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Gleanings of the Week

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

From Pendleton comes a story telling how the chief of police of that city has put Old Man Depression on the spot. Charles Lemons, the police chief, has paid with empty liquor bottles collected during raids for redecorating the interior of the police station. Lemons traded the bottles to a paint firm for a kalsomein job.

Fred Agglang of Prince Albert, Sask., makes home brewed beer with a kick. Last week Agglang, while opening a bottle of his best beverage with his teeth was surprised when the brew blew the metal cap down his throat. He was taken to a hospital where the cap was removed and Agglang now uses a regular bottle opener.

The Willamette river at Salem rose eleven feet Tuesday after a heavy rain, which brought 2.24 inches of rainfall in 48 hours. Warnings were issued to live stock owners having stock on the lowlands, as it was feared the river might reach the flood stage of 20 feet, if the rains continued.

An offer to trade a 10 per cent increase in pay for similar increase in jobs has been laid before the nation's railroad officials by their two million workers at the labor meeting in Chicago this week. Since the railroads have proposed the wage cut the labor heads have made this proposition—the first time in history they have offered to barter.

Things are getting tough in St. Louis. Last week a thief stole a 25-passenger motor bus from a garage in that city. City and state police are endeavoring to catch the man saying this is carrying the racket too far.

An airplane was used Tuesday to carry 300 pounds of food to a group of miners blockaded in the mountains east of Cottage Grove. Fifteen feet of snow has the men shut off from supplies. Their telephone line is intact, however, and they made requests for food, and built a fire to show the pilot where to drop the packages.

Another Enters Race For County Sheriff

The list of candidates for sheriff of Jackson county is growing rapidly with another aspirant announcing his intention to run Saturday. Phil B. Lowd of Medford was the candidate to file Saturday bringing the total number seeking the nomination to six with several others mentioned as possibilities. Lowd will run on the Republican ticket as will J. B. Hughes, C. J. Haas and W. T. Berry, all of Medford. Ralph G. Jennings, present sheriff, and Gordon Schermerhorn, contractor and farmer, have indicated, but not filed that they will seek the Democratic nomination in the May primary.

Leonard Hall, of Central Point, brother of Mrs. Earl Moore of this city, has improved sufficiently following his operation to be removed to the home of his mother Mrs. Bert Stephenson at Grants Pass. Mr. Hall underwent an operation for the removal of a double goitre at the Sacred Heart hospital in Medford Monday of last week.

Sewing Club Has Two Meetings During Week

The Ladies' Sewing club had an unusually busy week, with two meetings scheduled. Last Friday the club met at the home of Mrs. Aurele Meunier with a fine attendance present in spite of the inclement weather. And today, Mrs. Chas. Gray was hostess to the members, the affair being a shower for Mrs. John Logan. Mrs. Logan received many fine gifts. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostesses at each gathering, following an informal afternoon of sewing and visiting.

REJECT SALARY CUT MEASURE

School Directors Veto Plan for General Reduction; Say Its Local Problem

At a meeting of school directors and officers of the county at Medford last Saturday, action taken on salary reduction proposals resulted in a decision to reject the county-wide wage reduction program, the vote taken being 24 to 23 against the measure. Married teachers without dependents, and who have other means of income, will be replaced, however.

The recommendations for the salary cuts, and for the replacement of married teachers were both made by the county committee, appointed by the school officers to study school tax problems in the county, and suggest a means of reducing them.

The salary cut was to have made a five per cent reduction on salaries of \$800 or under; 10 per cent between \$1000 and \$1200, and those above \$1200 would have received a 15 per cent cut.

Various angles of the situation were discussed, some saying that although many thought teachers' wages should be cut, there was no indication that board and room would be cut in proportion, the report being made that people "will not be bothered with teachers for less than \$35 a month," etc. One member of the recommendations committee, C. C. Hoover of Jacksonville, stated that "the better the teacher, the larger the cut they should be willing to take," but the statement received little support in the meeting.

It is generally felt that the matter of the wages is a local proposition in which school boards should consider training and efficiency of the teacher applicant, as well as the salary at which he or she will give their services.

Big Run Steelheads In Illinois River

The Illinois river has been experiencing a big run of steelheads and a few chinook salmon during the past few days, according to C. M. Malcolm, state game warden, Thursday. Fishermen are flocking to the river to fish, but are undergoing some difficulty in reaching the scene of the best fishing, due to the condition of the roads.

The road down the river is in rather rough condition, Malcolm said, but with a good car, equipped with chains, and careful driving, it ought to prove easy to make.

Many Local Students Have Fine Attendance Records

The high school attendance for the third six weeks of the first semester in the local schools set a fine attendance record, 16 out of the 58 students being neither absent nor tardy during the period.

Those achieving this perfect attendance record were: Freshmen: James Cornutt, Alice Dusenberry, June Moore, Jean Smith, Irene Morrow, Louise Smith, Ila Mae Higginbotham, Marjorie Davis.

Sophomores: Dora Smith, Beatrice Palmer and Mabel Dusenberry. Juniors: Edith Dusenberry. Seniors: Wilna Poe, Zella Smith, Minnie Harrison, Roberta Braden.

The perfect attendance certificates for pupils who were neither absent nor tardy during the entire 1930-1931 school year were received recently and the following pupils are their proud owners:

Teddy Wharton, Raymond Blair, Marjorie Cameron, Ethel Henderson, Loren Walker, Willa La Veer, Lois Cameron, Dorothy Smith, Minnie Harrison, Billie Lee Reed, Creighton Thompson, Leland Ritter, Charlotte Walker, Eileen Shorb, Alma Ritter, Wayne Cook, La Vern Dunsey, Marguerite Crow and Homer Harrison.

The certificates carry the signatures of the state, county, and local school superintendents.

Bad Check Artist Active In Valley Is Caught

Robert McKee, wanted in many Oregon and California counties for alleged check operations, was arrested last week in Josephine county by state police and the Josephine county sheriff's office. McKee will be taken to Bend by a special deputy to face forgery charges there.

McKee last summer, is alleged to have passed bogus checks in Medford and at Butte Falls. When capture neared, he is said to have abandoned a stolen car at Jacksonville, while attending a Saturday night dance, last August. He has been sought for the past six months and his bad check transactions have been extensive and covered considerable territory, according to authorities.

Records show that McKee served a term in the Salem state prison for check passing before.

Hammersly-Foster Wedding Is Event at Medford Last Friday

A wedding which came as something of a surprise to friends here, took place at Medford last Friday afternoon when Joe ("Scotty") Hammersly and Mrs. Lena Foster were married. The couple was attended by Miss Dorothy Shoemaker, and George Hammersly, brother of the groom.

They will make their home on Mr. Hammersly's ranch on Gall's Creek, which has been his home for the past several years.

On Saturday night, a group of friends of this couple, gathered at their Gall's Creek home, in spite of the stormy weather, to enjoy a party in their honor. Guests were Mrs. John Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Shoemaker and family, Merritt Davis, John Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Chisholm, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kinney, Basha Darnelle, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Chisholm, Homer and Ed Wyatt, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Rosencrans, George Hammersly and "Bud" Snider.

The company spent the evening dancing old fashioned dances, and visiting, and all had a fine evening. Refreshments were enjoyed at a late hour.

Applegate Man Has Narrow Escape in Car

While returning from school in a car driven by "Baldy" Young of Applegate, five small children narrowly escaped injury when the children were forced to jump from the car after it started rolling down a hill. Mr. Young was shifting from high to low gear while going up a steep incline and in some unknown manner put the car in reverse. Seeing he would have to turn into the bank he told the children to jump. The car tipped over but the damage was slight and none of the children were hurt.

Ruch Residents Have Scare from Fire Friday

Residents of the village of Ruch were given a bad scare last Friday night when fire broke out in the smoke house at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Armppriest.

Mr. Armppriest had made a fire in an old tub to smoke the meat they had recently purchased but failed to put enough dirt in the tub and the floor caught fire.

There was no wind so no sparks were carried to surrounding buildings and the fire was confined to the smoke house.

Several new students have registered preparatory to entering the local high school the next semester. Among those that have signed are Dervine Mapel of Benson Poly Tech of Portland, whose parents recently moved to Foothills where they are mining. Eunice Stager of Central Point will be another new student this term. Three others are expected from Central Point.

Mrs. H. E. Wharton has received word of the birth of a five-pound boy on January 6, to Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Miller of Phoenix, Arizona. The young man has been named Stanley Leonard. Mrs. Miller, who is a sister of Mrs. Wharton, will be remembered as Miss Susan Starns.

1932 BUDGET IS ADOPTED

Final Changes Affect Small Reduction; Will Raise \$383,820.66

The Jackson county budget for 1932, which will raise \$383,820.66 for county expenditures, was signed last Friday and has been turned over to the county assessor.

The levy millage for districts outside high school districts will be 13.5; inside high school districts 9 mills, the same as last year, but a reduction over 1930, of 3.8 mills.

In 1930, the amount raised in the county was \$540,813.84, a reduction of \$156,993.18. Part of this reduction is due to Governor Meier's economy policy in the state departments, and the balance was affected by the county budget committee.

Final changes in the budget were made necessary, for the most part, in order to care for the unemployed in the county. The sum of \$3600 was added to the general fund because of the state shifting the care of the unfortunates from the state to the county; \$12,000 was added to the general road fund; \$4000 to the emergency fund and \$4000 to the new county jail. The general road and emergency fund will be used in supplying work for the unemployed next spring and summer, and for maintenance of roads. These increases were made because it is now unlikely that the state will furnish an adequate sum for the partial care of the jobless.

The state, county, city, and school millage for the incorporated towns of the county, in every instance show a decline over last year, as follows:

Gold Hill	52.8	61.4
Medford	57.4	58.2
Ashland	51.4	59.5
Butte Falls	55.0	60.9
Central Point	34.4	50.8
Jacksonville	53.9	56.9
Phoenix	56.2	64.3
Rogue River	39.1	55.9
Talent	42.7	53.4

The county millage for the past five years is as follows:

1927	19.7
1928	19.0
1929	16.3
1930	17.3
1931	13.5

County Health Meeting Held at Talent Wednes.

The bi-monthly meeting of the Jackson County Health Unit was held Wednesday, January 20, at Talent in the city hall, with about fifty present.

The meeting heard the report of the tuberculosis seal sale, which showed good returns over the county, and Gold Hill's total was larger than raised last year. Two communications were also read from the Rogue River and the Eagle Point schools, commending the unit on its work with the schools.

Health statistics were also reported, and these will be published later through the county chairman.

The next meeting will be held in the town of Rogue River.

Gold Hill was represented at the Talent meeting by Miss Nellie Jacobs, chairman of the Gold Hill unit Mrs. O. C. Palmer, Mrs. J. Madison Lively, Mrs. A. Corbett, Mrs. Paul Angstead, Miss Edith Fenwick and Mrs. C. W. Martin.

High School Teams Meet Talent Here Friday Eve

The boys' and girls' basketball teams will play the Talent High teams on the local floor, Friday evening. The teams have been playing fine games all season, against stiff competition, and often playing a faster game than the final scores show. Come out and see the locals play again Friday.

Hauling Cement for Courthouse
Cement from the Beaver Portland plant here is being hauled to Medford this week to be used on the new county courthouse.

I.O.O.F. Committees Appointed Tuesday

Gold Hill Lodge No. 129, at its regular meeting, Tuesday evening, appointed committees for the coming year, as follows:

Sick committees: Sams Valley, Geo. McDonough; Evans Creek, H. S. Moore, and for Foothills, C. W. Stumbo.

Geo. Lyman, T. A. Henderson and W. H. Ferguson are members of the finance committee.

W. H. Ferguson is marshal for the coming term, and H. D. Force is deputy captain.

A program committee, who are to formulate a program for the term, was also appointed by Noble Grand, Warren Coppock, who selected Ray Thompson, Geo. Meisinger and W. H. Ferguson. This committee will also promote a charity program in the near future, and further plans will be announced in The News soon.

Phoenix Basketeers Win Two Games From Locals Here Last Friday

Gold Hill high school lost two games to the Phoenix cagers on the Gold Hill high school gymnasium last Friday evening. Phoenix held the long end of a 23 to 9 score in the boys game and the Gold Hill girls were defeated by a count of 24 to 10.

The boys game started out fast and was a much closer game than the score would indicate. The first quarter ended with Phoenix holding a one-point lead, 4-3. At the halftime whistle they stretched their lead to five points, the score being 9 to 4. In the last half Gold Hill's defense weakened and Phoenix ran their score to 23 while the locals were able to garner but nine. The local team was somewhat handicapped by having their regular center Higginbotham, on the sidelines for the most part of the game due to illness.

Swingle of Phoenix was high scorer with nine points and Hammersly lead the Gold Hill outfit with five counters.

The lineups were:
Gold Hill: Walker (2) rf, Phoenix: Bolz (1) rf, H. Lingren (2) lf, Coats (1) lf, Hammersly (5) c, Higginbotham (5) g, Lingren rg, Maust (5) g, Kell lg, Swingle (9) g.
Substitutions—Gold Hill: Higginbotham (1) for Kell; Tompkins for H. Lingren. Phoenix—Swisher (2) for Coats; SCears (1) for Bolz.

The Gold Hill girls team lineup was: Smith, Biles, Higginbotham, Dusenberry, Palmer and Walklin. Wheatley, Hammersly and Baker went in as subs.

New Stamp Issue Reaches Gold Hill

The new issue of the George Washington Bicentennial stamps was placed on sale at the Gold Hill post office this week. The stamps carry the picture of George Washington and the dates 1732 to 1932. They are sold in denominations from the one-half cent stamp to the 10 cent stamp.

Approximately 2,500,000,000 of the Bicentennial stamps of all denominations have been issued, and it is estimated that a total of 14,000,000,000 stamps and stamped envelopes will be issued during 1932.

Local boys collecting stamps will also be glad to know that a special two-cent denomination in honor of the International Olympic Winter Games, to be held at Lake Placid, New York, in February, will be issued during that month.

Commercial Club Discusses Highway Beautification

The Gold Hill Commercial club at their meeting Wednesday evening, discussed the matter of cooperation with the state beautification board in beautifying the highway through Gold Hill. No definite action can be taken until right-of-way along the highway is granted, but it is hoped that the project can be developed through planting of trees and shrubbery here.

The members also considered the matter of erecting the sign to direct Crater Lake traffic up Sams Valley.

PLACER MINE COUNTY LOTS

Unemployment Project Begun Here Monday; Returns Are Small

The latest Jackson county unemployment relief project got under way this week when the eight city lots at the northwest edge of the city of Jacksonville, belonging to the county, were opened to jobless men, who have the privilege of placer mining there.

The lots are close to Jackson Creek, which supplies plenty of water for the operations, and the county has supplied a small amount of equipment from its machine shops to assist in cutting a channel.

So far, several groups are taking advantage of the work, under the instruction of G. I. Maxwell, who was the chief promoter of the idea. Mr. Maxwell is an experienced mining man, and is willing to instruct those who wish to take advantage of the project.

The men receive all the returns from their "pans," taking the usual chance of any mining operations, on their day's labor.

The project is limited to Jackson county men, and proof of residence must be furnished.

Many people, within the city of Jacksonville, itself, who know the property made available, are of the opinion that the returns would be small, and do not wish to raise the hopes of the workers too high. The ground has been worked in previous years, and will not afford work for a very large number.

Most of the men working on the location are using rockers, and so far report a small, but reasonably worth while return for their labor. The Medford city council also owns several lots near Jacksonville which they are proposing to open to the same plan. They viewed the location with Jacksonville officials Wednesday.

Ancient Coins Found Along Rogue River

Two old Spanish coins, one of which is 212 years old and the other 151 years old, were found last week on Dirty Buzzard bar, 50 miles up Rogue River by Rollie Alexander, prospector, according to word from Gold Beach.

The more ancient of the two coins bears the date 1720, and the other was coined in 1781. The coins are in fairly good condition.

Information regarding the find is meagre. It could not be learned whether Alexander picked up the coins on the open bar or whether he washed them out while mining for gold.

How the ancient coins came to be in that location is a mystery, but it is believed they were carried there by early Indians who may have obtained the money from Spanish traders along the coast.

COMMUNICATION

Dear Editor:
I wonder if in these days of clamor for economy, if we can't eliminate the sheriff's office. The state police system can well take care of the law enforcing part, and the treasurer's office can take care of the collection of taxes.

Let us consider this before we elect a sheriff.

A SUBSCRIBER.
(Name on file).

Evening Bridge Party at Thompson's Friday

A number of local people gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thompson Friday evening and played bridge, twelve guests being present, including Mr. and Mrs. Ray Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Force, Mrs. Joe Blair, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Moore, Mr. and Mrs. George Meisinger, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Force, Mrs. Aletha Robbins and Mr. and Mrs. Aurele Meunier.

Mrs. Thompson served delicious refreshments later in the evening.