

# COMMUNITY CHEST DEFEATED, PLAN OF AID IS PROPOSED

The community chest proposition was defeated in the Chamber of Commerce referendum by 18 votes. Although there were 291 members, who voted at the final election for directors of the Chamber of Commerce, not all of them voted on the referendum of the community chest. There were 180 votes canvassed on the referendum, which made a vote of 81 necessary for a decision. Of the total 81 were cast in favor of the establishment of a community chest, whereas 89 voted in opposition to same.

A great deal of satisfaction is being expressed because of the decisive vote on the question, as no room is now left for an argument to again bring up the same for discussion. Had the community chest been adopted by a narrow margin, there would have been grave doubt of its success with comparatively strong sentiment against it.

The opposition have now offered this solution for organizations to secure financial support in the community. A committee from the Chamber of Commerce should investigate every request made for funds. It should approve or disapprove the request. Public announcement should be made of the committee's action, and in case of an approval, then such organization should be permitted to collect funds through the columns of the newspaper, but not by means of a campaign or drive as was common during the war period.

The opposition to the community chest was to a great extent due to a disfavor of organized drives because of the coercion and pressure used to force people to donate to causes in which their sympathies were not entirely in favor.

**New Directors Elected.**  
As a result of the final election, the following were elected directors of the Medford Chamber of Commerce for a two-year term: C. E. Gates, John C. Mann, E. C. Gaddis, George L. Treichler, Wm. G. Tait, Frank P. Farrell and T. W. Miles. Of this list who were formerly members of the board and were re-elected were C. E. Gates and George L. Treichler.

There was a total of 261 members voted, which is over 50 per cent of the membership and which is a remarkable record. The votes of four members had to be thrown out because of their failure to pay their dues to April 1.

The old board of directors will remain in charge of the affairs of the Chamber of Commerce until the annual meeting, which will take place in the early part of next month. This will give them an opportunity to complete their work for the year and verify the annual reports, which are now being prepared.

At the first meeting of the hold-

over and newly elected directors, they will organize and elect the officers for the year, which calls for a president, vice-president and treasurer. The election of the directors was a close race for the candidates, all of whom were leading citizens of the community. The election of any seven of the sixteen candidates would have placed strong men at the helm of the Chamber.



**"Stop Thief" at Page**  
"Stop Thief! Leave Me My Diaphragm!" That will be your speechless cry when you see smiling Tom Moore at the Page theatre tomorrow in his newest comedy, based on the famous farce, "Stop Thief!" The combination of star and comedy is a veritable thief of laughter in that you will laugh until your diaphragm is so sore you can't laugh any more. It's a wholesome farce that will please every taste from grandmother to little Johnny. A furtive tear appears here and there as the very engaging crook and his sweetheart pleads that the robbery of the wedding presents was to have been their last "haul" before marrying and becoming respectable members of society. All the loot is restored and they are forgiven—and married—but oh, boy! the fun that is unrolled first!

**Dorothy Gish at Rialto**  
We announce the coming to the Rialto theater for three days beginning tomorrow of Dorothy Gish in one of the finest comedies of the year, "The Ghost in the Garret."

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Don't overlook this feature—or you'll regret it for a long time.

**The Sweetheart Shop**  
The fourth and positively last week of "The Sweetheart Shop" begins tonight at the Columbia. Through the efforts of the theater management, contracts for this musical attraction were changed in several nearby cities in order to hold the play another week. It will not play Oakland. After leaving San Francisco, the attraction will go east by way of Medford, Portland and Seattle and settle down in Chicago for twenty weeks.—San Francisco Call.

# D. O. K. K. BAND A FEATURE, GRANTS PASS JUBILATION

The fame of the D. O. K. K. band, of Medford, is reaching beyond its local environment as is disclosed in its engagement for a ball to be given at Grants Pass, Tuesday evening, April 6. The affair is being promoted by members of the K. of P. order of Grants Pass, and the event is to be the one big event of the year in the "It's the Climate" city. Not only the D. O. K. K. band will make the trip, but also the brigand patrol team, all wearing their gorgeous Arabic costumes. A street parade will be given in the evening to advertise the event, and in exhibition of fancy drills will be put on by the well trained brigands.

The event is the forerunner of other affairs to be given preliminary to a D. O. K. K. ceremonial, which will be celebrated by the Medford Temple at Etna Mills on May 7, next, where about 100 Tyros are to be rounded up from among the K. of P. lodges of northern California, and initiated into the Medford Temple. Great preparations are being made by the members of the order of Etna Mills to make the ceremonial not only a great success from the fraternal order view point, but also as a means of bringing closer together the two sections of northern California and southern Oregon into better acquaintance and understanding, and to that end an invitation has been extended to all members to bring along their ladies with the promise that suitable entertainment will be provided for all who may come. It is expected that at least 200 D. O. K. K.'s with the band, brigands, officers, votaries, tyros and their ladies will accept the hospitality of Etna Mills on the occasion of the ceremonial.

# REQUEST RELEASE ERWIN BERGDOLL

KANSAS CIT, Mar. 26.—Whether mailing of a post card constituted sufficient notification of a summons to the colors under the selective draft act is the principal point involved for decision in habeas corpus proceedings on call in federal court in Kansas City, Kas., today to bring about the release from prison of Erwin Bergdoll of Philadelphia. Bergdoll, brother of Grover Bergdoll, draft evader now in Germany, is serving a five-year sentence.

The white race is decreasing more rapidly than the yellow or black.



**COLORFUL GOWN**  
Brown chifon velvet has combined with Georgette in batik pattern of orange and dull blue to make this attractive robe. The small, draped jacket of velvet goes into a train at the back which has a lining of orange silk. Bands of brown taffeta make the cuffs and finish the bottom of the skirt.

# CHILDREN AID MOTHER KILLING STEPFATHER

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Mar. 26.—Casper Diddia, 14 years old, confessed today, according to the police that he helped his mother club to death his stepfather, Joseph Scallibus, last night. Then, according to the confession, he and his brother James, 9 years old, placed the body in a toy wagon and carted it to the railroad yards, where they left it. The body was found early today by a switching crew.

New Zealand estimates its loss of population due to the war and influenza epidemic of 50,000.

The United States constitution gives congress the right to regulate weights and measures.

Many of the best grades of waste paper are used as pure substitutes for ground wood pulp.

# JURY AWARD IS \$42,203, AGAINST CHESTER C. KUBLI

A jury in the circuit court Friday afternoon returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff in the civil suit of the state bank examiners, by F. C. Bramwell, against Chester C. Kubli, Applegate stockman. The jury awarded the plaintiff the full amount sought, \$42,203.72. The jury deliberated about an hour.

The defendant was the only witness for the defense, and Kubli was on the stand but a few minutes. He claimed that a check for \$2000, given him by Louis Neidermeyer, for 1000 head of sheep, had not been credited to his account. No definite record could be found of the check, and attorneys for both sides concentrated on this sum—its allowance, or rejection. Other obligations were admitted.

The feature of the trial was the testimony of W. H. Johnson, ex-warehouse of the bank, whose bearing on the witness stand made a good impression, and whose memory of affairs connected with the bank bordered on the marvelous. It was admitted that without his assistance the state's case would have been weakened.

The next case on the docket is that of F. C. Bramwell against A. W. Walker, and is the last of the civil suits in connection with the failure of the bank.

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