

MERCHANTS FORM CREDIT ASSOCIATION AT SPRINGS CITY

ASHLAND, March 29.—"We, the undersigned, do hereby express our wish to become members of the Ashland Business Men's association, and hereby agree to abide by the constitution and by-laws of the association, which stands for the betterment of business conditions, both from the merchants' and consumers' standpoints."

The logical outcome of the foregoing preamble, liberally signed by the business element here, was a rally at Moose hall last Friday evening, where the Ashland Business Men's association was launched. L. H. Merriek of Portland, secretary of the Oregon State Retail Merchants' association, was present and assisted the local men to organize, addressing them in the most optimistic and complimentary terms.

Officers Are Chosen

L. S. Brown is president; F. J. Shinn and C. W. Nims, vice-presidents; M. E. Briggs, secretary; H. G. Enders, Jr., treasurer. Directors are A. L. Lamb, W. H. McNair, A. C. Ninninger, J. H. McGee and Henry Provost. A membership committee includes W. H. McNair, C. W. Nims, F. J. Shinn, A. C. Ninninger and W. Y. Crowson.

Over sixty were present at the initial meeting, thirty-five lines of business being represented. Among those who signed the call for the gathering were: Nims & Saunders, grocers; H. G. Enders & Son, department store; J. J. McNair, druggist; Briggs & Shinn, boots and shoes; L. J. Orres, merchant tailor; E. E. Miller, baker; C. B. Wolf, Ashland Record; J. F. Patty, second hand goods; H. T. Baughman, clothier; J. N. Dennis, grocer; Ashland Trading Co., general merchandise; Morris & Lidstrom, garage; Emil Peil, implements; Loomis & Nelson, grocers; Bert R. Greer, Ashland Tidings; Holmes Bros., grocers; A. R. Brown Meat Co.; William Flaekus, grocer; W. Y. Crowson, confectioner; Ninninger & Robertson, grocers; F. L. Camps, Ford garage; E. R. Greive, cigar manufacturer; A. L. Lamb, blacksmith; Provost Bros., hardware; McNair Bros., druggists; J. B. Leenhower, second hand goods; J. H. McGee, dry goods.

Plan Monthly Banquet

Not over half the field has been canvassed, and the committee on membership will go to work accordingly to round up the whole bunch. The event concluded with a banquet and smoker, which will be a feature of each monthly gathering, the stewards of the association having made arrangements with the ladies' societies of the various churches to furnish the banquet requisite in rotation.

L. S. Brown of the Ashland Trading Co., originated this association proposition and has worked early and late for its establishment here, having realized the importance of the movement by virtue of its success in other localities in the way of getting the business men together on a broad-gauge platform, thus eliminating piques and jealousies.

Medford Visitors

Messrs. E. N. Warner, Earl Gaddis, John C. Mann, William F. Isaacs, E. F. Schmidt, H. C. Behling and others from the Medford association came over to help install the Ashland body, and their comments and advice in the premises were most opportune, inasmuch as they are actively identified with one of the most progressive and successful associations in the state.

The next meeting of the Ashland association will be held on April 9, at which time a constitution and by-laws will be adopted.

WAR PURCHASES SEND STOCKS UP

NEW YORK, March 29.—A further rise of over 7 points in Bethlehem Steel was the dominant feature of today's early operations. The stock rose to 82, a new high record and 15 points above its price of last Friday. Further realization of the company's increasing business and short covering contributed to today's movement. Another specialty, General Motors, added seven points to Saturday's 8 point rise. Prices shaded in the general list before the end of the half hour.

SIoux FALLS THEATER DESTROYED BY FIRE

SIoux FALLS, S. D., March 29.—The Majestic theater here was destroyed by fire early today. Loss \$35,000. A stock company lost all of its wardrobe.

FIELD WORK FOR VALLEY SCHOOLS NOW UNDER WAY

Professor L. P. Harrington stopped off in the county on Thursday and Friday of last week on his return from a tour of Klamath county. Mr. Harrington and County Superintendent Wells visited Rogue River, Foot's creek, Gold Hill and the Dardanelles on Thursday, and TaTient, Howard school, Central Point and Eagle Point on Friday, and found enthusiastic boys and girls in every school. Talent and Gold Hill each have over forty enrolled in the project work, and it is predicted that the number of project workers in the county this year will be several times as many as last year. Gold Hill, Rogue River, Talent and Eagle Point are already making plans for big local fairs. At Eagle Point Mr. Harrington gave his lecture, illustrated by stereoscopic views, to the assembled boys and girls and parents, it being the occasion of the regular Parent-Teachers' association.

The state department has just received from the press a new and attractive bulletin on the project work in the state. It includes the pictures of the project winners last year, and their records, including those of Claus Charley and Audley Meyers. Of especial local interest is the picture and the account of the Persist exhibit, which was shown with a placard announcing that it had some 350 miles by mail. Teachers should apply early for this bulletin, as the supply will soon be exhausted.

PUEBLO BANK CLOSES DOORS FOLLOWING RUN

PUEBLO, Colo., March 29.—The Mercantile National bank closed its doors here today, following the beginning of a run by depositors. C. C. Slaughter, the cashier, resigned several days ago, and since then a national bank examiner is said to have been going over the affairs of the institution.

The bank is capitalized at \$200,000, and its last statement gave deposits of \$1,313,850.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

Reported by Jackson County Abstract Co., Sixth and Fir Sts.

Real Estate Transfers

W. H. Johnson et ux to Rose Baldwin, land in sec. 25-38-4W. \$2,500
Mrs. A. M. Cherry to F. O. Slade et al., land in sec. 5-39-1E. 300
Hibernia Savings Bank to W. N. Jones, land in twps. 33-34-2W. 10
Wm. Jones et ux to Nettie Gall, land in sec. 32-33-2W. 40
Mary E. O'Neil to W. W. Robinson, land in East Medford 1
Mabel Broback et vir to W. J. Lingerfelt, land in sec. 23-38-2W. 10

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SOUTHERN PACIFIC TO SHOW MOVIES OF TOWNS ON LINE

All of the communities along the lines of the Southern Pacific will be represented on the motion picture and lecture program being given free to the public at that company's building in the Panama-Pacific international exposition. Competent speakers each day at intervals of about one hour apart are explaining to visitors from the east and middle west, as well as from coast points, what a land of wealth and opportunity is to be found west of the Rocky mountains. The motion pictures have been taken mostly for this special purpose and from their variety are of the liveliest interest to both tourist and prospective settler.

No charge whatever is made for admission. The Southern Pacific's object has been only to render a service by exploiting the advantages of the communities it traverses, believing that by encouraging visitors to see the natural advantages of the

west it has thereby sufficiently served its own interest.

Sunset theater seats 350 persons. The programs start every hour, beginning at 11 in the morning and ending at 6 in the evening, when all exposition buildings are closed for the night illuminations.

Besides the theater, the Southern Pacific building houses ticket and validation offices, capable of rendering any service on the exposition grounds that could be given by the largest downtown city ticket office. The visitor may safely leave his mail sent to the information bureau to be there held until he calls for it. The bureau will also give him any data he may need both on the fair and on the cities nearby.

GREEKS ORDER ALLIES CRIPPLED SHIPS OUT

BERLIN, March 29.—The Overseas News agency today gave out the following:

"Information has been received from Constantinople to the effect that the Greek government has ordered that the damaged French and British warships which put in at Salonika must leave port within twenty-four hours. The ships were towed to Malta."

VON KLUCK STRUCK BY SHRAPNEL SHOT IN VISIT TO TRENCHES

BERLIN, March 29.—The report of the progress of the fighting issued from headquarters today relates among other things that General Von Kluck, the German commander who led the famous German rush into France in the early days of the war, has been slightly wounded by shrapnel fire while inspecting advance positions of his army.

The condition of the general is described as satisfactory.

"On the west front the day of yesterday passed rather quietly. Only in the Argonne and in Lorraine were there minor engagements, and these were successful for the Germans. General Von Kluck was slightly wounded by shrapnel while inspecting advanced positions of his army, his condition is satisfactory.

"German troops have stormed Taugrogen, across the Russian frontier

northeast of Tilsit, and taken 300 Russian prisoners.

"A Russian attack on the railroad from Wirballen to Kovno, at a point near Pilwiski, broke down.

"The Russians suffered heavy losses in the Krasnopol district. More than 1000 Russians were taken prisoners, among them being a squadron of lancers with their horses and five machine guns.

"A Russian attack on the northwest of Cieshanow was repulsed."

ALABAMA IS SENT TO ENFORCE NEUTRALITY

PHILADELPHIA, March 29.—The battleship Alabama, which was given hurry orders Saturday night to sail to Hampton Roads to enforce American neutrality, left the Philadelphia navy yard at 9 a. m. today. The battleship is well stocked with provisions and has aboard a large supply of ammunition and coal.

The Alabama was in reserve when the order came and had on board only a skeleton crew. This necessitated the drafting of men from the battleships Kentucky, Kearsarge, Illinois, Missouri, Ohio and Wisconsin. The navy yard made a record in getting the Alabama away.

TURKEY DENIES RIOTING, URAMIAH

WASHINGTON, March 29.—The Turkish government denies that there has been any disorders at Urumiah, Persia. Ambassador Morgenthau at Constantinople cabled the state department today that the grand visier had so informed on the strength of a report made to him by the Turkish war office.

Mr. Morgenthau reported that further instructions that order must be maintained had been sent to Urumiah at his request and that regular Turkish troops were on their way to the scene.

News dispatches from Tiflis and reports to the Presbyterian board of foreign missions in New York have told of atrocities committed upon Christians at the American and French missions at Urumiah by irregular Turkish troops and Kurds. In response to appeals for protection the state department directed Ambassador Morgenthau to ask the Porte to send troops.

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