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By Ye Editor

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It's beginning to look like this section is in for a real winter. Already we have had over 10 inches of snow, more than has fallen here for the last five years. Tuesday night the temperature got down to 8 degrees above zero and Wednesday a new low of 2 degrees above was reached. Rogue river is frozen completely over in some places. The ice was so thick just above the bridge that several people have walked across on it.

The river was lower Tuesday morning than any of the local residents had ever seen it. This is probably due to the freezing of the inlets to the river before it reaches here.

The most unpopular man in the average small town neighborhood is the fellow who gets hold of a vacant lot in a good neighborhood and uses it for a graveyard for old cars.

The tragic ending of our latest kidnapping can be traced directly to the fact that the Weyerhaeuser kidnapper was not executed. It is quite evident this fellow figured that he could safely risk a prison sentence. Until we apply the death penalty to this crime and to every person connected with the crime and until we follow the apprehension and conviction of these folks, like a wolf after his prey, we will never rid ourselves of the menace. It is certainly one crime that holds no place for mawkish sentiment or "sob-sister" intervention. It may be your turn next.

A successful Chamber of Commerce consists of a large bunch of good fellows who like to get together around the dinner table and talk, and two or three hard working, over worked individuals, who shoulder every proposition put up for the good of the community, and go out and work their heads off for it.

Plenty of room for jails and courts (glitter and glare and sin!)
Plenty of room for prison pens (gather the criminals in!)
Plenty off room for pails and courts (willing enough to pay!)
But never a place for the lads to race; no, never a place to play!
Give them a chance for innocent sport, give them a chance for fun, Better a playground plot than a court and a jail when the harm is done!
Give them a chance — if you stint them now, tomorrow you'll have to pay.
A larger bill for a darker ill so give them a chance to play!
—From our files

The American people don't mind having the English object to Wally because she is a divorced woman but when they began to say that she is not the equal of the Royal blood we just naturally walk out on them.

A neighboring editor contends that the hen should be immortalized on our coins instead of the eagle. According to this editor the eagle never did anything for the country while the hen has paid off more than one mortgage.

Most of the testimonials for patent medicine containing 98 per cent and more alcohol were written by people who go into a high state of jitters every time repeal is mentioned.

CHURCH NOTICE

The public is invited to the M. E. Sunday School, January 24, at 11 o'clock to hear Rev. Garland give a special sermon on, "Seven Ducks in a Mud Puddle."

NOTICE

Dog license for 1937 is \$1.25, the same for males and females and is now due. On March 1st \$1.00 penalty will be added.

G. R. CARTER,
County Clerk.

Total capacity of existing electric generating plants in Oregon is 484,000 horsepower.

HOW SARDINE WAS NAMED

CELEBRATED CREEK CHRISTENED

ED BACK IN '54 BY EARLY SETTLERS

How Sardine creek received its rather unpoetic name has been the subject of considerable conjecture. No fish resembling the common commercial article that is caught in cans at the grocery are to be found in its laughing waters. Most of the creeks of southern Oregon are named from persons—generally old settlers who took contiguous homesteads—but no one answering to the cognomen of Sardine has ever invaded this section.

A satisfactory explanation of the origin of the creek's title is provided by Judge C. C. Gall, a former resident of this section. The year 1852 found him settled with his father's family on Galls creek, which stream was named for the elder Gall.

At the mouth of Kanes creek a small store was kept by Andrew Jackson Kane, for whose father, Dr. Kane, the creek was named. He kept whiskey and other miners' supplies. His line was especially long on sardines, which he sold for a dollar a box. In 1854 the store-keeper decided to make a prospecting trip up the then nameless stream now known as Sardine creek. His camps were marked by the empty tins of the embalmed fish. The christening was accomplished, for the next prospectors who visited the creek adopted the suggestion made by the cans whose expensive contents, profit and all, Kane had consumed—and Sardine creek it is—as stories of how things came to be called so-and-so should, and — "to this very day."

Sardine creek furnished rich placer diggings in the early fifties, as the orderly piles of rock along its banks still attest. Judge Gall, his brother Scott, Wm. Runnels and Wm. Ewing were among the first to discover this fact, but they were prevented from profiting by their find.

The present site of Gold Hill, and up and down the river for some distance, was a great Indian campground, and at the time the party of four found that Sardine creek would yield an ounce a day to the man, the aborigines were in bad humor toward the paleface interlopers. So when Scott Gall shot one of the several dogs owned by the Indians a party of ill-natured red men visited the prospectors' camp and expressed their displeasure in rude but unmistakable language. The Gall brothers, placing a proper value on discretion, collected their share of the camp outfit, and with their rifles held handily trekked toward the parental homestead on the other side of Rogue river, up Galls creek. Runnels and Ewing declared that they would stay and harvest the treasure they had found, Indians to the contrary regardless. A day later however, they too descended Sardine creek in some haste with their rifles ready. Two weeks later the war of fifty-three broke out, and every prospector abandoned his pick and shovel and became a volunteer soldier. Months of hard fighting intervened before Sardine or any other creek in southern Oregon was again roiled by the wash from a miner's pan.

There is another Sardine creek near Clifton, Arizona, in the copper country. It may have received its name in much the same way as the brook which probably witnessed in the slaughter of a prowling Indian dog, one of the hastening causes of a bitter war between the original owners of the Rogue river valley and a band of straight-shooting settlers, mostly from Missouri, 'way back in fifty-three.

West Coast department stores gained 11 per cent in 1936 over 1935.

The 30th branch of the First National Bank of Portland has been opened at Fossil, Oregon.

Charles A. Lindbergh made his famous New York to Paris flight on May 20, 1927.

I. O. O. F. LODGE NEWS

(By Toney Ross, Sec.)

Tuesday, January 19 at their first meeting the new officers laid out their program for the coming year and it is a good one. I am going to advise everyone interested in what is going on in Odd Fellowship to watch this item in the Gold Hill News.

We hope to see every Odd Fellow in and around the town out at the next meeting, January 26. Come and see the new officers do their stuff.

GARDEN CLUB FRIDAY

The Gold Hill Garden club will meet at the home of Mrs. J. A. Blair Friday of this week.

Semester Ends At School Wed.

The first semester of the 1936-37 school year was completed Wednesday of this week with the taking of semester examinations. Plans had been made for the tests to be taken Wednesday and Thursday of last week with Friday being a holiday. Due to the closing of school on account of the heavy snow this was delayed a week.

School was closed down again today (Thursday) when the city pipes froze up and it was impossible to get water to the school so the rooms could be heated.

Following is a list of exemptions from semester examinations:

English I—Lucille Smith, Dorothy Ham, Dorothea Duncan.

English II—Virginia Duncan, Beverly Phillips, Champlin Garrison.

General Mathematics—Beverly Phillips, Leo Walker, Frieda Young.

Business Training—Dorothea Duncan, Dorothy Ham, Lucille Smith.

English III—Heleen Dorman, Maxine Holfield, Phyllis Miller, Frances Reames, Frieda Young.

Science—Dorothea Duncan, Dorothy Ham, Ruth Lance, Lucille Smith, Everett Young.

Ancient History—Rosa Desimini, Kendal Dufur, Phyllis Miller, Frances Reames, Howard Wilson, Frieda Young.

Geography—Beverly Phillips, Frances Reames.

Biology—Beverly Phillips, Virginia Duncan, Champlin Garrison, Kennetha Kegg.

World History—Dorothea Duncan, Dorothy Ham, Lucille Smith.

There are no typing or shorthand exemptions.

Town Team Starts Basketball Practice

A Gold Hill town basketball team was organized this week when all those interested in playing met at the school gym Tuesday night for their first practice. They have no outside games scheduled yet but will play teams from Medford, Grants Pass, Central Point, Rogue River, Sams Valley and Jacksonville. Practice will be held in the gym here a couple of nights each week.

The town team played their first practice game of the season when they met the high school boys in a fast tussle Wednesday night. The Townies, who played just to get limbered up again, lost to the school team 19 to 13.

Those turning out for the team are Dale McMillan, Wilmer Bailey, Roby Robinson, Leslie Walker, Clarence Kell, Delos Walker and Dale Smith.

Safety Education In School Approved By Principals

Hearty approval of safety education in the schools as carried on in a special program launched recently by Earl Snell secretary of state, has been given by high school principals who have sponsored drivers' tests in their schools.

Cowboys have erected a tombstone on the grave of "Midnight," famed buckler well-known at the Pendleton Roundup.

A total eclipse of the sun will take place June 8 with a partial eclipse visible from southwestern North America.

BOY SCOUTS GET CHARTER

COMMITTEE MAKES PLANS TO REVIVE INTEREST IN LOCAL TROOP

Frank Hill, district chairman and Joe Naumes of Medford, who has charge of the fathers and sons banquet met with the troop committee Wednesday evening to take initial steps in reviving interest in a boy scout troop in Gold Hill.

Every community in southern Oregon with the exception of Gold Hill has a successful boy scout organization and it is hoped a troop can be started here. The Odd Fellows lodge, sponsors of the local troop, will be presented a charter during the coming week.

Mr. Naumes announced the coming fathers and sons banquet which is to be held in Medford February 8. He urged all in Gold Hill who are interested to attend. Plans are being made to take 25 or 30 from here.

Members of the committee who attended the meeting were A. A. Walker, Harry Force, Jim Clement, L. T. Cook and Scoutmaster Knapp. Other members of the committee are Paul Thompson and Cleo Gilchrist.

FOOTS CREEK NEWS

(By Mrs. Marion Lance)

It is understood in the community that Ross Clark of Grants Pass has leased Bonney's Grill near the Alaska Auto park. It was closed a few weeks ago due to the serious illness of the owner Frank Bonney who is ill in a Medford hospital.

Mrs. C. Battin's two nephews from Eugene, who have been visiting their aunt and her mother, Mrs. Kingsley at the former W. M. Carle place for several days, left for their home Friday. One of them plans to move here as soon as he can arrange his affairs at Eugene. Mrs. Battin was in Talent Wednesday to visit her husband who is ill there, and found him much improved.

Mrs. Earl Morrison (Marie Biles) gave a shower at her home at Grave creek Wednesday of last week in honor of Mrs. Leslie Carr formerly of Foots Creek. A number of lovely gifts were received. Refreshments were served to 15 guests including Mrs. Lester Boling, Mrs. Dal Norton, Mrs. Jessie McDole, Mrs. Benj. Harrison and Mrs. Bedford Biles, who formerly lived here.

Mr. and Mrs. Vencil Cerveny left Sunday for Burns, Oregon, being called there on business and expect to be gone for some time. They own a mine near the former C. Carr place on the left fork.

Mrs. Victor Birdseye and children, Teddy and Mary Ann, of south of Phoenix, spent from Monday until Thursday of last week at the Birdseye ranch.

Mrs. George Badley, chairman of the Rogue River grange home extension committee, met with the ladies at the Carter-Wiley home on Evans creek Thursday afternoon.

Edward Guetzlaff, who has been ill with a very severe cold, is able to be out again. Their son, Frederick, has returned home from a Medford hospital where he spent several days due to a hemorrhage of the throat.

Mrs. Pauline Wahl is staying with Nellie Jacobs at the Delta auto camp while her sister, Lyndall is spending a two weeks vacation with her brother George at Oakland, California.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Galloway of Modesto, California, are living in the Davis house near Mr. and Mrs.

Judge Reed Handles Two Cases This Week

Two important cases came up before Judge H. D. Reed this week one of them being a forgery charge and the other for reckless driving. Ernest E. Miller and Charles L. Howard were bound over to the grand jury on a charge of forgery. They allegedly passed a bad check on the Alaska Auto Park. The grand jury meets next week but the couple may plead guilty before the circuit judge and in that case they will get an immediate sentence. Judge Reed gave them a hearing Monday.

Tuesday evening Gustav Gelin was hauled before Judge Reed and charged with reckless driving. He was fined \$10 and costs.

Townsendites Elect Officers

At their regular meeting in the Odd Fellows building last Thursday evening the Gold Hill Townsend club elected officers for the coming year. This division of the club meets the second and fourth Thursdays of each month.

Those chosen to head the club for 1937 are:

President, W. E. Ross.
Vice president, Ben. Paul.
Treasurer, Mrs. R. S. Kies.
Secretary, Warren Coppock.

High School Beavers Defeated By Talent

The high school basketball team lost their second conference game of the season last Friday evening when they were defeated by Talent 25 to 15. Before this game Talent was considered one of the weakest teams in the conference so the Gold Hill chances for district championship have taken a decided slump.

Playing to usual form the Beavers started out fast and at half time were leading 12 to 8. At the end of the third quarter the score was tied at 15 all. In the last period the Beavers were completely outplayed. Talent piled up 10 more counters and held the locals from scoring.

Leo Walker rimmed the basket for 11 of the 15 counters.

The next conference game will be played here in Gold Hill this Friday night when the Beavers meet the Phoenix team.

GALLS CREEK ITEMS

(By Minnie Harrison)

S. G. Budden and D. Estremado attended business in Medford Saturday.

Fred Rouse who lives on the old Dungey place has bought a new Ford pickup.

Bill Ferguson has been getting wood from Frank Laurence.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Hendrickson attended the Odd Fellows dance in Gold Hill Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Rand moved recently into the house at the Bill Nye mine.

Mr. and Mrs. Leep and Mrs. Joe Shoemaker transacted business in Medford Tuesday. Thursday they drove to Grants Pass.

Mr. and Mrs. Claus Strand and two small sons from Antelope, Montana visited Frank Laurence for a few days recently.

Coos county spent \$30,402 for relief in 1936.

E. Rankin which is the former A. R. Brashear place.

Harry Cramer and Elbert Coverdale of Birdseye creek, spent Wednesday and Thursday of last week at the George Woodcock ranch on Evans creek, dressing turkeys.

The Foots Creek school children enjoyed a vacation last week due to the snow and icy pavement as they are taken to the Gold Hill school by bus.

RELIEF CORPS HAS BIG YEAR

LOCAL UNIT OF NATIONAL ORGANIZATION LISTS ACTIVITIES OF PAST YEAR

Over fifty years of faithful service is the record of the Women's Relief corp. It is the oldest and largest organization of women. Today there are state and local organizations in every state and territory in the United States. The James Luttrell corps No. 14 of Gold Hill, has done its share in 1936.

Following are some of the more important events of the past year: George Washington birthday party. Dinner served to 45 guests. Program; tree set out in honor of Comrade Vroman and Comrade Ingling. Senior high school students and teachers entertained at dinner in corps rooms.

On Mother's day the corps gave a luncheon in honor of mothers; having the pleasure to have grandmother, daughter and granddaughter of one family present.

Memorial Day, 53 graves decorated with flags and flowers. Five members visited district convention in Medford. Seven members also attended department convention in Medford and a good number went to Ashland to the sailors and soldiers convention.

The W. R. C. had charge of the children's both at the Gold Hill fair.

Had inspection of their corps in November with four department officers present. Dinner was served to all.

A number also went to Grants Pass to the inspection of General Logan Corps No. 25.

Ways and means committee—two quilts made and numbers sold on them. Made four quilts for friends. Sold lunch to the public on election day. Also received a nice sum on tea towel sale.

For the good of the Order, four tables, one altar, shades and rods for windows and six rituals for Corps were made. One yard pen-pines from each member, plate filled \$1.50; flowers for sick and deceased members; \$10 donation to department.

Child Welfare work—4 quilts made for relief; 1 pair blankets, clothing of all kinds, milk, butter, canned fruit, jelly, potatoes, groceries; nursed sick, sick calls and flowers.

The Corp ended 1936 with a Christmas tree, dinner and presents for all.

We wish to thank our many friends for helping to make 1936 such a success. We are hoping to make 1937 still better.—Daisy Paul, president and press correspondent.

Mrs. A. Meunier, accompanied by Mrs. Floyd Lance of Wolf Creek visited relatives here Monday and Tuesday. Mrs. Lance will remain the rest of the week.

The S P - Glass

TONEY ROSS, standing on the main-stem, telling other local dairy men that they had better watch their milk customers since he has gone into the dairy business himself.

MRS. T. A. ROBINSON, congenial cook at the school, remarking that the school kids were flies in her soup.

LINS (Heppner or Bust) DORMAN driving around and around town so the natives too, could enjoy his new automobile radio.

MR. AND MRS. ASIL WALKER trying to convince a couple of rick-cops in Coquille that they weren't gangsters.

POP ROSS, new president of the Townsend club making plans for the organization for the coming year.

BOB WATKINS, recently of Idaho, putting on his bifocals so he could see the thermometer better.