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## Commercial Club Outlines Plans for Local Development

The first general meeting of the Club was held in the city hall last night, and what it lacked in numbers of members in attendance it made up in enthusiasm by those present. The purpose of the meeting was to hear reports of committees appointed to consider different projects of interest to the city and club, and to consider the advisability of holding open forums of the club either weekly or bi-weekly. There was a goodly attendance of ladies present who evinced much interest in the proceedings of the evening.

**Community Sing**  
Before the meeting was called to order by President Ferguson the members present joined in an old fashioned "community sing," led by Mrs. H. T. Elmore, which put them in a good humor for the business of the evening. In his remarks after calling the meeting to order President Ferguson extended a greeting of the board of directors to the entire membership of the club. He said one of the main purposes of the club is to be of a democratic character where every member will have a voice in the conduct of affairs of the association, and he told the members that they must not expect the directors to do all the work, but they should assist them all in their power. Mr. Ferguson urged that when committees were appointed they get together as soon as possible and take action on projects assigned to them and work them out with the least possible delay and report to the club. After a few further remarks the President turned the meeting over to C. A. Edwards as chairman of the forum meeting.

Mr. Edwards in a few well chosen remarks stated the object of the open forum meetings; said it was an opportunity for every member to voice their opinion on matters concerning the club and club work that it put the club on a democratic basis. He then called for reports from different committees that had been appointed by the board of directors.

**Housing Proposition**  
J. W. McCoy, chairman of the housing committee, stated that his committee has held but one meeting and at that meeting had found they had a large problem to handle and the committee had not formed an opinion fully yet as to the best method to care for the matter. Temporary housing for newcomers and transients visiting the city had been gone into to some extent. Mr. McCoy said, and the committee was still working on the proposition and would report at a future meeting. Regarding the permanent housing matter Mr. Coy stated his committee had yet to go more fully into the project. He thought the real estate men of the city should become interested in this matter, and he suggested a committee be appointed to take up the matter of the building of a modern apartment house. He asked that the committee be continued and he asked for suggestions along the housing line that would be of assistance to his committee.

**Water Committee**  
Fred Homes, chairman of the water committee, stated that his committee had held one meeting and had discussed the matter of reservoir sites and the feasibility of two irrigating ditches. He said his committee was still working on the proposition and securing data that could be presented to the club in concrete form at a future meeting. Two sites for a reservoir were now under consideration. Mr. Homes said, the west fork and the east fork of Ashland creek. He gave figures showing that the city uses a million gallons of water daily now, and the committee desired to provide a site that will fully meet the requirements of the future needs of the city. During his remarks Mr. Homes said a sub-committee had been appointed to go further into the matter of securing data for the irrigation projects under consideration by the club. A committee has also been appointed to look up the matter of prevention of freezing at the source of the water supply during the winter and it hopes to have something tangible to report soon so that it can be put up to the city council and then to the voters of the city.

**Signs for Auto Camp**  
One of the pressing and immediate needs of the auto camp Mrs. H. T. Elmore stated was the placing of proper signs at different points to direct tourists and others

## BURGLARS ABROAD DURING THE NIGHT

Wholesale burglaries were attempted in Ashland last night, although nothing of any importance is missing in the business places visited by the intruders. The places broken into were the creamery, the White House Grocery and the Fourth Street Market. At the creamery it could not be ascertained how the burglars gained an entrance, as no doors or windows were distributed this morning so far as could be seen. That the place had been visited by sneaking thieves during the night, however, was apparent by the fact that the cash register was broken into and a little change taken. All the keys in the building were carried off and matches were strewn over the floors.

At the White House Grocery the front door was pried open and entrance gained that way. Nothing was disturbed so far as could be learned by Mr. Kaegi, the proprietor, this morning. Entrance was made in the same manner at the Fourth street meat market. The lock on the front door was pried off and is missing. The cash registers were torn apart, apparently in search of money, but nothing is thought to have been taken from the stock.

**F. W. CHAPIN DIES**  
Frederick Wood Chapin, a well known resident of Ashland, died at his home at 150 First street at 1:45 a. m., Monday, June 14, 1920. He had been ill for some time and his death was not unexpected. Mr. Chapin was a pioneer of the Pacific coast country, having crossed the plains in the early '50s from Uxbridge, Mass., where he was born August 25, 1837. His home was principally in Northern California and Sacramento, from where he came to Ashland about eight years ago. During his active life Mr. Chapin followed the profession of teaching and in his latter years spent much time reading, was a devoted student and reader. Funeral services will take place tomorrow, Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Dodge undertaking parlors, with burial in the Ashland cemetery. Friends of the family are invited to these services. Mr. Chapin is survived by his wife, Mrs. Nancy A. Anderson Chapin to whom he had been married 53 years, this event taking place on Oct. 20, 1867. She is a sister of the late E. K. Anderson and Mrs. Mary McCall of Ashland.

**Boosted Open Forum**  
At the conclusion of reports of chairman of committees, C. A. Edwards, as chairman of the forum committee, congratulated the chairman of the various committees for the good work they have been doing. He said he was earnestly in favor of the forum meetings, whether they were in the form of a noonday luncheon, an evening meeting, or in some other form, and he hoped the forum would soon be instituted by the club as a permanent part of the work of the organization. Mr. Edwards suggested that "Ashland, the Beautiful," be adopted as a slogan to be used in our literature, etc. In paying a tribute to the beauty of Ashland Mr. Edwards said he had traveled extensively in America and Europe, but had never seen anything in all his travels as beautiful as the view from Mount Ashland; that it was the most beautiful view in the world. In concluding his remarks Mr. Edwards said he should commercialize our natural resources, and urged every citizen to become interested in his home town and the people here and let the outside world know as far as possible what great advantages we have.

Father Conaty said he knew what could be accomplished by unity of action and told of what had been done in other places where he had been located. He said he was very much pleased to see the club getting off on the right foot in the matter of instituting the open forum meetings. He also urged the club and citizens of Ashland to make the utmost of their natural resources, and he said he was much pleased to see the interest the ladies of the city are taking in club work and assisting in developing the city's advantages.

**Change Name of City**  
During the course of his remarks at the meeting Mr. Vining suggested that the name of the city be changed to Ashland Spa as it would be a great advertising feature for the city and be the means of bringing more people here than the name of Ashland or Ashland Springs. B. R. Greer said that five or six years ago an effort was made to change the name to Ashland Springs, but the postoffice department objected and the matter was not pushed. He suggested that the correspondence in this matter be looked up if a change of name was contemplated, so there would be some data to work on. Mr. Greer said he was heartily in favor of Ashland Spa for a change in name.

Mr. Vining said he had received a letter recently from Mr. Winburn, who recently was in Ashland and bought the Hotel Austin and made other investments, in which he expressed his thanks to the Commercial Club for the friendly message they had sent him for the interest he had taken in the city. He also said Mr. Winburn desired data concerning Ashland and asked that anyone having the requisite information, booklets, pamphlets, etc., bring same to him and he would forward them to Mr. Winburn.

It was pointed out by Homer Billings that North Main street should be more plainly marked for the guidance of tourists, and the marking on the Pacific highway was also deemed inadequate in certain places. Secretary Fuller of the club read a letter from John M. Scott, and wanted the club to give \$275 as its share for the season. The club by a practically unanimous rising vote granted the money asked for by Mr. Enders.

## WARREN G. HARDING SAYS PEACE IS AS DANGEROUS AS WAR

Elwin Snyder, the Ashland young man who had a miraculous escape from death when a five-ton truck ran over him in a logging camp accident near Odessa two weeks ago, was able to leave his bed at the Warren Hunt hospital for the first time Sunday. In addition to serious internal injuries, Snyder received a fractured skull and a broken shoulder. Narrow escape from death are no new experience for Snyder, but the truck incident came as near to finishing his earthly career as any of them. Before going to Klamath Falls he served with the Twentieth engineers overseas and was twice gassed.

**Warren G. Harding**  
Senator Warren G. Harding's early passion for the cornet blasted a promising career at law.

While studying law in Marion, O., he joined the village cornet band. The band was naturally a popular institution and it performed at all ceremonies and picnics. Young Harding found it took considerable money to attend all these functions. Unable to earn enough at his vocation, he abandoned it rather than give up the instrument and the esthetic and corporeal pleasures it gave him. It is also chronicled that Harding first became a candidate for the office of president of the United States at the age of 12. His father, Dr. George T. Harding, vouched for the story. Harding announced his candidacy to a group of companions while the church bell was being tolled of Washington's birthday. "You'll see the day when bells will be ringing for me," he told them. "I'm going to grow up to be a great man and be president myself."

Senator Harding was born November 2, 1855, near Corsica, Morrow county, Ohio. In 1881 he was graduated from Iberia college, in the same county. Three years later he took a fling at the newspaper business by purchasing the Marion Star. He married Miss Florence King of Marion in 1891 and in 1899 was elected state senator. He was re-elected in 1901 and at the close of his second term won the election to the office of lieutenant-governor of the state. He was defeated for governor in 1910. In 1912 he helped nominate William Howard Taft for the presidency and two years later was elected United States senator from Ohio. In 1916 he acted as temporary chairman of the republican national convention at Chicago.

William Howard Taft and Harding had been warm personal friends for a long time and in 1912 it was decided to entrust Harding with Taft's nominating address before the national convention in Chicago. His strong personality, striking appearance and oratorical ability made him one of the outstanding figures of that turbulent session. In 1914 there was a persistent demand for Harding to declare himself a candidate in the senatorial race. He was hesitant and held off because of his friendship for Joseph B. Foraker, speaker of the house, who was also a candidate. Following a meeting between the two Harding stepped into the arena and defeated his democratic opponent, T. S. Hogan, attorney general for the state.

Harding is tall, handsome, impressive in appearance and a figure sure of attracting attention in or out of a distinguished gathering. He is clean-shaven, his face is clear-cut, topped off by a high, broad forehead. His hair is gray and closely cropped. Altogether the ensemble reminds one of a gram-tipped patrician of the Roman senate.

**SOWED HIS WILD OATS**  
SAN JOSE, Calif., June 15.—Charles Diamond, aged 195 years, and his bride, aged 74 years are honeymooning. "I am getting a bit old. It's time to settle down," remarked the groom, who says he has always used tobacco and "never turned down a drink." **BABE BORN IN FORD**  
NEW YORK, June 15.—Henry Ford Maloney will be the name of a baby born in a "tinizzie" here today.

## President Fuller Issues Program of S. O. Chautauqua

The Ashland Chautauqua for 1920 will commence about July 15th continuing for one week. The program will be of the unusual high standard, bringing the best that can be obtained in the line of music, lecture and entertainment. On the opening night Julius Caesar Napphe, a brilliant young man who was born in Athens, delivers a most interesting lecture, called "The Oriental Pageant." This lecture will be illustrated by a group of young ladies, dressed in the costumes of the oriental countries.

The second day brings two ladies from Alaska who furnish the musical preludes for both the afternoon and evening lectures, Miss Lona Laska and Miss Huldah Voedisch, Miss Laska has made quite a musical sensation, and delights every audience before which she appears while Miss Voedisch who accompanies her also has a rich beautiful voice, and together they furnish a rare musical treat. On this day the lecturers are Carleton Chamberlain, prominent New York editor, who appears in the afternoon, and R. Fish, the brilliant young labor orator who has been fighting the radical and red element of the northwest on the platform and in the press.

The third day will be a distinctly musical day bringing a splendid musical aggregation, Mr. Raul Ferreira and his string quintette, also Mary Adel Hays, New York soprano, in the afternoon will also be one of the big lectures of the week. The Welsh Lady Singers will furnish two big concerts on the fourth day and the lecturer will be Judge George D. Alden of Boston, one of the most distinguished platform speakers of the day. Judge Alden has recently returned from an extended speaking tour in New Zealand and Australia.

The fifth day brings a decided innovation for the Chautauqua platform, in the presentation of the big New York dramatic success, "Kipling," by the Maurice Brown Players, in the evening. The afternoon program for this day will also be in the nature of an innovation, and may take the character of a big outdoor gathering. Dr. G. Whitfield Ray, who speaks on the sixth day is a very distinguished explorer, for 11

**SENT FORD AUTO TO MISSIONARIES**  
The Missions, a Baptist monthly magazine, of recent date contains the following which is of much interest to Ashland people: "Another beautiful mail was the one that brought the letters written to the Batavia church in western New York by Dr. and Mrs. Manley. The Batavia people were kind enough to share these jubilant letters. The Manleys are the very own missionaries of the Batavia church, and the church planned a big surprise for them at Christmas. They knew that Mrs. Manley had not been very strong, and that walking about in the prostrating heat to call upon all the mothers and babies in the hot little mud houses was exhausting. So, with a long pull and a strong pull and a pull altogether, they bought a doughty Ford car and cabled it was on the way. If ever you read letters that made you want to laugh and cry it was the letters of those two astonished missionaries. These letters made many folks in Batavia happy too, quite sure that one little Ford chugging away in India was better even than one more Ford scampering about Batavia."

**AUTO STOLEN ON STREET AT NIGHT**  
The Hudson Six automobile belonging to Ross Finley, a stockman of Klamath Falls, was stolen from in front of the Hotel Austin at an early hour this morning. Mr. Finley was preparing to make an early start today on a business trip, and had filled his car with gasoline and had everything in readiness, after which he parked the auto in front of the hotel. Some time between 12 and 4 o'clock, it is learned, the car was backed out of North Pioneer, then run down B street and out to North Main. Chief of Police Hatcher has wired a description of the car to all points north.

**A Rainy Day in Ashland, Oregon**  
Drip, drip, waters of gold,  
On orchards, forests and meadows;  
All things drink as nature hold  
Her cloud-banks as shadows.  
Birds, bees and butterflies rest,  
While grasses, tuts and berries  
grow;  
Chubby children, heirs of the best,  
Romp and play while the creek  
flows.  
Tourist travel on high priced gas,  
Coming from a better clime;  
Enjoying the cool air as they pass  
On over some roads of alime.  
Nothing so lovely as a rainy day  
in June,  
Unless it's cherries, that will  
pipen soon;  
While everything in nature is in  
tune;  
Or perhaps, star-lit nights and a  
full moon.  
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