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* THE PEOPLE'S FORUM. *

THE COMMUNITY CHEST."

Editor Tidings—Our Chamber of

Commerce recently asked the resi-

dents of Ashland to vote as to whether

or no the Community Chest plan be

adopted to meet demands on us in

support of various charities. The

vote returned endorsed the plan, but

by such a small majority that the

Chamber's board of directors are in

doubt as to what course should be

pursued.

Our citizens will recall that two

years ago we organized what we

called "The Ashland Patriotic Fund"

and there was actually paid into this

fund over \$18,000, and the entire

expense incurred in soliciting, col-

lecting and disbursing this fund

amounted to less than \$50.

Operating under the above plan,

hundreds of dollars were saved that,

under the "separate drive," we

would have had to meet in connec-

tion with expenses of speakers, ad-

vertising, etc. Our citizens were

spared the annoyance of repeated

demands on them for subscriptions

and, too, our public spirited workers

were spared the work of making re-

peated soliciting trips. Reviewing the

distribution of this large amount of

money; there was at times some dif-

ference of opinion among the mem-

bers of the board of directors, but

these differences were honest one

and there was a conscientious desire

on the part of every member of the

board to do what was right and to

use the money as its donors would

approve. Undoubtedly some mistakes

of judgment occurred but I think the

subscribers to the fund very gen-

erally approved its distribution.

Operating under the "Community

Chest" plan the southern portion of

Jackson county—the Ashland-Talien-

Phoenix district—met all demands

promptly, and we are proud of the

record we made.

Now, what of the future? The war

is over and there is no longer de-

mand or need to support many of

the activities we were called upon to

help during the war period, but from

time to time we will be called upon to contribute to the support of

worthy charities. There is no ques-

tion in my mind but that the people

of Ashland and vicinity will respond

to these calls in the future as they

have in the past but what method

shall be adopted for the raising of

funds?

It is to be regretted that a larger

percentage of the people did not ex-

press themselves through the refer-

endum vote for a really decisive vote;

either for or against the adoption of

the "Community Chest" plan, which

would have been interpreted by the

The Needless Misery
That Women Bear

WHEN the household cares and the worries of everyday life have dragged you down, made you unhappy, and there is nothing in life but headache, backache and worry, turn to the right prescription, one gotten up by Doctor Pierce over years ago.

Dr. Pierce of Buffalo, N. Y., long since found out what is naturally best for women's diseases. He learned it all thru treating thousands of cases. The result of his studies was a medicine called Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. This medicine is made of vegetable growths that nature surely intended for backache, headache, weakening pains, and for many disorders common to women in all ages of life. Sold by druggists in tablet and liquid form. Send Dr. Pierce 10¢ for trial package.

Prospects Bright
For Oil Strike

Reports from the Trigona oil well at Ferns valley are very optimistic, according to those who are keeping in touch with developments in that region. A fine showing is being made in the drilling, according to Judge E. E. Kelly, who has charge of the operations, and the latter states that indications point to the producing oil zone being reached at no great distance farther.

It is stated the drill had recently passed through a heavy showing of asphaltum, often called tar, which is the second showing of this character since late in January, and is now making fair progress through a hard, impervious sand rock formation. According to oil experts, these asphaltum and hard rock formations cover the oil zones in nearly all the large producing wells that have been struck.

Judge Kelly states that the hard sand rock formation, through which the drill is passing, is one of the best indications that oil is below. Drill-

"This country is very rich in oil, and oil wells are being established as rapidly as they can get machinery. We see boats from all countries in the port, but the American destroyers look the best to me.

"I shall be in Ashland this spring if nothing happens.

"Sincerely,

CARLES F. FRALEY."

Paving to Resume
In Jackson County

these two points:

C. A. Dunn, superintendent of the paving construction in this section, has been in Portland for the past week or so, arranging for the work to start up here as soon as the weather permits.

Reports from down the valley state that Shell & Calvert have resumed paving near Foothills creek, between Gold Hill and Rogue River. This is on the five-mile strip between Medford and Grant's Pass that was not completed last fall, and which the contractors expect to finish in August. The paving of these links will complete the Pacific highway paving from Grant's Pass to the California line, and these are scattered between

Chamber's directors as instructions to follow. Speaking individually, I have felt that Ashland should again raise and disburse its funds under the "Community Chest" plan and I feel reasonably sure that a large percentage of those who have given the matter serious consideration favor it, but I can only express this as my opinion and I do not know how we can go about it to arrive at a definite knowledge of how a majority of our people feel about it.

Of course we do not need to raise any such amount of money as we did two years ago, but all will agree that some provision must be made to meet the demands that will be made upon us in worthy causes.

A national campaign is now on for the raising of a fund for the "Near East Relief" and for the staying Chinese and surely, this is an appeal that we cannot ignore. Mr. Edgar H. Piper, editor of the Oregonian and M. A. L. Mills, president of First National Bank of Portland, have been named by President Harding to lead in the raising of Oregon's quota of this fund. Writing to us under recent date, Mr. Piper says:

"I trust that in considering the matter of contributing to this fund there may come to the people of Ashland and vicinity the same sensation that came to me when I was asked by the president to co-operate with Mr. Mills in making this appeal to the state. It is, to say the least, an unusual feeling to realize that the lives of thousands of men and women have been placed in your hands. It is a responsibility we did not seek, but it is one we could not refuse.

"I am sure that the people of the Ashland District will realize that favorable action in contributing to this fund means that many children will live while a failure to act would mean the death of many of those who can look only to us for life. Just as the people of the state, by their laws, can place in the hands of the governor the lives of men condemned to die, so the president has placed in our hands, and we in turn, the lives of these condemned, through no fault of their own, to the most hideous of deaths."

We must meet this appeal for funds, shall we do it by a drive in behalf of this cause alone, or shall we attempt a reorganization of the "Community Chest" plan? We must take some action, and we should take it at once.

E. V. CARTER.

Church Baseball
League Will Be
Coming Feature

The local branch of the Y. M. C. A. yesterday to get the Ashland Y. M. C. A. athletic league organized and started to work. A constitution and by-laws were adopted, and plans were laid for getting the churches arranged for their baseball teams.

The league is divided into senior and junior departments, the senior including all over 15 years of age and the juniors including all under 15 years. The schedule committee will arrange a series of games to be played between the different churches of the town during the coming season.

A great interest was shown by the different members of the board, which resulted in a challenge being given before the meeting was adjourned.

FRIDAY'S NEWS
Charming Home Wedding

The home of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Pracht on Vista street was the scene of a handsome home wedding last evening when their niece, Miss Maxine Pracht, became the bride of Harry Silver. The ceremony took place at 8:30 o'clock before the immediate relatives of the bride and groom, Rev. P. K. Hammond of Trinity Episcopal church read the beautiful ring service. The young couple plighted

SOCIETY

SATURDAY'S NEWS

Orchestra Pleased Audience.

The University of Oregon orchestra, which appeared in the Armory last night under the management of our own John Anderson, and direction of Rex Underwood, more than fulfilled its promise of providing a delightful evening of music and entertainment. The program was sufficiently versatile to afford anticipation and not cause satiety, and the audience expressed its pleasure by a recall of practically every number.

The orchestral work was on a par with professionals, and shows excellent training and unity. Individual talent was expressed by combinations of musical instruments and solos. The cello quartet was one of the delightful features, and made more interesting from the fact that John Anderson, well known Ashland boy, is a member of this quartet.

Frank Jue, the Chinese lyric tenor, responded to repeated calls from the audience, whose good nature finally allowed the sweet singer to retire on account of weariness, not because they had had enough of his singing. Alberta Potter, the violin soloist, was one of the most pleasing numbers, while the trombone solo by Herbert Hacker, and the brass sextette brought down the house. The entertainment was altogether a most pleasing one, and Ashland exhibited the warm feeling she has for the university by her response to the orchestral concert.

Missionary Meeting.

The Missionary Society of the Christian church held an interesting session in the church on B street yesterday afternoon. The meeting was led by Mrs. W. L. Headley, with Mrs. Katherine Morrison, Mrs. F. M. Wright and Miss May Benedict appearing on the program.

Off to the Hills.

A company of students from the Senior High school started out early this morning with hiking outfit and lunch boxes to make a trip to the hills, the exact destination being kept to their knowledge.

The party consisted of Miss Geraldine Ruch, biology teacher in the schools, and Misses Etha Abbott, Kee and Kate Buchanan, Throat and Alice Slingerland and June McFadden.

Dinner Party.

Mrs. P. K. Hammond entertained the Girls' Friendly Society with a dinner at the parish house Wednesday evening. Plates were laid for 18, and Mrs. Hammond was assisted by Misses Agnes Hedberg and Alice Poor. After the dinner Miss Katherine Miller gave an interesting talk on Honolulu.

WEDNESDAY'S NEWS

Betrothals Announced.

The Honolulu Star Bulletin of March 19 contains the following items of interest concerning two former Ashland young people:

"Two engagements of interest to Honolulu folk were announced this week. Miss Frances Hamlin, a teacher at St. Andrew's Priory, made known her betrothal to Kenneth Day, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Day.

"At a tea given this afternoon for Miss Hamlin at the C. J. Day home, Miss Olive Day announced her engagement to Mr. Jan Mowatt of Honolulu."

Both Mr. Mowatt and Miss Hamlin are from Ashland and have been in Honolulu for several years.

Observed First Birthday.

Bobby, little son of Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Burdick, Jr., celebrated his first birthday anniversary last Monday, March 28, 1921, at which time a number of ladies and gentlemen among his contemporaries were invited at his home on High street in order to give the notable event the honor due. These latter, on account of their tender years were chaperoned by their mothers, who assisted in the festivities which consisted of an Easter egg hunt in which Miss Millie Peters found the most eggs.

Snapshots of the babies at play on the lawn were taken, after which the company assembled around the dining table, which was handsomely decorated for the occasion. Place cards consisting of baby chicks were at each plate. Mrs. W. M. Briggs and Mrs. V. V. Mills assisted Mrs. Burdick in entertaining the guests, and during refreshments Mrs. Briggs sang a charming solo.

Bobby received many beautiful gifts as tokens of the day. The little friends present at the party were Helen Dunn, Lois Fahs, Jeanette Hastings, Louise Mitchell, Jean Weber, Millicent Peters, Margaret Norton, Mildred Peasey, Jack Stevens and Donald McWilliams.

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their troth in the midst of profusions of peach blossoms and calla lilies. Little Sylvia Storm accompanied the bride and groom to the altar where she presented the wedding ring at the proper place in the service. The bridal couple entered the room to the strains of "O, Promise Me," sung by Louise Horner on the Victrola. The bride wore a beautiful gown of white organdy and carried a bouquet of flesh colored bride roses.</