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## Clear Cut Is Issue Before Voters At Directors Election

Here is a statement from Mr. Fred Homes, who leads on the "Progressive Hotel Ticket," which should be read carefully by every citizen of the community, as well as studied from every angle by the members of the Chamber of Commerce who will cast their ballots next Monday for the injection of new blood into the Chamber of Commerce and encouragement of the movement for bringing in outside capital to build a tourist hotel and sanitarium in Ashland, or who content to let the old boat rock along as it has in the past, with Ashland sitting idly on the shore, while the ship of prosperity and progress floats past the harbor in search of a more friendly haven, by the re-election of the present governing forces of the Chamber of Commerce.

**Mr. Homes' Statement**

Having for the past two years been an active member of the present board of directors of the Ashland Chamber of Commerce, the activities of which body have always been harmonious, nor has there been any inclination on the part of any member or members to dominate in any action or course of business which came before the body.

The two years' work having been particularly pleasant and helpful ones to me, and I hope of a constructive nature to the community and city.

I state that as I have stood with these men in the past, I absolutely and unreservedly stand with them now.

I was not solicited, spoken to, nor approached in any manner by any one relative to becoming a so-called "anti-banker" candidate, nor am I such a candidate, and I feel that it was extremely unfair that I should have been forced, publicly, into such a position without having been consulted with at all.

I stand as a member of the chamber in good standing on the same basis as all other members and on that basis only.

I will give the community and city my best interest as a director, and if not elected, will be a consistent supporter of said body.

The present directors stand singly and as a body ready to support to the last ditch any proposition for a hotel, sanitarium or other project that may be presented by a citizen in a consistent and businesslike manner.

FRED C. HOMES.

**Editorial Note:** Following shows the history leading up to Mr. Homes being nominated by members of the Chamber of Commerce on the Progressive Hotel ticket. Mr. Homes is in no sense a candidate. He was simply selected by the Wednesday night mass meeting as a suitable member for director, was nominated by a vote of the members as such, and his name is now placed on the ticket upon which he was nominated and the Tidings has no authority, nor desire, to take it down. Following is the statement reprinted from the Tidings of Friday, March 3. It is very plain and certainly shows that he is making NO campaign against the bankers or anybody else:

**Mass Meeting Ticket**

The following names have been selected by the committee of the Wednesday night mass meeting as open-minded men who would make good directors of the Chamber of Commerce. The ticket has been selected solely for the purpose of supplying specific names upon which all members opposed to the bank domination of the club may concentrate their votes in order that the opposition may be more effective:

FRED C. HOMES.  
A. C. NININGER.  
O. O. HELLMAN.  
A. L. LAMB.  
J. H. DILL.  
LOUIS DODGE.

These men are in no sense candidates. This will likely be the first notice they have received of being on this ticket. They are all members of the Chamber of Commerce in good standing and are eligible as directors. They are not making, nor will they make, any campaign to be elected. They have simply been named, without their consent, as a list of members upon which the members can concentrate their votes so that the vote may become effective.

**High Man in Primary**

The vote at the primary election

in which Mr. Homes, like Abou Ben Adam, "led all the rest," when he was nominated to succeed himself as a member of the board of directors, demonstrated clearly and emphatically the estimation in which he is held by the public. It set its stamp of approval on him as a conscientious citizen of unswerving integrity, and those who have had the pleasure of knowing the gentleman well, will not be surprised, nor for an instant misled, at the tone of his statement published above, in parts of which he emphasizes the confidence and esteem in which he holds the other members of the board. It is exactly such a communication as one would expect from Mr. Homes, written out of the fullness of a heart brimful of human kindness that can think evil of no man, and whose very nature is such as to make it impossible for him to attribute ulterior motives to any one.

He says: "I state that as I have stood with these men in the past, I absolutely and unreservedly stand with them now."

From his standpoint Mr. Homes is well justified in this statement. He is nothing if not a loyal friend and staunchly true to those in whom he believes. And he is firmly convinced that his associates on the board of directors have done no wrong which would warrant their being pilloried or ousted from the board. Seemingly he forgets that Christ drove the money-changers from the temple, not because money-changing was wrong, but that it had no place in the holy of holies. They were the bankers of that day, and their business was as honorable and legitimate then as it is today. He, too, apparently forgets that the sins of omission are greater by far than the sins of commission. Not for the things they have done, but those left undone, is the indictment brought against the other members of the directorate who are up for re-election.

He further states that he was not solicited to become a candidate on an "anti-bankers ticket," and that is absolutely true, and would be permitted to go without comment, but for the fact that it might have a tendency to encourage a misconception of the attitude of those who are to stand or fall on the "progressive hotel ticket." No such thing was even thought of when the opposition ticket was placed in the field at the mass meeting. His name was placed at the head of that ticket as being the one particular citizen to lead the progressive movement for securing a great enterprise for Ashland, which heretofore had been blocked by supine inactivity on the part of those whose duty it was to put forth every effort to forward the movement. It means just exactly that and nothing more, and when it was named it was hoped that it would prove a veritable Juggernaut that would run over the opposition which had arisen against the hotel enterprise, merely because of personal enmity toward one man, in whom it seemed, circumstances of his own or someone's else making, had placed the handling of the great enterprise.

That there are bankers seeking re-election on the opposing ticket carries no significance in so far as their calling is concerned. They are good bankers and conserve well the interests entrusted to their care. But when they reach out and dabble in political affairs and municipal matters generally, the sense of the dollar is so strongly entrenched by training, in all their undertakings of a public character that real progress is impossible; is throttled almost at birth, by the ultra conservatism which is the saving grace of the good banker, but spells defeat for community progress. What is one man's meat may be another man's poison. What may appear good, sound, logical reasoning from the standpoint of a conservative financial institution, becomes worse than folly when force of circumstances moulds it into an obstruction of community progress. It is this virus of conservatism with which the present directorate of the Chamber of Commerce has been inoculated, that is responsible for its failure to function on scarcely anything worth while during the past two years. Conservatism is a splendid thing in its place, but it has no

**ABSOLUTE SECRET BALLOT**

The counting of the Chamber of Commerce primary ballot in the hands of F. E. Watson and his committee, was done in such a way as to make it absolutely a secret ballot, and the one now being cast will be handled the same way.

Greer does not want to know how any individual votes. All he wants is a chance to deliver the goods by getting Ashland the big hotel and sanitarium.

## WHO IS AUTHOR OF PACIFIC PACT VEXES SENATORS

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 10.—The perplexing question: "Who wrote the four-power Pacific treaty?" continues to vex senators opposed to the pact today.

Senator Reed, democrat, suggested that the mysterious question of its authorship promised to become as famous a conundrum as "How old is Ann."

Reed was among the senators fighting its ratification who declared that, notwithstanding the statement of high state department officials, that "who wrote it does not matter," the senate was entitled to know who did draft it, before being called upon to approve it.

A resolution calling upon President Harding to inform the senate who wrote the treaty will probably be launched in the senate as a sequel to the state department's refusal to reveal the author and to the joint admission of Lodge and Underwood that they did not know whose work it was.

The admission by Senator Underwood that he "did not know all that occurred" during the secret negotiations leading up to the Pacific treaty came as a dramatic climax to the renewed attacks on the pact.

place in the vanguard of a movement having for its objective the accomplishment of the biggest purpose Ashland has ever sought to achieve. Big things are accomplished by men who will do and dare. "Plums do not drop into the lap. The tree has got to be skillfully and vigorously shaken.

The question for the voter to determine at the election next Monday is not whether we will or will not endorse the men whose actions require no endorsement, but whether we propose to sit idly by, as we have in the past, and permit opportunity to knock unheeded at our door, or whether we will elect men to the directorate who will keep that door open so wide that we can hurl the lasso of progress and thus rope and hog-tie opportunity when it gets within roping distance.

Mr. Greer is going to vote for F. C. Homes, just the same.

## Vote the Following Progressive Hotel Ticket Straight

FRED C. HOMES  
A. C. NININGER  
O. O. HELLMAN  
J. H. DILL  
A. L. LAMB  
LOUIS DODGE

**AND GET THE BIG TOURIST HOTEL AND SANITARIUM**

The above ticket is put up in order that members may consolidate their votes so that every vote will count. They are all open-minded men and will make good Chamber of Commerce directors. If the hotel vote is scattered, it will weaken the chance of election. For that reason:

**VOTE THE PROGRESSIVE HOTEL TICKET STRAIGHT**

## UNION PACIFIC OFFICE ROBBED

OMAHA, March 10.—Between \$14,000 and \$15,000 in cash was stolen from a safe in the office of the treasurer of the Union Pacific Railroad company here today. The combination of the safe had been opened after the time lock had been unlocked. No clue to the robbery has been found. Union Pacific officials here received warning two months ago that the cash payroll of the company would be stolen.

## SENATORS ATTACK U. S. JUDICIARY

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 10.—The federal judiciary was attacked today in the senate by senators of both parties for the alleged failure of the courts to dispose of the drafting cases which arose during the war.

It is charged that the courts now have 27,581 such cases on their dockets in which the government "never hopes to obtain convictions."

## 44,418 BODIES OF AMERICAN SOLDIERS ARE RETURNED

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 10.—When the army transport reaches New York March 30 with the bodies of 1224 members of the A. E. F. who died in France, the quartermaster corps will have virtually completed the task of returning America's dead soldiers to the United States for burial, according to the announcement made today by the war department.

There have been 44,418 Americans who died on foreign soil returned to this country.

**FLYS U. S. FLAG.**

ERIVAN, Armenia, March 10.—Some 30 American flags fly from as many buildings in this little town. It looks as American as any town in these parts could be. The only national anthem recognized and welcomed is the "Star Spangled Banner." All hats are raised when it is played, even bolshevik supporters pay homage.

## LLOYD GEORGE HAS RESIGNED REPORTS THE LONDON PRESS

LONDON, March 10.—According to the Saturday Review, Lloyd George has handed his resignation to Austen Chamberlain, government leader in the house of commons, for presentation to the king when the Irish Free State act is passed by the house of lords. The newspaper said that the premier decided not to wait for the Genoa conference, "because the United States and France had torpedoed his hopes of big things from that meeting."

## EARTHQUAKE FELT IN PORTERVILLE

PORTERVILLE, Calif., March 10.—This section was shaken shortly after 3:30 o'clock this morning by an earthquake. Aside from waking light sleepers and rattling windows, no damage was reported.

According to reports the quake was felt at a number of points in the San Joaquin valley.

## MRS. OBENCHAIN TELLS HER STORY

LOS ANGELES, March 10.—Madalynne Obenchain, on the witness stand under cross examination today, held up a broken heart for all to see and believe that she had no part in the murder of J. Belton Kennedy.

She pictured Kennedy as inducing her to leave her husband, Ralph Obenchain a few days after they were married, then, due to his parents' objections, Kennedy refused to keep his promise to marry her.

Answering the questions carefully the defendant sought to show that she broke with Kennedy due to his parents' objections to her. The prosecution's questions tried to show that when she found that Kennedy would not marry her she plotted his murder as a "woman scorned."

## The Josephine Caves Delightful Side Trip For Motor Tourists

One of the most worthy sidetrips from the Pacific highway is a visit to the Josephine Caves. Tourists camping in Lithia Park will find this two-day trip mightily worth while.

With the completion this spring of the auto road from Grants Pass to the Caves, the entire distance of 80 miles may be made by car. The first 44 miles is on the Pacific highway, through the towns of Talent, Phoenix, Medford, Central Point, Gold Hill and Grants Pass, in the Rogue River valley fruit belt. The drive from Gold Hill to Grants Pass, along the Rogue river, is one of the most beautiful scenic drives on the highway. The 36 miles of auto road from Grants Pass to the Caves have been lately improved so they are well-graded and of easy pitch. This road leads through one of the most beautiful timbered areas in the northwest. Great trees, tall ferns, wild roses, sweet brier, masses of lupine, and a score of other highway friends are in abundance. You pass through Murphy, on the Applegate river, through the Applegate valley, to Provoit, 14 miles from Grants Pass, from there up Williams creek eight miles to Williams, and then to Cave Camp five miles further. The remaining ten miles are made over the newly constructed road. In the past those taking this route were obliged to take horses or hike from this point to the Caves.

Upon your arrival at the Caves, you will find a guide who is thoroughly familiar with every detail of the Josephine Caves, and who is maintained there by Uncle Sam for the convenience of all who care to see this natural wonder. You will find "Dick" Rowley on the job at all times and ready to conduct your party through the entire length of the Caves, though his regular daily tour is made at 1 o'clock. His services are free, being furnished you by your government.

The Josephine Caves, sometimes called the Marble Halls of Oregon, are a labyrinth of chambers, from a few feet in size to others of great dimensions, worn by the waters of other ages, cut, carved and decorated into all shapes and figures it is possible for one to conceive. The interior of the walls are not white, as commonly supposed, but a soft gray streaked with blue. At the triangular mouth, a wind rushes from the passage by day, but dies toward night, and a clear, sparkling stream comes gurgling over the rocks as it finds its way from the internal darkness and leaps and plunges down the rugged canyon.

These subterranean halls are mainly on two levels and each level has a separate entrance. The entrance to the lower cavern is from 50 to 75 feet high, but at some places on the inside it is as much as 300 feet from attic to cellar. This great cavity in the mountain is an intricate system of little rooms and corridors, and wriggling passages; of chaotic chambers of unbelievable dimensions; of strange statuary and decorative design; full-sculptured figures and bas-relief, and of limestone mimicry of every form on Nature's catalogue from the frosted pane of winter to the flowers of the summer. It is a great natural museum of wonders.

Near the entrance is a ladder mounted to a narrow shelf 12 or 15 feet above the stream, and then a devious passage of some distance through cracks and fissures, narrow, crooked, with sharp turns, sometimes opening into chambers of considerable size, and on each side narrow passages leading into the darkness. The main passages are now lighted by electricity.

The first room the visitor enters is known as "Old Nick's Bedroom," a low and rugged chamber. From here you enter what has been called "Joaquin Miller's Room," in honor of the famous poet. This room is decorated profusely with stalactites and stalgmites. They are long, slender tubes, clear as glass, and so fragile that care must be taken in handling them.

Next you enter an immense cavern, estimated to be 350 feet long, 150 feet wide and 100 feet high. This gorgeous chamber has been called the "Ghost Room" because when you first enter the massive pillars of stalactite and stalgmitic which have

grown together, have the appearance of ghosts and other weird white figures.

Space does not permit giving a detailed description of all the chambers, but by simply giving the names that have been applied, you can easily trace the channel of though in the heads of the early discoverers and namers, and if you believe there is anything in names you will get some idea what may be seen. On the upper level, in addition to the chambers mentioned there is the "Garden of Eden," "Paradise Lost," and "Kinsaid's Dance Hall."

On the lower level are just dozens of chambers, both large and small. Great care must be taken in passing through the wriggle-holes from room to room, as there are stalagmites in the way to poke you in the stomach, and stalactites handy to bang your cranium. It is never wise to attempt a movement in a great hurry. Here you see the "Petriified Garden," "Old Satan's Cradle," "Old Chief Rain in the Face" grinning from the gray wall, "The Bottomless Pit," "Backbone of Old Nick," "The Devil's Punch Bowl, and the fierce-toothed jaw of "Great-Gosh-What-Is-It."

When retracing your steps you will inspect the "Bacon Room," and on your way to the "Graveyard," have a look at "Old Satan's Hitching Post," then wriggle through to "Fat Man's Grief."

It takes several hours to make this ramble through the bowels of the mountain, a distance of over four miles. After completing the journey you will undoubtedly join in with others who have made the trip in exclaiming: "They are wonderful, beautiful and instructive beyond description."

## BONUS MEASURE HAS PRECEDENCE

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 10.—While the fight against the compromise soldiers' bonus bill continued today unabated, the house members on both sides of the question predicted privately that the measure would be passed by the house.

Although a two-thirds majority will be required to put the bill through under such a procedure, republican leaders were discussing the question of calling up the measure under a suspension of the rules. This would preclude the possibility of amendment and ordinarily would limit debate to 20 minutes on each side.

The next rules suspension day in the house will be Monday, March 20. Leaders said the army appropriations bill would be taken up next Tuesday ahead of the bonus bill, and even if the latter measure were not called up under a suspension of the rules, it probably would not be considered before the week beginning March 20.

In discussing the president's attitude towards the revised bonus bill, Representative Hawley, Oregon, said the president had approved the optional plans of the bill, but he did not know whether the bank loans provision had been laid before the executive.

## First Company Play Postponed

Announcement was made yesterday that the play, scheduled to be put on by the First company, O. C. A., next week, has been postponed for two or three weeks on account of conflicting attractions.

Prof. Irving Vinik took charge of the cast last evening, and under his proficient management, the members made splendid progress. The whole attraction promises to be one of the most ably put on of any local talent show ever staged in the city.

Citizens who have listened to some of the practice work state that the choice of the play is an admirable one and that it is bound to make a big hit.

