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EDITORIALS

ANNOUNCEMENT

Good morning everybody. We wish to announce that we have taken over the business of The American. We expect to become a part of the business and social life of Central Point. The American will endeavor to reflect the progressive spirit of the people of this thriving little city where cool breezes blow, and life is worth living.

We are here to advance and boost every worthy enterprise and stand squarely behind the community, all of the time.

S. O. Burgdorf has been, for the past six months, associate editor of the Medford Daily News, previous to that time, for 35 years, was owner and manager of daily and weekly newspapers in Michigan.

J. C. Drennan has been linotype operator on the Medford Daily News for the past three years.

Let's get acquainted, you might like us.

Our motto: "Live and let live."
 S. O. BURGDORF,
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CHINA AND JAPAN

War—when has China been without war? N. W. says a Chinese statesman, "war comes at a time when China is in the throes of a calamity caused by floods, communism and civil conflict."

This much must be admitted to be true. China is indeed in parlous state. China blames Japan for present conditions in Manchuria. Japan blames China. Whichever nation may have the right or the wrong side of the contention does not appear to matter. What does matter is that men should continue to be killed despite the altruisms and agreements of the League of Nations. China and Japan are signatories to the league agreements. Their nationals are in antagonism. Blood is shed. Towns and valuable property are destroyed. The League of Nations sits and talks. In the course of time—while men are dying and continue to die—the league sometimes acts. What it does not appear able to do is to stop warfare among the signatories whenever an alleged cause for war obtains—in the present instance on the face of things, the control of a railroad; in reality, the control and dominance of Manchuria.

IS ENGLAND GOING DOWN?

What's the matter with England? That question can't be answered as Will White answered his own question—What's the matter with Kansas? White said there was nothing the matter with Kansas but we can't say that there is nothing the matter with England. England has never been the same since the World War. America has never been the same either, but there is this striking difference between England and America today; whereas America is stronger in every respect politically and financially, materially and economically. England is just the reverse in all those respects.

England appears to be crumbling. It began with the great coal strike. Then came the dols. Then came the breaking up of her dominion upon which the sun never set. Canada and Australia today are really independent nations. India appears to become one. Now has come the coalition government, which, no matter what may be said, is an admission of the weakness of all the old parties. And simultaneously with the advent of the coalition came the official revelation, previously known in the world's financial centers, that England, once the world's wealthiest nation, the very front and center of strength, was to all intents and purposes bankrupt.

Two startling developments have not topped off all these signs of the old country's breaking up. The naval mutiny and the plan to adopt a protective tariff. One is just about as

sensational as the other. Mutiny on board a merchant ship is not unusual. Mutiny aboard a naval vessel has also been known. But mutiny of a whole fleet is without precedent. These mutineers are still loyal to the old country itself but they are in rebellion against the coalition government, against the proposal to cut their pay. England is the world's great free trade country and yet it definitely proposes to adopt a protective tariff.

All these things are hard to realize, but they are true and their significance is astounding. It looks as if England has become but the mere shell of her former self.

Beware of the Thumber!

Beware of the thumber, the hitch-hiker, who stands by the roadside sometimes in the middle of the road and crooks his thumb at you, begging for a lift. The only sure way to safety is to put on speed and dash by and not slow up until the thumber is far behind and is laying for his next possible victim.

It seems hard, sometimes, when you are driving alone and the would-be companion of your drive seems to need to be picked up. Pay no attention to him. It would be harder for you to pick him—or her—up and then be robbed as has frequently happened. Cases have been known where the thumber has gone further than robbery. He has sometimes used force to effect a robbery. Sometimes the robbery has included the car as well as the personal possessions of the driver.

Take no chances. A man in Columbus, O., let two girls work upon his sympathy. He gave them a lift to the next town. There he stopped for gas. When in the filling station, getting his change, he happened to look out the window and saw the girls driving off with his car. He hasn't seen them since, nor has he seen his car.

A. S. Marshall, of Baldwin, Minn., gave a man a ride. The stranger murdered him and escaped in Marshall's car. Henry Anderson, of Minneapolis, stopped to take a man in his car. He had driven only a short distance when the thumber pressed a revolver against him and forced him to hand over his purse watch and other valuables.

In some states, the hitch-hiker is banned by law. To solicit a ride is a misdemeanor. But the law is seldom enforced. Hitch-hikers abound in all states, particularly along the great national highways and now is the time of the year when they are swarming through the country. Perhaps some of these thumbers are honest and to give them a lift might be an act of pure kindness which would be appreciated. The driver of the car cannot know and he has no way of investigating. His only safety is, as we have said, to speed up and hurry on.

WHEAT HOLDING

It is pretty hard to keep information about a public body's operation away from the newspapers. The wheat holdings of the Farm Relief Board are in point.

For some reason the board has always declined to say how much wheat it has on hand and the newspapers have been forced to guess. The current figure commonly set is the familiar one of 200,000,000 bushels.

Recently the newspaper men in Washington hit upon the fact that early in April of this year the board held 254,000,000 bushels.

Now 25,000,000 bushels of this has been sold to Brazil, or rather traded for coffee. To China 15,000,000 bushels has been disposed of. Germany has taken 7,500,000 bushels. If the board has been observing its pledge of selling not over 5,000,000 bushels "accumulative maximum" per month, besides besides and has sold since July 1 last 15,000,000 bushels, in the regular run of trade the board has disposed of 62,500,000 bushels since early April.

It is a simple matter of arithmetic to figure that 62,500,000 taken from 254,000,000 leaves 191,500,000. And that is probably near what the board actually has.

Central Point hasn't a worry in the world. It's people are prosperous and contented. Just a real good town.

There is a row on in the Oregon Highway commission. Snap out of it. What the people want is action along progressive lines.

Ramsay MacDonald's office, in London, pays \$25,000 a year, and being Scotch, he did not choose to resign.

How to shorten the depression: Pay as you go, and go somewhere.

Personally we are glad the summer is past, although we didn't get any dividends from our flannel trousers.

AROUND THE CENTRAL POINT SCHOOLS

New Teachers

The grade school is most fortunate this year in securing the services of two new teachers, Mrs. Bessie Murphy, who teaches the sixth grade, and Miss Alice Seabrooke, teacher of the third grade. Mrs. Murphy, whose home is in Ashland, has had much experience in the teaching profession, having taught before in Jackson county as well as throughout the state. One very interesting experience of Mrs. Murphy's was enjoyed while teaching in a Chinese school in Portland, Oregon. In this school she taught Chinese boys, from the Shanghai university in Canton, to speak English. Mrs. Murphy is especially interested in orchestra work, having organized a rural school orchestra in Sherman county. She is hoping to accomplish much in this line in the Central Point school.

Miss Seabrooke, whose home is in Table Rock, is a graduate of the Southern Oregon Normal school. She formerly attended the Central Point high school, having graduated with the class of 1925. Miss Seabrooke also attended the Los Angeles Institute for two years. She has taught two very successful terms of school in the Shady Cove school on the Crater Lake highway.

Record Enrollment

After the summer months of vacation Central Point high school has once more gathered back to her portals her students. Her influence is stronger this year than ever before, as 129 have enrolled. This exceeds the enrollment for the past two years.

Within her walls are the old students, those from outlying rural districts, and those from other schools. An exceptionally large freshman class is registered this year. Most of the 40 members are from the Central Point grade school. However, there are some who have travelled far to get here.

Among the new members of the sophomore class are: Marjorie Giffen, from Portland, and Clifford Casad, from Los Angeles, Calif. The junior class was fortunate to acquire Elsie Baker as a new member. The senior class welcome among them, Ralph Knight, from Oklahoma; Elizabeth Fleischer, from Seattle, Washington, and Clyde Davis, from Medford, Oregon.

There are three seniors of the class of '29 present this year. They are: Mildred Gregory, Iola Carr, and John Eddy. These students are taking post-graduate subjects.

A variety of interesting courses is being offered by the faculty this year. commercial law is one of these several new courses. With a total enrollment of 16, and with Mr. Jewett at the helm, it will no doubt prove one of the most practical and interesting courses given.

Jewett Offers New Bulletin

"School News," a small bulletin edited and published monthly by H. P. Jewett, made its first appearance a few days ago. All important facts about school activities and regulations will be published for the benefit of the parents. These bulletins will be distributed through the grade pupils.

All Classes Meet To Elect Officers

To elect officers for the coming year all classes held their meetings during the first week of school. The officers for the classes are as follows:

Seniors—President, Donald Snyder; vice-president, Ruth Turpin; secretary, Champ Pitts; treasurer, Elizabeth Fleischer.

Juniors—President, Delbert Ayers; vice-president, Vivian Jones; secretary, Mona Lewis; treasurer, Ruth Ramstrom.

Sophomores—President, Geneva Brown; vice-president, Edward Inman; secretary, Geraldine Tex; treasurer, Harry Young.

Freshmen—President, Donald Richardson; vice-president, Lawrence Martin; secretary-treasurer, Geraldine Hermanson.

Girls' Glee Club Gets New Members

Glee club tryouts were held Thursday and Friday, Sept. 10 and 11th, in the music room, under the direction of Miss Blood. A very inter-

Pointer Staff Plans Program

Members of the Pointer staff are rapidly completing plans for a public program. The early date of October 23 has been decided upon for the event. A large number of the staff will take part in the skits, funny farces, and play to be given. Funds from the program are to be used in the interest of the high school paper.

A drive for subscriptions will also be made and any high school student who subscribes to the paper for a year will be given a free ticket to the program.

Rehearsals are now under way and all the staff is working hard to make this first program an event worth while to the patrons of the school.

School Adopts New Class Plan

The new regulation adopted this year of the six one-hour class periods, combine the study hour within the regular recitation period which enables the teacher to give more individual attention and supervision as needed to the students.

The main purpose of the change in the program is to place the students under the more direct control of the teacher who teaches the subject. This enables students to obtain better help during their study period.

The new plan is meeting with the approval of both students and faculty.

Student Council Has First Meet

The student council held its first meeting of the new year on September 17, with all members present. The purpose of the meeting was to choose an editor for the "Central Pointer", and discuss the choice of an editor for the "Annual", a yell leader, and an athletic manager. Dorothy Izmann, a former student in the journalism class, was unanimously elected as paper editor. The annual editor, yell leader, and athletic manager will be chosen sometime in the near future. This short delay will give the council members, and also members of the student body, time to think the matter over, and discuss among themselves whom they want in these positions.

This council meeting was supervised by Mr. Jewett. John Smith, student body president, was in charge of the meeting.

Students Initiate Verdant Freshies

With the "General" sitting peacefully in a dainty bousinet, a frilly white bonnet on his head and toys scattered about, the freshman initiation began with much laughter. In the high school auditorium on Thursday, September 17. A large crowd attended and enjoyed immensely the program presented.

The freshmen were first entertained by a program consisting of a short skit by some seniors, a solo by Vivian Jones and piano solos by Mona Lewis and Mary Jane Beebe. The freshmen were then given an opportunity to entertain and this they did to the apparent satisfaction of those present.


THE territory around here is our "home circle"—and yours. If we work together in the right spirit, our efforts will bring their own reward. By banking here and by influencing your friends to do likewise, you will help to swell the total resources which we will have available to use for the community. The future growth and prosperity of this community will come to you and us, as the result of the the efforts we put forth together today to benefit each other.

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 Naomi Johnson
 Berenice Reames
 Vivian Jones
 Mildred Hutchins
 Laurene Hugger
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Father Sage Says
 It may be better to be happy than to be rich, but no poor man ever derived any satisfaction from that thought. He'd take a chance.

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