

## Scandal Mongering Injected Into Fight

If it be true that "by their works ye shall know them," then indeed have the opponents of the "progressive hotel ticket" fallen to low estate indeed, for in their bitter opposition to the election of that ticket they have, during the week past engaged in pettifoggery, political methods, in a vain endeavor to bolster up a losing cause, that would make a Tammany Hall ward heeler blush for shame. They have thrown aside all camouflage that they were working in the interest of Ashland, and have come out flat-footed with the declaration that GREER and GREER only is the bone of contention, and that even at the cost of their own self respect and that of their fellow citizens, he must be beaten.

Witness the circulars sent out from the chamber of commerce in the same mail with the ballots. One of them was signed by 37 members out of a membership of 313. It has already been published in full in the Tidings and needs no reiteration here, except to refer to the fact that it was sought to convey the impression that those 37 signatures stood sponsor for the second circular, which was anonymously signed, "Committee of Business Men," and was immediately followed by the names of the retiring members of the board of directors of the chamber of commerce, who are seeking re-election.

That circular was carried about from one business man to another, asking that their signatures be appended to it. The methods used to obtain signatures was despicable. When pleading and cajolery failed, the men who sought those signatures did not hesitate to indulge in thinly veiled threats that a boycott would be placed on the business of the men who failed to sign it.

What was the tenor of that circular?

From the first paragraph to the last, it was a tirade against Greer. Lack of space alone prevents our printing it in its entirety, but the opening and closing paragraphs are sufficient to show the purport of the whole. It is addressed to the board of directors of the chamber of commerce and says:

"We business men of Ashland wish to assure you of our sympathy and support in the fight that Mr. Greer is making against you."

The closing paragraph says: "If Greer is allowed to dictate and the good men defeated at his demand, the chamber of commerce will cease to function."

The most significant fact in connection with this circular is that not a single business man of all those solicited, affixed his signature. If those who were responsible for its circulation, had had the wisdom to read the handwriting on the wall, they would have dropped that circular as quick as they would have let go a red hot coal. But, in their judgment, it was too valuable propaganda to be discarded and they turned it loose through the mail with the ballots, apparently not realizing that they were letting loose a boomerang that was certain to strike back at the source from which it emanated. Desperate indeed must be their plight when they were compelled to resort to such methods. The only effect the circular has had is to cause the recoil of their own venom and to strengthen the opposition to the re-election of the retiring members of the board of directors of the chamber of commerce.

The trend of the circular throughout, where it is not threatening, was defamatory to Greer in so far as they dared go by implication. One statement contained therein was direct—about the only one—and that was—we quote it exactly:

"We realize how you have been handicapped, by having the only paper of the city, Greer's paper, filled each day with misrepresentation; charges that are false, and no channel through which to reply. This situation is intolerable, and we are already moving in the matter, determined that a paper shall be published in Ashland that will give fair treatment to all and one that shall not be used by its owner to berate and misrepresent such townsmen as disagree with him. Ashland needs a real newspaper EVEN MORE THAN A NEW HOTEL, and the sooner we get that paper, the sooner we will get the hotel."

There you have the whole thing in a nutshell. No camouflage about

that. Let the hotel and sanitarium proposition go hang, if we can secure a medium that will accomplish the downfall of Greer. Nothing could be plainer. It is not promotion of the interests of Ashland they are after. Simply and solely an abortive attempt to "get Greer," irrespective of the means. They have satisfied themselves that "the end justifies the means." To the credit of the business men of Ashland be it said that no one signed the scandal-mongering circular, and so it was sent out with an anonymous signature to do what damage it might.

In one particular it is a good thing for the cause of the "progressive hotel ticket," that it was given circulation, for it demonstrates beyond the shadow of a doubt, the policy of the men who are behind the opposition—if they cannot control, they will destroy. That is the policy with which Greer has had to contend for a number of years. For nearly 30 years the Tidings was the mouthpiece of E. V. Carter. It was the organ of this gentleman up to the time it was purchased by Greer. Its policies, when it had any, were dominated by the men who are now fighting Greer, and its utterances on every matter of importance were inspired by them. But when the Tidings became the property of Greer, the oligarchy went by the board. Greer did not seek the advice of these men in lining up a policy for the newspaper, for he quickly learned advice from that quarter was simply a masquerade for dictation. When he refused to submit to that dictation, he was classed as an avowed enemy, and from that day to this, they have put forth every effort in their power to discredit him with the people.

Pretty nearly every man and woman who is a member of the chamber of commerce today, and hundreds who are not, can readily recall the men who fought the Lithia Springs proposition tooth and nail. That opposition was nearly the same as it is today on the hotel and sanitarium enterprise. Greer must be defeated, lest he obtain a leadership among the people, a leadership which they had arrogated to themselves by the right of wealth and inheritance. You remember the result of that fight, when the bond issue carried by a vote of five to one. If the people had a vote on this hotel and sanitarium proposition today, the vote would be fully as overwhelmingly in its favor as was that on the bond issue. But it is not up to the people. Only those who are members of the chamber of commerce can cast their ballots between this and tomorrow evening and decide whether they sanction the acts of these men who have ruthlessly thrust the interests of Ashland in the background, in their own interests, for the downfall of an individual whose glaring crime has been, that by his far-sightedness and ability, coupled with bull-dog tenacity of purpose and independence he has incurred their enmity.

This has not been written as a plea for your support, but rather that your interest may be quickened to the extent that a full vote of the membership may be registered. If you refrain from voting at this, perhaps, the most critical time in the history of Ashland, you will have failed to do your duty as a citizen. Vote whether you are for or against the "progressive hotel ticket." Live up to the strength of your convictions.

If you believe the propaganda that Greer is lying, merely to gratify his enmity, then vote for the re-election of the retiring members of the board.

If you believe that Greer can produce the investor to build the hotel and sanitarium, then vote for the "progressive hotel ticket."

If you are on the fence; if you are in doubt; if you have a suspicion that Greer is bluffing; be a good sport and call that bluff by placing him in a position where he has to make good or forever after hold his peace.

But by all means vote so that the majority will be emphatically decisive, one way or the other.

**MUST REPORT CONDITIONS OF ALL NATIONAL BANKS**  
WASHINGTON, March 13.—A report of the condition of all national banks in the United States up to and including March 10 has been called for by the comptroller of the currency.

## Vote the Following Progressive Hotel Ticket Straight

FRED C. HOMES  
A. C. NININGER  
O. O. HELMAN  
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

## JOHNSON FLAYS FOUR-POWER PACT

WASHINGTON, March 13.—The four-power treaty was flayed in the senate today as a "quadruple alliance which exposed the people of the United States to the danger of war," by Senator Johnson, republican "irreconcilable."

Johnson demanded, if the Anglo-Japanese alliance was considered a menace to the United States, why this country should be "forced into a compact with two nations who composed it under threat of war."

Senator Borah, another republican "irreconcilable," seconded Johnson, attacking the treaty as a "dangerous alliance," which, he said was certain to lead to serious trouble between the United States, Russia and China. Borah predicted the pact would result in "bloody war."

## BEN C. SHELDON FOR STATE SENATE

Ben C. Sheldon, of Medford, Friday sent to the office of the secretary of state his formal filing as a candidate for the state senate on the republican ticket.

Mr. Sheldon plans, if elected, to give his attention particularly to two effects—one to effect a reduction in taxes; and the other to secure a couple of modifications in the automobile license law in use.

The last day in which filings for state offices may be made is April 15th and the month intervening will undoubtedly witness a general living up of political activity.

## SOME RAIN THIS WEEK

The weather man predicts considerable cloudiness and some rain for Oregon and other Pacific states for this coming week.

## STATE OF UNREST IN FOUR SECTIONS BRITISH EMPIRE

LONDON, March 13.—Four sections of the British empire are seething with political unrest. They are South Africa, India, Egypt and Ireland. Open rebellion has been proclaimed.

A state of actual warfare exists in the Rand mine fields of South Africa, where government troops are trying to quell the riots.

Disorders are reported from India where Mohandas Gandhi, chief leader of the nationalists, is under arrest. The political reforms promised Egypt have for the present delayed the fighting in that quarter.

A strong fraction of the Irish republican army is supporting Eamonn De Valera in his demand for a republic in Ireland.

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, March 13.—The government forces engaged with the rebels in the mine fields are advancing all along the lines. Government leaders say that the whole military situation now favors the government.

Nearly 200 have been killed and more than 1000 wounded in battle.

## FOURTEEN OF JURY PANEL IS ABSENT

SAN FRANCISCO, March 13.—Failure of 14 members of the jury panel to report brought to an abrupt halt the third trial of "Fatty" Arbuckle for manslaughter, when the film comedian was arraigned here this afternoon. Bailiffs were instructed to bring in the missing talesmen and court adjourned until afternoon.

If all, or ANY ONE of the bankers, are elected on the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce for the coming year, it will be IMPOSSIBLE for me to bring my investors here to build the hotel.

It will not avail to elect them on the theory that they will resign and give me a favorable board. The issue is not against individuals; the thing Greer must know to succeed is that a large majority of the members stand with him, and not with the bankers, so that they will NOT BE ABLE to further block the hotel project IF THEY DESIRE to do so. Greer CANNOT induce his investors to build the hotel unless this condition is brought about at this election.

Let us understand this clearly. Then cast your vote accordingly.  
BERT R. GREER.

## Some Sidelights On the Election

The Ashland Tidings was the personal and political organ of E. V. Carter for many years before Greer purchased it. When Greer got it, he made it the organ of the people, instead of the Carter ring. Ever since it refused to voice the DICTATION (and we say dictation advisedly), politically and commercially of the Carter crowd, they have attempted by every device known to astute politicians to undermine the influence of the paper and by damning Greer have hoped to destroy the Tidings. It is absolutely true that these men think they "need another newspaper more than they need the hotel." All the fuss that was kicked up in the sale of the auxiliary water bonds six years ago was because Greer refused to bow to the dictation of Carter and McCoy, and that row resulted in a loss to the city of \$12,500, through the wanton determination of McCoy to destroy Greer with the people of Ashland. In his determined fight against the sale of the bonds, he christened the auxiliary water bonds the "soda pop bonds," thus lowering them in the estimation of bond buyers to the extent that it was almost impossible to market them at any price. J. W. McCoy was absolutely responsible for the friction between the Springs Water commission and Morris J. Durea that resulted in Ashland losing the best publicity man on the Pacific coast. J. W. McCoy was absolutely responsible for the friction between the other members of the Springs Water commission and Chester Stevenson, which resulted in Stevenson's resignation from the commission. Later Mr. Stevenson discovered the McCoy deception and stated so to the commission and others.

From the day the Carter crowd discovered that the Ashland Tidings was in the hands of a man who would not take dictation from them, political or otherwise, they have sacrificed the interest of the town, and every other interest, in an attempt to destroy Greer and the Tidings. That was the secret animus behind the poison they have been putting out to discredit Greer with citizens for the past five years. That was the animus behind their secret attacks on Greer to those outside men who were trying to help Greer get the new tourist hotel and sanitarium. That is the secret animus behind THIS Chamber of Commerce fight that will be determined tomorrow when the ballots are counted.

THESE MEN ARE TRYING TO DESTROY GREER AND THE TIDINGS, and are trying to use you to accomplish that.

Greer is trying to get the big hotel and sanitarium for Ashland and all these past six years, while Carter and his crowd was working secretly for Greer's destruction, Greer has been exercising every diligence and ingenuity in trying to get outside capital interested in Ashland to the extent of putting the final and glorious cap-sheaf on the Springs enterprise—the big hotel and sanitarium—and now that success is nearly at hand these

## Rogue River Abounds In Trout and Salmon

At all seasons of the year—spring, summer, autumn and winter—there is good fishing and plenty of fish in Rogue river. Of course, this does not mean that even the most expert fisherman can go out any time the spirit moves him and return with a large string of fish. Anyone who has had experience in angling for trout or salmon will know better than that. Trout and salmon are temperamental and many a day you may spend whipping the waters of Rogue river from dawn to sunset and have little to show for your efforts beyond a sun-burned face and a peeled nose.

Rogue river, having its source in the snow-capped heights of the Cascade mountains, meandering its entire length of over 200 miles through rough and mountainous country to empty its waters in the Pacific, is one of the grandest trout streams in the world. Snow fed at its source, gathering volume from cold springs and creeks on its way to the sea, un-sullied by any long stretches of stagnant marsh and unpolluted by the filth of great cities, it is the ideal home of the trout and salmon species.

From their home in the salt water of the Pacific, great schools of royal chinook, silverside salmon and steelheads enter the fresh water and seek their spawning grounds in the gravel beds of Rogue river. With wonderful strength and vitality they leap the falls and rapids and battle the currents in their efforts to reach the waters that are purest and coldest.

same men are engaged in a death struggle to discredit Greer in this Chamber of Commerce election to the end that he will not be able to do the big things in the interest of the town, BECAUSE THEY KNOW THAT IF HE IS SUCCESSFUL THE PEOPLE WILL BE WITH HIM AND WITH THE TIDINGS.

Of course they think that "Ashland needs another newspaper more than it needs a new hotel and sanitarium"; that's why they are fighting so hard.

## Gibbons-Greb Bout Creates Interest

NEW YORK, March 13.—Not since the Dempsey-Carpenter battle, has the public been so worked up over a bout as that which will take place tonight at the Madison Square gardens between Tommy Gibbons and Harry Greb. It is already assured that the big arena, with its seating capacity of 13,000, will be crammed from ringside to roof.

Both contestants are well fit for the 15-round bout. Although Gibbons tips the scales at 173, while Greb weighs only 159, there does not seem to be any odds in Gibbons' favor, if the betting indicates anything.

## AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATIONS \$4,000,000 LESS THAN LAST YEAR

WASHINGTON, March 13.—The agriculture appropriation bill for the next fiscal year, carrying a total of \$35,000,000, was passed today by the house without a record vote. The total is four millions less than that for the present fiscal year.

## Check Artist at U. of O. to Be Punished

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, March 13.—Students giving checks that are not covered by money in the bank, will be subject to trial before a students' advisory committee and, if guilty, be suspended or dismissed from the university, according to a statement by the students' advisory committee.

This action will be taken in addition to what the civil authorities may do. This ruling was made as the result of representations from banks and business men that the un-businesslike practices of a few students with reference to their bank accounts, was bringing the student body in general into financial discredit. The checks, it is said, are not given with intent to defraud, but are merely careless overdrafts. In the end the students always make the checks good, but the business houses have become restless over the necessity of hunting down the delinquents.

est. In the higher altitude where the river is a series of white falls and where the angler seldom ventures every little creek is alive with native trout. So there are always game fish in the Rogue river ready (when the humor strikes them) to seize the natural bait or strike the artificial lure.

Late in June the summer steelheads begin to appear and then the grandest fly-fishing the world knows begins. From June till December they take the fly and the Rogue river steelhead has the reputation of being the hardest fighter for his size and weight among game fish. Spawning and hatched in a mountain torrent, infant days spent in boiling and foaming rapids, he becomes a living dynamo of strength and beauty. Nothing in the line of sport sends such an electric thrill through you as when he grabs your fly and tries to make off with all your tackle. Every trick known to fish or man he tries in his efforts to rid himself of the barb, making a gallant fight for life and liberty. You give and take, matching wit of human skill against the wit of cunning brain, and with your slender rod of bamboo you are for a time helpless against his six pounds of dynamic energy. But, after a time, persistence begins to tell. His frantic rushes become shorter, his struggles become a series of short jerks, you retrieve more of the line, and finally he gives up the fight and allows you to slide him safely out on the sloping gravel.

## GOVERNMENT AID TO BE SOUGHT IN DRUG CAMPAIGN

SALEM, Or., March 13.—The next step in the campaign now being waged to curb the illicit sale of narcotic drugs in this state and other northwestern territory probably will be the sending of a committee of prominent western men to Washington sometime next summer to confer with the president and members of congress with relation to the passing of federal legislation which will stop forever the importation of harmful drugs into the United States.

It was the general opinion of the delegates at the recent drug conference in Portland that assistance should be asked from the government.

## BONUS MEASURE DELAYED 24 HOURS

WASHINGTON, March 13.—Republican members of the ways and means committee decided to delay action on the soldiers' bonus bill another 24 hours. It had been intended to report the bill today, but after meeting the committee this morning, Chairman Fordney announced it would not be presented until tomorrow.

The most important change made in the measure today was the reduction from 40 to 25 per cent in the amount allowed for home settlement aid to ex-soldiers.

## JACKSONVILLE TO HAVE A NEW POSTMASTER

WASHINGTON, March 13.—Civil service examinations have been announced for April 8 to select postmasters for Carlton, Gold Beach, Hubbard, Jacksonville, Milton and Oakland, Oregon.

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.

## Now That the Miners Threaten Strike

