

ASHLAND CHAMBER LIVE BODY

CHAMBER COMMERCE HAS AIDED MUCH IN ASHLAND'S GROWTH

Body Responsible for Many Achievements of City During Past Years. Has Had Name Chamber of Commerce More Than Five Years.

(J. H. Fuller, Secretary Chamber of Commerce)
The Ashland chamber of commerce has existed under that name since October 7, 1920. For fourteen years prior to that date it was the Ashland Commercial Club, becoming such May 8, 1906, when it succeeded to the Board of Trade.

The history of the organization during these years and under these various titles is the history of Ashland during its period of greatest progress, and the names connected with these various phases of activity are those who throughout the entire time have continued to support and to work for Ashland's growth and improvement.

On the date above mentioned, May 8, 1906, at a meeting in the City Hall, with E. V. Carter, temporary chairman, and C. H. Pierce temporary secretary, the first steps toward organizing the Commercial Club were taken and three nights later at another meeting the chairman announced that eighty three members of the desired one hundred had signed the roll as fully paid members and that there was \$830.00 in the treasury. At this meeting permanent officers were chosen as follows: E. V. Carter, president; W. M. Grey, vice president; J. A. Harvey, secretary; A. McAllen, treasurer, with A. L. Aiken, Otto Winter, and C. W. Nims as members of the executive board.

Of interest is the announcement of committees at this time and the names on these committees as follows.

- 1—Committee on streets, parks, highways, and public improvements. J. E. Young, D. Peruzzi, William Scheble.
- 2—Immigration, location, information, and transportation. E. J. Kaiser, C. F. Shepard, C. H. Vaupel.
- 3—Horticulture, agriculture and forestry. E. D. Briggs, F. H. Carter, George Owens.
- 4—Mining, and minerals. C. W. Evans, Benton Bowers, and D. B. Grant.
- 5—Industries and manufactures. J. R. Quigley, T. H. Simpson, G. W. Dodson.
- 6—House committee. F. D. Wagner, J. H. Provost, Louis Dodge.

Rooms were secured in the building owned by the Ashland Improvement company, and the organization was formally launched. Various other committees were appointed as required, and the list of Presidents from now on are M. F. Eggleston, E. T. Staples, Otto Winter, G. G. Eubanks, F. H. Walker, E. D. Briggs, J. W. McCoy, W. E. Newcomb, V. O. N. Smith, Frank Jordan, F. D. Wagner, Clark Bush and L. F. Ferguson. It was during the incumbency of the last named president that the steps were taken toward a re-organization campaign for new memberships and change of name but the change effected was only a step ahead in increased activity in some lines and with the same ever faithful group of workers who have ever seen in Ashland, great undeveloped possibilities, ideal home privileges, and an opportunity to devote themselves to a future here.

The last five years have been only a reaping of the harvest which these former officers and members planned all through the records of more than twenty years of Commercial Club activities we find, park development, cannery, normal school, and other schools, celebrations, caravans, exhibits, fairs, watchful care of our water supply, and many other things which went to better Ashland.

As it is the intention of the Board of Directors to present the achievements of Ashland during the last five years with illustrations of Ashland's growth and progress sometime during the next few weeks we will refrain from so doing at this time.

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FRANKLIN HAS ONE OF FINEST BAKING PLANTS

Will Enlarge Business and Install More Equipment Rapidly

HAS MANY AMBITIONS

Declares He Hopes to Have Finest Small Shop on Coast Within Five Years

"Within five years, I hope to have as modern and up to date bakery as can be found on the Pacific Coast," declared O. M. Franklin, local baker, owner of Franklin's Bakery. "Of course, it will not be as large as is found in the larger cities, but it will be just as modern, and just as efficient as these shops," Mr. Franklin continued.

"I have two boys, and I intend to give them as thorough a practical and technical baking training as it is possible to obtain. For that reason, and also because I know Ashland will justify the expenditure of the amount of money that will be necessary, that I am about ready to start additional improvements," Mr. Franklin declared.

However, although he is looking into the future, Mr. Franklin has far from forgotten the present.

Three years ago, almost to the day, Mr. Franklin entered the baking business in Ashland. He had behind him 25 years of baking experience in some of the best bake shops in the country. Starting here in a small shop near the Southern Pacific depot, Mr. Franklin at first did all of his own work. He was producing only about 60 loaves each day, with his pastry trade in like

proportion. In addition to doing all the baking, and waiting on trade, Mr. Franklin was his own deliveryman.

But he had confidence in Ashland. Little by little his trade grew, until he was forced to move into more commodious quarters. He took possession of a location on Main street, next to the J. P. Dodge and Sons store, where he has remained since.

During the time he has been in the business here, Mr. Franklin's trade has grown from an average daily bake of 60 loaves to between two and three thousand loaves of bread per day. During the summer season, the bake will run about 3,000 loaves per day, Mr. Franklin stated.

All products are scientifically mixed, machinery being used exclusively in mixing the dough. The dough is mixed, cut into loaves, and delivered to the oven by electricity driven machines. The ovens are electrically heated, and are the latest type manufactured.

After the bread is baked, it is delivered to a machine which wraps every loaf separately in a waxed wrapper.

Next year, Mr. Franklin will install additional machinery which will make it possible to handle every product turned out of the shop without it being touched by a human hand. This will necessitate the expenditure of several thousands of dollars, but, Mr. Franklin declares he has confidence in Ashland, is certain that it will grow rapidly within the near future, and that he wishes to keep pace with the growth.

"I have decided that Ashland is the city where I will spend the rest of my life. I intend to build up the best bake shop possible, for I know that Ashland will support us in the venture," Mr. Franklin concluded.

Throughout the tourist season, hundreds of visitors stop in the shop for a few moments, anxious to view one of the finest equipped shops in the country.

Ashland has done well by Mr. Franklin, but Mr. Franklin has returned this good will, and then added a little.

NEW AUTO DEALERS ESTABLISHED HERE

M. W. Hamaker, dealer in the Star Automobile is one of the newcomers to Ashland. Mr. Hamaker, formerly of Grants Pass, established his business here several months ago, and has enjoyed wonderful success since that time.

Another newcomer to the automobile game in Ashland is Mr. Claycomb of the Claycomb Motor company, Ford dealers. Mr. Claycomb came from Walla Walla to take over the interests of the Harrison Brothers company.

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