

Will Decide Urgent Questions By Vote

The Chamber of Commerce has decided to place before its members and the people of Ashland two important questions for referendum. These are the inauguration of a Community Chest and the matter of celebrating the Fourth of July. Both these questions are of interest and importance to Ashland and as such it is agreed every citizen should have the opportunity of expressing his or her opinion on the matter, provided the citizens wish to do so.

Regarding the Community Chest, should this be adopted, it will be carried out much in the same manner as the "Ashland Patriotic Fund," or War Chest during the war. Individuals paid in such monthly or annually as they saw fit and all drives were paid out of this fund. This did away with the annoyance and expense of separate drives. As campaigns for funds are continually coming up, many cities are adopting this form of meeting them. The question will be put to vote: Shall Ashland also establish a Community Chest?

In regard to the celebration question, many people are of the opinion that one day is sufficient to celebrate the Fourth of July, while others wish to continue the three day celebration that has been carried out for several years past. This is also a question that the Chamber of Commerce feels should be put up to the people to decide, and not left to a committee or a certain few.

Ballots for voting on these questions will be issued to each member of the Chamber of Commerce, and must be marked and mailed or delivered personally to the secretary not later than Saturday, March 26. In order to reach citizens who are not members of the Chamber the ballot is printed each day in the Daily Tidings, and may be cut out and also delivered to the Chamber of Commerce marked with the sender's vote.

It has been decided by the Chamber of Commerce to settle important questions of this sort by referendum, so that every person who so desires may have a say in the affairs of Ashland.

Gasometer for Mineral Springs Arrives Today

This forenoon saw the first load of machinery taken out to the plant of the Carbonic Acid Gas company at the Pompadour Mineral Springs east of Ashland. This consisted of the huge gasometer which was hauled from the local railroad yards to the springs where it will be installed. The machine was a bulky affair and required considerable engineering to get it loaded on a wagon and hauled over the rough road to the mineral springs, where the concrete foundation is already completed for its installation, as well as the buildings for the rest of the machinery. The compressor, motor and balance of the machinery will arrive in a few days.

Work on the installation and construction of the plant will be rushed, now that the prospects are good for pleasant weather, and the plant will be in working order as soon as possible. A new road into the springs has been surveyed, and grading will be started as soon as weather permits.

Will Assist in Securing Monument

The directors of the Chamber of Commerce met at Hotel Austin last night and attended to the usual business matter. The secretary called attention to the fact that the American Legion were planning the erection of a suitable stone in the Ashland burying ground, where commemorative exercises in union with the G. A. R. might be observed, and after some discussion a motion was adopted that a committee of three be appointed to confer with the Legion as to assisting in this project.

The housing committee reported some progress on the apartment house plan.

Benjamin Ripin, who has recently arrived in Ashland as the directly interested party in the Austin and mineral waters, was presented and spoke briefly as to the plans of himself and associates.

SENIOR PLAY OF HIGH SCHOOL TO BE GIVEN SOON

The name of the Senior play to be given by the members of the Senior class this spring is "The Colonel's Maid." It is a scream in three acts and will be staged at the High school gymnasium about the middle of April. The Senior class is exceedingly fortunate in having Miss Marshall to coach this comedy. She has had a great amount of experience in dramatic work and is well fitted to superintend this entertainment.

An excellent cast has been chosen for the play and from the present outlook it appears that this year's play will be among the best that has ever been put out by the local high school. "Gus" Wolcott, playing the part of Ching Ah Ling, the impertinent Chinese cook, can make a Chinese man ashamed of himself when it comes to impersonating an inhabitant of the Orient. The cast chosen by Miss Marshall is as follows:

Col. Robert Rued, A Widower... George High
Col. Richard Byrd, Another Widower... Ross Small
Marjorie Byrd... Bernice Plackus
Bob Rued... Ralph Moore
Mrs. J. J. Carroll, Col. Rued's Sister-in-law... Inez Reeder
Julia Carroll, Her daughter... Hazel Green
Ned Graydon, Gentleman with Faulty memory... Edgar Buchanan
Mr. James Haskom, Col. Rued's lawyer... Frank Walker
Ching Ah Ling... Gus Wolcott



Ashland Post, No. 14

ASHLAND, OREGON

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



Our National Headquarters has received information indicating a move for a nation-wide revival of German propaganda activities in the United States, which are the result of a carefully directed national campaign, the objects of which seem to be:

First—The disruption of the accord which exists between the United States and our Allies, with particular reference to France and Great Britain, by turning of American popular sentiment against the governments of those countries; and—Second—The methodical creation of a powerful national political machine by the amalgamation of the disloyal elements of our population and their elevation to a place of power in American offices by the invisible influence of this organized minority.

One of the first national manifestations of their activities took the form of a protest against the occupation of the Rhine by French negro troops from Africa. The alleged presence of black French colonials to be used as a motive to turn American sentiment against France. Negro troops were withdrawn from the French army of occupation months ago. While there, their conduct was excellent, according to the official reports of the American ambassador at Paris to the State department at Washington.

Identified with this movement are individuals whose disloyalty and whose efforts in the interest of Germany have been notorious in the past and who are now again in direct communication with Berlin.

Reports of pro-German activities from many parts of the country appear to connect directly with the National propaganda campaign here outlined.

Such propaganda is out of place, unwanted, and intolerable in view of the fact that the United States is still technically in a state of war with Germany, and the American Legion will serve as a damper on all such, and will not let them go unbalanced.

up and let's put the task over one hundred per cent."

Signed: F. W. GALBRAITH, Jr., National Commander.

Ex-service men. Does the American Legion deserve your support? The American Legion which is acknowledged by the government of the United States as the greatest single factor for GOOD in the nation today, is fostering more good sound legislation than any other organization. Such questions as are here enumerated are samples of the positions which the American Legion are not only talking about, but working for: Care and training in vocational line, all our disabled comrades and all other sick and incapacitated citizens; protection of the American public from the advances of propaganda designed to undermine our peace and international good will; the Americanization of our immigrants; patriotic instruction in our public schools; federal assistance and control of our public schools; higher pay for teachers commensurate with the important work that they do. The Japanese land question; and the national adjusted compensation; and the elimination of possibilities for profiteers. And many other topics of interest to all the people. Each and every ex-service man will benefit by the activities of the American Legion. If you get the adjusted compensation, you must give the Legion the credit. If the disloyal elements are brought to see the spirit of democracy as you see it, then again credit the American Legion. If you are saved from a war with Japan, the American Legion will have warned the people of their danger in time.

You owe it to yourself and to your comrades to line up, help out, and show the American Legion button to the world as an emblem of Liberty, protection and co-operation. DO IT NOW.

The fact that a veteran who gets into trouble with the law is an ex-service man will not be emphasized by the Associated Press, according to orders issued to its superintendents and correspondents. The American Legion at its second annual convention passed a resolution urging the press to adopt a similar policy.

American Legion members were chosen for office at two California special elections in one week. Walter F. Linberger, past commander of Long Beach Post No. 27, was elected to congress, and Walter C. Smith of Golden Gate Post No. 40, to the state legislature. Two Legion men now represent California in congress and fifteen ex-service men have seats in the state legislature.

Enlisting new members is not difficult for Medford Post No. 7 of the American Legion, which received a prize flag as the most efficient Oklahoma post in a state membership campaign. With a membership of fifteen last September, the post obtained renewals from every member and added fifty-four names to its rolls. Wilken Free Post No. 199, of Gotebo, would have received the prize, had its report been made on time. The Gotebo post renewed its fourteen members and gained seventy-six recruits.

This week T. F. Smith, the Park gardener, has completed transplanting from his hot bed, full grown Oriental red poppies to a suitable place about the Memorial rock. Mr. Smith has also kindly offered a small flag pole to mark the spot and will erect it soon. A flag will be flown over the rock on all suitable occasions.

Ashland Post has received new prices on post flags and stands of colors. The new prices are much lower than previous quotations and encourage us to hope that we may yet find a way to obtain a set before our next annual convention, which will be held in Eugene this year during the first part of July.

Every American Legion post in Kings County, N. Y., has adopted a ward in Fox Hills hospital, Staten Island, N. Y., which shelters more than one thousand disabled veterans of the world war. The Legion members have established a regular schedule of visits, entertainments and gift parties as well as a system of assistance in obtaining compensation and other rights of their comrades.

WHO GETS CHARTER NO. 25 FOR THE AUXILIARY?

We read in last week's issue of the Grants Pass Courier that they HOPE to get Charter No. 25 for their unit, which is to be organized tonight (March 19th). We are mightily pleased to learn that the women are organizing in Grants Pass, but we just think that we have them outpointed for that first Charter. Some time ago the required number of our ladies signed the request for a charter and our application has been in the hands of our national executives for several days. We expect next week to actually have our charter here and the Auxiliary fully organized.

The purpose of the Women's Auxiliary unit is to organize them for their mutual good and to perpetuate American ideals; to render valuable aid to the American Legion in its undertakings, such as entertainments, programs, etc., to help minister to the needs of our disabled veterans and their families; help solve the women's problems in the community; take part in public questions, advancing their merits and improving their demerits; participate in enterprises of charity; co-operate with boards of education in the operation of our schools; and to promote any public enterprise that commands itself to the unit.

If you are a mother, sister or daughter of any ex-service person, whether that ex-service person is a member of the American Legion or not, you are eligible to membership in the auxiliary. It should be a privilege, honor and pleasure to you. Just try naming over those whom you know are eligible to membership and see how far it will take you. You will surely be surprised. Please watch for the date of final organization, it will appear very soon.

The week ending February 26 was one of the most successful in the history of the American Legion and Women's Auxiliary of that organization from the standpoint of new posts and units. Eighty-two posts of the Legion and seventy-three units of the Women's Auxiliary were added. Applications for thirty-two charters for the Auxiliary were received in one day. There are now 10,200 posts and 2,150 units, according to National Headquarters.

Alvin W. Owsley, of Austin, Tex., who was a pioneer in American Legion organization in the southwest, has been appointed assistant director of the Legion's Americanization commission. Mr. Owsley is a speaker of national prominence and acquired special recognition among ex-service men for his efforts in obtaining the passage of a bill in the Texas legislature providing a million and a half dollars for a hospital at Kerrville, Texas.

A meeting of Aarvig-Campbell Post No. 78, of Pontiac, Ill., was the scene of the presentation of the Distinguished Service Cross to Sergeant Isadore Solomon, of that city, who was cited for extraordinary heroism in recovering an airplane message in front of the line near Sammanthe, France, November 4, 1918, in the face of heavy machine gun fire.

Our national commander sends us the following telegram: "Nineteen hundred and twenty-one membership now exceeds four hundred thousand and government of United States acknowledges American Legion greatest single factor for good in nation today. Eyes of the World upon us. I wish you to assume with me responsibility for extending time for removing delinquent members from the mail list of Weekly to April first. In meantime use every means and redouble efforts to get maximum enrollment, old and new. Get everyone on the job and wake them

When the employment bureau of the American Legion in St. Paul enrolled 400 ex-service men out of jobs, O. W. Krause, secretary of the bureau, appealed to the public of St. Paul through the local newspapers. As a result, more than 100 men found employment in one day.

A plan by which thousands of members of the American Legion might be given a free course in government is proposed by Representative Hamilton Flah, Jr. of New York, an American Legion member. Mr. Flah suggests that each member of the house and senate bring a legionnaire to Washington for three months as one of the secretaries permitted him

Picture Places of France in Decay

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PARIS—(By Mail)—The chateau of Versailles and moth Trianons are literally falling to ruins. This is the conclusion of deputy Pierre Ramel's report for the budget of Fine Arts. Ramel told of the ruin of the palace where was spread the splendor of King Louis and where took place a part of France's national history. "In the Prince's court," says Ramel, "one wing is near to collapse; the brick front part is crumbling; through broken windows one can see the old plaster-work of a fallen floor."

"On the side overlooking the park, the northern wing is in similar bad shape; one of the marble columns

wears a wooden corset. "In the park, the statues are frightfully mutilated. The grove of Apollon was menaced last summer when a landslide of about ten meters deep failed to destroy the two famous groups Apollon and the horses of Apollon."

About the Trianons, Ramel showed the theatre of Marie-Antoinette menaced with complete ruin. Night birds are living in the theatre's ceiling which Lagrenne painted. At the Hamlet, the thatched roofs are full of holes. The Mill has lost its ladder-board. The inside of The Guard's House and the Farm is falling in. The stables and kitchens, Madame de Pompadour's menagerie, Marie-Antoinette's orange grove are going, too.

SOUTHERN OREGON CHAMPIONSHIP IS NOW DEFINITELY FIXED

The Ashland High school hoopers made the series of games with Roseburg high 100 per cent pure when they again triumphed over the Roseburg quintet in that city last evening. The final score of 21 to 19 plainly indicates the hard fought game that was played and shows how hard the locals had to work to win out. Coach Hughes deserves great credit for the team he has built for this is the first year that his players have been together and their record will stand comparison with the best.

According to the Roseburg paper, the game played night before last caused more enthusiasm than any game played this season in Southern Oregon. Their paper made special mention of the Ashland crack forwards, Beer and Guthrie, giving the former credit for being one of the best foul flippers competing in the Southern Oregon games.

The Ashland girls' team also were victorious over the young ladies of Roseburg, looking the game by the score of 22 to 18.

Possibilities Of Ashland Are Met With Favor

Benjamin Ripin, who purchased Jesse Winburn's interest in the Ashland development Corporation, arrived in the city Sunday.

He has spent most of his time in looking around Ashland and stated that the reports about the scenic surroundings have not been exaggerated. He is very favorably impressed with the city and those of the citizens whom he has met.

Influenced by the original intention of Mr. Winburn to make Ashland a health resort; since his purchase of the corporation, Mr. Ripin has been carefully studying the systems and developments of such resorts throughout the United States, so that he is in a position, if necessary, to make use of the extensive experience of those successful curative water resorts.

Mr. Ripin is of the opinion with his experience and with the extensive advertising appropriation at his command, he could bring the City of Ashland into prominence and the salubrity of the State of Oregon before the people of the United States.

LIBRARIANS TALK AT FORUM LUNCHEON

Library work in the city, county and state was the theme of discussion at the weekly Chamber of Commerce luncheon yesterday noon at the Hotel Austin.

Ashland was especially fortunate in having as a guest for the day Miss Cornelia Marvin, the state librarian, who is well known to many Ashland people.

Miss Marvin gave a very pleasing talk and at the beginning referred to the fact that Ashland has the second oldest library in the state of Oregon, Portland being the first. An interesting fact in connection with the Ashland library, as stated by Miss Marvin, is that it was started by the Epworth League and turned over to the city, finally established as an association library, November 13, 1891.

Some of the thoughts given by Miss Marvin were that any book now owned by the state of Oregon was available to any person in the state of Oregon, and that this plan would be further increased in value by co-operation of the city, county and state libraries.

The subject of taxation methods of support for schools and libraries was touched upon. A special request was made that study be given to Dr. Owen Adair's bills to come before the electorate in June.

Miss Van Sant of Medford, who is county librarian, spoke particularly of the county work, stating the seven branches and twenty-three stations have been established in the county, although this is the first year of the county library work.

Miss Blanche Hicks, Ashland's librarian, spoke of the work of the Ashland library, stating that during the past winter the circulation of the library had increased twenty-five per cent. Part of this increase was accounted for by added population and part by special work in the schools.

Miss Marvin visited the high school after the luncheon and spoke to the student body, calling attention of the students to the fact that they should study the problems that are confronting our country and the world at the present time.

The first subject she mentioned was that of taxation, and that was applied particularly to the support of our school system with its increasing demands.

How shall the money be raised? Miss Marvin advocated an income tax believing that all persons should contribute to the support of schools and that it should not be confined to those owning a house or a farm.

The second topic mentioned was the Japanese question and its relation to world questions and reconstruction. The average Japanese school child knows more about the history and the characters of our country than scarcely anyone does about Japan. It is of the greatest importance that we should study and know about China, Japan, Korea and all these other countries.

Dress Making Class Closes

The dressmaking classes which have been so successfully carried on for the past month under the auspices of the Parent-Teachers' association will close this week. These classes have met with the heartiest cooperation of the women of Ashland and have been in such high favor that many petitions have been made to have the classes continued or repeated in the near future.

This action is under advisement of the association, and anyone wishing to take up a course in sewing in another class this spring is asked to telephone to Mrs. Louis Dodge this week, so that plans may be made to organize another class.

STOCKMEN HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

The stockmen of the Keene Creek Cattle and Horse Association held their annual meeting at the Neil Creek school house last Saturday. Officers for the ensuing year were elected, and resulted as follows: President, H. W. Barton; vice president, M. M. Tucker; secretary and treasurer, Fred C. Homes; advisory board, Butler Walker, A. R. Kincaid, Edwin Dunn and A. B. Brown.

Some 25 stockmen are members of this association, and this year nearly 1500 head of cattle will be permitted on the Keene Creek range. Ranger Peachey was present at this meeting, representing Forest Supervisor Hugh R. Rankin. Mr. Peachey discussed questions of much importance to the stockmen, and several decisions relative to range usage of much benefit to the Stock association were reached. Cattle will be turned onto the forest about June 15.

ELECT OFFICERS FOR ORGANIZATION

The Ashland Chamber of Commerce members were hosts at a luncheon at the Hotel Austin today afternoon when the "Preserving the Scenery Association" were its guests and completed their organization. Plates were laid for 25. Out of town guests included Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Linds and Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Frobach of Medford, Messrs. Alex Sparrow and H. B. Rankin of the Crater Lake and Forest service, and Deans Bexell and Prof. Peck of O. A. C.

During the luncheon permanent officers were elected as follows: President, Benjamin F. Linds; vice president, Mrs. L. C. Williams; secretary and treasurer, H. O. Frobach. A further meeting takes place in Chauntauque Pioneer hall, where discussions of interest are being held and business of importance planned.

SPRING AFFECTS HIGH SCHOOL POST

The following was composed by a local high school boy who had a big inspiration:

"Lies of schoolboys all remind us, We can make our lies get by us, when lying for an excuse, We can sing the 'bluff' sky high."