interesting, if only for the strong language used by that autocratic sovereign, as compared with present-day legal phraseology.

"Elizabeth, By the Grace of God," etc., says to "bodgers": "Wee understand that upon the late death of all kynde of grain, and of butter and cheese and other victuals in this Realm, although Almighty God hath mercifully withdrawn His heave hand wherewith we deserved our late punishment, and hath now yielded us a change to the great comfort of all sorts of people"—(they evidently had wars, too) "Yet there are seen and found a number of wicked people in condition more like to wolves or cormorants than to natural men, that do most covetously seek to hold up the late great prices in corn and all other victuals by increasing the same into their private hands, bargaining beforehand for corn, and in some parts for grain growing, and for malt before it is made, and for butter and cheese before it be ready to be brought to ordinary market for to be bought by the poorer number."

"Against which foul corrupt fraud and malicious greediness there are both many good laws and sundry orders of late given to all justices and other public officers to reform such notable abuses, and therefore wee cannot but charge and command you to cause diligent inquisition to be made in all parts of the country as well as in towns, of such as do directly or indirectly thus buy or bargain; and that you shall apprehend such, and take from them such as they shall unlawfully buy, and compel them to revoke their unlawful bargains, and to send up to us some of the most notable offenders * * * Wee do warn you all to have a special care, not only with sharp reprehension to seek to reform them, but also to certify us of their names, and thereby to avoid the just offence of the inferior sort, who cannot but be grieved to see such corruption in the better sort suffered without restraint."

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