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WHAT OUR NEIGH- BORS ARE DOING

Tersely Told by Conscientious Correspondents

LITTLE APPLEGATE

Miss Almeda Fuller, the Rural Supervisor was visiting schools in this part of the county last week.

The farmers are taking advantage of these few sunny days to get the bladed crops in.

Joe Goldsby is moving his family to Jacksonville where they will occupy part of the house of Mrs. Anna Schmidt, who is sister of Mrs. Goldsby.

A number of people from this vicinity are attending court this week.

Mrs. F. E. Pursell of Rich is visiting her sister, Mrs. Roland Mitchell this week.

A. S. Kleinhammer is having quite a bit of land cleared on his ranch. The work is being done by local contractors.

Wm Heckman recently purchased a ranch from J. W. Goldsby.

Ralph Jennings is serving on the jury in the circuit court this week.

EAGLE POINT

About twenty ladies met at the home of Mrs. Frank Brown and organized a Ladies Improvement club, its object being civic betterment.

John Howard, a civil war veteran living near Eagle Point, made a trip to Medford Thursday.

Mr. Mynning, a civil engineer superintending the construction of the Crater Lake highway, was in this city on business Friday.

C. M. Speck and C. J. Brommer of Medford were in this section in quest of cattle.

Charles Delin has ten men working on the highway near the Cingade hill and expects to put on a full crew as soon as the weather is more settled.

C. A. Pickle, meter reader for the power company, made an official visit to this city Thursday.

Charles Brown of Medford, agent for Fordson tractors, was a business caller Thursday.

Dr. J. F. Reddy was an Eagle Point visitor last week.

ASHLAND

Prof. A. R. Sweetzer and Prof. George Butler, of athletics, from the State University, were in Ashland last week, the former addressing the high school.

It is announced that Hillah Temple will hold a ceremonial at Eugene on May 28. A number of candidates will be initiated.

Mrs. W. H. Leeds and sons left for their home in San Diego Wednesday, after the death of Mr. Leeds in this city recently.

Miss Verna Gilman of this city has gone to Eugene, where she has a position as stenographer at the telephone exchange.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Lowe and son George left Friday for a vacation in the east, which will extend over several months.

Mr. and Mrs. Claire Beebe, who have been spending a brief vacation

in Ashland after a year's sojourn in Africa, leave soon for New York, where they will take ship for Mexico.

A number of Ashland citizens attended the organization of the Scenic Preservation Society of Jackson County in Medford last week. The next meeting is scheduled for this city on March 18.

First Company is planning an informal opening of the Armory on March 1 and 1500 invitations have been issued. Company inspection, drills and a boxing contest, followed by a dance, makes up the program.

The members of the basketball team enjoyed a banquet at the Hotel Austin recently, with G. S. Butler as host.

Elmer Hobbs, trainman on the Southern Pacific, was recently called to Oklahoma by the illness of his mother.

The Plaza pool hall is closed in accordance with an order posted by the sheriff as creditors have foreclosed on a loan to the establishment.

The poultry convention held here last Saturday was a huge success. A corps of officers and directors, composed of poultry men from all over the valley were elected.

Revival services are in full swing at the Methodist church, conducted by the pastor, Rev. Edwards, who is assisted by Rev. Bennett. Nearly a hundred young people from Grants Pass were in attendance Friday night.

Farm Loan Act Declared Valid

Washington.—The farm loan act, designed to assist agricultural development by providing readily accessible credits to farmers through federal land banks, was declared valid by the supreme court.

In an opinion, which Commissioner Lobdell of the farm loan board declared removed every shadow of question as to the legality of the banks or their bonds, the court held congress had authority to establish the land banks and to exempt the bonds from state taxation.

He announced there would be an immediate issue of farm loan bonds to finance the hundreds of millions of dollars in loans approved by the board.

Farm loans aggregating more than \$50,000,000 have been held up since May, 1920, as a result of the suit.

Applications to this amount were pending when Commissioner Lobdell announced at a conference of farm loan officials here that official approval would be withheld pending a decision of the court.

Officials placed the total amount of loans to farmers held in abeyance by the suit at many times \$50,000,000, however, the receipt of applications having stopped with Commissioner Lobdell's announcement. On March 1, 1920, the farm loan board reported that \$122,897,000 had been advanced to 75,384 farmers and that applications from 179,734 persons then pending totaled \$471,000,000.

31 People Killed in Train Wreck

Porter, Ind.—Thirty-seven bodies were recovered from the wreck Sunday night when the Canadian and the Interstate Limited, on the Michigan Central and the New York Central lines, respectively, crashed at a crossing here.

Some seven of eight of the bodies which were badly mutilated, may never be identified.

The Michigan Central train had been derailed by the automatic block system. It plunged ahead on the ties until it came to rest across the New York Central right of way, with two day coaches at the point of intersection.

At nearly sixty miles an hour, the New York Central train came on, the glare of its headlight warning many of the doomed passengers, who leaped from their seats. One or two reached the doors, but not one escaped the crash.

The wreck occurred at this lonely junction point, which is about 50 miles from Chicago.

The accident was caused, according to railway officials, when the Michigan Central train crew failed to observe stop signals at the intersection of the two roads and was thrown onto the New York Central tracks from the derail switch.

"Old Jim"

(Contributed)

Old Jim was all we ever called him. Oh, he might have had a regular name, like the rest of us, sometime in his life, but we had all forgotten what it was. When we would look out the store window and see him shuffling along the pavement we would look at one another and say, "There goes Old Jim."

Old Jim was stooped and feeble now. A gray beard covered his face and a few thin locks of silver fell from under the battered old hat that he always wore. He was wrinkled and thin and the cane on which he leaned shook constantly in his trembling hands.

We never knew much about Old Jim. We knew that he had a little hut far up on the mountain side, and that almost every day he would creep down into Jacksonville, stand for awhile at the corner near the bank, get a few provisions, and then climb slowly back to the hills.

It was a pleasant day in early spring when we first missed Old Jim. Several days passed and the familiar form failed to appear. We thought he must be sick and decided to go out and look for him. So one bright morning we took the winding trail that led to his cabin. There was no sign of life as we approached. What a miserable shack it was. Just a few boards leaning against the rafters. High up in one wall was a tiny window, and the door looked across the valley to Rocky Ann and a snow-capped peak that peered over the summit. We opened the door and looked around. In the corner on a ragged bed was the still, frail form of Old Jim. We thought he was dead, but as we came to the bedside he smiled a wan, weak smile and beckoned us to sit down.

"Listen, pards, I want to tell you something. I'm a go'n' fast. But if you ever get back to Indiana, tell Maggie, if you see her that Jim never blamed her at all. 'Cause Old Jim never was no good. I told her to wait for me until I made my pile in the west. And, pard, I struck her rich in Jacksonville. I was go'n' back, but the old town was a wild one in those days, and down next the old bank was a dance hall—I met the other one there. I forgot all about Maggie. I never even answered her letters. And the other one, she cleaned me out and ran away with Sam, a fellow who had the faro game. Then I wrote to Maggie—I was going back sure this time. At last her letter came. She was married.

"That was a long time ago, boys, but I'm go'n' home now. I saw the old place again last night. Mother was singing in the kitchen, I could hear dad a whistling in the barn and Maggie was waving to me from the gate. Her sunbonnet was off and the sun was shining through her hair making it look like spun gold. I could smell the roses in the garden. Pards, hold me up—won't you hold me up. Look there—over there. It's Maggie."

That was the last word he said. A bee came lastly humming in at the door. A snow-white cloud seemed to cling to the top of Rocky Ann. Far below we heard the faint whirr of a car. We laid him gently back on his bed.

Poor Old Jim had gone home.

Council Names Clean-up Day

At the regular monthly council meeting held at the city hall Tuesday evening of this week it was decided to designate Friday and Saturday, March 18th and 19th as clean-up days, at which time citizens are asked to devote their energies to thoroughly cleaning and beautifying their premises. In this matter the council stands ready to lend any aid in its power and on the days specified will furnish wagons for the transportation of rubbish and garbage free of charge. Naming of a date for clean up day was requested by a committee appointed at a recent Civic Forum and the council in full sympathy with the movement, named two days in order to give every citizen ample opportunity to do his bit toward making a cleaner Jacksonville.

Col. Sargent, assisted by school children and a few clean up enthusiasts, has worked wonders in removing years' accumulation of tin cans and rubbish which encumbered vacant property on Fifth street and the marked improvement in this section is an illustration of what may be done in other parts of the city.

Beyond ordering payment of the monthly batch of bills and the usual routine, the council transacted no business of importance.

Six Irishmen Are Executed by Military

Cork.—Despite the appeal for clemency made recently by the Cork corporation, the six Irishmen in jail here, whose deaths were fixed for Monday on charges of levying war against the crown forces, were executed by the military. The men were shot in batches of two each at intervals of 15 minutes.

The men executed were Timothy McCarthy, Thomas O'Brien, Patrick Mahoney, John Lyons, Daniel Callaghan and John Allen.

The first five were condemned for an attack upon the crown forces at Dripsey, County Cork, in January. Allen, whose home was in Tipperary, was sentenced for possessing a revolver and ammunition.

It was his sentence which the king's bench confirmed February 24, in deciding that a state of war existed in Ireland, giving the military full power to act without interference by the civil courts.

in this cause, and well they should be, since there is scarcely anything more important than the preservation of our natural scenery, and especially the trees.

I think it was Shakespeare who said: "The groves were God's first temples." If we examine a little bit into the history of trees we will be strongly impressed with the truth of these words. Take, for instance, the great Sequoia trees of California. Let me speak a word of the great monarch of them all, the "General Sherman." Here is a tree 280 feet high, 32 feet in diameter at its base and 102 feet in circumference. Here is a tree at least 4000 years old, and probably more than that for in a fallen tree of this variety not so large as the "General Sherman," John Muir counted 4000 rings, showing 1000 years of growth. Think of it! A tree more than 1000 years old. It was a tiny sapling when Abraham went into Egypt. It was bearing seeds when Solomon and Comorrah were destroyed. It was more than 1000 years old when the great cities of Babylon, Nineveh and Tyre were in their prime. They are gone, but this tree lives on. When Christ was born it was more than 2000 years old, older than the Christian religion is today. When Columbus discovered America it was more than 3500 years old. And today, still alive, still growing, it stands the oldest living thing on the face of our earth.

And our great redwood trees, some of them having a circumference of 50 feet at their base, height 345 feet, they are much higher than the Sequoias—and reaching an age of 1200 or 1500 years are almost as wonderful.

Small wonder that groves of these trees are characterized as "God's First Temples."

But let us come nearer home. When Mr. Emil Britt, the present mayor of Jacksonville, was born, his father who was a lover of all kinds of trees, celebrated the event by planting a sequoia tree. It has grown into a splendid specimen. It is now at the age of 58 years, nearly 100 feet high and about 16 feet in circumference at its base. Here is some of its foliage blown off by the wind and picked up by me.

As I stood beneath its branches last Tuesday, I said to myself, "here is something worth preserving; long after my dust shall have vanished into nothingness, this tree will still be in its babyhood and may yet grow to be the oldest living thing on the face of our earth. Should it be so, let us hope that Medford and Ashland and the other cities of Oregon may still be flourishing and not then be one with Nineveh and Tyre."

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NEWS OF THE WORLD IN BRIEF PARAGRAPHS

War Laws Repeal Voted by Senate.
Washington, D. C.—The house resolution providing for general repeal of wartime laws was adopted by the senate. Virtually all laws passed during the war would be repealed by the resolution except a few given special exemption, including the trading-with-the-enemy act, the liberty bond act and the act creating the war finance corporation.

Costa Rica Force Taken, 4 Killed.
Panama.—Four Costa Ricans were killed and nine wounded and two Panamanians were wounded in fighting at Coto, on the Pacific side of the Costa Rican-Panama frontier. The Costa Rican force which occupied Coto was captured.

Portland War Bride Slayer Convicted.
Portland, Or.—Thomas Lotisso, slayer of his 19-year-old English war bride, was found guilty of murder in the first degree. The jury recommended life imprisonment.

Cotton Hits Lowest Figure Since 1915.
New York.—Cotton dropped to the lowest price since 1915 when it sold at 12.55 cents a pound as against the highest price of 43½ cents a pound last July.

Partial Payment to Railroads Signed.
Washington.—President Wilson signed the Winslow bill authorizing partial payments to railroads under provisions of the transportation act.

Army of 175,000 Approved by Senate.
Washington.—The senate passed and sent to a conference committee the army bill providing for an army of 175,000.

42 States Attack Transportation Act.
Washington.—Validity of the transportation act was attacked in a brief filed in the supreme court by forty-two states and defended by counsel for the railways. The suit, the first of several similar ones to reach the highest court, was filed by the state of Wisconsin, but the attorneys general and railway and public utilities commissions of forty-one other states, were permitted to become parties to it.

President Signs Alien Property Bill.
Washington.—President Wilson signed a bill providing for the return by the alien property custodian of property seized during the war and which belonged to women citizens of the United States and the allies who married enemy subjects before the declaration of war.

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