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

Here's another one for Ripley: Within 12 miles of each other, two Wyoming points reported two of the most extreme temperatures along 800 miles of the transcontinental air mail route Tuesday. At Laramie it was 18 degrees below zero, while at Sherman Hill, 12 miles away, it was 18 above, a spread of 36 degrees.

Ten carloads of turkeys were shipped by the Oregon Turkey pool late last week bound for Christmas markets in New York. This is the second consignment from Oregon to eastern points.

Three are dead and a score injured in a tornado that swept Arkansas Monday. The storm followed unseasonably warm weather and a heavy rain. Just another of nature's freak weather streaks this year.

Seven prisoners broke out of the Leavenworth federal penitentiary last Friday after kidnaping Thomas White, the warden and using him as a shield in the break. In an effort to capture the convicts, three were killed and three captured, while Earl Thayer Oklahoma train robber, made good his escape. Prison guards are suspected of having aided the prisoners in their break and an investigation will be made.

After receiving news that she had inherited an estate once valued at \$3,000,000, Mrs. Albert Peterson of Rockford, Ill., intends to "keep right on cooking" for her husband. She is the sole heir to the estate of Dr. Joseph Kellogg of New York.

As "Roxy," famous radio leader of the orchestra known as "Roxy and His Gang," finished an appeal for funds to place radio sets in hospitals, on his program Monday night a telephone call came for him. It brought word that his father, 78 years old, had died suddenly as he sat listening to Roxy's appeal over the radio in his Brooklyn home.

Since Will Rogers, the famous humorist visited Medford recently, an article has appeared in the Sacramento Bee, in which he says that, although he heard the word "pear" from the time he landed at the airport till he left town on the train, he failed to see a single pear during his entire stay!

The lowest sugar prices since 1914 were announced recently by western refiners. The new price was \$4.20 per hundred pounds.

Fees collected from motor transport companies since the law became effective in September 1927 to September 30, 1931, total \$1,406,181.07, of which \$312,622.84 has been distributed to the counties under the provision of the motor transportation act. Collections of this money were handled by the former Public Service Commission until January 1, 1930, when the work was placed under the supervision of the Secretary of State.

Mrs. Mary W. Galligar of Rogue River, who was injured in an accident on the Pacific highway near there last July was awarded \$176.35 in a damage suit last Friday. Cary W. Johnson, also of Rogue River, was the defendant. Mrs. Galligar had asked \$226.50 in her suit.

According to reports received by the Medford irrigation district, and the watermaster's office, as much snow has fallen at Fish Lake, source of supply for the district, to date, as fell all last winter, and that the precipitation has been heavier. No reports have been received on the snow and rainfall at the Emigrant dam and Hiatt Prairie, but it is figured as in excess of last year. December and January storms are expected to bring the water levels at both reservoirs to normalcy next year.

PIONEER MINER PASSES AWAY

Was Famous as Discoverer of Rich Gold Pockets in County

Enos M. Rhoten, 79, known in all Southern Oregon for the rich strikes he had made as a prospector and pocket hunter, died at his Kanes creek home near here Saturday. Death was due to apoplexy.

Rhoten is said to have originated the art of hunting gold pockets in the days of the gold rush and is credited with taking more gold out of the hills of Jackson county than any other individual. His process was followed by others, but none were so proficient as he. He took \$150,000 out of one pocket on the head of Kanes creek which is considered the largest individual pocket ever uncovered here.

Rhoten always spent his money in true miner fashion. He uncovered a pocket valued at \$50,000 one time, according to the old timers, and with the money bought two saloons, one at Gold Hill and one at Grants Pass. He kept open house and gave whiskey and beer to all who cared to drink. His \$50,000 lasted about three weeks, and when the money was gone he returned to the mountains, there to mine more gold.

Known by every old timer in this section, Rhoten's passing is regretted by many. By his death one of the most picturesque characters of the section is gone, and many a tale of the early days dies with him.

Besides being the outstanding miner of Jackson county, Rhoten was in the Indian wars here and received a pension from the government for his services, and in his last days this was his main support, for his generosity soon lost him the sums he realized in his mining.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy Ellen Rhoten and one daughter, Ida LeClair of Gold Hill. He also leaves three brothers, Abraham and Albert Rhoten of Gold Hill and William Rhoten of Yreka, and one sister, Mrs. Al Boggis of Gold Hill. He was born in Appanoose county, Iowa, in 1852 and came to Jackson county 60 years ago.

Funeral services were conducted by Reverend W. H. Eaton at the Conger chapel at 1:30 Tuesday. Interment will be at the Gold Hill cemetery.

Gun Club Members to Apply for Charter

The recently organized Rifle and Pistol club met at the office of the Gold Hill News last Monday evening and definite steps were taken to make application for membership in the National Rifle Association of America.

Eighteen members have now paid their membership fees and it is expected several more will join before application for the charter is made within the next few days. Those who are members of the club are: J. R. MacKay, Merritt Merriman, Floyd Biles, Cleo Gilchrist, Wm. Ferguson, H. D. Norton, Geo. Meisinger, L. R. Boling, R. E. Blankenburg, Jas. McDonough, Seth Coy, A. F. Becker, O. C. Stanwood, Jack Couture, Linsley Dorman and Grant Powell.

It was planned to start work on the outdoor range in the near future. It will be located on this side of Blackwell hill where a 600-yard range can be set up.

Three members of the Medford gun club were present and invited Gold Hill members to attend the Medford club's annual meeting and dinner at the Armory Wednesday.

Cleo Gilbert, Fred Eddings, A. F. Becker and Dick MacKay attended this meeting, and report a fine evening. Moving pictures of British Columbia was one of the main features of entertainment.

The Medford club will shoot on its range Sunday, starting at ten in the morning, and Gold Hill gun club men are invited.

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Lodge Sets January 12 As Installation Date

Two important matters held the attention of the Odd Fellows at their meeting Tuesday of this week.

Plans were made for the Christmas observance next week, with the joint installation of officers, which is to be held January 12, coming in for its share of consideration. This is one of the big events of the lodge year, and appropriate preparations are being made.

It was also decided that Candidates Howard Dorman and Woodrow Shaver go to Ashland Thursday to receive their second degree. They will be accompanied by other lodge members.

An invitation was also read from Jacksonville lodge to attend their installation of officers January 4.

Glendale-Gold Hill Cage Game Here Friday

Glendale high school will be the next opponent on Gold Hill high school's basketball schedule. They will play in the local gymnasium this Friday. A fast game is expected and fans are urged to be in their seats early.

An opener is to be scheduled, according to present plans, for the town team, but their opponent has not been definitely selected.

SEWING CLUB MEETS

The Sewing club met with Mrs. Paul Thompson, last Friday, the afternoon being spent in sewing, and names were drawn for the annual exchange of presents.

The club meets again this Friday for their annual Christmas party, which will be held at the home of Mrs. W. H. Ferguson.

Those present were Mesdames George Hammersly, George Meisinger, George Dorman, Merritt Merriman, Joe Blair, Paul Angstedt, Cleo Gilchrist, George Huff, Charles Gray, Floyd Lance, Aurele Meunier, Charles Kell, John Logan and Eber Davis.

Crater Lake-Mt. Hood Sky-Line Trail Mapped

Next summer Gold Hill vacationists can follow a skyline trail for 250 miles along the crest of the Cascade range, and see 250 lakes, and many primitive mountain areas.

This is made possible by the issuance of the Oregon Skyline Trail maps recently which give details of camping places, primitive areas and state game refuges, as well as steams, peaks, elevations, and connecting trails.

Traveling north from Crater Lake, the larger lakes seen are Diamond, Crescent, Odell, Waldo, Elk, Marion, Olallie, and Clear lakes.

Traveling and camping information and a log of the entire route are included in the folder, which opens up a new field for the vacationist who is on the look-out for a new place to go this year.

Jacksonville Votes \$9,500 in Bonds Tuesday to Improve Water System

Bond issues providing for the expenditure of \$9,500 for construction of a new pipe line and further improvement of the Jacksonville water system were approved Tuesday, when a heavy vote was cast.

The largest bond issue, for \$6000 for construction of the new pipe line between the two reservoirs, passed by a vote of 143 to 28 and the second for \$3,500, by a vote of 129 to 50.

An amendment to the charter, which will enable the city to pay six per cent on bonds, instead of 5 1/2, was also approved by the voters.

The water problem has been one of great interest to local people since the city had trouble last summer supplying the demand, necessitating the purchase and hauling of water from Medford.

According to plans, a tunnel about 300 feet long will be dug under a shale and granite formation to tap the underground water system that engineers believe exists. New pipe lines will do away with waste, and other minor improvements are planned, which are expected to supply with adequate water at all seasons.

Land Gets State Tax Relief Through New Levy on Incomes

With the good news that the people of the state with incomes large enough to bear the tax burden, will pay the larger share of the state taxes this year, land owners are to be relieved of all but a small tax for the support of the schools, under the new tax law effective for 1932.

The new ruling calls for a 2 mill elementary school tax, which in Jackson county, with a taxable valuation of \$36,175,018, will mean that a fund of \$62,709 will be created for the use of the elementary schools. This money will all be used in Jackson county, and the state will look to other sources of revenue for its own support.

In removing the land tax the state eliminated the one mill market road tax, one-half mill tax for the operation of the World War veterans commission, and other millage taxes, which allowed a reduction amounting to about four and a half mills.

Girls Win and Boys Lose in Games with Rogue River Friday

The Gold Hill and Rogue River high school basketball teams divided the doubleheader played on the local court last Friday evening. The Gold Hill girls won their game by a score of 39-23, while the boys lost a close and hard-fought contest to the Rogue River cagers, the score being 21 to 15.

The local girls started out strong and had a comfortable lead at the half. In the third quarter Rogue River started a rally that resulted in several field goals and for a time it looked as if they might overtake the local girls. However, Gold Hill's team executed some nice passes and as the whistle ended the game the score was 39-23 in their favor. The game was fast, and fouls were frequent, but Gold Hill girls committed only 7 of the 18 fouls called during the game.

The boys' game was a see-saw affair until the final gun. The River boys caged the first goal after both teams had taken several shots. Gold Hill retaliated with a free toss a few moments later, and at the end of the first quarter, was leading 4-3. During the second stanza both teams played on even terms and at the half the score was knotted at eight counters.

The third quarter saw the local team weaken and Rogue River was leading by two points. In the last part of the game Gold Hill put up a stonewall defense and forced the Rogue River center dropping two pretty ones from the center of the floor, giving them the victory by a six-point margin.

The line-ups are as follows:
Rogue River Girls Gold Hill Girls
McLaren (4) rf Baker (15)
Dodson (20) lf Smith (24)
Hall jc Biles
Kathan sc Dusenberry
Hobrecht rg Palmer
Ringer lg Stone
Substitutions: Rogue River, Lehman for Hobrecht, Magerle for Ringer, Gold Hill, Hammersly for Baker, Wheatley for Smith, Higginbotham for Stone, Walklin for Palmer.

Rogue River Boys Gold Hill Boys
Hartman (11) rf C. Kell
Smith lf D. Walker (6)
Milton c Higginbotham (6)
O'Kelly (2) rg G. Lingren (1)
Milton (4) lg G. Lingren (1)
Milton (4) lg H. Lingren (2)
Substitutions: Rogue River substituted Hatch for O'Kelly, Hatch scoring 4 points. For Gold Hill, Hammersly went in for C. Kell, and Tompkins, who replaced Walker, made 1 point.

Referee Deal of Grants Pass officiated.

SURPRISE PARTY ON MR. GRAY

Saturday evening a surprise party was held at the Charles Gray home in honor of Mr. Gray's birthday. The evening was spent playing cards and dainty refreshments were served later in the evening. Those present were Messrs. and Mesdames Wm. Hittle, Wm. Ferguson, Bob Cook, Tony Ross, Hugh Hayes, A. A. Walker and Charles Gray.

The total requirements by the state, outside the school tax will amount to \$9,928,712, according to budget estimates. The revenues for state expenditures will be raised through indirect taxation, income, intangibles and excise taxes, and fees, fines, rentals, etc.

Another factor which will relieve private property owners to a certain extent is that the board of equalization has decreased the county taxable valuations, but the property valuations of public utility properties are slightly in excess of those fixed by the state tax commission for last year.

With the state making these revisions for the benefit of the property owner, attention has been called to the fact that local levies should also be watched carefully, and funds administered wisely so that the local levies will not offset the saving to taxpayers made by the state.

Cold Snap Again Pays Visit to Valley

With temperatures as low as 20 degrees above zero the Rogue River valley and vicinity is again experiencing an off-season cold spell. Monday night the thermometer took a nose dive to the new low level and Tuesday's sun did not seem to affect the raw western wind, as people hurried about their shopping and business, a little unprepared for the weather man's trick.

On two mornings during the last week the ground has been white with a thin blanket of snow which soon disappeared after the sun made its appearance, but more snow is predicted for the latter part of the week. Residents of the valley say this last cold spell has been the worst for several years.

This condition seems general all along the coast, however, Portland having reported three inches of snow Sunday morning with temperatures as low as 28 above zero, and travelers from the California direction say that even the coast highway as far south as Santa Rosa has its share of ice and snow.

CLARA BECK MARRIED ON THURSDAY OF LAST WEEK

Of interest to her many friends here is news of the marriage of Miss Clara Beck, formerly of Gold Hill, but now of Grants Pass, to Wallace Trotter, also of Grants Pass, last Thursday.

The wedding took place at Central Point, the Methodist minister officiating.

A wedding supper was served Friday at the Beck home, to a party of sixteen, which included Mrs. Howard Drake of this city.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Beck, and lived here with her parents for two years, prior to moving to Grants Pass about three years ago. She attended the local schools and made many friends here.

Mr. Trotter is also a resident of Grants Pass, being employed in the box factory there. The couple has taken an apartment at the corner of Fourth and E streets, where they are now at home to their friends.

Siskron Mine Is Operating Again

Siskron gold mining properties on Sucker creek near Holland, Oregon, which have been dormant for the past nine years, except for assessment work, are being mined at the present time by the lessees, according to George S. Barton. The ore runs approximately \$35 per ton, he said.

Marion and Ray Stevenson of Jacksonville, who leased the mine during the summer, are now operating the mill daily, Mr. Barton, director, stated, and will continue to do so for some time. They started a couple of weeks ago, and indications are that there is enough ore to mill several years.

Mr. Barton has been director for the operations during the past three years. H. W. Finch of San Francisco, owner of the mine, spent considerable time there lately.

PROGRAMS TO MARK SEASON

Gold Hill Organizations Are Busy with Plans for Christmas Week

With the "Night Before Christmas" and Santa's long anticipated visit only a week away, Gold Hill is taking on the Christmas spirit with preparations being made for a fitting observance of this happiest holiday of all the year.

In addition to the annual homecomings and many gatherings planned for Christmas day, itself, many programs will be the order of the week by the church, school, and lodge organizations.

At the Methodist church an appropriate Christmas service will be held with the Sunday school children, under the direction of their teachers, presenting an evening of songs, recitations and dialogues. The congregation will also participate in the singing of Christmas carols. As in previous years a large Christmas tree will be erected in the church, and Santa will be present to remember each of the children with a Christmas treat.

The program is under the direct supervision of Mrs. Lucy Mee, superintendent of the Sunday School, who is being ably assisted by Mrs. Howard Wharton, Miss Evange Starns, Mrs. Della Shaver, and Miss Eileen Shorb. About forty youngsters will take part in the entertainment.

The Odd Fellow and Rebekah lodges will have their annual celebration at their hall Christmas eve, plans having been made at their respective meetings on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. This will be in the nature of a community Christmas and Santa will have a full pack with treats for all the children attending. An appropriate Christmas program is also scheduled.

Lodge committees in charge are: Odd Fellows, Ray Thompson, Wm. Hittle and J. W. Bryan; Rebekahs, Madge Dorman, Dora Hammersly, Pauline Thompson, Priscilla Meisinger.

On Tuesday afternoon the pupils of both the high school and the grades will join in an all-school Christmas program, when an entertainment is planned to which all parents and others interested in the school are invited. This will mark the close of the pre-Christmas session of the school year, the holiday vacation beginning Wednesday, December 23, and continuing until Monday, January 4.

The Women's Relief corps plans a Christmas party with an exchange of gifts among the members, at its regular meeting, Wednesday afternoon at the home of Miss Olive Turner. This organization is also making a collection of food and clothing for distribution among the needy. Anyone wishing to contribute to this worthy cause may leave their donation at Drake's store.

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Smilin' Charlie Says



Pretense is usually a dangerous thing but there's nothing wrong with playin' Santa Claus to a lot o' poor kiddies.