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## Little News and Comment

ITEMS OF INTEREST EXTRACTED FROM WORLD HAPPENINGS AND BOILED DOWN FOR OUR READERS.

Apparently alone in the world, a seventy-year-old Emmett Horgan, a bricklayer in Washington, died last week. Police found \$1800 in his pockets and since then they have discovered \$25,000 in securities and saving deposits. Now they are hunting for relatives.

Because he did not win a regular position on his grade school football team, Joseph Johnson, 13, of Lafayette, Ind., committed suicide at his home. He shot himself in the abdomen with a shotgun. The lad's playmates voted him "honorary quarterback."

The million-dollar damage suit, brought against Pantages, the vaudeville magnate, by Eunice Pringle, dancer, was settled for three thousand dollars in a Los Angeles court last Thursday. Pantages was acquitted of the dancer's charges at a retrial after being convicted more than a year ago.

A crew of six piano movers with block and tackle was employed by an undertaker to lift the body of Charles Bush, who weighed 632, from a second story window of his home. After the casket, weighing 408 pounds and constructed especially for Bush, had been lowered, ten pallbearers assisted the piano movers in carrying the casket to the hearse. Bush was a butcher and died from fatty degeneration of the heart. He was one of the fattest men in the world.

The Pacific highway between Salem and Portland will be widened to 30 feet. This was decided upon at a meeting of the highway commission last week. The work will cost \$2,000,000 and when finished will provide for three lanes of traffic.

A recent cartoon published in California papers showed a huge sign at the state line with "Miss California" pointing a warning finger directing an autoist with a bundle of bedding on his car to read the sign which says: "State line, California. Warns you no jobs available; only bona fide residents will be given work." The original wording on the sign was "California Welcomes You."

## Alva Cook Honored by Surprise Party on His 31st Birthday

A very pleasant evening was enjoyed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alva Cook last Friday when Mrs. Cook was hostess to neighbors and friends in honor of Mr. Cook's thirty-first birthday.

The party was successfully planned by Mrs. Cook as a surprise on her husband.

The evening was spent playing bridge and refreshments were served at a late hour by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. McKay.

The guests included Mrs. Joe Blair, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Drake, A. F. Becker, Mrs. McKay and son, Dick, Frank Doty, Marvin Emory and Raymond Ritter.

## Ladies' Aid Meets at Belpap Home

On Thursday, December 3, the Ladies' Aid from Gold Hill met at the lovely home of Rev. and Mrs. Belpap. After a short business meeting, all enjoyed a social hour and Mrs. Meisinger played some beautiful piano selections. In behalf of the Ladies' Aid Mrs. Bee presented Rev. and Mrs. Belpap with a silk comforter.

Dainty refreshments were served. Those present beside the hostess were Mesdames Mec, Shaver, Wharton, Hedgepath, Carter, Huff, Dorman, Cook, Meisinger, Turner, Kellogg, Parker, Carey, Stickle, Miss Starns and several visitors.—The committee.

## WILLIAMS LEFT SOUVENIR HERE

### Smelter of Mine Promoter Arrested in Portland Just a Pile of Junk

Gold Hill has its souvenir of the promotion schemes of Dee Williams, who operated in this district for several months, trying to interest people in his much-touted mine developing schemes—but who was arrested at Portland last Thursday for selling stock without a license, and various other illegal activities.

And like Williams' many hopes the relic, a dismantled smelter which has never been unloaded from the flat car which brought it here, is no more than a "pile of junk," and still stands in the Southern Pacific railroad yards here.

This same smelter was to have been the key to Mr. Williams' entire scheme, for he claimed that he had a secret process by which gold could be taken on a highly paying basis even from the lower grade ores.

Gained Interest of Many Here  
A man of convincing manner and good appearance, Williams painted pictures of great developments in Southern Oregon mining and of many families attracted to the territory, in which he was able to interest quite a few in this district—until investigation of his former activities in other areas were reported as not altogether within the bounds of good business ethics.

Williams, former general manager of the Kermite Metals Limited, with offices in the Liberty building at Medford, is also wanted by Jackson county authorities for selling mortgaged property consisting of office furniture. Other counts against him include misrepresentation in advertisements, having used Portland papers to advertise for technicians for a mine which he represented he owned, but requiring that employees subscribe to from \$200 to \$1000 worth of stock he was selling.

Arrest Followed "Hunch"  
Williams has been operating in the East since leaving Medford last March, and was arrested in Philadelphia on a stock sale charge. At this time Jackson county authorities allowed his release rather than to have the expense of extraditing him to Oregon for trial on the mortgage law violation. However, he returned last week to Portland and when his secretary went there to meet him Sheriff Jennings acted on a "hunch" and caused his arrest.

He had previously been indicted by a grand jury and yesterday at a preliminary hearing in Medford was bound over to the grand jury under \$1000 bail.

## D'Autremont Robbery Story Is Featured in Elks Magazine

The December issue of the Elks magazine carries a story of the famous D'Autremont Southern Pacific express holdup and manhunt that followed. The story is called "The Siskiyou Tunnel Robbery" and was written by Edgar Sisson, who is writing a series of famous manhunt stories for the magazine.

The story will be read with interest by people in this section of the state as it will be remembered the hold-up took place in the Siskiyou on the California-Oregon line not far from here. The story of the dynamiting and shooting which claimed the lives of four Ashland men, the four-year search which ended in the capture of the three and sentencing to life in Oregon State penitentiary is graphically told in the vividly-illustrated article.

It will also be remembered that the prisoners were kept in the old Jacksonville county court house in Jacksonville prior to the trial.

## Teachers and Other School Employees To Give To Relief Fund

Teachers, bus drivers and other employees of Gold Hill school district are going to do their bit in building up a community relief fund for the unemployed, in accordance with similar plans being adopted throughout the county, Superintendent G. E. Meisinger announced late last week.

The plan as considered here calls for the donation of one day's salary by each of the employees, which will materially assist relief work.

## Gold Hill Cagers Lose Close Games to Ashland Teams

Gold Hill and Ashland Jr. high pried the lid off the 1931-32 basketball season in a doubleheader played in the Gold Hill high school gymnasium last Friday evening. Ashland won both games but the contests were anybody's game until the final whistle and the fans were kept on the edge of their seats throughout.

The midgets played a curtain-raiser to the main game and the Gold Hill lads were a basket or two ahead until the final quarter, Ashland surging ahead to win by a score of 17-14.

In the last game Coach Angstead's Gold Hill first string got off to a poor start and were able to score but a single free throw in the first half, while Ashland made four points. After the half the locals came back fast and after some nice passing and floor work, tied the Ashland team at eight counters.

The last quarter saw Gold Hill go into the lead but just before the final whistle Ashland made a field goal and a free toss to win the game.

Higginbotham, H. Lingren, Walker, G. Lingren and Tompkins started the game for Gold Hill. Hammersly and Kell went in as substitutes.

Friday evening, December 11, Gold Hill will meet their ancient rivals, Rogue River, on the local court and a real battle is in store for the fans. Coach Angstead has been putting his squad through hard workouts and his team should develop into a winning outfit after the early season rough spots have been overcome.

Plan to attend tomorrow's game and give the boys your support.

## Brother and Sister Visit after 16 Years

After a separation of more than 16 years, Mrs. Dick Strauss of Sams Valley is enjoying a visit from her brother, J. C. McKinney, who with Mrs. McKinney and their son, Homer, arrived Sunday evening to spend several days. They are enroute from their home at Chelan, Washington to Sacramento, California. Their visit here was a complete surprise to the Strausses, and needless to say a pleasant one.

## Teachers' Exams To Be Held In Medford

The county superintendent of Jackson county has announced the regular examination of applicants for state teachers' certificates at the court house in Medford as follows: Commencing Wednesday, December 16, 1931, at 9 o'clock a. m. and continuing until Saturday, December 19, 1931, at 4 o'clock p. m.

The following schedule was announced:

Wednesday forenoon—U. S. history, writing (penmanship).

Wednesday afternoon—Physiology, reading, composition.

Thursday forenoon—Arithmetic, history of education, psychology.

Thursday afternoon—Grammar, geography, American literature, physics.

Friday forenoon—Theory and practice, orthography (spelling), physical geography, English literature.

Friday afternoon—School law, algebra, geology, civil government, bookkeeping.

Saturday forenoon—Geometry, botany.

Saturday afternoon—General history.

## Exciting Four-Day Cougar Hunt Nets Pair Three Pelts and \$75

Leslie and Raymond Smith of Glendale, and their three dogs, Stanley, Ketchal and Muggins have three fine cougar pelts to their credit and \$75 in bounties as their wages for four days' work following an exciting cougar hunt in the lower Rogue river country beyond Galle from Wednesday to Saturday of last week.

The boys consider their trip as quite profitable and returned again this week, in spite of the fact that they had a rather exciting time on Thursday with one of the animals which they had hoped to capture alive.

After the dogs had freed the animal, one of the boys climbed the tree with a stick wrapped in a raincoat extended above him, so that the cat could occupy himself with the dummy rather than the person

"in the flesh." Then the other man in the party climbed the opposite side of the tree and annoyed the cat with a stick from the rear. In his efforts to rid himself of his tormentors, the cat lost some of his cunning and a rope was slipped around his leg and he was pulled from the limb to the ground, and securely tied. But the dogs could not be coaxed away from the cougar until it was killed, so their efforts were vain. The boys got their second cat only a short time afterward, and the third was killed Saturday.

The skins have been sent to Portland to the state game commission for the \$25 bounty on each of them.

Old timers say that the weather of late has been ideal for cougar hunting, and many are planning expeditions. The Smith boys' record is an exceptional one, however.

## Conger Butte Co. to Start Stamp Mill at Mine This Week

With the completion of the installation of a five-stamp mill at their mine north of here this week, the Conger Butte Mining Co. with W. La Barge as superintendent, plans to start their mill late in the week.

Jim Clements and George Hammersly of this city are in charge of installing the plant equipment, and three other Gold Hill men began work there yesterday. They are Ray Thompson, Roy Cameron and H. D. Force. Altogether a crew of ten men are employed at the mine, several of whom have been employed there for the last two months opening the shaft and removing the ore.

Sewing club will meet at the home of Mrs. Elinor Force Friday, when names will be drawn for the annual exchange of Christmas gifts, to be held at the next meeting.

## Double Holidays Will Be Frequent During Coming Year

The calendar does some interesting tricks this next year which will make possible many week-end holiday trips or other appropriate celebration for everyone by taking advantage of the two-day vacations which will be the order of events for 1932. The new calendar just received shows the year starts out with almost a double holiday with New Year's day falling on Friday, Saturday intervening between the double holiday. But this is the only one so situated.

Next in line comes Washington's birthday which falls on Monday, thereby giving county employes and bankers a chance to oil up the car and go for a two days' trip. Then comes May with Decoration day falling on Monday, bringing another double holiday but this time one in which everyone may participate. There will be plenty of fishing trips over this week-end.

July 4 falls on Monday so a two-day celebration will be in order for Independence day throughout the land. This day will come in handy for it is a time of year when side trips will be quite convenient.

Labor day is September 5, Monday, and again the populace of this and other communities will swing out from the city enroute to different points for the last of the spring, summer and fall double holidays which present opportunities for pleasure trips during pleasant weather.

Of course, Thanksgiving is predestined not to come on a double holiday and consequently the last Thursday of the month falls on November 24.

But the Yuletide season is climaxed by Christmas falling on Sunday, December 25, and thereby bringing December 26, Monday, into play as the second of a double holiday, the last of the year, 1933 will be started off correctly with business closed the following Monday.

## LODGE JUBILEE BIG SUCCESS

### 200 Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Enjoy Celebration; Grand Officers Here

The jubilee contest conducted by the local Odd Fellow lodge was terminated in a fitting manner Tuesday evening when both divisions, the Maniacs and the Boosters, cooperated in an entertainment at which they were hosts to over 200 Odd Fellows and Rebekahs at one of the most successful meetings ever sponsored by the local organization.

Distinguished Visitors Attend  
Distinguished guests were Grand Master Homer D. Angell of Portland, Grand Marshal Charles P. Poole, Eugene, J. R. Norris, District Deputy Grand Master, of Jacksonville Lodge No. 10, and L. G. Currier, District Deputy Grand Master, of Golden Rule Lodge No. 78, Grants Pass.

The banquet which opened the evening's festivities was served by the Rebekahs and was unanimously voted one of the best ever prepared for such an occasion.

The Odd Fellows then convened in regular session for a short recess was declared, after which recess was declared and the Rebekahs were invited to enjoy the entertainment and the talk by Grand Master Angell.

Fine Program Given  
The program included two accordion selections by Mrs. W. Kinney; old time selections on violin and piano by a trio composed of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Moore and Paul McInness. Mr. Carpenter of Central Point, who can do amazing things on and with his banjo, was the next on the program, followed by a tumbling act by Paul Angstead and Virgil Eddington. "Bud" Snider contributed to the entertainment with his usual expert dancing, accompanied by Mrs. Pena at the piano, and the Rebekah Hawaiian orchestra played three excellent selections. This orchestra has received much favorable comment on its fine music here and at other lodge gatherings. It is conducted by Mrs. G. E. Meisinger of this city, its members being Mrs. Joe Blair, Mrs. H. D. Force, Mrs. Paul Thompson, Mrs. Earl Moore and Mrs. Wm. Hittle and Mrs. Geo. Hammersly, all of Gold Hill, and at Tuesday's meeting they were assisted by Miss Winifred Walker and Miss Elsie Brown of Medford.

Grand Master Speaks  
This program was followed by Grand Master Angell's talk on the principles of Odd Fellowship in which he urged loyal participation, not only in the affairs of the lodge, itself, but also in civic undertakings that would help build the community. Mr. Angell also announced that the Grand Sire of the Sovereign lodge, Joseph Powley, would visit Oregon in January.

During the lodge session the third degree was conferred on Candidates Howard Dorman and Woodrow Shaver, by the Gold Hill degree team.

Many Lodges Represented  
Lodges represented at the gathering Tuesday were: Ashland, Medford, Jacksonville, Central Point, Rogue River, Grants Pass and Gold Hill, with a few visitors from more scattered points.

The Odd Fellows wish to extend a vote of thanks to the Rebekahs for their fine banquet, as well as to all those who contributed to the entertainment and the many others who gave of their time and efforts to make the evening the success it was.

SON BORN TO SNODGRASSES  
Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Snodgrass of this city are the happy parents of a son, born to them last Friday morning. The boy, who is their first child, weighed nine pounds, and has been given the name Dean Leroy. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Robson, also of this city, are the proud grandparents.

## School Honor Roll And Other Standings Are Announced

With the close of the second six-week period of school, records of the students have been compiled, showing that many have high scholastic and attendance ratings. Following is the honor roll as compiled by Supt. Meisinger:

Students of the Gold Hill schools neither absent or tardy during the last six weeks of school and who maintained an average of three were Mary Linda Wild, Mabel Dusenberry, Florence Walkin, Ila Mae Higginbotham, Jean Smith, Irene Morrow, James Cornutt, Minnie Harrison.

Citizenship Record  
The students are graded on certain habits and their general attitude that go to make good citizenship. Those students showing well developed traits were: Rowland Miller, Jean Smith, Ila Mae Higginbotham, Marjorie Davis, Irene Morrow, Genevieve Stumbo, Helen Mercer, Dora Smith, Minnie Harrison, Beatrice Palmer, Edith Dusenberry and Roberta Braden.

Scholastic Honors  
(Grade Honors)  
Highest—Beatrice Palmer, with four I's.

Second high—June Moore, with three I's and one II.

Irene Morrow and Minnie Harrison were tied for third, each having one I and three II's.

Students with a three II average were Dora Smith, Louise Smith, Lucille Wheatley.

Students with two II's and two III's were Mary Wild, Wallace Iverson, Arthur Dusenberry, Edith Dusenberry, Virgil Eddington, Ila Mae Higginbotham and Jean Smith.

## Council in Session Here Monday Evening

The city council met in regular session Monday evening with considerable routine business on file for its attention. All members of the council and Mr. W. H. Ferguson were present.

The budget estimate for the year '32 was ordered published, and appears in this issue of the News for its first insertion. The matter of a license which has been considered at previous meetings was again discussed, and an ordinance raising the license fee was given its third reading and passed, effective immediately.

Earl Moore appeared before the council and was given permission to take the dead fir growth on the city's property above the reservoir for his own use, providing he would clear the grounds thoroughly of brush, preventing fire hazard.

The matter of improving the draining on city streets was tabled, a committee being instructed to get prices on file to be considered at the next meeting of the council.

Bills were allowed and minor matters cared for.

The Past Noble Grand club of the Rebekah lodge held its regular meeting at the lodge rooms this afternoon.