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MANY ATTEND BANQUET AT THE ARMORY

FEASTING AND SONG PRECEDE FINE ILLUSTRATED LECTURE BY FRANK BRANCH RILEY UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE ASHLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE—MANY VISITORS ARE PRESENT.

What the Ashland Chamber of Commerce can do in the way of entertainment was carried out to the nth degree of satisfaction at their first annual banquet held in the armory last night. This was the first time the newly organized Chamber of Commerce has appeared as hosts at a large, formal function, and the affair last night was carried out in a manner well calculated to suit the tastes of the most fastidious.

The banquet was held at 6:30 o'clock. Covers for upwards of 300 were laid on tables most attractively spread throughout the hall at which the company gathered. This banquet was arranged by the women members of the Chamber of Commerce, and prepared and served by the teachers and domestic science classes in the public schools.

A large number of Medford people were present and in their cordial, friendly manner assisted much in making the event one of the most delightful social affairs ever held in Ashland.

At each plate were a copy of the "Ashland Items" the little publication issued by the Chamber of Commerce during the past six months and giving a report of the various expenses of the Chamber, as well as a folder of "Songs of the Ashland Chamber of Commerce." These were catchy parodies on popular songs. Led by Henry Enders, with Miss Bernice Yeo at the piano, the company between bites made the rafters ring with the melodies proclaiming the fame and popularity of good old Ashland town.

Another attractive musical feature was a solo beautifully rendered by Mrs. P. Provost. Rev. G. F. Koehler gave the invocation after the guests were seated at the tables. Secretary Fuller had requested a number of short, snappy, informal talks by several members of the Chamber, representing the various features in which this body is interested. He first called upon the popular president of the Chamber of Commerce, L. F. Ferguson, who in the name of the Chamber welcomed the guests to the banquet and extended the right hand of good fellowship to all present.

Ashland has still a claim upon Medford's Chamber of Commerce secretary, H. O. Probach, who formerly occupied the same position in Ashland, and who is as popular in this city as he is in his present habitation. Therefore no social event given by this body could be complete without an address by Mr. Probach. The latter responded to his call by giving a short talk on the feeling of harmony which exists between the Ashland and Medford Chambers of Commerce and the efforts they are making to promote the welfare of Southern Oregon in general and the Rogue River Valley in particular.

Fred C. Homes, one of the suburban members of the Chamber of Commerce was asked to give a short talk on his particular pet hobby, the farm and farmer. Mr. Homes makes a study of farming, which to him is a profession as well as his business. He spoke of the interests Ashland farmers are taking in the matters coming up before the Chamber of Commerce and the co-operation existing between the farmer and business man in promoting and carrying out the various enterprises necessary for the good of this section of the state.

B. F. Lindsas, a rising young attorney of Medford, gave an interesting talk on the necessity of preserving the natural scenic attractions of Southern Oregon. Realizing that this is one of the great assets of this section of the state, one that is drawing tourists from all over the country to our midst, Mr. Lindsas made it emphatic that these features must be preserved, and all discordant elements be removed. An association is being formed in the Rogue River valley, Mr. Lindsas remarked, to carry on this work, and he enlisted the assistance of Ashland and the Chamber of Commerce members to take a part in this most necessary work.

in the musty annals of European countries.

Secretary Fuller then introduced the principal speaker of the evening, Frank Branch Riley, the noted tourist and lecturer, who was engaged to deliver his great illustrated lecture, "The Lure of the Northwest," later in the evening. Mr. Riley mounted a chair and made his bow to the audience, giving a flattering compliment to Ashland, its beauty, its hospitality and great surrounding scenic attractions. As he was to occupy an important portion of the evening's program he was allowed to retire with only a brief talk, the eloquence of which whetted the interest of his audience in anticipation of the treat before them.

After satisfying the inner man the guests drew their chairs to a comfortable proximity to the stage where thrown upon a screen were to be depicted the wonderful illustrations of that land of mystery and romance known to so few even of those living with a day's reach of their location. Mr. Riley, a charter member and later president of the famous mountain climbing organization, the Masamas, has been selected by the joint legislatures of Oregon and Washington and the parliament of British Columbia to carry the message of the Pacific Northwest to the men and women of America. Accordingly Mr. Riley took his audience back with him to the east where he displayed for the first time to many a magical picture of the grandeur of this great wonderland which has startled the eastern country with its matchless beauty.

Mr. Riley took his audience to the tops of snow-clad mountains, stark and bleak in their snowy fastnesses, but with many unexpected beauty spots covered with gorgeous blossoms never seen beyond the snow line of the high altitudes. He took his audience also through the giant forests, those huge monarchs of the west that have stood the stress and storm of centuries. They visited that lake of unexplained mystery set within a giant peak, Crater Lake, familiar to most of the audience but of never ceasing wonder and charm.

They visited Marble Caves of Oregon, The Columbia Highway, and the magnificent coast scenes, renewed acquaintances with Ashland's beautiful park, many charming views of which Mr. Riley has woven in his scenic lecture. Throughout the views Mr. Riley's story of the great wonderland in the west was beautiful and gripping. Through it all ran the impression which he strove to make his audience gain, that this belongs to each of us, that we have a share in the ownership of a country magnificent beyond the vaunted scenery of ancient countries beyond the seas. The fact that this great scenic country is practically unknown to the greater majority of the American people, especially those in the east make the presentation all the more wonderful. Frank Branch Riley will long be remembered in Ashland by his wonderful picture-lecture and his reappearance will be looked forward to with great interest.

Many Ashlanders In Santa Monica

Miss Helene Casey, who with her father, J. R. Casey, left Ashland over a year ago to make her home in Santa Monica, writes to friends in Ashland of her Christmas festivities in which they entertained seventeen guests, over half of whom were from Ashland. There are nineteen former residents of Ashland living in Santa Monica. Miss Casey states, therefore they have quite a colony about them. Mr. and Mrs. James Archibald live next door to the Casey home, and they have most enjoyable times.

One of the particularly delightful trips Miss Casey described was attending the Rose tournament at Pasadena New Year's day. There were in the parade 125 floats made up of flowers, and no artificial flowers allowed, twenty-five bands and about 400,000 people, and it looked as if there were that many autos. In speaking of the Charles Hargadines, who also went to Santa Monica last fall Miss Casey says: "Mary Virginia is some kid, taller than I and weighs 96 pounds. She and Charles are full fledged Californians but Carrie is still all for Oregon, although she admits this is a great country. Dad is fine and so is my brother and all the rest of the tribe."

THE DALLES, Jan. 25—Ranchers living on Seven-Mile hill, between The Dalles and Mosier are taking advantage of the bad condition of the road to "soak" the stray tourists who attempt to get through. One is said to have charged \$30 for a tow of three miles, or \$10 a mile. In another case, a tourist had driven to the side of the road to allow another car to pass and had become mired there. The same farmer made a charge of \$10 for merely pulling the car out of the rut in which it was mired, the tourist complained upon arrival in The Dalles.

YEARS REPORT OF ASHLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

In this the first number of items we wish to inform our members of the work that has been undertaken during the past weeks and months to give an idea of what we hope to accomplish in the weeks and months to come and to offer substantial reasons for asking your support and cooperation in a program for the future. The campaign for reorganization was carried on most spiritedly last spring and resulted in a membership of 530 persons, nearly all enrolling for a three year period, commencing May 1, 1920. No effort has been made for a further enrollment since then but we have had some voluntary accessions and although there have been some losses from removal, death and other reasons, we remain strongly around the 500 mark, and with a slight effort on the part of the membership committee believe Ashland may have the banner Chamber of Commerce in Oregon. With this in view the week commencing January 17th to 22nd will be Chamber of Commerce week and you are asked as a duty to the organization to endeavor to secure one new member.

The new organization really commenced its work June 1. Secretary J. H. Fuller, returning from a trip through the Southern States to assume his duties at that time.

The following is a record of meetings and affairs undertaken: June 10. Public Forum in City Hall, with reports by Music Committee, Auto-Camp and Park Committee, Water Committee and Cannery Committee. June 18. Directors meeting. Appropriated \$1,500.00 to be expended by Fourth of July Committee. Appointed a committee to present matter of widening Main street from the Houck corner to Mill street, to the city Council.

June 21. Directors meeting. Discussion of Housing question and appointed committee to make definite preparation for installing tent city plan to be in operation for season of 1921 at the latest.

July 3-5. Prior to the reorganization of the Commercial Club, Mr. E. T. Staples was appointed chairman of a Fourth of July celebration committee, with power to choose balance of committee. The Club assumed \$1,500.00 of the expense and statement will be found in another item. It was fully expected that ex-ambassador James Gerard would be the orator of the Fourth and quite elaborate plans were made for entertaining Mr. Gerard and party, but owing to the San Francisco Convention not adjourning as was expected, we were disappointed. Bishop Shepard of Portland, the preacher at the auditorium on Sunday, filled the position with great acceptability and also unveiled the Bronze Tablet in commemoration of the boys who lost their lives during the late war. A splendid pageant in the Auditorium on Saturday, July 3, was one of the features of the Celebration. Ball games on Saturday and Monday. Parades and fireworks made up the program of the three days. The Rogue River Valley Band contributed largely to the interest of the occasion during the three days.

Summer School, June 15—Aug. 1. The Chamber of Commerce furnished the office and office force through the secretary and stenographer for the working out the plan of a summer school. The equipment, buildings, etc., being provided by the Chautauqua Association. In this manner a very successful session of six weeks was maintained and over two hundred were registered in the school. Courses were provided in Music, Literature and Physical Education, also chorus work was conducted at two points in the valley—Ashland and Phoenix, and a presentation of "The Rose Maiden" given at the close of the session.

Chautauqua, July 16-23. Chautauqua in Ashland is an institution of nearly thirty years duration, during the period of its existence it has been conducted on an entirely independent basis. Ashland Chautauqua being recognized as distinctive. Aside from offering the usual program of lectures and entertainment we have maintained a high class of instruction in literature, economics and social science.

During the season of 1920 thru a close affiliation of the Chautauqua Association with the Chamber of Commerce these classes were extended to a period of six weeks and proved such a marked success that it is the purpose to make this feature of the summer season noteworthy.

Among the distinguished guests at the 1920 Chautauqua, U. S. Senator George Chamberlain contributed to the success of the assembly.

July 26. A committee delegated to visit the Blair Granite Works reported having devoted a day to this proposition with much enlightenment as to the prospect for a big develop-

ment of this industry. A road leading direct to the loading station at Mistletoe is an imperative need of the plant and should have the support of the entire community. This granite, equal to any in the United States, should have every opportunity to reach the market and build a real industry for Ashland.

Report of baseball affairs made and voted that baseball uniforms and equipment for which the Chamber of Commerce had paid, be placed in hands of responsible party.

Tennis tournament this season was financed by the Chamber of Commerce and the Chautauqua Association.

Signs maintained at Tolo and in the Skikyous were pronounced as not properly placed with the change of the highway and matter of relocation and new signs was deferred until later date.

Sept. 13. Directors meeting voted to assist cattle men in entertaining buyers and expediting their plans. Matter of beautifying the town by clean up campaign, planting ivy, etc., was discussed and endorsed.

Oct. 7. A General Forum meeting of the members of the Commercial Club called for Pioneer hall in the evening, about one hundred members in attendance. The change of name to the Ashland Chamber of Commerce was effected at this meeting; other changes were made in the constitution at this time.

Voted to assist the Dairymen in instituting and supporting a cow testing association, such financial support not to exceed \$120.00 and to be used only in the event that sufficient support was not forthcoming from dairymen.

Reports of action by Housing Committee and the need for a modern apartment house in Ashland was urged. The situation of the local cannery also received attention.

Oct. 8. Public Forum Luncheon held at Pioneer Hall for purpose of entertaining U. S. Senator McNary. The possibility of Government aid for securing further irrigation development was presented by Senator McNary.

Oct. 26. Meeting of the Directors voted to hold a Winter Fair and appropriated \$200.00 for finances same. Also voted that the Directors meet every Tuesday noon hereafter.

Nov. 5. Meeting of Directors at Pioneer Hall. Letter to officials of the Southern Pacific R. R. relative to the building of new station at Ashland was read and discussed, same endorsed and forwarded to all these officials.

Nov. 16. Meeting of Directors at Pioneer Hall. Mr. Hunt of the Oregon Journal being a guest. It was voted that joint meetings be arranged between the City Council, Park Board and Chamber of Commerce for the purpose of co-operating in work relating to Park and Auto Camp.

Committee appointed to act relative to the continuance of work on the Dead Indian road. Nov. 30. Held Directors meeting at McDonald's cafe and appointed Mr. E. V. Carter, delegate to Educational Conference in Portland and to ascertain regarding any action relative to normal school prospects.

Nov. 23. A Forum Luncheon was held at Pioneer Hall for the purpose of discussing auto camp and was participated in by members of the Park Board, City Council and the Chamber of Commerce. The further development of this great advertising asset of Ashland was urged and an appropriation of \$100.00 by the Chamber of Commerce was asked for purpose of constructing a fireplace in the auto camp.

Dec. 7. Directors meeting was held at Pioneer Hall. The principal topic being the early preparation for next summer's vacation and tourist travel.

Mr. I. T. Sparks, Southern Pacific official, was the speaker and gave an interesting talk of the development of the Southwest and said there were thousands of people in the Imperial Valley and Arizona sections who would be glad to come here in the summer if we were provided to take care of them.

Mr. E. V. Carter, reported the Educational Conference held at Portland stating that the Educational forces of the state seemed to stress the fact that more normal training schools were needed. Ashland's claims, as the logical point for locating of such a school have been and are being properly presented.

Dec. 14. A directors meeting held at the Hotel Austin appointed Secretary J. H. Fuller a delegate to the State Chamber of Commerce meeting at Portland.

A committee was appointed to consider labor questions as pertaining to Ashland, especially with regard to obtaining and operating a wood lot. Voted that a committee on memberships be requested to act on list of prospects for memberships and also consider and take action on any resignations.

Dec. 28. Mr. Lynn D. Mowat gave an interesting talk to the directors at Hotel Austin on Chamber of Commerce work in the State of California.

BANK CASES TO GET STATE AID IN PROSECUTION

Attorney General and Bank Examiner Pledge Assistance to County Prosecutor Moore—Governor Reverses Petition Decision.

County Prosecutor Rawles Moore is back from Salem where he had gone to confer with Governor Ben Olcott and Attorney General Van Winkle concerning the Bank of Jacksonville cases which will come up for trial at the February term of the circuit court.

According to the Medford Mail-Tribune Governor Olcott gave no decision one way or the other, relative to the petition of the citizens of Jacksonville for the appointment of a special prosecutor to try the cases. Attorney General Van Winkle approved the plan of Prosecutor Moore for the handling of the cases, and promised any aid sought.

Bank Examiner F. S. Branwell will visit Medford next week to outline a plan of action in the prosecution of the bank cases, and go over the data with Prosecutor Moore and confer with county officials regarding the same.

The Attorney General's office coincided with Prosecutor Moore's view that he should be in charge of the cases.

The petition of the Jacksonville citizens to a special prosecutor was sent before Thanksgiving, and the county seat residents have been anxious ever since for a reply.

Department offices at the state capitol are highly interested in the bank trials, according to Prosecutor Moore, because of the connection of the state bank examiner's office with the suspension of the institution. Prosecutor Moore said that he was going to devote all his time hereafter now and the opening of court to the unearthing of evidence and marshaling evidence in the case. The court session is expected to last a month.

FRUIT ACREAGE IN STATE.

The apple acreage in Oregon, according to the figures of the Oregon Growers Co-operative association, is 50,000. The prune acreage is about 40,000, while that of pears is 13,500.

OREGON WEATHER IS ARID IN COMPARISON WITH CALIFORNIA'S

Californians with their much-vaunted sunny weather still may come trekking north to Oregon's aridity, judging from a comparison of rainfall in Oregon and California. While the City of Roses had but 31 of an inch of rain Tuesday, Sacramento and Los Angeles were deluged with more than two inches, while San Francisco slushed about in almost an inch and a half of rain.

Mrs. C. W. Ward, who was formerly well known in Ashland as Mrs. Frances Hockett, a prominent nurse, writes to the Tidings from Burlington, Washington, stating she wishes to renew her subscription as she cannot afford to lose a single copy, as it is like getting a letter from home. She states she receives letters from her friends here, but enjoys the general news of the town which she gets in the paper.

"I see by the last issue of the Tidings where two dear pioneer women have passed away, Mrs. E. K. Anderson and Mrs. Hattie Ahlert," Mrs. Ward states. "I cared for Mrs. Anderson for nine months at one time ten years ago, and thought her one of the dearest and sweetest characters I ever knew. I also nursed Mr. Anderson in his last illness and can say the same of him. I often see where some substantial popular residents are seriously ill, and it affords me great pleasure to read in the next issue that they are recovering."

Pretty Home Wedding.

Charming in its simplicity was the wedding of Miss Evelyn Cyr and Chasley W. Priest which took place last evening at seven o'clock at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. E. F. Herbst. Rev. C. F. Koehler, pastor of the Presbyterian church officiated in the presence of relatives of the bride and groom. The bride was gowned in blue satin and carried a corsage bouquet, and the house was beautifully decorated in white carnations and roses. After the ceremony a buffet lunch was served. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cyr of this city and has been employed as bookkeeper in the Ashland creamery since coming to Ashland. Mr. Priest is in the employ of the S. P. railroad and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Priest, also of this city. For the present the young people will make their home in Ashland.

So far none of the politicians who have been shouting for economy, have been heard asking to have the appropriations for their own districts cut down.

ASHLAND HAS BIG ATTRACTIONS TO DRAW TOURISTS

Herbert Cuthbert Surprised at Arrangements Made for Tourist Travel—Says Ashland's Entertainment of Editors is Commented Upon All Over Country.

Herbert Cuthbert, executive secretary of the Northwest Pacific Tourist Association, during his stay in Ashland yesterday said "For a city of its population no other city in the Northwest has the diversified attractions that Ashland has—scenery, park and waters. Time will come when the people of Ashland realize that its biggest industry is the Tourist Travel."

Mr. Cuthbert said it was marvelous what arrangements were already made for tourist travellers in park, camp site, and public baths, Ashland being an object lesson to larger communities.

He expressed surprise and gratification that Ashland has a Chamber of Commerce with a membership of five hundred and says the time has arrived when no community can prosper without a live Chamber of Commerce.

Speaking of the Editorial Excursion of two years ago, of which he was the official pilot, Mr. Cuthbert said the entertainment provided by Ashland in the park in the form of a dinner has never ceased to be a topic of comment on the part of those present from all sections of the United States. And the feature of making Crater Lake by round trip taking in the Lake of the Woods should be more fully exploited and this road developed and made most comfortable.

Mr. Cuthbert was the guest, while in Ashland, of Secretary Fuller of the Ashland Chamber of Commerce and visited the park and auto-camp site with Messrs. Anderson, Jordan, Vining and Butler.

11 O'clock Club Dances.

About thirty couples met at Memorial hall last night and enjoyed another of their semi-monthly dances which are among the most popular social events of the city. Exceptionally fine music was furnished and all agreed that this last was one of the most pleasing dances of the series.



Ashland Post, No. 14

ASHLAND, OREGON.
Glenn E. Simpson, Post Commander.
H. G. Wolcott, Vice-Commander.
Ralph Hatfield, Historian.
Wm. Holmes, Treasurer.
Donald Spencer, Adjutant and Legion Editor.



The executive committee of Ashland Post No. 14 met at a "Dutch treat" dinner in the Hotel Austin Saturday evening. Considerable Legion business was transacted in the way of committee appointments and the discussion of financial and entertainment questions. The committees appointed were as follows:

Committee on Constitution—W. M. Briggs, R. L. Burdick and J. O. Rigg. Committee on Finances—W. C. Holmes, V. V. Mills and S. A. Peters, Jr.

Benevolence Committee—J. O. Rigg, V. V. Mills and Dr. MacCracken.

Athletic Committee—Mihard W. Grubb, Ural G. Coleman and Hubert A. Bentley.

Entertainment Committee—Don P. Dickerson, W. M. Briggs and Milton A. Biegel.

Publicity Committee—Don M. Spencer and every man called upon to produce dope.

The work for the various committees was outlined and turned over to them for operation. No hectoring will be permitted. The hectoring is busted. Every man must be up and at it. Onto your toes, Committee men.

The Adjutant has a circular listing the names of 4,800 service men and women who have subscribed and paid for Liberty and Victory bonds that cannot be delivered on account of incomplete addresses. This circular shows the rank and organization to which the subscribers belonged at the time of the subscription but no addresses. There is also a list of some 400 names for which the bonds have been shipped as directed at the time of subscription but which have been returned to the Department from the Postal department as being unable to deliver. Any person knowing of any service man who has not received his bonds will do the Adjutant a service by bringing in their names that he may make an effort to locate them.

Summary of beneficial legislation now in force in the State of Oregon.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL No. 1. Petitions the Congress of the U. S. to submit to the various states, an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to provide that the children of parents who cannot become citizens, shall not themselves become citizens of the United States. We want no more conscientious objectors, and alien slackers.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL No. 6. Memorializes Congress to restore lands in Klamath County, Oregon to entry, and giving service men preference thereto.

SENATE BILL No. 26. Provides financial aid for the honorably discharged soldiers, sailors, or marines, who desire a course of study in any institution of learning in the State of Oregon. This bill provides for the maximum aid of \$25 a month, not exceeding \$200 per year, for all students taking sixty hours of instruction per month and for proportional aid for those taking less hours of instruction.

HOUSE BILL No. 57. Prohibits the wearing by anyone not a discharged soldier, sailor or marine, any button, insignia, or emblem issued by the United States government on account of military services rendered, or the wearing of clothing of army issue by anyone not a discharged soldier, sailor or marine. The exceptions noted in this bill are as follows:

1. Members of societies composed entirely of honorably discharged officers and men may wear the uniform on occasion of ceremony, but must have some distinctive mark on it and must not wear any insignia of rank.
2. Honorably discharged officers may wear, on occasion of ceremony, the insignia and uniform of the highest grade they held.
3. Honorably discharged men are allowed to wear the uniform from place of discharge to their homes, during a period of three months, but on reaching home within this period must immediately divest themselves of the uniform.

4. Persons representing a military character in a theatrical or moving picture performance may wear the uniform during that performance provided it does not bring discredit on the service.

5. Members of the Boy Scout, naval militia and similar organizations may wear the uniform of their organization.

6. Members of the National Guard may wear the uniform prescribed for the Guard. Members of Ashland Post No. 14 will bear this law in mind and govern themselves accordingly.

SENATE BILL No. 49. Prohibits the employment of aliens by public officials on public works.

SENATE BILL No. 48. An amendment to the laws of 1919, relating to the expenditure of county funds to erect monuments or arches to the memory of the soldiers and sailors who served in the World War. The amendment in effect makes it possible the use of such funds for the erecting buildings as well as monuments or arches.

In connection with this bill, why would it not be a very excellent thing for Ashland to have a memorial of some simple sort in our cemetery for the purpose of holding our Memorial services around on our "Decoration Day"? How about it? Ashland Post will welcome letters on this subject with suggestions and criticisms.

Ashland Post No. 14 wish to express to the good people who attended the funeral of their late comrade Sergeant Leo L. Parrish, their most grateful thanks and deepest appreciation. We wish especially to publicly announce our gratitude to Rev. C. A. Edwards and his quartette, consisting of Messrs. G. H. Yeo, Dr. C. F. Tilton, Percy C. Stratton and W. T. Cochran, for their beautiful service and thoughtful spirit during this service.

We also wish to express our thanks to Captain W. M. Briggs and his firing squad whose services were so cheerfully given at this time.