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CENTRAL POINT IS IN GOOD SHAPE

The Interpreter

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Brides should exercise a little caution when they are asked by the minister as to their marriage promises. A young woman in McCook, Neb., got her foot in it the other day. The minister said to the bride: "And do you promise to support, . . . ?" The bride seemed to be in a hurry, for she answered before he got any further "I do," she said very firmly, and now the young husband thinks that things ought to be soft for him, if the worst comes to the worse, and he can make her stick to that "I do."

Florida and California better be up on their toes. Australia is getting busy with oranges and when those Australians get busy they get very busy. They have just made their first shipment of their new crop to Vancouver, 500 cases. If they keep on shipping them to Canada, it is going to hurt the Californians, which the Floridians will regard with great complacency.

A farmer in Gray county, Tex., figures he sold his wheat for a dollar a bushel. He fed 500 bushels to his hogs and the price he got for this "wheat on the hoof," as it were, he says, was equal to a dollar a bushel.

The Smithsonian Institution has declared that all fortune telling, no matter by what means, including palmistry, numbers, astrology, mediums, etc., is a fraud. Nobody seems to be paying any attention to the Smithsonian edict except those folk who already knew that fortune telling was a fake. The fortune tellers, palmist astrologers, and mediums are still doing business at the old stand and they are advertising in the news papers and magazines right along. What is the policy of such newspapers and magazines as publish these ads? Maybe they need the money, which seems to be a good excuse for doing anything.

The hero in one of the latest novels is said to have "bit his lips until they bled." We have seen that statement many times before this. We never saw anybody do it. Did you ever try it? It is a rather difficult thing to do. The skin on the lips looks tender but we have found that it is mighty tough. Moresover, the biting of the lips is accompanied by severe pain. As a matter of fact we don't believe that anybody outside of fiction ever did or ever will bite his lips until they bleed. We defy anybody to submit proof to the contrary. Anyone who proves it will get a free copy of this paper as a reward.

It is all right, of course, as a pleasantry, but still it is a little disconcerting to the head of the family for the folks to harp upon the fact that it isn't more than 60 or 70 days until Christmas and that "we ought to do our Christmas shopping early." Our experience has been that no matter how early this Christmas shopping begins it hangs right on to the last moment and that is the worst moment of all.

We are for the sort of business competition they had in Rice Lake, Wis., the other day. Two department stores indulged in a price cutting sale of dresses. One would slash and then the other until the prices got so low that they just simply couldn't slash any more. Then the manager of one store had a bright idea. He invited the women to come in and get a dress free of charge. Not only that, but he gave each woman five cents as a reward for her trouble. Every dress was disposed of.

Every revolver sold in this country is a possible weapon of suicide. A revolver suggests suicide by the very ease and quickness with which it can inflict an instantly fatal wound. One of the latest revolver suicides is reported by Cleveland. The man who killed himself was a rural mail carrier. The chances are that if he had not had a revolver handy, he would be alive today.

Agriculture Is Attractive to Many People

The farming country around Central Point is very attractive these days. We believe that the conditions are the best for fruit growing and diversified farming. This is a semi-tropical climate, and the soil produces bountifully. Look at our great orchards, and compare with any other section of the west. Locally, farming is looking up. In fact everything in and around Central Point is taking on new life. Our neighbors are prospering. Over around Beagle, there is a lot of activity in agriculture, stock raising and horticulture.

Never in the history of this section of the valley has there been such a demand for farms hereabouts. Every day comes inquiries about ranches. The depression seems to be driving people onto the farms, where house rent is almost nothing, wood plenty for the asking and no water tax. Every farm of any consequence is occupied.

New Mill Co. Now Ready For New Work

The common council at its session Wednesday night completed the deal with the Fir Pine Lumber company, whereby the old brick yard plant is transferred as a site for the combination mill and box factory. Mr. Brown, of the company, said that machinery would be purchased in Portland, for the plant to be erected here. Work on the new building will be started January 1st and rushed to completion. Everything will be in readiness for operation by March 1st. The company has a large business, especially with the fruit men. The Fir Pine Lumber company will give Central Point quite a boost, and will cooperate with this city in every way.

Automobile of Hunting Party Turns Turtle

M. O. Brown, Harry Young, Jack Le Casse were hunting this week, and on their return they upset, injuring all three. None of the injuries were serious. The car was abandoned and this Thursday morning Mr. Brown returned to the scene of the wreck for his car, and on the return trip upset, sustaining so serious injury that he had to be taken to Sacred Heart hospital, Mrs. Guy Fox taking him.

Local People Attend Rebekah Lodge Meeting

The Olive Rebekah Lodge, No. 28, of Medford held a carnival and dance at their hall last Wednesday night. Those attending from Central Point were Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Vincent, Mr. and Mrs. Newt Eddy, Mrs. E. Gleason and Mrs. Blanche Gregory. They report a good time.

CELEBRATION IS NOT A SUCCESS

"This is not the Fourth of July, not even a hang over," Marshal Cummings explained to Al Gardner, who it is claimed was celebrating Thursday night exploding five crackers, and having a real good time. The marshal couldn't stand the racket, so he asked Al to join him in a joy ride to Medford—the jail over there is easier to the eye, more restful than the erstwhile "pen" of our home town. So Al went along peacefully, and enjoyed the night at the county seat. Disturbing the peace, is the charge.

If all those who are trying to explain what's wrong with business would get together to right it again, we might get somewhere fast.

Sewer, Paving Bonds Growing Smaller Yearly

Good Work of City Officials Seen in Handling of Financial Problems with the Tax Rate Held Down to the Minimum

The finances of Central Point are in splendid condition. You will look a long way before you find the business of any municipality in a better condition and the tax rate is low.

The improvement bonds of the city are composed of sewers and paving. Bonds were issued in 1911 for \$127,500, maturing November 1, 1921. At that time the bonds were reduced to \$73,000. At this time the city was rebonded for \$73,000. Then came the present mayor and with the recorder and council a regular financial program was arranged. Recorder Hatfield took charge of the office December 19th, 1921, with a balance of sewer and paving bonds of \$67,000. Since January 1, 1922, bonds have been retired as follows:

Jan. 11, 1922	\$2,000
Feb. 9, 1924	\$2,000
Sept. 2, 1924	\$1,000
March 31, 1925	\$1,000
Nov. 18, 1925	\$2,000
Jan. 3, 1927	\$2,000
Nov. 7, 1927	\$1,000
Nov. 12, 1927	1,000

This reduces the bonded indebtedness to \$55,000. In the interim the interest has been paid at 6 per cent on the bonds outstanding, which is an extraordinary good showing. There are quite a number of delinquent assessments, which property

Contract For Granite Work Is Awarded

The City Council held an adjourned meeting Monday night, to take further action on the Fir Pine Lumber company contract. The final details were put over until Wednesday night, when the contract will be signed. Bids were received for hauling granite to be used on the city streets for resurfacing. The contract was awarded to E. E. Griffiths at 75c per yard.

Eye Injury Not Serious, Says Doctor

M. C. Gleason ("Sonny") had the misfortune to injure his eye this week. "Sonny" was sighting his rifle, getting ready for a deer hunt. The rifle kicked back, and the peep sight hit the optic, causing a painful injury. The wound was dressed by Dr. Howard, of Medford. The sight will not be impaired, which is good news. It was a close shave to the loss of the sight of one eye.

Free Lecture At High School Monday Night

Rev. E. F. Atchley, superintendent of the anti-cigarette work in Oregon, will appear at Central Point, Monday evening, in an illustrated lecture at the high school auditorium at 7:30 P. M. Pictures will be thrown on canvas showing the results of cigarette smoking. Mr. Atchley was a former pastor of the Christian church here. No admission fee; the lecture is free; but a collection will be taken at the close of the meeting to assist in defraying the expenses of the speaker.

Let's go!

Postmaster Hears Umpire; Misses Deer

Postmaster Guy Tex is an enthusiastic ball fan, also hunter of some renown. The open deer season was at hand and the world baseball series was on. Guy was sorely tried, undecided whether to listen to the ball announced over his radio or hearken to the call to the hunting ground. His hunting spirit prevailed and with his trusty rifle over his shoulder he invaded the deer hunting grounds. He has proceeded but a short distance until he heard a noise in the brush as of a deer approaching. He assumed a huntsman's attitude, and then—"ball one" in a clear voice rang in his ears. He was astonished. Collecting himself, he proceeded only a short distance until the brush ahead of him cracked and he assumed a more veteran like hunter attitude, took aim and he was certain he pulled the trigger. What did he hear? The report of his trusty rifle? Not foul, strike one! Our genial postmaster went up in the air. It was nearing lunch time and he ate and resolved to shake off this strange "something" which had come over him, but to no avail for, when almost sure of his meat, as he took aim at a vital spot on Mr. Deer, came the report, "Strike two he missed!" This was the straw that broke our "hero" sportsman's spirit, and he immediately turned his face homeward. If Guy had not have "talked in his sleep" that night, his wife never could have given this "reliable" news report to the press reporter.

Ladies' Bureau Hold Enjoyable Affair This Week

The Ladies' Bureau class of the Federated church held their regular meeting Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. H. P. Jewett. Mrs. Wyatt, the class president presided at the meeting. Rev. Johnson had charge of the devotional services. After the business of the meeting was over the social hour was turned over to Mrs. Strohmeier, who had charge of the entertainment. Dainty refreshments were served. Those present were: Mercedes R. W. Nichols, E. J. Duncan, J. J. Grim, Viola Lampman, E. H. Strohmeier, Ernest Reames, Alice McKim, Mattie Smith, Everett Faber, E. C. Faber, Anna Faber, Fry, Wyatt, A. H. Webster, L. D. Stephenson, L. S. Grimes, Ray Williams, J. M. Johnson, W. P. Grimes, W. G. Gebhardt, Henry Myers, Arlie Thompson, D. P. Reid and Mattie Parker.

Coming Back When Sunshine Hits Rockies

Dear Friends of the Rogue River Valley:
I wish to take this means to thank all of you for the kindness you have shown me and that I am very sorry that I have been unable to say goodbye to each of you before I leave.
To enable my younger brother to continue in school I have decided to go home and help out this winter. But when it is spring-time in the Rockies I hope to be coming back to you.
I came for a two weeks' vacation and have stayed 14 months, and like it better each day.
My address will be George W. Stanton, Vermillion, Kansas.

CENTRAL POINT BUSINESS MAN SEES OREGON

Mr. Theo P. Tollefsen has returned from a trip around Oregon, mostly on business. His journey carried him to Bend, then on the John Day highway to La Grande and Wallawa. Mr. Tollefsen reports the country as in fairly good condition, with one or two exceptions. At Bend, the conditions are not so good. Of the 2500 men on the payroll of the two mills, only 1500 are working 2 days per week. One of the mills will close down October 15, which will be bad for Bend and for the men, out of work.

Hay is plentiful, but no market. Oats and barley are selling as low as \$13.00 per ton. Wheat has sold as low as 27 1/2 cents per bushel. It is good to move out and see conditions in other parts of the state, said Mr. Tollefsen. We are in much better condition in Central Point and in the valley.
"I don't think that there is a spot in Oregon that compares with our own locality," continued the banker "and for that reason we can rejoice at our healthy business condition."

Hold Rally At Grange Hall

The Home Economics Extension course held a well attended meeting at Grange hall in Central Point on Monday. Miss Maek was assisted by Clara-belle Nye, state leader of home extension work, and Lucy Case, extension specialist in nutrition. The leaders have compiled a list of Oregon made and Oregon grown products, and will attempt to clear up in the minds of the buyers the questions of what are Oregon products and what are not. The properties of the Oregon foods were discussed at the meetings, and new and attractive ways of preparing them were discussed. The meeting in Central Point opened at the Grange hall at 10:30 o'clock and continued until 3 o'clock in the afternoon. The morning session was devoted to extension projects and the adoption of program by the committees attending. The afternoon session was taken up by the program on Oregon products. A fine luncheon was served.

Parent Teachers Council Hold First Meeting

The first meeting of the Jackson County council of Parent-Teachers was held on October 10 with Laurelhurst unit as hostess. Many interesting reports were given from the various units showing an increase in membership and activity. Many teachers were present to add their hearty approval of the cooperation they are receiving from this organization. Mrs. V. O. N. Smith, the president, urged each unit to send delegates to the state convention in Eugene next week when mothers will have an opportunity to hear many nationally known speakers. The changes to be made in the state constitution were discussed by the members led by Mrs. G. Q. D'Albin, who had attended the special conference and board meeting in Portland. G. A. Brisbane, state educational chairman, gave a most interesting address. He compared the leading countries of the world with their universal educational privileges with those who only educate a select few, showing that education has made each leading nation what it is today. A social program was enjoyed consisting of a harmonica band by Dan-bie and Bobbie Gert, Louis Glass and Robert Thomas; dance by Betty Colburn and Maxine Harding; piano solo, Louis Glass; reading, Mrs. Harry Harding.

State Paper Is Making Good Valley News

MEDFORD, Ore., Oct. 12.—On a train Southern Oregon and Northern California is given wide-spread publicity. It is true in the October 8th issue of the Oregon Farmer which reached this city this morning. This well-written story comes from the pen of Mr. Fred W. Clemens, editor of the Pacific Northwest Farm Trio, Spokane, Washington, who paid a visit to Medford some time ago and conferred with officials of the Northern California Southern Oregon Development association at that time.

The article covers the resources of this section in a very able manner and goes into detail in explaining the high freight rates which exist here. The program of the Northern California Southern Oregon Development Association is outlined and particular reference is made to the Crescent City harbor project which would provide the Mid-Pacific Empire with a water outlet for its available resources.

A note of warning is struck in the story that citizens of this section must not be too hasty in expecting big developments to be established over night and in this connection Mr. Clemens states: "Development of this character is a slow process. As a rule, things worth while grow slowly, and not good mushrooms overnight, and not good mushrooms at that. The Mid-Pacific Empire will not see its dream come true this year or next, nor all of it even this decade. The beauty of a dream like this is that as each chapter becomes a reality another and yet another is added. A good dream never ends. A good job is never finished. The Northern California Southern Oregon Development Association is girded for continued effort in behalf of the great region that it represents."

The article is illustrated with a map of Northern California and Southern Oregon, a photograph of President C. E. Gates and a cartoon of a bottle full of natural resources with a hand marked "Single Transportation System" pressing down a cork called "High Freight Rates" and the cartoon is headed, "Millions in natural resources are bottled up in this country by high freight rates."

Huge Power Project in Sight

Purchase of 1,200 acres on Klamath river, to be utilized as a site for a power plant in the event the company receives permission to begin its proposed program, has been announced by the California-Oregon Power company. First unit of the project will cost \$4,000,000. The work will be completed in two years at an estimated total cost of \$25,000,000.

CENTRAL POINT ENDORSES HARBOR

MEDFORD, Ore., Oct. 6.—Central Point has joined with other communities in northern California and southern Oregon by giving its endorsement to the Crescent City harbor project. At the request of the Northern California Southern Oregon Development association, which organization has made the Crescent City harbor development its major project, Mayor W. C. Leever today sent the following telegram to Mr. Wm. P. Ellis: "Central Point very interested development Crescent City Harbor at this town situated in center of extensive fruit and dairy country. We appreciate benefit to be derived by these industries with a water outlet at Crescent City. We unanimously endorse project and wish you every success." Mr. Ellis is the attorney of the association and will present the Crescent City harbor case before the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors in Washington, D. C., on October 12th, at which time it is hoped that favorable approval will be given the project.