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Things We Think
Things Others Think and What We Think of Things Others Think
—by—
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Salem, Jan. 26.—Despite all the unkind remarks made about the legislature, together with charges of graft and corruption, none of which happen to be true, mothers and fathers send their children here and men even let their wives stay through a session. Some of the children have jobs and others come with school classes sent here as part of their study of civics.

Senator Joseph Best, Umatilla county medic in private life, may have frightened some away from the session with his statement a few days ago that conditions in the senate chamber were unsanitary. He insisted that the room, which is the dining room of the Marion hotel, have a thorough airing every night as a safeguard against colds and influenza. There have been many absentees on account of slight illnesses.

Incidentally it has been reported that Salem physicians object to the activities of physician members who prescribe for other members. Three members are physicians, two in the house and one in the senate. Physician members always have prescribed for other members taken ill, always without charging a fee for such services. Inasmuch as sick members would not be here except for the legislative session, it seems fair enough to let other members attend them. Furthermore, the \$3-a-day salary doesn't provide much for physician's fees.

A Lane county member is one of those drawing government money who got past the credentials committee. He is Representative Waller, who is in the military service. No one raised the question as to his eligibility. Even had anyone done so, the chances are nothing would have been done about it. Each body decides those things for itself and there is no appeal. Apparently either body could seat a member who was known to be ineligible, and that despite anything the attorney general or supreme court might say.

Monday night all lights were out in the Marion hotel and armory in which the legislature is meeting. It was found that a transformer had burned out. We may hear later that some of the legislation which goes onto the statute books was enacted in the dark. There hasn't been enough high voltage stuff introduced as yet to explain the accident to the power service.

A legislator remarked today that he misses the squirrels that scampered around the grounds of the old state house. Another legislator remarked that he had been down to the old grounds and that the squirrels were still there. Another wanted to know why the squirrels didn't come up where the nuts were.

One of the difficult things about a legislative session is to tell legislators from clerks. Some senators look like house members and some house members look like senators, although being a member of the legislature doesn't change a person's appearance very much. As a matter of fact some of the clerks look more like legislators than some of the legislators do. It also happens that a clerk may be a former member and may have retained his old legislative appearance. Also many former members are found in the lobby. They are here on business, or in the interest of residents of their home communities, or have just dropped in to watch the wheels go round. Once a person has been a member he finds it difficult to stay away.

It was announced in the senate Monday that the water being served in the chamber had been taken from a well and was not Salem water. Other stuff in which there could be no live germs could easily be found by those fearful of the water.

A suggestion has been made that those who resigned notary commissions in order to make certain they were eligible as members be furnished new commissions without cost to themselves or the taxpayers. Those who resigned commissions acted hastily. They would have been seated regardless of the fact that they held that important state office.

With less than three per cent of the nation's population, Pacific northwest residents use six per cent of the nation's annual output of electricity.

"Aunt Sophronia" a Friend, a Wise and Faithful Counselor

A True Pioneer, After a Life Of Colorful and Fascinating Interest, Passed On at 89.

Mrs. Sophronia E. McFarland, 89, passed away at 2 o'clock this morning (Thursday) following a few days illness with a severe cold. No arrangements have been made for funeral services owing to the illness of a son, Charles McFarland. Sophronia E. Knox was born September 23, 1847, in Skuyler county, Missouri, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Knox. In 1853, at the age of 6 years, she crossed the plains with her parents, who settled on the Harding place, the land now known as Delight Valley. A Sentinel reporter was told the old Knox house still stands. She was married in 1865 to James McFarland, who crossed the plains the same year but in a different train. They located on the McFarland place west of town where their six children were born and reared. Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Anna Chrisman; four sons, Charles, Wilbur, Warren and Frank, all living at Cottage Grove. A daughter, Miss Myrta McFarland, passed on a few years ago. There are also 12 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

The life of Mrs. McFarland, "Aunt Sophronia", to her large circle of friends, was one of fascinating interest. Rich in pioneer lore and stories of frontier days it was as a colorful picture. She was a member of the Christian church and in her younger days was an active worker in the community. In later years she enjoyed wonderful health which enabled her to care for her large home on south Seventh street and she enjoyed outside tasks which included looking after a small flock of chickens, her flowers and garden. She will be greatly missed from the neighborhood, where she resided for many years and where her friends dropped in each day to enjoy a friendly chat and perhaps sent out to a brighter day cheered by Aunt Sophronia's kindly advice and wise philosophy.

Mrs. McFarland was one of the last two survivors of the Knox-Oglesby train which came across the plains. A cousin, Mrs. Sylba Kahler, daughter of the late Capt. William Oglesby, lives at Tacoma, Wash. She is reported seriously ill at the age of 90 years and relatives fear word of her death at any time.

Another LaBlue Triplet Dies at Eugene Hospital

Keith LaBlue, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry LaBlue, died Saturday night at the Sacred Heart hospital, a second victim of pneumonia in the LaBlue family within a week. Kenneth, the eldest of the triplets died Sunday, January 17, at the family home in the Hebron district. Keith, the second born, and the sister Kay were taken to the hospital the following Tuesday but persistent efforts on the part of hospital physicians and nurses failed to save the infant's life.

The wee sister Kay, who has a stubborn cold, has resisted the pneumonia germs but remains under the careful observation at the hospital.

The triplets, Kenneth, Keith and Kay, were born November 22 and 23, sturdy infants and apparently thriving until a cold and flu epidemic hit the community a few weeks ago. Surviving are the parents and five sisters and brothers. Funeral services were held Tuesday forenoon. Interment was in the Taylor-Lane cemetery. Rev. E. E. Coulter officiated.

Balladeer's Postpone Program for Sunday

Owing to the influenza outbreak, which has kept a number of members of the Balladeer's away from scheduled rehearsals, the concert planned for Sunday, Jan. 30 at the Arcade theatre, has been postponed for two weeks, or until February 14.

At this time the program announced last week through these columns will be presented.

There are 12,657 miles of electrical transmission lines in the Pacific northwest states.

Boy Scouts Hear Dr. Baxter Speak At Eugene Hotel

Dr. Bruce Baxter, president of Willamette university, placed as the first responsibility of boy scout work the development of young men to use in a fitting way the tremendous new power which will be at their disposal within the next 25 years, as he addressed the Willamette council of boy scouts at a banquet Tuesday evening in Eugene. Dr. Baxter said the youngsters of today will be faced with and compelled to deal with powers we have never known and they must be trained to properly use powers rather than abuse them.

More than one hundred scout minded persons from Lane, Benton, Lincoln, Douglas, Coos and Curry counties, attended the banquet, presided over by Alton F. Baker of Eugene. Four Eagle Scout awards were made, two scouts received the Silver Beaver award and Carl Mryman of Corvallis was presented with a scoutmaster's key. A scout orchestra, under the direction of Douglas Orme, furnished music during the evening and Hal Young, noted tenor and instructor of voice gave solo numbers.

Cottage Grove scout troop was represented by Eldon Grable, Eagle scout; Joe Smith, D. W. Sturges, members of the scout board; Chet Stroup, a representative from the Methodist church, sponsors of the troop.

Dorena Grange Activities.

Mrs. Lois Lutz, home demonstration agent in the county, was a guest speaker at the Dorena Grange meeting Thursday night January 21. Other numbers on the program were a talk on the young people's work in the grange, Robert Wagner; reading, Mrs. Anna Rissue; talk on grange work, Claude Arne; piano selection, Mrs. Lee Smith; reading, Miss Smith; paper on pioneer days, Mrs. Frankie Goude.

A business session followed and Mrs. Duffy was given the second and third degree obligation. A vote of thanks was tendered Vinal Randall of Cottage Grove for lumber donated for making a carrier for sashes used in drill work. Mr. Arne made a chest for that purpose.

At the close of the meeting coffee and doughnuts were served. A committee, Claude Arne, Mildred Smith and Nancy Meredith arranged the program.

The next meeting will be February 4 when the Creswell grange will be guests.

London School Fire Leaders.

London—(Special.)—State Deputy Fire Marshal Stellmacher visited the London school last week and gave an interesting talk to the pupils, introducing a system of eliminating fire hazards in the home. He also inspected the school buildings. George Dugan and Forrest Cox were appointed fire leaders of the pupils to assist in a rapid movement of the children from the building during a fire drill.

Oregon leads the nation in the number of students enrolled at the school of agriculture with 23 farm students for every 1000 white residents.

Prowlers Enter Two Stores; Wirth's Lose Suits and Overcoat

Safley's Store Robbed of Candy, Cigars, Cookies and Small Change in Register.

Local and state police are investigating a series of robberies that have annoyed local residents, and became serious with the robbery of Wirth Brothers, dry cleaners, Saturday night, where several suits of clothes were taken, an overcoat, hat and several pairs of trousers, and the robbery of the Safley store on east Main street Sunday night.

The prowlers who entered Councilman J. F. Safley's store through the front window, and left by a back door, contented themselves with candy, cookies and cigars, and what little change was in the cash register, leading officers to believe that this robbery was the work of youngsters. An attempt had been made to enter this store through an outside door entering into a store room at the rear, but the prowlers gave up this attempt, after removing part of a panel as they found that shelves had been built against the door, which has not been used for some time.

Entrance to Wirth Brothers apparently was made through a transom over a rear door. Prowlers had entered the Cottage Grove Creamery some time ago, and several clothesline robberies have been reported to police during recent weeks.

Officials of the local golf club report that considerable damage has been done to their property, and they plan to take whatever steps are necessary to see that vandalism there is stopped immediately.

Chamber to Ask for Another Policeman

Another man will be added to the Cottage Grove police force, if action taken at the chamber of commerce meeting Tuesday meets with the approval of city officials. The move for another man on duty nights came to a head as the result of a series of petty robberies in the city during the past few weeks. Chamber members felt that it was too much to expect one man to properly police the city at night, and instructed their civic committee to ask the city officials to add another man to the force at least from midnight until morning for the remainder of the winter.

Young Democrats Elect Officers.

At a recent meeting of the Lane County Young Democratic club officers for 1937 were elected as follows. A. Clark Fay, president; Helen Nelson and Dean Beistel, vice presidents; Jessie Mathers, secretary; A. Ray Martin, treasurer. Plans for the annual spring banquet are being arranged by Clark Fay, who announces the guest speaker will be Governor Martin. A representative from each county precinct will be on the program.

YOU'RE NOT SO MANY

Say, when you think you own the earth
And by some right of royal birth
You think you are of nobler blood
Than those of us who're made of mud,
And by that are the best of any,
Go count yourself—you're not so many.

Say, when you feel that you are what
The vast majority of men are not,
And cannot be, because your make
Is far superior to theirs, please take
A little tumble, if there's any,
And count yourself—you're not so many.

Say, if you have an idea that
You, of us all, know where you're at,
And while mankind remains in doubt,
You know just where you're coming out;
Collect your wits, if you have any,
And count yourself—you're not so many.

Say, brother, if you have the gall
To think you really know it all:
To feel that you are better than
The ordinary, average man,
And that hereafter you will rise
To higher glory in the skies
Than those who do not have a penny,
Go count yourself—you're not so many.

—W. J. Lampton in "The Family Circle"

Wed Sixty Years



Bride and Groom Enjoy Good Health; Have 51 Living Descendants. Here 17 Years.

The I. B. Morris home at 395 Birch was the scene of a happy gathering Monday evening, when a score of friends and relatives assembled to help Mr. and Mrs. Morris celebrate their sixtieth wedding anniversary.

Both the bride and groom of 60 years ago are enjoying good health. They were married at Oakland, Ia., the groom's birthplace, when he was 18 and his bride 17. The bride was born in Indianapolis, Ind. They have eight living children, three girls and five boys: Mrs. Bess Meranda and Walter and Roy Morris of Cottage Grove; Ira B. and Smiley Morris and Mrs. Nellie Stampely of Klamath Falls; Mrs. Susie Elder of Forestville, Cal., and Jack Morris of Santa Rosa, Cal. There are 24 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris have been residents of Oregon for 21 years, 4 years at Klamath Falls and the past 17 years in Cottage Grove. For 27 years before locating in Oregon they lived at Forestville, Cal., where they operated a nursery, fruit packing house and drier. Mr. Morris also practiced as a veterinarian in California. Before retiring more than a year ago, he was associated with the firm of Morris and McLaughlin, operating the Cottage Grove Bargain House.

Featuring the dinner Wednesday evening was a beautiful wedding cake, presented by two daughters, Mrs. Meranda and Mrs. Stampely. Plans for a large party were curtailed owing to the flu epidemic, several members of the family being ill with the disease.

H. E. D. Brown Will Lecture at CCC Camps

H. E. D. Brown, forest ranger of Rujada, and Harold Thomas, Roseburg, of the state forest service, will leave the first of the week on a month's tour of Western Oregon with the forest service truck "Show Boat" during which time they will visit about 20 CCC camps, and a number of schools, at all of which they will lecture on forestry problems, and show a number of motion pictures of forest service activities.

"This is a cooperative movement, between the state and national forest services," Mr. Brown states, "and is planned to promote the educational program of the forestry service."

Excluding the lumber industry, the Pacific northwest produces only about one per cent of the nation's manufactured goods.

Dea. H. Mounts; Thousa. Homeless As Flood Cases

Lane Red Cross Quota Raised To Three Thousand Dollars; \$125.00 For Cottage Grove

Nearly 300,000 refugees driven from their homes in the Ohio and Mississippi valleys are suffering from cold, hunger, snow and disease, according to AP reports and property losses, estimated at approximately \$10,000,000 in Ohio alone, is increasing. Damage in Arkansas, it is feared, will reach 13,000,000 and 11 other states are affected.

A statement has been issued by Rear Admiral Grayson, retired, chairman of the national American Red Cross, saying at least \$3,000,000 was required to meet "minimum needs," and that the relief society could provide \$1,000,000 at once. Some 20,000 WPA workers have been rushed to flood areas. Mid-western directors are ready to send 50,000 more to help the homeless sufferers.

Lane county's quota has been set at \$600 dollars; \$25 of which is the Cottage Grove quota.

To add to the horror of the situation Fire Chief Houston of Cincinnati has warned that Millcreek from its mouth at the Ohio river for three miles north was in danger of bursting into flames as there are more than 1,000,000 gallons of gasoline, kerosene and fuel oil floating on the water and spreading in and around flooded buildings. "A tiny spark and there will be a mass of flames."

The Lane county chapter received the following telegram from Admiral Grayson:

"In order meet hourly increasing needs of flood victims in eight states Red Cross calling on people of United States for minimum relief fund of two million dollars. Reports received late tonight indicate total of two hundred seventy thousand men, women and children drive from their homes and now dependent on Red Cross for emergency relief including food shelter bedding medical attention and warm clothing. Raging blizzards and freezing weather in many flooded sections add to suffering of refugees and greatly increase need for instant relief. Feel sure people of your community will wish to act promptly and generously. Urge you take immediate action raise your chapter quota of six hundred dollars. Please report daily progress of your campaign."

Contributions for relief of those in the flood areas should be left at the First National bank from which place it will be sent to Clarence Simon, chairman of the Lane county chapter.

Later
In view of late reports on the flood conditions, probably the worst disaster in the history of the country, the original Red Cross quota for Lane county has been increased five times the amount fixed by the national organization. The county quota is \$3,000 and that of Cottage Grove has been increased to \$125.

The contributions deposited in the First National Bank amounted to \$31.08 this morning and Dr. Axley received a check for \$30 from the CCC boys at Rujada, making a total of \$61.08 in the hands of the local committee.

The latest news available is that the flood death toll has increased to 223 and that the property damage exceeds \$300,000,000.

Local Youths Receive Degrees.

Stewart Roberts, Bill MacGibbon and Bob Grannis attended a meeting of the DeMolay in Eugene Tuesday evening and received their final degree for membership. F. L. Grannis, member of the local advisory board from the Masonic lodge, accompanied them.

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Tular, Cal.,
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Cottage Grove Sentinel:
Find enclosed P.O. order for \$1.50 renew my subscription for the paper for 1937.

I have the first issue of the first paper that was printed in Cottage Grove, dated June 15, 1889, and have been a subscriber to the Cottage Grove paper ever since that date. So many strangers mentioned in the paper now, but we still hear something of the old times and it still seems like home.

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