

Ashland Patriotic Fund Will Be An Established Measure

The meeting called for yesterday afternoon in the Chautauqua building for the purpose of passing upon the adoption of the Ashland Patriotic fund, drew forth a number of representative citizens who were enthusiastic over the adoption of the measure, which passed without a dissenting vote. Mayor C. B. Lamkin presided at the meeting, with F. E. Watson as secretary. As per arrangements made at the preliminary meeting Wednesday evening the committee presented the report as below.

Ashland, Ore., May 4, 1918.
To the People of Ashland:

On May 1st there was a meeting held at our city hall to discuss and consider the advisability of adopting some plan for the raising of funds for the support of the various war charities for the ensuing year.

After a free discussion of the matter a committee of three, E. V. Carter, George A. Briscoe and F. D. Wagner, was appointed to outline and draft plans for an organization following in a general way, what has been designated as the "Nutley, N. J., Plan."

It was decided to hold another meeting at Chautauqua building, Sunday, May 5, at 3:00 p. m. at which time this committee was asked to make a report which will now be submitted for your consideration.

As outlined in the article printed in the Ashland Tidings, April 29, we wish to again call your attention to the fact that in the last ten months Ashland alone has raised and disbursed through the various committees appointed over \$13,000 for the Red Cross, Y. M. C. A., Y. W. C. A., and Armenian relief and this takes no account of small amounts raised for other charities nor for funds raised and disbursed directly by our various church and fraternal organizations and it would seem that, based on the amount we have contributed the past ten months, we should be able to get pledges of monthly support that would insure us from \$1000 to \$1200 per month.

Each campaign involved a separate organization with its executive committee and the necessary sub-committees. We feel sure that very many who willingly subscribed to these charities when called upon have no conception of the work involved in perfecting the organization of these various committees.

We have every reason to believe that for a long time to come we will have to continue giving in the support of these worthy causes and it is certainly advisable to adopt some plan for the raising of funds that will eliminate some of the duplicated work of the past year and relieve our solicitors and the solicited, as well, from some of the inconveniences and the work involved in these repeated drives.

Under the plan now proposed, each citizen will be asked to subscribe \$1 at stated intervals, toward a general fund, which we have called Ashland's Patriotic fund. Some of our citizens will doubtless be willing to subscribe at the rate of \$1 per day, others at the rate of \$1 per week, a fortnight, a month, every two months or every three months. A subscription of \$1 every three months is a little more than one cent per day, and we think that this minimum subscription can be made even by those whose resources are of the slightest. The business section of the city would be solicited too, and it is believed that quite a percentage of the fund to be raised can be secured from our business men.

Assuming that we were successful in carrying out this plan, a fund would be created to meet demands made from time to time. On receipt of request for contribution in the support of any cause the executive committee would, after reaching the decision that the cause was a worthy one, authorize the payment from the fund created and "there is no hysteria, no need to canvass the town, no whipping up of enthusiasm."

Our Red Cross branch has so far been able to carry on its operations, involving the expenditure of several thousands of dollars, without incurring an indebtedness, but sooner or later some provision will have to be made to replenish its funds if it is to continue its operations on the present scale, as the membership fee will not provide the necessary amount.

We are advised that the National Red Cross is to ask soon for another \$100,000,000 to carry on its work

and that the week's drive to raise the amount will commence May 29. This, of course, means organization of committees, appointment of solicitors and all the detailed work we have already gone through many times. Ashland will, of course, "come through" as it always has in the past; but if we can carry out this plan successfully it will, for the ensuing 12 months at least, relieve us of a large part of the work now duplicated in each separate campaign.

In submitting the following report we have only attempted to outline the organization as in our opinion the various details of administration can be provided by the executive committee.

Ashland Patriotic Fund

Article I. All money contributed to this fund shall be used for the following purposes:

1. To provide Ashland's quota for the National Red Cross and to maintain the Ashland Red Cross branch.
2. To assist in caring for any of the relatives or dependents of any Ashland soldier who may need our help while he is away fighting our battles and such direct aid to him as any urgent situation might demand.
3. To contribute to the maintenance of the Y. M. C. A., and to the support of such war charities as, in the judgment of the executive committee, are worthy of help from this community.

4. The entire fund collected shall be expended only as provided in Articles 1, 2 and 3. Such incidental expenses as are necessarily incurred in the collection and administration of this fund shall be met by private subscriptions.

Article II. This fund shall be administered and disbursed by an executive committee of seven members composed as follows: One member designated by the governing board of the Ashland Red Cross branch; one member by the mayor and council of the City of Ashland; one member by the board of trustees of the Ashland Commercial club; one member by the governing board of the Ashland Civic Improvement club; one member by the Ashland school board; one member by the Ashland Business Men's association; and one member by the Ashland Ministerial association.

1. The executive committee shall in organization elect such officers as necessary for the transaction of its affairs.
2. Regular monthly meetings shall be held and special meetings upon the call of the chairman or three members of the committee.
3. Meetings and records to be open to all subscribers of the fund.
4. Permanent records of receipts and disbursements shall be kept and monthly statements furnished to the press.

5. The executive committee shall provide suitable records, establish time and places of monthly payment of all subscriptions and provide for the complete administration of this fund.

6. Should any of the above nominating board designate their representatives to act on the executive committee, then and in that event, the executive committee shall be authorized to make appointment to fill such vacancy.

Respectfully submitted,
E. V. CARTER,
GEO. A. BRISCOE,
F. D. WAGNER,
Committee.

The chairman instructed the various organizations represented on the executive committee to appoint their members by Wednesday morning in order to have the committee in readiness for the coming Red Cross drive. Further details of the project will be developed by the executive committee, and it is expected to be in fine running order in a few days.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF WEATHER BUREAU

Forecast for the period May 6 to May 11, inclusive, Pacific coast states: Fair with nearly stationary temperature.

Especial attention is called to the members of the Commercial club to be present at the meeting in the city hall tonight. The semi-annual election of officers will take place. An excellent program of speaking and music will be given and refreshments will be served.

Drive For Normal Starts This Week

During the past year Ashland has exceeded all expectations in meeting every demand that has been made for money for the various drives. This week the citizens of Ashland will have the opportunity to demonstrate their loyalty to their own home town by boosting and helping with their money in the drive for funds for the normal campaign. Never before have we had so many peculiarly favorable conditions. The co-operation of eastern Oregon is no small item.

Such influential towns as Pendleton, Baker and La Grande are already organized for an active campaign because of the unnamed location of the much-needed school for that section. The board of regents and every school man in Oregon are heartily in favor of establishing the two schools at once; the overcrowded condition at Monmouth, and the increasing demand for trained teachers all give this impetus to settling this matter right once and for all.

It means more to Ashland than any other locality. This city is named on the ballot as the location of one school. The measure provides for \$125,000 to establish the school and an annual tax of 1-25 mill for maintenance. To keep the home fires burning is one of the trite sayings of the hour, with it goes the care and education of this younger generation, who are to be the leaders of the world tomorrow.

But to put on a state-wide campaign requires a large amount of money, and Ashland should plan to make her contribution as large as possible.

Colored Fugitive Caught at Phoenix

Sam Sherman, a much wanted negro of Siskiyou county, was arrested at Phoenix Thursday by Chief of Police Hatcher after an exciting chase in which the foxy colored man attempted to elude pursuit. Sam was wanted in Hornbrook for the alleged sandbagging of a lumber man in a Hornbrook saloon, and making off with \$80.

Together with a white accomplice the negro was detected getting off a freight in the Ashland yards at an early hour Thursday morning. Chief Hatcher was summoned, and arrived on the scene in time to see the negro depart on the blinds of passenger train No. 14 going north. The chief telephoned to Medford where the train was met by the police, who learned that the man had been thrown off at Talent. Chief Hatcher was immediately apprised and in company with Fire Chief Robison started in pursuit. On arriving at Talent the officers learned that Sherman had started for Phoenix.

The pursuit was resumed and the officers arrived at Phoenix in their car at the same time the negro reached that point on foot. A capture was made and the fugitive was brought to Ashland from where the officers of Siskiyou county were notified. The sheriff of the latter county soon appeared and took the colored man back to Yreka. On being ejected from the freight in Ashland the two fugitives had separated, and nothing further was seen of the white man accompanying Sherman.

Made Best Record In Mask Handicap

At a bond rally at Fort Stevens a week ago Friday, featuring a big regimental parade and athletic contests, Corporal A. E. Payne, of 13th Company, Columbia, made fastest time in 200-yard gas mask handicap.

"Paynie" was chosen one of four to represent the first battalion to compete with three other battalions. The gas mask cases were placed five yards in advance of the line, and as the gas alarm sounded, the first man of each team started, picked up the case, put over his head, hooked it under the chin, took out the mask, tied string around his waist to hold it in place when they stoop or run to finish for fifty yards, when the next man takes it.

The first battalion made second place, but "Paynie's" time was 23 seconds, while the next best was 31. Corporal Payne is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Payne and is a well known Ashland boy.

Monthly Report of Co. Thrift Contest

Following is the monthly report of the Jackson county thrift contest co-operating with the federal government in thrift stamp, Liberty bonds, Junior Red Cross, war savings societies and other campaigns:

Money Earned or Received—Amount of money earned by work, \$541.80; amount of money earned from investment, \$181.08; allowance from parents or guardians, \$358.48; all other money received, including gifts, etc., \$326.31. Total receipts, \$1,417.67.

Money Paid Out Each Month—Amount paid for necessities \$667.60; amount paid for amusement, as shows, games, etc., \$67.07; amount paid for luxuries as candy, drinks, etc., \$68.80; for gifts, church, Red Cross, Y.M.C.A. and other charity, \$77.27. Total paid out other than necessities saving, \$880.64.

Money Saved—Paid for thrift stamps, \$418.23; for war savings certificates, \$1,419.48; government bonds, Liberty bonds, etc., \$210.00; other bonds or securities as notes, etc., \$80; deposited in banks and savings accounts, \$289.81; paid for life insurance, \$18.52; money loaned to others, \$74.28; cash on hand, checking bank account included, \$1,419.24. Total amount of all savings, \$3,929.56.

Class, Club or Home Work in Thrift—Hours devoted to club work out of school, 734; hours devoted to club work in school, 817; lessons in club work completed to date, 105; hours devoted to other home work, 21,280; articles completed in Junior Red Cross work during the month, 189; Red Cross or other patriotic compositions written, 169; times during month appearing on thrift programs, 96; thrift maxims committed during the month, 2,138; number of pupils taking boys' and girls' club work, 335.

The above is an incomplete report for the county as not all schools have reported at the time of making out this report. Number of students represented in above report, 2285.

Veterans' Reunion Held in September

A meeting of the officers of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Reunion association of southern Oregon was held in Medford Thursday and preliminary arrangements for the encampment to be held in Grants Pass September 9 to 14.

The association comprises veteran organizations of Lake, Klamath, Curry, Douglas, Jackson and Josephine counties. J. E. Peterson, of Grants Pass, is commander of the association, and James Holman, also of that city, was elected quartermaster.

Interest is also directed in the state encampment which will be held in Albany May 13 to 15. Past Commander Cyrus H. Walker, who is an aide-de-camp to the national commander, states that great plans have been made for the reception of the G. A. R. and W. R. C. members and that at least 1200 veterans and their ladies are expected to visit Albany during the three days. The city council, county court and business men of Albany have contributed to a large entertainment fund and a big time will be given the visiting comrades.

Interesting Talk To Business Men

Last Thursday evening while Walter Givens, a prominent merchant of Estaca, Ore., was in Ashland during his tour of southern Oregon in the interests of the Robert N. Stanfield campaign for United States senator, the members of the Business Men's association called a meeting and asked Mr. Givens to address them on "Trade Acceptances and Their Use in Retail Credits, as Well as Wholesale Amounts." The meeting was held in the city hall, and a fair sized audience greeted the speaker, who is a live wire, and gave an intensely interesting talk that merited a much better attendance than was accorded him.

Mr. Givens claims to be the pioneer of the use of trade acceptances in retail business, and was thoroughly conversant on the subject.

If liberty is worth dying for, it is also worth clipping in for.

Lively Fighting Reported on Italian Front--Quiet in Flanders

Austria-Hungary supplies some of the most important items of the current news. With a critical economic and political situation officially conceded to be developing at home, her armies at the front are apparently about to be launched in a new attack on Italy.

The crisis in Vienna is marked by the dismissal of the Austrian parliament by the emperor's order and the declaration that forcible measures would be taken to make a resumption of its sessions impossible.

A statement issued makes it clear that the government was embarrassed by the divisions in the legislative body over the grave food situation and the various racial grievances in the Austrian body-politic and desired a free hand in the next few months.

Meanwhile Vienna dispatches have reported Emperor Charles leaving for the front, and have announced greatly increased activity along the Austro-Italian lines, where a renewal of the Teutonic offensive has long been threatened. The Rome official statement does not give a like picture of the front line activities, but records intensive aerial operations with the entente airmen, bringing down 14 enemy machines.

The German offensive in Flanders has been held up now for virtually five days since the enemy waves last

dashed against the rock ribbed defense of the British and French early last week, and the Ypres line stood firm under the attack.

General von Armin evidently has been forced into this inactivity by the severity of his losses and the time necessary to marshal new forces for a fresh blow.

Concededly, however, the Germans have fresh troops for a thrust of even greater power, if they think it advisable to employ them here and there have been indications for the last day or two that they were preparing to do so.

There has been a strengthening of the allied defense at important points along both the northern and southern sides of the Lys salient. The French have thus operated successfully in the Loere region, which is one of the main objective points of the Germans as an approach to Mont Rouge, and the British, on Friday night, strengthened their lines in the vicinity of Hinges, northwest of Bethune.

In Palestine, the British have met and defeated the Turks in engagements in the vicinity of the river Jordan. Attacks by the Ottoman troops on two successive days have been beaten off with heavy losses to the enemy and in the fighting the British took more than 300 prisoners.

Robbers Bind Men And Take Gold Bars

Robert Boswell and his son, Robert Boswell, Jr., two miners of Josephine county, brought word to the settlement of Holland that they had been bound and gagged by two masked robbers at their mine Thursday night, and robbed of \$6000 in gold bullion. According to their story, they had just finished melting down their pannings of the past week when the robbers appeared. Father and son were tied to trees by the robbers, who then took three gold bars, weighing about \$2000 each, and left on horseback.

After several hours, the younger Boswell managed to free himself. He then cut his father's bonds, and the two started on foot through the night for Holland to report their loss. A sheriff's posse has been beating the woods about the mine, but report that thus far no clue of the robbers has been found.

The Boswells have offered \$500 for the apprehension of the robbers, and \$1,000 for the return of the bullion. The Boswell mine is said to be one of the richest in southern Oregon, and the two owners operate it alone.

Unconscious Men Taken Off Train

A man was taken from train No. 16 Friday night in an apparently unconscious condition and turned over to Chief of Police Hatcher, who lodged him in a local hospital. The man had papers about him indicating that his name was Pete Periech, and is thought to be an Austrian. He had purchased a ticket at San Francisco for Hoquiam, Wash., and carried a letter purporting to be from a brother from the latter place.

He had been in a semi-unconscious condition all day, the train officials stated, and was put off here to receive attention from a physician. His condition indicates that he is an epileptic. Chief Hatcher has notified the brother in Hoquiam of the man's condition.

Women's Land Army Will Be Organized

Medford is planning the organization of a branch of the Women's Land Army of America during the coming spring and summer, the purpose of which is to help meet the labor situation in caring for the fruit crops of the valley.

All women and girls willing to work will be enrolled. The organization places no restrictions on those enrolled, but is simply for the purpose of service. It proposes also to arrange a uniform wage and hours of work and transportation facilities for the workers.

Ashland Has Gained \$96,400 Over Quota

Ashland closed the week Saturday with the satisfaction of knowing that she had nearly reached the \$200,000 mark in the Third Liberty loan subscriptions. While this was the goal the executive committee has been trying to attain no especial effort has been made to canvas for this amount, it being left to the citizens to make their subscriptions to the banks as they see fit. In this manner the subscriptions have been increased gradually until at the close of business Saturday night the banks, together with the amounts subscribed by the railroad employees total \$199,400.

Following are the subscribers and amounts since the last report, May 2:

- \$1500 Subscription Mrs. T. W. Acklin.
- \$500 Subscriptions Lou N. Case, Frank Cox, Mrs. Bertha W. Nickerson, Clifford H. Nickerson.
- \$250 Subscriptions F. W. Herrin, Sarah E. Ganiard.
- \$100 Subscriptions W. J. Albert, Albert A. and Maude Marske, Wm. G. Rush, Mrs. Ira Reeder, Adeline C. Morris, Mrs. Elizabeth Semple, Rose Patterson, Grace H. Chamberlain, Elizabeth D. Palmer, Edith B. McCracken.

\$50 Subscriptions John B. Harrell, Jr., Mrs. J. B. Harrell, Martin J. Love, Otto E. Rohrke, treasurer Acorn Circle No. 54, N. of W., William Peterson, W. W. Young, R. M. Andrews, George W. Grow, J. B. Icenhower, Albert L. Peachey, Westley P. Bellus, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bartges, A. C. Gunn, E. Eugene Cadwell, Cornelia Kirkpatrick, Webster Wertz.

The Southern Pacific employees' subscriptions in addition to those made through the banks are 169 subscribers with \$14,300 subscribed, making a grand total of 947 subscribers with subscriptions amounting to \$199,400.

Following are the number of subscribers and the amounts made at the banks and various corporations: First National bank, 378 subscribers, \$101,750 subscribed; Citizens bank, 325 subscribers, \$58,550; State bank, 73 subscribers, \$18,800 subscribers; S. P. railroad, allotted \$3000; California-Oregon Power Co., allotted \$3000.

The Ashland physicians will be at the armory tomorrow night to make the necessary examinations for enlistments in the state militia company. All joining this company should be present at this meeting.

Those wishing to complete the payments on their subscriptions to the Third Liberty loan in time to get the full interest must do so by May 9, which is the date of the bonds.

The man who plays as he goes is always asked to make return visits.

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