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Commercial Club Rejects Death And Inaugurates Radical Changes

The solid, concerted, unanimous chorus of "aye" which answered President Smith's query of "all opposed to turning the assets and liabilities of the Commercial Club over to a new organization" spoke eloquently of the new spirit which is permeating Ashland and showed pre-eminently that the movement instigated by the young men of Ashland who backed the celebration and the roundup and made it a success had accomplished its purpose. At Monday evening's Commercial Club meeting, H. O. Frohbach, representing the group of young business men who some time ago decided to either arouse the Commercial Club to a new energy or else organize a new Chamber of Commerce to take over the mission of the Commercial Club, realizing that the club might pull itself out eventually but wishing to hasten matters, placed the matter squarely before the club, stating that the proposed Chamber of Commerce stood ready to take over the assets and the liabilities of the club and outlined the radical changes which would be made. He made it plain, however, that in case the club refused the proposition the chamber would not be formed. The fact that the club room was crowded while for the past two months only a baker's dozen have been present at meetings, gave a premonition of the realization that the club was being aroused instead of killed off, and the unanimous rejection of the proposal marked the arrival at the aim of the young men, the awakening of the organization which represents Ashland.

The group which proposed the Chamber of Commerce will no doubt now throw themselves heart and soul into the Commercial Club work, and, in fact, two of the signers of the Chamber of Commerce proposal were elected trustees of the new Commercial Club and will aid in the reorganization of the club which will follow the sweeping changes inaugurated at Monday's meeting.

As J. W. McCoy remarked during the argument which preceded the vote of rejection, "Practically every big project which Ashland has carried through has seen its inception in the Ashland Commercial Club." "The present financial state of the club is an indication of the fact that we have accomplished things."

The Commercial Club is just now getting on its feet after financial outlays which were a little more than the club should have undertaken, had plunged it into a large debt. During the past several months the club has been short of money because of an attempt to clear up its indebtedness and because of the inactivity which naturally resulted from lack of funds, interest in the club has waned and the membership dwindled. At present the club is in a sound condition. According to Secretary Shinn's report, the indebtedness of the club on August 7, 1916, was \$253.60, against which there is an offset of \$76 collected already this month. There is due the club for outstanding dues \$540, the greatest proportion of which is believed to be collectible. In addition to this, the club owns a billiard and pool table and other furniture which it has been voted to do away with, and these should bring way above the amount of indebtedness at the least calculation. It may thus be seen that the Commercial Club is ahead of the game financially, has undertaken changes which will keep it so, and will supply a fund to be called upon for the many small amounts which are now taken care of by subscrip-

tions from the merchants, has enlisted the interest of the young business men, the live fellows who "put across" Ashland's celebration, and should within the next two months take its rightful place in Ashland.

The changes which are to be made are sweeping in their extent and include those suggested in the recommendations made by a committee appointed for the purpose some time ago.

The most radical changes include the disposal of the billiard and card tables, enlargement of the board of trustees to twelve members, and removal to new quarters in the city hall.

The proceeds from the sale of the tables will be used to place the club above the board financially. This feature of the club has long been losing in favor among the business men who realize that the Commercial Club should be a place to do things rather than to play billiards.

At the last meeting of the city council the council indicated its willingness to remodel the storeroom in the west end of the city hall into an office for the Commercial Club. The club will ask the council to allow them the use of this, water and lights and the use of the council chamber upstairs, which, by the way, will be fitted up by the commercial club's chairs and other fittings, thus saving an overhead expense of \$35 a month, which alone is a big item.

A determined campaign for new members will be made. The new club hopes to be able to produce results and needs every man in Ashland and every property owner within Ashland or living elsewhere as a member.

The amended charter provides for election of officers yearly instead of every six months, a board of twelve trustees instead of five, weekly meetings of the trustees to transact all ordinary business, that all committee chairman be selected from board members. The club's finances are dealt with specially in a paragraph limiting indebtedness to \$500. It is recommended that publicity work be done at public expense by a public employe.

In line with the new charter provision for trustees, half of whom are to be chosen every six months, the following were elected to serve till November: J. W. McCoy, W. E. Newcombe, G. H. Billings, H. O. Frohbach, Henry Enders. To serve till May: C. B. Lamkin, C. W. Banta, F. H. Walker, C. B. Wolf, M. C. Reed. These ten, together with old trustees, Fred Wagner, Hal McNair, President Smith and Vice-President Jordan, ex-officio, constitute the board of trustees for the present.

San Franciscans Will Be Here Soon

One of the biggest business men's excursions of the year is the San Francisco merchants' excursion to Coos Bay which will pass through Ashland on the trip to Marshfield on August 20, and returning on the 26th of August will stop off for a two hours' stay in Ashland. H. P. Adams was here recently arranging the itinerary of the excursion, and plans were made for Ashland to send autos to meet the party at Medford at 3.45 and bring them up through the valley to Ashland, taking them through Lithia park and then turning them loose to visit the merchants of the city. Other entertainment may be arranged by the committee which has been appointed from the Ashland Commercial Club.

The excursion will be made up of about one hundred of the leading business men of the bay metropolis. They will be the heads of the firms and many of the biggest men of California will be in the party. While here they will visit the merchants, one of the main aims of the trip being to foster business relations. The party travels in their own special train.

Ashland should give this party a great reception. Every one of these men will be men who yearly seek for new places for vacations and to send their families for the summer. Not only that, but they are men who can do a great deal and will do a great deal to advertise Ashland as a resort city should they be given the hospitable welcome of which Ashland is capable.

Phone news items to the Tidings.

Addresses The Commercial Club

Prof. Deschamps of Paris, France, who is spending a few months in Ashland mainly for health considerations, delivered a greatly appreciated talk before the Commercial Club Monday evening. Prof. Deschamps is a lecturer of more than national note and has been touring the west lecturing prior to his stop here for a rest. He will return to France next spring. The professor delivered an energizing talk to the room full of Commercial Club members. He dwelt considerably upon the natural beauties of which Ashland possesses so many and suggested several things which Ashland should work for at once. He called his hearers' attention to the need of a sanitarium, apartment houses and more accommodations for visitors, saying, "You must have the places to put them before you get the visitors." He made an urgent appeal for co-operation and to Ashlanders to shake off the lethargy which prevents progress.

Heavy Travel Over Siskiyou Highway

According to the monthly report of State Highway Engineer John L. Lewis, 2,625 vehicles passed over the Siskiyou grade during the month of June. Two hundred and forty-five was the greatest number in a single day.

War Veterans Will Camp Here in Sept.

James Mattingly appeared before the Commercial Club at Monday's meeting and asked the club for its co-operation in the entertainment of the old soldiers and sailors of southern Oregon and northern California who will be here for a four days' reunion beginning September 11. The encampment will be held in Chautauqua park and over two hundred G. A. R., Spanish war veterans, Indian war veterans and pioneers are expected from all over the adjoining counties. The Commercial Club appointed a committee to assist in arranging for the entertainment of the visitors.

Irrigation or No Sugar Factory

The party of officials of the Utah-Idaho Sugar Company who thoroughly went over the valley last week have informed the Medford Commercial Club that the erection of a sugar factory at Medford or other point in the upper valley will depend upon the extension of irrigation in the valley. If the proposed high line ditch is put through under the district plan about August 1 next, and an acreage of good proportions is placed under water from the ditch, they will put a proposition for the erection of a factory before the people of Medford.

The Rogue River valley, said T. R. Cutler, vice-president and general manager of the company, is well suited as to soil and climate for the growing of beets. However, he explained, he and his associates had found after carefully examining all the beet acreage in the valley that non-irrigated beets are already shrinking and the tops beginning to wilt, whereas the irrigated beets are showing up splendidly and through this sunny weather are showing increased gains.

A sugar factory cannot continue to operate, he continued, unless the beets can be grown profitably by the farmers. Investigation convinced him that they cannot be grown in sufficient tonnage and high enough sugar content without irrigation, to be profitable to the farmer.

Baptist Pastor Leaves September 1

Rev. Arthur Blackstone of the Baptist church will give up the pastorate on September 1, his resignation having been handed in some time ago. Mr. Blackstone has built up the church during his pastorate and has won the friendship of a host of Ashlanders not church members as well. His plans for the future are not fully determined.

Friends Say Bill Carries Horseshoe

Bill Loomis's friends claim that Bill carries a horseshoe under the back seat along with the extra inner tubes and tools. The conviction would seem to be borne out by the lucky escape which Mr. Loomis and a carload of passengers underwent on the Slakiyou grade last Sunday. Three miles beyond the summit when he was turning around the engine "died." When he cranked up the reverse gear stuck and the car backed over the grade and down an embankment 150 feet to the bottom of a canyon, the car turning over three times. On the second turn Mrs. Loomis's mother, Mrs. Humphrey, and Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Cox were thrown out and on the third turn Mr. Loomis went out. All escaped injury except Mrs. Cox, who was only slightly bruised. The car was lifted to the road with a block and tackle and will be in commission again after undergoing repairs that will cost perhaps \$25.

Bass Horn Band Dance Tonight

Remember to drop up to the Bungalow tonight. The band boys are staging another "bass horn" dance and will give you a pleasant evening in return for a few cents towards a horn. Five-piece orchestra of the best musicians in the city. Everybody is going.

More Soldier Boys Bound for Border

Under the direction of A. D. Wick, traveling passenger agent for the Southern Pacific with headquarters at Portland, 165 newly recruited militiamen went south yesterday bound for the border, where they will join the companies for which they have denoted their preference. These boys have all been recruited since the militiamen went to the border and have underwent training at Clackamas and are ready for service. Others will follow later until the various companies are up to standard in numbers.

Two Signs Which Should Be at Camp

Between fifteen and twenty-five automobile parties camp at the Ashland auto camp every night. There are two signs which should be placed in the camp in a prominent place for the purpose of acquainting the visitors with the two biggest features of Ashland as a watering resort.

One sign should point to the path toward the lithia fountain, with the words, "Two blocks to the lithia fountain. Follow the lighted path." Then none of the campers would overlook a visit to the fountain, as many now do because of lack of knowledge of the fountain.

The second sign should read: "Hot sulphur tub and plunge baths. Jitney leaves 7:30 p. m. Fare 10 cents." No doubt the Natorium and Helman's baths would put up the price of this sign and would make arrangements with drivers of jitneys to visit the camp ground every evening. If the business justified, more frequent trips could be made.

Auto tourists who come to Ashland to stay a few days will eventually find out these things for themselves, but the tourist who stops one night only may not. A sulphur tub or plunge will appeal to nearly every one of the autoists and will be remembered as part of Ashland.

Stuck Knife In Chest While Drunk

Thomas Warren was one of the passengers on the special train which brought back the baseball rooters from Weed last Sunday. Thomas was slightly under the influence of the fiery frowater of the lumber town. Thomas was so drunk that he did not know exactly what he was doing. Thomas got out his knife and stuck it into his chest. Thomas wounded himself severely. Thomas was taken to the Sacred Heart hospital at Medford, from which he was released Tuesday a wiser Tom.

Two Hundred Former Residents of Dixieland Gather in Lithia Park

A Toast to Dixie and Oregon. The birthland is the loved land, That's the way of the mortal heart, So Dixie land our loved land To you. Childhood days are care-free days, That's the way of mortal life. So Dixie days, our childhood days, To you. The last of life is the best of life. The traveler chooses his path. So Oregon land, our last days, our best days, To you. —By Angelina.

"Dixie," sung as the rousing southern air has never before been sung in Ashland, sung straight from the hearts of two hundred folks from the sunny south who were transported in memory back to the homeland of flowers and perpetual summer, aroused the echoes in the hills which hem in Lithia Park, Wednesday evening at the close of a gathering truly southern.

From every part of the valley and from distant points as well, the former residents of the southern states, who have learned to love Oregon and the Rogue River valley until it has a place in their hearts alongside of beloved Dixie, came to meet each other and with reminiscence and renewal of old friendships and making of new, bind closer together the residents of this country who are from the south.

Late in the afternoon the gathering was called to order by President John H. Dill of the Dixie Association of the valley, who requested M. C. Reed, chairman of the program committee, to preside.

R. P. Campbell opened the program with a reading from James Whitecomb Riley, playing upon the emotions of his hearers with that consummate art which is making "Dick Posey" a valley favorite.

President Dill then gave the address of welcome with a warmth which made every southerner present feel that he was the friend of every

Kenneth Williams, Grants Pass ball player who showed some wonderful stickwork while with the Cincinnati Nationals last year but slumped and was returned to the Tacoma team of the Northwestern league, has been sold to the Portland team in the Pacific Coast league.

Gold Hill Notes: Miss Lowe of Ashland resigned her position as teacher of the eighth and seventh grades. Oh, how these school ladies come and go. Like the great German army, plenty to fill the ranks.

Blue Ledge Mine Owner Dead

News was received in Medford Tuesday night of the death of Robert Sanford Towne in New York. Mr. Towne was the owner of the Blue Ledge mines and a millionaire mine owner with interests all over the world. S. S. Bullis told the Medford paper that he was not surprised to learn of Mr. Towne's death as the capitalist was very low upon his recent visit to the east. In Mr. Bullis' opinion the fact of Mr. Towne's ill health has held back the Blue Ledge development and his death will probably result in active work at the mines, as his interests are known to be in competent hands and well organized.

Mr. Towne died at the Engineers' Club, where he made his home, and the New York Times account of his death devotes considerable space to his extensive mining interests in Mexico and this country. Mr. Towne was president of the Mexican Northern railway, president of the Alvarez Land and Timber Company, president of the Sresnillo Mining Company, the Mexican Lead Company, the Potosi and Rio Verde railway, the Montezuma Lead Company, the Soubrette Mining Company, the Compania Metalurgica Mexicana, and interested extensively in a dozen other large mining concerns. A graduate of Ohio State University in the class of 1879, Mr. Towne was one of the most successful mining engineers in the country and amassed a tremendous fortune. He was a member of the New York Yacht Club, the Engineers and Lawyers Club, and took a prominent part in the American Institute of Mining Engineers.

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other former Dixieite whether he had met him before or not.

Dr. T. B. Ford, chaplain of the State Editorial Association and district superintendent of the Salem district of the M. E. church, made the response, likening the southern Oregon hospitality to the famous Dixie brand.

B. R. Greer was called upon for a talk and mingled sense and nonsense in a short address.

George H. Himes, secretary of the State Historical Association and a pioneer of Oregon who is down here for a few days enjoying an outing and gathering material for the historical association, spoke in an entertaining manner.

The program was followed by a picnic dinner with delicacies of the south much in evidence.

After the program reminiscences were indulged in and old southern melodies sung, finishing with a stirring rendition of "Dixie," after which the gathering adjourned to the neighborhood of the bandstand in the park, where the Ashland band entertained with a concert in which old southern melodies played a prominent part.

The gathering was one of the largest and most enjoyable yet held in Lithia park, and the Dixie Association looks forward to another like affair next summer.

A list of those who registered follows, the list being incomplete as many forgot to register:

Miss A. Kelleho, Miss K. Keliho, Medford; Mrs. H. S. Mult, Mrs. W. E. Newcombe, Ashland; Mr. L. L. Mult, Mrs. L. L. Mult, Portland; Miss Gertrude Barber, Miss Lucie Barber, Miss Ruth Eates, Mr. M. N. Long, Mrs. Leah M. Caldwell, Mrs. Louise McNair, Mr. Sam McNair, Mrs. Howard Rose, Mrs. Robert Wiley, Mr. Howard Rose, Ashland; Mrs. Hubert Hawkins, Miss Kate Burt, Red Bluff, Cal.; Mrs. Effie Gillette Merriek, Mr. Bert R. Greer, Mr. R. P. Cornelius, Ashland; Dr. T. B. Ford, Tennessee; Mrs. M. L. Gillette, Ashland; Mrs. Dora L. Berry, Medford, born in Kentucky; Mrs. W. I. Brown, Medford, born in Tennessee; Mrs. Florence Upshaw, Medford, born in South Dakota; Mrs. Dora Boos, Mr. Berry, Mr. H. C. Garnett, Mr. C. L. Upshaw, Mr. A. N. Wright, Mr. E. Calhoun, Mrs. Josephine Calhoun, Medford; Mrs. J. L. Harner, Mrs. Mary Dunn, Mrs. E. J. Van Sant, Mrs. G. P. Monroe, Mrs. John Dill, Talent; Mrs. J. T. Patterson, Mrs. F. B. Oatman, Talent; Mrs. M. A. Palmer, Mrs. L. A. Bentley, Mrs. Ola Pool, Mrs. Laura Banks, Mrs. Lillian Campbell, Mr. Roy D. Campbell, Mrs. S. S. Terrill, Mrs. Ann Hill Russell, Ashland; Mrs. C. L. Scheffelin, Medford; Mr. W. S. DuPeau, Miss Amy Ramsay, Mrs. Ella Rutledge, Mr. David Whittle, Ashland; Mrs. C. C. Van Scoyoe, Mrs. Sara Van Meter, Medford; Mr. E. A. Estes, Mr. F. F. White, Mr. F. P. Bentley, Mr. J. H. Monroe, Mr. J. B. Hunter, Mrs. W. M. Barber, Miss Francis McWilliams, Miss Josephine Barber, Mrs. R. P. Cornelius, Mrs. Laura Rose, Mr. Charles R. Rose, Mr. T. W. Hundson, Mr. Charlie Ramsey, Mr. E. Keiser, Miss Castleman, Miss Greer, Miss Vivian Greer, Miss Lillian Greer, Ashland; Miss Mary Brown, Medford; Mrs. M. N. Long, Mrs. Dora Hubbard, Mr. David Ivey, Mrs. E. A. Estes, Mr. Wilfred Carr, Mr. E. E. Phipps, Mr. N. C. Dozler, Mrs. Van Fossen, Mollie Wood, Mr. M. C. Reed, Mrs. M. C. Reed, Mrs. Sylvester Patterson, Mr. R. P. Neil, Mrs. F. F. Whittle, Ashland.

Fire Burns Talent Packing Plant

Fire of an unknown origin, but presumably caused by defective electric light wiring, destroyed the packing house of C. M. Thomas at Talent Wednesday night, about 10 o'clock, causing a property damage estimated at \$5,000, partially covered by insurance. The building and contents were totally destroyed.

Two days' pack of Bartlett pears, being made ready for shipment, a carload of box material, and a quantity of fruit wrapping paper went up in smoke. It was the supply for the season, and thus the loss falls heavy. When discovered the building was a mass of flames, and the fire-fighting equipment at hand was unable to cope with the blaze, which was visible in this city.