

BUSINESS REVIVAL IN OFFING, HOPE

The Interpreter

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They are groaning over high taxes in Medford. But the taxpayer keeps right on voting for school buildings, court houses, good roads, etc. Verily, man is his own executioner.

The good and the bad are still coming along, hand in hand, in the news. Here's a dispatch from Washington that opens with the statement that the exports of cotton to the Far East increased 17 per cent in the first six months of this year, over the same period in 1930. That is very comforting, is it not? "Exports of all American merchandise to the Far East during the first six months of this year showed a reduction of 33 per cent compared with the same period in 1930." What's the use?

The railroads better look out. Right at the very time they are trying to get an increase in rates, what do the Californians do? They start to shipping dates and walnuts to New York by truck. The trip is expected to be accomplished in 12 days. Refrigeration service has been arranged along the route.

The "wrestling" matches in Albuquerque, N. M., must be worth going to see. We have it on the printed word of the Albuquerque sports reporters that "nothing is barred but weapons." By weapons, the report explains, they mean ice picks and black-jacks. Jiu Jitsu nerve holds are a specialty. Right crosses and uppercuts are mixed with toe-holds and head-locks. The referee is in the ring as an ornament only. The better man is he who is able to walk out of the ring.

Romeo C. Stephenson, who is president of the American Bankers Association and therefore knows everything, says that "millions of people in this country are suffering from paralysis of the pocketbook. Oh, yeah! That is what all ours. It is also suffering from the gone feeling. Most of you have had the same experience.

Let's not get so puffed up over the fact that half the entire world supply of gold is in the U. S. treasury. It isn't doing us any good. The more we have now, the worse off we are. The other nations can't get it because they can't sell us anything on account of our own surplus of everything. They can't pay us what they owe us because of that same surplus and also because of our high tariff. They want to pay with goods because they can't spare any of their gold. We can give these other nations credit, but that credit is used just to pay the interest on previous credits. So there you are.

Great Britain is not only short of money, but is short of babies. There are lots of marriages all the time, but the birth rate keeps on dropping just the same. Only one country has a lower birth rate than England and that is Sweden. The British are worried about it. They will pull out of their financial troubles, but nobody has suggested how to improve the birth rate.

One Texas farmer seems to have solved the farming problem. He has gone in for diversification very thoroughly. His biggest crop is sweet potatoes. Then he raises beef cattle, hogs, corn and other feed stuff and also raised. There are oats and wheat, sorghum and Sudan grass. He is always sure of plenty to eat for both his family and his livestock, and what he has to sell he can dispose of easily because it is of the best quality. And if he doesn't sell it he doesn't worry. He will not starve, neither will his animals.

If only each of those Louisiana governors could veto the acts of all the others, the state would be in pretty fair shape.

Council Hands Out 1931 Budget Showing Saving

At the council meeting Monday night a tentative budget was submitted and discussed. The budget as prepared calls for a total of \$11,000, which shows a decrease of \$503. The budget for 1930 was \$11,503. This is quite a saving over the previous year.

Nov. 12 the budget committee, consisting of H. P. Jewett, C. G. Duncan, J. E. Vincent, A. J. Melton, George Wallace and S. J. Richardson, will meet to give the figures the face over. It is thought likely that the budget will receive the O. K. of the committee.

When we consider that other cities are increasing the expenses of city government, it looks pretty good for Central Point to operate on a cash basis of under previous years, rather than above.

Early Settler Goes to Her Last Reward

Margery Edmundson Magruder was born near Springfield, Ill., Feb. 8, 1848, and passed away at her home Nov. 1, 1931, from infirmities due to old age, she being 83 years, seven months and 23 days of age.

She crossed the plains in 1852 with her parents, the late Isaacs and Lucinda Constant, and settled in Jackson county, six miles from Jacksonville, Oregon.

Here she grew to womanhood, and on April 21, 1875, was married to Constantine Magruder. In June, 1908, her husband was injured by being thrown from a wagon, and three days later passed away. In the spring of 1908 two sons and one daughter passed away.

Mrs. Magruder, a resident of Jackson county for 79 years, was a woman of fine Christian character and was loved by all who knew her.

She leaves four children, two sons and two daughters, Mrs. Mary Coker and Mrs. Lettie L. Gregory of Central Point, Ore., Ray Magruder of Dunsmuir, Calif., and Vernon Magruder of Los Angeles, Calif.; also five grandchildren and one sister, Mrs. Julia A. Owen of Central Point, Oregon.

Hoagland Rites Held Thursday

William Hoagland, aged president of Central Point but late of Portland, where he spent several months receiving medical attention, passed away in that city and the remains were brought here for burial. Besides his wife, Stella, he leaves five children, Frank and Homer Hoagland of Portland, Ida Rodell; Mrs. William Sollers and Arthur Hoagland of California; and Jessie Hoagland of Oklahoma.

Funeral services were held at the Christian church in Central Point at 10 a. m. Thursday. Rev. D. E. Millard officiating. Interment was in charge of the Central Point Odd Fellows.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McCall of Medford were visitors at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Sanford Richardson, Thursday afternoon.

The Carnation club met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Alta Kelly. A social afternoon was spent and delicious refreshments were served. Those present were Mrs. Vrona Schollers, Mrs. Wells Mann, Mrs. Rose Hodson and the hostess.

Al Hermanson sold two fine Boston Bull pups this week, one to Traffic Officer Tom Robinson and one to Mrs. Reginald Fifer, both of Medford.

Grain Prices Reaching New High Figures

Wheat, Cotton and Corn Are Boosted in Old Time Floury at Chicago and Other Points—Better Feeling on All Sides as Reports Come in

Business is picking up around the country. Farm markets are lively with new prices. We begin to feel its touch locally.

A representative of the Faber store asked for a price on feeds for present and future needs, and could not get any satisfaction. The millers would not quote prices, and said they had no "feel" for the delivery at wholesale. On the Chicago wheat and grain market, prices were steadily climbing this week.

The prosperity rally in the grain pits at Chicago sent wheat prices soaring sensationally and statisticians estimated that upwards of \$400,000,000 had been added to the potential purchasing power of farmers as a result of the present upward swing.

Before a spurt of the last hour on Thursday, statisticians had estimated that the grain holdings of farmers had been increased in value by \$375,000,000. In the final hour an additional \$110,000,000 was added.

On the strength of the current boom optimism returned to the wheat states of the west and mid-west, where only a few months ago despair and bitterness reigned. Report of improved business and extension of credits by farmers for the purchase of supplies were received from all parts of the wheat belt.

Many farmers announced determination to hold their wheat a while longer, hoping for \$1 a bushel prices.

PRICES SKID UP
Quotations whipped upward 3 1/2 to 4 1/2 cents per bushel to the highest levels of the season. Even the most optimistic of the traders could hardly believe the chalk marks on the board of trade, registering prices 20 3/8 to 21 1/4 cents above the lows set one month ago.

July wheat skidded up to 70 1/4 cents a bushel, the highest figure since the federal farm board's stabilization efforts of last May. December wheat closed at 64 1/2 cents.

Turkey Man Is Ready for New Season

J. D. Watkins and wife, of San Francisco, are in the city. Mr. Watkins will remain in this locality for a month. He is well known here as the "Turkey Man." He is in the market for turkeys, buying for the Half Moon Co., of San Francisco. His headquarters will be at the Hermanson Feed Store. Mr. Watkins has purchased turkeys around Central Point for years and the people here are glad to have him in this market. There are plenty of turkeys, and a lot of this money will find its way into the various trade channels in this vicinity.

SCHOOL NOTES

Harold Smith and Fred Lofland are back at school again after having been absent last week. They attended the annual livestock exposition in Portland and report an interesting time.

There are four post-graduate students this year taking additional subjects. They are Lola Hood, '31, Ina Thompson, '29, Mildred Gregory, '31, and John Eddy, '31, and they have chosen commercial subjects for the most part.

Tuesday, Nov. 2, Mr. March, the school janitor, was missed by everyone around school. He was absent on account of illness.

up 2 3/8; March 68 1-8 to 68 1-4, p 2 5-8, up 2 5-8; May 69 3-8 to 69 5-8, up 2 3-4 to 3; and July 70 to 70 3/4, up 2 3/4 to 3.

Outside markets snapped upward simultaneously. Winnipeg closed 1c to 2 1/4c higher, Kansas City 2 3/8 to 2 5-8 and Minneapolis 2 1/2 to 2 3/4.

The excitement extended into the other grain pits. Corn surged 3 3-8 to 4 cents higher, oats and rye 5-8 to 3 3-8.

Rural elevators hold about 48 per cent of the new wheat crop. It is worth about \$60,000,000 more than it was on Oct. 5. Almost the entire corn crop of 2,700,000,000 bushels remains in the country. Its value has been enhanced by \$275,000,000. Oats, rye and flax have benefited by \$55,000,000.

BUYING WAVE

The market on the board of trade, not important in the world, fluctuated erratically during the week. Then came the general wave of buying. It picked up top loss orders and found many traders attempting to re-instate long lines sold out earlier.

Seats on the board advanced to \$12,000 when Ward S. Perry bought one at that figure. Only a few more seats, it was announced, would be offered under \$25,000. Less than a month ago seats almost were going begging at \$6,000 to \$7,000.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 5.—(UP)—Wheat prices increased this month added nearly \$45,000,000 to the potential purchasing power of agricultural section of five southwestern states, a United Press survey revealed today.

Old Timer Here Passes Away

Nancy E. Wyland, pioneer Jackson county resident, died at her home near Beagle Monday morning, at the age of 88 years. She was born in Missouri in March, 1844, and when two years of age crossed the plains with her parents by ox team and settled at Molalla, near Portland. At the age of 17 she was married to Aaron Wyland, who died in 1914.

Funeral services were held at the Conger chapel at 2 p. m. Wednesday. Interment in Central Point cemetery.

County Court Makes Reply To Criticism

The county court, which is really the purchasing agent of the county, has been criticised by the Medford Daily News for the manner in which it conducts its office.

In reply the county court vindicates itself as follows:
Each and every invoice or payroll from the engineer's office, or from any other department, has been itemized before the county court has authorized payment for the same. Invoices list each item purchased; payrolls show the name of each employee, the dates that he worked, the jobs that he worked on, and his rate of pay. These are filed with the clerk and checked by the bookkeeper before being presented to the court.

The payrolls and invoices are open to the public, and we especially invite you PERSONALLY to come and inspect these records rather than take the word of someone who claims to be RELIABLY INFORMED.

ALEX SPARROW,
VICTOR BURSSELL,
JOHN BARNEBURG.

Community Chest Drive Will Start Off On Monday

Mrs. Earl Leever will launch the Community Chest campaign on Monday. The need of the drive is felt more than ever this year and everyone should give something to relieve the unfortunate until the conditions change.

The federal government, through President Hoover's emergency committee for employment, has initiated "the most comprehensive mobilization of social welfare and fund raising resources that has been attempted for any purpose since the war." Each community is to co-operate in this great concerted movement by meeting its own demand for relief. This plan emphasizes the principle of "local responsibility for local needs."

Let's see to it that no one in Jackson county feels the pangs of hunger. This is everyone's obligation.

The Churches

An unusually large audience enjoyed the morning service at the Christian church last Sunday. Rev. F. L. Cook was invited by the pastor, Rev. D. E. Millard, to deliver the sermon. Rev. Cook, who has been for 45 years a pastor and singing evangelist in different cities and states from coast to coast, is now acting as field representative for Western Christian Homes located in Oregon—homes for the aged and for orphan boys and girls. Special music was furnished by a quartet composed of Miss Doris Richardson, Mrs. Young, Rev. Millard and Rev. Cook.

Rev. F. L. Cook and wife are visiting their daughter, Mrs. H. E. Young, and family.

Friday afternoon the Golden Link Bible class held its monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. H. E. Conger. Hostesses were Mrs. Dora Jones, Mrs. Lois Young and Mrs. Fred Wiley.

The Junior Choir held a Halloween party in the recreation room of the church Saturday evening.

A one-day convention will be held for this district on Friday the 13th, at the church. Speakers of note will appear on the program.

THE FEDERATED CHURCHES

Central Point, Ore.
J. M. Johnson, Pastor.
"A City Church Becomes a Spiritual Lighthouse for the Whole Country" would be an appropriate title for the lesson this week, taken from Acts 19:1-20. Whether one of our workers have given you a personal invitation or not, we will be glad to have you study with us. So will other Bible schools be glad to have you with them; so go somewhere.

Young people, these days as always, must choose between three possible roads. The high road to usefulness and life, the middle road of indifference and commonplace activities, or the low road of selfishness and dissipation. The Bible schools and young people's societies—departments of the church—invite you to study and fellowship which will help you to be your best in life.

"Christ's Challenge to All" will be the theme of the morning sermon; and "The Day of His Preparation" will be the subject in the evening. Come early for the song service, and be sure to bring a friend.

Mrs. Truman Brenner left the first of the week for Klamath Falls to visit Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Webber for three weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Terrill of Sams Valley spent Wednesday in this city trading with local merchants.

C. E. Gates of Medford has been urged to accept re-appointment on the highway commission.

INTERESTING MEETING OF RELIEF CORPS

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On Thursday, November 5, the Chester A. Arthur No. 4 Relief Corps held an all day meeting in the armory, with Central Point Corps and Mrs. Anna Harmon, Inspector, of Grants Pass, as guests.

At noon 51 women, all W. R. C. members, and one man, Mr. Woods, a Civil War veteran, were seated at a long table and partook of a very delicious dinner, served by the Medford ladies. After dinner, with Mrs. Weed, president of the Medford order, presiding, a number of very interesting talks were given. Mrs. Roseberry first read a poem by Joaquin Miller entitled "Columbus," in which the words "Sail on" are repeated a number of times, making the poem a very inspirational one, as these words may be applied to any endeavor in life.

This was followed by a reading on Washington by Mrs. Weed; the Signing of the Declaration of Independence, by Mrs. Krause; the First Continental Congress, by Mrs. Woods; a talk on Lincoln, by Mrs. Miller; a story of the life of Lord Cornwallis, by Mrs. Nancy Wilson; a talk on the celebration of the 20th anniversary of Washington's birth, which is to start on February 22, 1932 and continue throughout the nation until the following Thanksgiving. This was given by Mrs. Littrell.

Following this the ladies went to the hall, where they held their regular business session and initiated one new member.

Those present from Central Point to enjoy and appreciate the day were Mesdames Henderson, Maple, Richardson, Rostelle, Love, Gleason, Parra, Southwell, C. E. and Eva Smith, Pankey, Hiley, Coppinger and Sheley.

Mrs. Harmon, the inspector, gave an interesting talk and spoke very highly of the work being done by Medford Corps. She expects to meet with the Central Point Corps next Saturday afternoon at their regular meeting.

LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. Maple, Mrs. Ada Leep and Mrs. Hazelwood visited Sunday with Mrs. Hazelwood's son Luther at the latter's ranch near Wilderville. If hard work counts for anything, Luther will have one of the desirable farms of that section before many years.

Mr. and Mrs. Snooks, who moved from this city last spring, last week returned here and are occupying the Jack Southwell house, the one she vacated. The excellent school and the sociability of Central Point people of Central Point are some of the factors inducing them to return.

Orin Cooksey, proprietor of the former John Ross bar or shop, returned Sunday from a week's visit with a sister in Portland.

The Misses Bessie and Bertha Frodenberg and Mrs. Minnie Moore attended the funeral of Mrs. Anna Shipley-Miller at Sams Valley Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Tucker of Brownsboro spent last week-end visiting Mr. Tucker's sister, Mrs. Wm. Morris. They also attended the Halloween carnival dance at Walker's hall.

Another Accident Results Fatally For Medford Boy

Harry Morrison, who was accidentally killed by the discharge of a shotgun in the hands of Raymond Renard last Saturday, was buried in the Medford cemetery Monday. The boys were cleaning their shotguns when the accident occurred.

Program Is Arranged for Celebration

Final plans for the annual Armistice Day celebration to be held in Medford next Wednesday, November 11, indicate that this year's event will be one of the biggest and best in the history of Southern Oregon. Scores of local Legionnaires have been working for weeks to perfect the final details and the big day's program is practically complete. Many free attractions have been arranged to amuse the crowds and will start with the street stunts and open air vaudeville at 9 a. m.

The annual patriotic parade will move at 10 a. m. this year instead of 11 o'clock as formerly, and a splendid procession is assured. There will be plenty of band and drum corps music, military orders, marching organizations, beautiful floats and decorated cars in this year's patriotic pageant. At 11 a. m. a salute of bombs and whistles will announce "Armistice Hour," which will be observed by a two-minute cessation of all activities to mark the 13th anniversary of the close of the world war. At 11:15 the crack fire department of Medford will entertain the crowds with a thrilling exhibition at the Hotel Medford. A "slide for life" wall calling and a new type of water stunt will be included in the program.

When 12 o'clock rolls around all ex-service men will gather at the Elks Temple for their annual get-together venison feed. This will be free to the veterans of all wars and a good program of entertainment will follow the "big eats."

At 2 p. m. the crowds will assemble at the Medford football field, where some clever stunts will augment the annual Armistice Day gridiron classic. Plans are under way to present a burlesque battle between two picked teams from Medford and Ashland between halves, as well as other novel entertainment features. Special programs in Medford's five theaters will start at 1 p. m. in the afternoon and continue until a late hour. It is reported that some of the best attractions of the year have been secured for these holiday performances.

The crowning event of the day will be the Armistice ball to be held at the Oriental Gardens at 9 p. m. A splendid floor and modern music by Ike Porter's popular dance band will insure the enjoyment of those who attend. Clever vaudeville specialties will be presented during the intermission and a record crowd is looked for.

School Clinic To Be Held at Health Center

Two years ago the Central Point division of the Jackson County Health Unit built a very neat building on First street back of the Vern Pendleton service station. This was one of the first buildings of its kind to be built in Oregon, and the town can well be proud of its Health Center.

On the second Tuesday of each month a free clinic for children is held in the afternoon, with the county doctor and nurse in charge. Two of the local committee are always in the building to help with the registering.

This year in October a group of the health committee had charge of a rummage sale, a food sale and a luncheon, the proceeds of which went towards making a payment on their building. We wish to thank everyone who helped to make these sales a success.

On Tuesday afternoon, November 10, a pre-school clinic will be held at the health center. Mothers are urged to bring their children who are over the age of nine months and under the age of six years. Dr. Wilson will give the new toxoid immunization against diphtheria. This will be given only to those desiring this protection.