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The Hotel Issue As It Stands at Present Time

As far as Mr. Greer is concerned there is absolutely nothing personal in the fight being made against Mr. Carter, Mr. McCoy and Mr. V. O. N. Smith. The only reason Mr. Greer favors the fight on them is that they have been secretly blocking him in his attempt to land a tourist hotel and sanitarium for Ashland and in so far as they have done this they are not working in the interests of Ashland. Mr. Greer tried to explain this to people at the city hall Thursday night and he is sorry that every Ashland citizen could not be there to hear his explanation. With Mr. Carter, Mr. McCoy and Mr. Smith as directors of the Chamber of Commerce, in a position to use the power of the club to throttle the efforts for the new hotel, the men Mr. Greer is figuring with are not willing to undertake the project because they know what these gentlemen have been secretly attempting in the past and feel justified in the belief that unless their actions are made exceedingly unpopular they will do the same thing in the future. Mr. Greer is not responsible for these men knowing what they do about the attitude of Carter, McCoy and Smith—they told them themselves, Mr. Greer did not. Now the thing these prospective investors want to know is whether the people of Ashland are backing them up in their attitude, and they think a good index of whether the people do or do not, can be found in the vote at the coming Chamber of Commerce election. If the voting members of the Chamber of Commerce by a majority vote endorse these men, the investors have a right and will assume that the sentiment of the community is against the hotel and sanitarium as proposed by Mr. Greer. The issue is squarely drawn and the people now fairly well understand it. The fight is not between these three men and Mr. Greer. The issue is, shall Ashland accept the new hotel and sanitarium through Mr. Greer and help him induce his friends to make the big investment, or will they get on the side of these three gentlemen who have used every secret means they could muster to defeat the project and by so doing serve notice on these proposed investors that they still stand with the obstructionist movement for defeat of the project. What better index on public sentiment could they ask? And if the sentiment, by a fair vote

of the club members, proves to be that they stand with these men instead of with Mr. Greer on the proposition, they must need have much courage and hardihood to tackle the big project with such evidence before them that the people were not with the project as proposed by Mr. Greer, and Mr. Greer has their positive declaration that the commercial club vote will determine whether they lose their interest in Ashland or go forward with the big undertaking. Be not misled, fellow citizens, the issue is not between Carter, Greer and Smith, but it is whether Ashland wants the big hotel and sanitarium. This explanation is made at this time because the propagandists for the chamber of commerce slate are proposing that if these men are elected it will be a vindication and that is all they want. That after they are elected they will all at once resign and allow "Greer to fill their places with whoever he chooses." All they ask they say, is a vindication, then they are ready to quit. Was it not for the fact that the prospective hotel investors are watching the result of the Chamber of Commerce election as an index of the sentiment of the town, this proposal might be all right, but the facts are that should the Chamber of Commerce vote to support them it would indicate to Mr. Greer's investors that the citizens generally were still in sympathy with the blocking methods of these gentlemen and would not, under any circumstances, make any proposal to build the hotel. They must be assured of the active moral support of the club—not the directors—or there will be nothing doing. It would do no good for these men to resign after they are elected. If they are elected—the jig is up as far as Mr. Greer's present prospects are concerned. The only reasonable thing to do is to vote these men down, without personal malice and without regard to who they are, in order that the investor may see that the people are for the proposition regardless of Carter, McCoy, Smith, Greer, Brown, or anybody else. These men must be made to feel that the citizens generally are behind the proposition before they start. A decisive vote against these men at the coming Chamber of Commerce election will demonstrate it.

MINE OPERATORS URGE WAGES CUT

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Feb. 27.—With the possibility of a strike, affecting both the hard and soft coal fields, by April 1, William J. Brennan, president of district No. 1, United Mine Workers of America, made the following statement today relative to the situation in the anthracite zone: "Among the men there is a feeling that if a strike does not come a suspension will take place. The 150,000 men in the three anthracite districts are seriously and carefully watching the situation, but they do not openly talk strike and do not advocate it except as a last resort. April 1 will come to us with remembrance of the dark days of 1902. The field is thoroughly unionized, the finances are in good shape, but with the bituminous situation as it is, our condition is very much different than it was in 1902. We have no knowledge of large amounts of coal being in storage and do not believe there are." A. S. Leary, spokesman for the general committee of operators, has made the following statement: "The position of the anthracite operators is that the price of coal at the mines is too high. Lower mine prices can be effected only by a reduction in the producing cost. The only item of the cost of production which has not been reduced is labor, which constitutes more than 70 percent of the total. In other words, the average total mine cost of a gross ton of anthracite is \$5.55. Of this \$3.92 is for labor. These figures are for the first half of 1921. "Would Mean Increase" "If the demands of the anthracite

HOW MUCH MORE EVIDENCE IS NEEDED?

A friend of the Chamber of Commerce directory slate was heard to say in the presence of a dozen citizens Saturday: "If Greer can show that his proposition for the hotel is bonafide, the old board of directors are ready to resign right now." Is that so? Well, Mr. Greer thought he had presented the best sort of evidence that his men were ready to consider the Ashland proposition. He tried to do that at the city hall last Thursday night and to show how the dominating influences of the present chamber had secretly hindered him. There is one thing quite certain. Mr. Greer did deliver the goods on the park and mineral waters proposition. Why can he not be trusted now to deliver the hotel and sanitarium. He says he can do it if these obstructions are removed and the required bonus is raised. He presents evidence to show that he has good reason for thinking he can. The question is: Are a majority of the citizens ready to lend their moral support to the project, or do they desire to stand with those who have secretly attempted repeatedly to put him in a position where he would be unable to accomplish it. That is what he wants to find out and that is what his capitalists desire to know and must be assured of before they make the investment. The vote at the Chamber of Commerce election will determine that. It is not enough that these men resign from the board. They want a definite indication of a changed local sentiment regarding Mr. Greer and the hotel enterprise.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—A suspension of the brokerage firm of Shewery and Falkland, was announced this afternoon.

SUBMARINES IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO BE KEPT IN SERVICE—ROOSEVELT

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 27.—The United States intends to keep in active service all of the 111 submarines in the navy, Assistant Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt testified before the house naval affairs committee today. The total abandonment of undersea craft as an army of the navy was not assented to by the American delegates at the arms conference, Roosevelt testified.

COUNTY SHERIFF NOT DOING DUTY SAYS GRAND JURY

The grand jury filed its report Saturday afternoon. The outstanding feature in the report is the charge that Sheriff Charles E. Terrill "is far from doing his duty, if not deliberately allowing wrong doers to escape the consequences." The report sets forth that the governor of Oregon was appealed to for "assistance as allowed by law" in the probe of the sheriff's office, as the situation was not critical, but pointed out that there was "remedy in recall." The jury states that it was its "intention of having the sheriff defend his action in court." The report also states that "this jury had considerable difficulty in working harmoniously with the district attorney, in some instances," and recommends that "the state law be changed so a grand jury can procure such legal assistance as it desires." The grand jury exonerates C. M.

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CHARLES W. MORSE INDICTED TODAY

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 27.—Charles W. Morse, New York ship-builder and financier, formally charged with conspiracy and embezzlement in connection with his war contracts with the government, was indicted today by the federal grand jury. Morse later issued a statement making sensational charges against Attorney General Daugherty, who was Morse's attorney some years ago when Morse obtained freedom from the Atlanta penitentiary. Morse said that the indictment was unjust and said that Daugherty made every effort to secure it, due to a disagreement regarding the fee he paid Daugherty for obtaining his release from prison.

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Carter, McCoy, Smith and Fuller, through their Chamber of Commerce, have called a public meeting at the Armory for tomorrow night, at which time they promise, besides offering a special attraction of a political speech from Mr. Bean, one of Carter's close political friends, to attempt to answer Mr. Greer's speech of last Thursday night at the city hall. Mr. Greer will attend their meeting tomorrow night, but will not attempt to make a speech. On Wednesday night, at the Armory, after these gentlemen have made their case at their Tuesday night meeting, Mr. Greer will answer every charge they make and reply to every argument they offer. It is important that the people of Ashland know the exact situation and Mr. Greer is willing that they have their Tuesday night meeting all to themselves to say what they choose. Mr. Greer will wait till Wednesday night and reply to them then. Mr. Greer asks that the public give these men a respectful hearing so that they may defend themselves, if they can. HAS KIK.

County Health Association Meets

The annual meeting of the Jackson County Health association was held at the city library in Medford last Friday afternoon. At this meeting very complete reports for the year were given by the officers and nurses, Miss Faldine and Miss Van Scoyoc. Superintendent Briscoe and Superintendent Smith spoke very favorably of the work of the school nurses. Physicians concede that the absence of contagious diseases in the schools this year is due to the work of the school nurse. Sadie Orr Dunbar, executive secretary, and Jane Allen, field secretary, of Portland, were present and remarked on the great advances Jackson county has made in health problems in four years. President, Mrs. Noblitt; vice president, Mrs. Elmore, secretary, Mrs. Ulrich; treasurer, Mrs. Kenley; chairman of education, Mrs. Klocker; chairman of finance, Mrs. Carpenter; chairman of supplies, Mrs. Mears; chairman of nurses, Mrs. Tou Velle.

WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE, NINETEENTH AMENDMENT, IS UPHELD BY BRANDIES

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 27.—The woman's suffrage amendment, nineteenth supplement to the United States constitution, was upheld by the supreme court of the United States today. The decision was rendered by Justice Brandies in an appeal of Oscar Leser and other citizens of Maryland. It was held that the ground of attack was unsound and that the challenge as to validity of ratification not well founded.

HUMBLE TENANTS OF HAREWOOD TO ATTEND WEDDING

LONDON, Feb. 27.—The village butcher of Harewood, where the estates of Viscount Lascelles are located, and the tenants of the Viscount's farms, will have the privilege tomorrow that multi-millionaire American social aspirants could not purchase with all their wealth. The humble residents of the Lascelles estates, along with women workers and labor leaders, have been invited to attend the wedding of the viscount and Princess Mary in Westminster Abbey, where they will literally mingle with the royal family and the highest peers and peeresses in the kingdom. Many wealthy Americans angled for invitations to the wedding, but so far as known the only Americans invited are Ambassador and Mrs. Harvey. Americans had to be content with the purchase of sightseeing space along the route of the marriage procession.

CHAOTIC STATE IN STORM CENTERS

CHICAGO, Feb. 27.—Transportation and communication conditions through Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan and parts of Illinois and Iowa are still in a chaotic state as the results of the storm which began last Tuesday. Scores of smaller towns are still cut off from telegraphic and telephonic communication. Train schedules throughout these states are demoralized. The upper end of Michigan is sheathed with ice and conditions almost as bad prevail throughout northern Wisconsin. Overflowing its banks, the Peconica river, near Freeport, Illinois, caused fears of a disastrous flood in that section today.

Granite Quarry Will Be Bought by Local People

An option has been obtained by Ashland investors on the granite quarry belonging to W. M. Blair, located seven miles southeast of the city on Neil creek, and a mile and a quarter from the railroad loading point known as Mistletoe. Six years ago Mr. Blair began to operate a small quarry on his property, at that time not realizing the actual value that was stored away in the hillside on his ranch. As time went by, Mr. Blair gradually added equipment until he had a fair amount of machinery, though not sufficient to fill large orders where several carloads a day were required. After having submitted samples to various dealers and having received their opinions in regard to the quality of the granite, Mr. Blair decided he had a very valuable property. However, being unable personally to finance the proposition for the purchase of necessary equipment to enable him promptly to meet any order regardless of size, and as he did not desire to call in outside capital, the property has never been brought to the notice of the public to any great extent. About four years ago a prominent citizen of Ashland was asked by Mr. Blair to go to Portland in his interest, where the First National bank of that city was preparing to erect a new building, the construction of which would be largely granite. Upon the representative's arrival in Portland he went to interview the vice president of the bank who was to manage the construction of the new building. The Ashland party acting for Mr. Blair, asked what his intentions were in regard to building stone, and in reply he was asked to accompany the bank official to the basement where stones from all over the country were assembled for inspection. At one side of the room were two stones so similar that a person who not an expert along that line would not have been able to distinguish any difference in the quality of the two. One was the Barre granite, quarried in Barre, Vermont, and known the world over as the best granite obtainable. The other was a sample of Ashland granite from Mr. Blair's quarry. The bank official informed Mr. Blair's representative that of the two stones, he believed the Ashland granite to be the better and stated further that

they would have decided on the Ashland stone, but they had been informed that the quarry at Ashland could not take out the stone as fast as the bank would require it, once the construction was begun. From that time until a short time ago, the quarry was not brought to the attention of the public to any great extent. Two months ago, H. C. Galey endeavored to get local men interested in the quarry, thinking it might be made an item of interest and a thing worth while to Ashland. After having talked to various Ashland men whom he thought might be interested, P. R. Hardy, of Spokane, Wash., arrived to visit his brother, William Hardy, of this city. P. R. Hardy is connected with a concern in Spokane which handles granite and is himself a competent judge of stone. He visited the quarry and ordered a car of granite for his firm and after having talked with Mr. Galey regarding the quality of the stone, Mr. Galey expressed a desire to get an option on the property. Mr. Hardy returned and talked to Mr. Blair, who finally gave Mr. Hardy an option. This option was then turned over to Mr. Galey, who has interested local persons to the extent that they have practically guaranteed the financing of the proposition. The price to be paid for the quarry is \$70,000, and a cursory estimate of the amount of the cost of necessary equipment to place the quarry in a position to take care of all orders promptly is from \$25,000 to \$50,000. The plan for financing the proposition has not been completed, but all local people will have a chance to buy an interest before it is offered on the outside market. However, nobody will be solicited to take any stock, for it is believed that all stock not taken in Ashland will find a ready market elsewhere. The opening of a quarry of the capacity planned would create a payroll of no little consequence to Ashland and should be given all the local assistance possible, for it is an industry that may prove of far greater value than can be seen at present. Inasmuch as reports from at least four different persons state that this granite is equal to, if it does not surpass, the famous Barre granite of Vermont, Ashland has a chance of becoming famous as city of granite.

JOIN THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

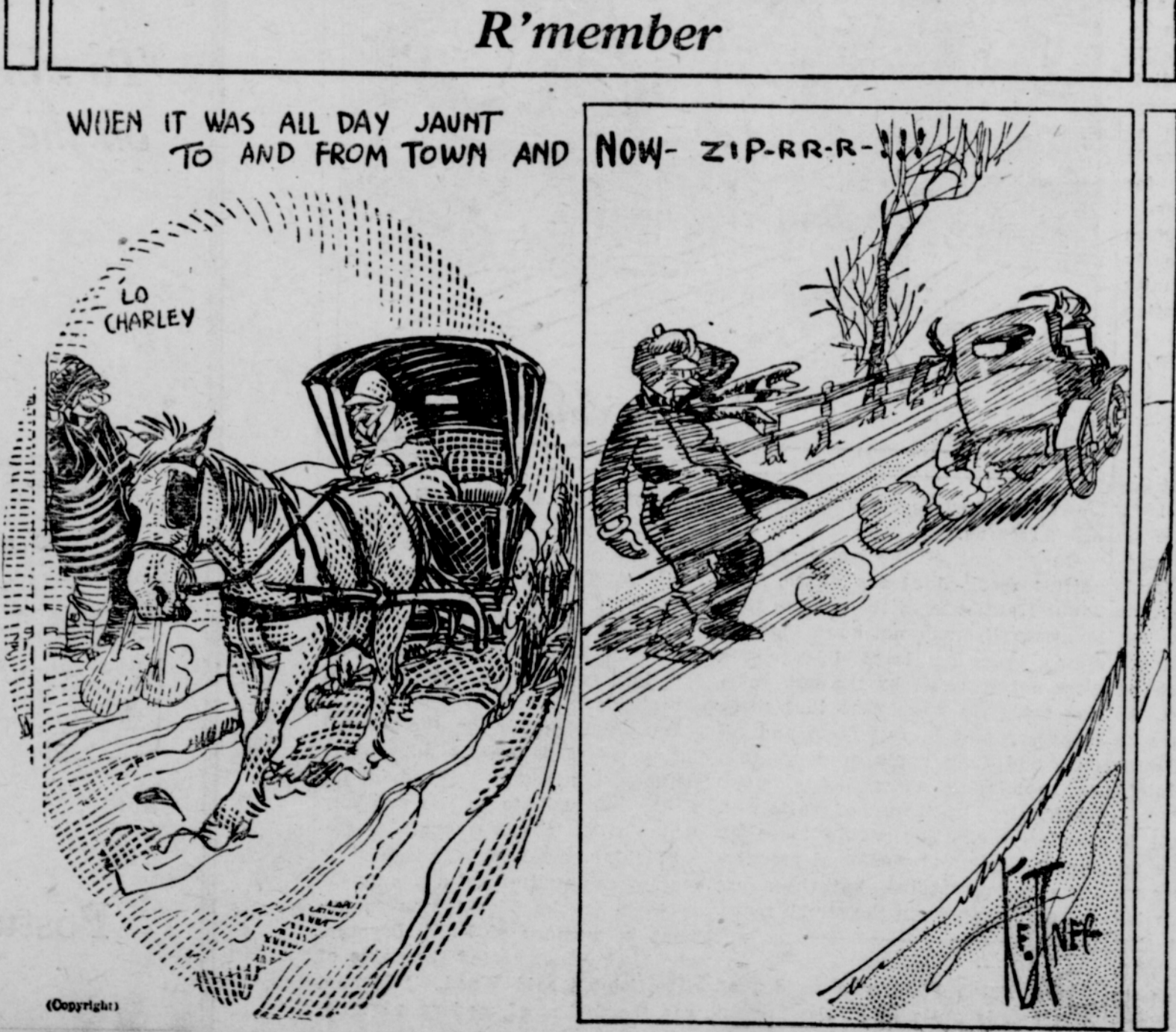
In order to vote at the coming Chamber of Commerce election, you must pay up your dues before tomorrow night. Or, if you are not now a member, you have the right to join now, so you will be entitled to vote, by making application, accompanied by three dollars. And this must be done before tomorrow night to enable you to vote. If your wife is not a member she also has a right to join and will have a vote.

A PLAIN STATEMENT

Rumors are afloat on the street this afternoon that there is a plan being worked out by the opposition whereby all of them are to resign, both those whose terms expire next month and the hold-over directors as well. I will be sorry if the situation takes this turn. I want these men to stay on their ticket so that we can get a fair indication of the sentiment of the Chamber of Commerce membership and citizens generally. I want to know specifically whether the Chamber of Commerce and citizens generally are willing to stand behind me in this undertaking, or take sides with the opposition. To handle this deal successfully I must have the active moral backing of the people. I feel that on account of the prejudice aroused in the minds of citizens against me in the past five years by certain men working secretly to that end that I have not now that moral support necessary to the successful accomplishment of the big job. I have thought, and still believe, that when citizens generally understand the true situation that they will be behind me in the undertaking. I desire a square, flat-footed test of that strength in the coming Chamber of Commerce election. I hope these men will not get frightened and run. The issue is squarely

BULLETINS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 27.—The non-partisan league grain laws of North Dakota are invalid because they conflict with the federal laws, the supreme court of the United States decided today. PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 27.—Paul Guthrie and Company, brokers, made an assignment for the benefit of creditors, according to a notice posted on the door of their offices today. MEXICO CITY, Feb. 27.—Revolutionary disturbances are again occurring in Guatemala. An unsuccessful attempt to capture the city of Guatemala, was made today by a band of 800 rebels. NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—It was announced today at the Consolidated Stock Exchange that the firm of Mosher and Wallace would suspend brokerage operations. up to them. I am willing to stand contented whatever the result may be, but I do want it tested out while the opportunity is at hand. Either they have stood in the way of Ashland's advancement, or they have not. I want the people to get ALL the facts and then have a fair opportunity to express themselves. If their position is right, why are they not willing to stand by their guns and go up or go down on the issue. They are good SECRET fighters. Are they not as game to fight in the open and have the test made on THE ISSUE? There is a principle at issue. There is no personality in it. I am not after Smith, Carter and McCoy. I want to know whether the people of Ashland will stand behind them in blocking my deals or your deals or anyone's else deals in the interest of Ashland, through jealousy and spite. BERT R. GREER.



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