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Central Point is going along, picking up here and there. We have reason to feel proud of our people and city. Boost for it.

OFFICERS MEET TO AID MILL

The Interpreter

By S. O. BURGDORF
Hoover's "ol' swimmin' hole," in Iowa, has been vanquished by the drought. But Hoover has been swimming, or trying to swim, in much deeper holes for several years now—holes that were far from being as placid as the old Iowa holes—with a surf and mountainous waves—holes running over with chilly waters, which were full of snags and sharks and other dangerous denizens it is well for the unwary. But Hoover must wait for the peace and happiness of those old days in the old Iowa swimming hole.

Here's a tip for farmers whose farms don't pay. An Iowa man, on finding himself in that situation, turned to and put up a factory right on the farm and with the aid of his wife, father and son-in-law, is turning out automobile accessories and making a big profit out of them. Some Kentucky farmers are simply letting their farms go hang. But they are not turning out anything like automobile accessories. They raise a lot of corn, which grows of its own accord, and they turn the corn into a first-class accessory, for which they find a ready sale in Louisville and Cincinnati.

Live and learn. We have always thought "housemaid's knee" was a joke. It sounds like it, doesn't it? But it is a very real thing, we have just learned from one of these "Home Doctor" columns. It is about the only thing we ever did learn from them. Here is what this "joke" is: An inflammation of a bursa which is located on the kneecap. It is caused by trauma. Now if you know what a bursa and trauma are, you know all about "housemaid's knee."

A girl was sent to jail because one of the shoulder straps on her bathing suit slipped down on her arm when she was bathing at Coney Island. We saw a picture of her with the slipped strap. Pretty nearly everything else had slipped too, but the slipping of the strap was the only thing that caused the trouble. Coney Island doesn't seem to care what slips so long as the shoulder straps stay in their proper places. Coney Island always was particular that way.

There are reported to be 35,000,000 telephones in the world. Looks like we ought to be able to get one once in a while that wasn't busy.

If the Southern states continue the way they have started, they are going to check materially the influx of winter tourists for which they beg and plead for at least eight months a year. That leaves the South four months to profit off their visitors and any one who has ever spent a winter in any of the Southern resorts know that when it comes to profiting, these Southern resorts are experts. But in two states now, action has been taken that may turn back the tide of auto tourists. Alabama has increased her gasoline tax from four cents to five cents a gallon while Florida has increased hers from six cents to seven cents. In Alabama, there is a little catch. The state tax, true enough, is five cents a gallon but under a new state law, counties and cities can add a little tax of their own, so that in some places in that state the tax amounts to ten cents a gallon. It might be a good idea for the resorts along the ocean and the gulf to offer to refund the gasoline tax paid by the tourist in the Southern states thru which he passed. It could easily be done and the resorts would not suffer from it. They would get all of it back, anyway.

We wouldn't believe it if we didn't see it in the papers, but a Straitsville, O., story says that when a truck farmer there started to dig up his potatoes, he found he didn't have any. Some on had stolen all the tubers but carefully replaced the plants. From Mason, Mich., comes this story: The police arrested a man who was very drunk. When he came to the next morning, he couldn't remember where or what he drank, but he had to have all his teeth (Continued on page four)

COUNTY COURT COMMENDED FOR ACTION ON TAX

By L. M. SWEET
Recently, I promised to discuss the County Budget, County Court, and other officials in your columns, but was delayed in doing so until official action had confirmed final promised action on items being discussed and the conduct of all departments affected. A day at the court house gave me a better feeling of optimism and keener respect for all parties concerned. The different items were discussed, and parings urged, even tho' there might be some conflict of law, only to discover that where-ever legislative action could be applied as an alibi, the department claimed the full measure of toll, regardless of justice, fairness, or official honor, this being especially noticeable in the school superintendent's office. Could the people en masse realize the extent of political jugglery that occupies the time of each session of our legislature, Art Perry would have more backers in desiring abolition of the same. During the last session of our legislative body, your scribe worked tirelessly night after night into the wee, wee hours dissecting proposed laws and insisting that the chaff be sifted out and our representatives eliminate the barbs. These barbs are just now in time of distress, sufferings and inescapable poverty to many. (God pity them). (Continued on page four)

Pioneer Eagle Point Man Dies at Home

George W. Daley, pioneer resident of the Eagle Point district, passed away at his home there at 8:30 a. m. Tuesday at the age of 73 years. He crossed the plains at the age of five years, and for more than 50 years has resided at Eagle Point. He was born in Illinois, in 1859. Besides his wife, Alice Daley, he leaves one daughter, Margaret Peachey of Ashland. Also one brother and one sister, John Daley of Medford and Rose Potter of Ashland. Funeral services were held today at the church in Eagle Point with Rev. Smith officiating. Interment was in the Antelope cemetery, with Conger Funeral Parlors in charge.

Resolution Will Stop Fussing With Fire Box

At the last meeting of the Common Council a resolution was passed that will probably end the practice of turning in false fire alarms. The city went on record in the right fashion and a standing reward of \$25 is offered for the detection of any person pulling a false alarm. Only routine business came before the council and business was dispatched with speed.

Jacksonville to Keep Same Marshall Despite All Rumor

Reversing their decision of a week ago, the city council of Jacksonville again appointed Jim Littell of that city to act in the capacity of city marshal and water superintendent. The council had previously decided to divide the two positions, and several applications for water superintendent had been turned in. Business that was not completed last Tuesday was finished Wednesday night, which included arrangements for the printing of bonds and the swearing in of the new officers. Wesley Hartman was sworn in as Mayor, and the two councilmen who were reelected at the last election, C. B. Dunsington and Jim Cantrah, took office. Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Carey of Phoenix have purchased the building formerly occupied by the "We Fix It" shop and have opened a general exchange store. Mr. Carey states that they will buy and sell everything.

Death Halts Work On Own Tombstone

Salem, Iowa, Jan. 11.—Death halted the work of Levi C. Frazier, 83, upon his own tombstone when he was stricken with heart disease in his harness shop this morning. The stone, which was being made of cement, had not been taken out of the form, and his son, Hubert, found his father's lifeless body lying at the base of the memorial with a trowel in his hand.

Army Plane Is Wrecked Near Talent

Forced down by a heavy black fog, Lieutenant Emil Kennedy flying an army trainer plane No. 28-142 crashed in the yard of the Clarence Shely farm, two miles from Talent on the Wagner Creek road, at 10 o'clock yesterday morning. Kennedy escaped uninjured, but the plane was a total wreck. Lieutenant Kennedy and A. T. Thomas left the Medford airport a few minutes before the crash to take two planes to Sacramento, Thomas brought his plane down in a field beside the Ever Shady apto park at the south entrance of Phoenix without so much as getting the wheels muddy. Both men are army reserve pilots.

HITS POLE.

Kennedy said he was trying to get to a field south of the Shely farmhouse where he could land, and did not see the power pole into which he crashed. The plane hit nose first, bounced about 50 feet and lit upside down not 30 feet from Shely's house. Kennedy was strapped into his plane which kept him from being killed or seriously injured. The Shelys were not home when the crash occurred. Officials from the airport rushed to the scene of the crash, and prevented any souvenir seekers from molesting the plane. The gas leaked out of the tanks in the wings, but as the ignition was shut off the plane did not fire. The planes were new, having come from Boeing field Sunday, and were being taken to Sacramento where they were to be used for training purposes. The pilots had hoped to follow the Pacific highway over the Siskiyou, but the dense black fog caused Kennedy to lose the road. After following the Wagner creek road for two miles he decided to land, with the disastrous results.

FENCE WRECKED.

Kennedy said he did not see the pole or the wires, and was planning on setting the plane down in the pasture beside the Shely house. Several hundred feet of fence was torn out, as was the power pole the plane struck. The wings and propeller of the plane, as well as the landing gear, were almost entirely wrecked. Engine braces were bent while the motor was pushed back into the plane, and parts of the engine were broken and cracked. The tailpiece was considerably damaged where it dug into the ground as the plane flopped over on its back. Kennedy, aside from being shaken up, was not injured. Residents of the Talent district heard the plane circling low, and heard the crash, but thought the plane had crashed into a low hill. Medford residents heard the planes go out and noticed they were flying unusually low.

P. T. A. to Have Dad's Night in Near Future

A program given by grade and high school students and other local talent will be presented "Daddy's Night," January 21 in the high school auditorium. Since mothers seem to be so much more prevalent at the afternoon meetings of the Parent and Teacher Association, a special evening program has been arranged so that daddy's may also attend.

Hearing Date Is Set to Consider Reduced Taxes

Meeting a Constructive Step in Civic Effort to Re-establish Payroll. Opening of Mill Considered Imperative

County Assessor J. B. Coleman has designated Friday, January 22 as the date for a hearing on the reduction of the valuation of the timber holdings of the Owen-Oregon Lumber company in Jackson county. A member of the state tax commission will be in attendance at the meeting, which will be held in the court house. The chamber of commerce committee, composed of W. H. Gore, Ben Harder, A. C. Hubbard, Earl Fehl, O. C. Boggs, L. E. Wakefield and Earl C. Gaddis, will also attend the meeting. Complete data on the holdings of the timber company in this county will be submitted at the session, which will take the major part of two days. The meeting is a constructive step in the civic effort to re-establish the Owen-Oregon mill payroll, thus furnishing employment to 250 men, mostly home-owners. The timber company claims it has been over-assessed in the past. It is thought that a satisfactory adjustment basis can be agreed upon between the timber company, the state and the county. Any valuation reduction must be approved by the state tax commission, and would not be effective until next year. It is also probable that some relief will be furnished in the valuation of the Medford Logging railroad, formerly the Pacific and Eastern. This has been assessed as a full-fledged public carrier, when its business has been confined to the hauling of logs from Butte Falls to Medford. The Owen-Oregon Lumber company has recently been reorganized. The company has shown an inclination to resume operations, probably on a small basis at first if taxes and water and power rates could be adjusted. The lumber market the past month has shown signs of revival, due to curtailed production and depletion of yard stocks. Foreclosure suit filed in the federal court at Portland Tuesday against the Owen-Oregon Lumber company, of Medford by the first Iowa State Trust and Savings bank, of Burlington, Iowa, was more or less an anticipated legal action, according to James H. Owen, general manager of the plant. "The filing of the suit is simply a legal procedure necessary in the reorganization and readjustment of the affairs of the company," General Manager Owen said Wednesday. "It will enable the company to abide by the terms of the moratorium recently endorsed and approved by the bondholders. The suit will have no effect on the reorganization plans now under way."

Name Is Changed

General Manager Owen said that, starting Monday, the name of the Owen-Oregon Lumber company was changed to the Owen-Oregon Lumber Sales company, and was operating now under that business name. He said the change in name was part of the general reorganization plans. At a meeting of the bondholders and officers of the Owen-Oregon company last November a moratorium was granted to the timber company in the payment of these bonds. There has been no change in these plans. The suit filed Tuesday is for the collection of principal and interest on a \$2,600,000 bond issue, less a \$300,000 payment.

Big Snow of January, 1890 Worst of All

Forty-two years ago this month the Rogue River valley experienced a snow storm and flood that makes the present winter seem like Florida weather, says E. F. Peart, blacksmith of Central Point. Mr. Peart was then living on a ranch on Evans Creek a few miles from the town of Woodville, now called Rogue River. He says that snow began falling the day before Christmas, December 24, 1889, and that about eight inches fell and remained on the ground until January 6, when more snow came until there was over two feet on the level. Then on January 12, in the morning, there was four feet lying on the ground. All roads were blocked for days and many ranchers suffered for food. The Peart family, fortunately, had put in a large supply of sugar, coffee, flour, etc., in the fall and would have had no trouble if they had not let so much go to less fortunate neighbors. In the forepart of February a warm rain fell for two days, causing an awful flood, the worst since 1862. Many bridges went out, including what is now known as Bybee's bridge. Rogue River overflowed its banks at that point and flooded all the land between the present river-bed and the foot of Table Rock. The water covered practically all of what is now the Moeck Orchard and the present site of the Table Rock store. All trains on the Southern Pacific were stopped for six weeks, and there was almost no traveling about the country. Mr. Peart says the snow on the floor of the valley in the vicinity of Central Point averaged from eight-inches to three feet.

Local Druggist Appointed Registrar For This District

E. P. Stone, local druggist, has just been appointed Registrar of Voters for Mound, Willow Springs and North and South Central Point voting precincts. Voters, not now registered, or who have moved into the district since the last election, may either register at his store in Central Point or at the office of the county clerk at Medford.

Tractor School Very Successful

The tractor school conducted by factory experts of the J. I. Case Co. at the Finley Implement store Tuesday and Wednesday of this week was very successful, according to Mr. Finley. Owing to inclement weather not as large an attendance as was hoped for turned out, but those who did come were all interested in tractor operation and enjoyed the pictures and lectures given. A free lunch was served at noon each day and was not the least appreciated part of the program. Leonard Hall and Irvin Hall, the latter proprietor of the Nip and Sip service station, were operated on the first of the week at the Community hospital for golf. It is reported they are rapidly recovering. There were ten children of preschool age given the toxoid serum at the Health Center building Tuesday, January 2. Dr. Holt, assisted by Miss Bryan had charge of the clinic.

School Board Can't Pay Athletic Teams

Salem, Jan. 11.—School boards have no authority by law to pay for athletic activities of school teams, or pay expenses for such incurred by the student body. Attorney General I. H. Winkle held in an opinion handed down today. The board can neither pay for transporting such teams from one community to another, the opinion stated today. The opinion was requested by Ross Farnam, district attorney of Deschutes county.

O.E.S. Holds Installation Of Officials

Nevita Chapter No. 93, O. E. S., held their installation ceremony on Tuesday evening, January 12, 1932. Mrs. Margaret Barnes, Grand Lecturer, of Grants Pass, was the Grand Installing officer, assisted by Mr. J. H. Hardy, Worthy Grand Patron, of Ashland. Mrs. Lorena McNair, Grand Marshal of Ashland, was installing Grand Marshal; Mrs. Nellie McGowan of Medford, Grand Chaplain and Mrs. Lola M. Norcross, Grand Organist. The new officers were installed into their respective stations as follows: Worthy Matron, Mrs. Gladys Beebe; Worthy Patron, B. L. Sanderson; Associate Matron, Mrs. Sadie B. Kohler; Associate Patron, H. P. Jewett; Secretary, Mrs. Hattie B. Hatfield; Treasurer, Mrs. Elizabeth Faber; Conductress, Mrs. Leta Kyle; Associate Conductress, Mrs. Ethel Freeman. Adah, Mrs. Gladys Jewett; Ruth, Mrs. Clara Vincent; Esther, Mrs. Bertha L. Bonney; Martha, Mrs. Della Tex; Electa, Mrs. Beulah Faber; Chaplain, Mrs. Esther Sanderson; Marshal, Miss Lola Blackford; Organist, Mrs. Ethel Jones; Warder, Mrs. Minnie M. Clark; Sentinel, Everett Faber. A large delegation was present from Grants Pass, Ashland, Medford and Jacksonville. Mrs. Lulu Saulsbury gave two very interesting readings. Mrs. Mosier of Grants Pass rendered two beautiful whistling selections. Mrs. Esther Sanderson sang "I Love You Truly," dedicated to the incoming Worthy Matron, Mrs. Gladys Beebe. She also sang in her charming manner "At the End of a Perfect Year," and this selection was dedicated to her officers of 1931. Mrs. Mildred Ross, in well chosen words presented Mrs. Sanderson with a beautiful Past Matron's Jewel, a gift from Nevita chapter. A number of visiting matrons, patrons and members spoke very complimentarily of the work of Nevita chapter. Mrs. Josephine Crocker, the first Grand Secretary of the O. E. S. in Oregon, was present from Ashland to make a very interesting talk. Just before closing Mrs. Sanderson gave an excellent talk on the principles of the order and admonished the members to be ever mindful of their obligation. She then marched to the altar and placed a beautiful white Bible on it as a gift to Nevita chapter. Her name, with her title, as Worthy Matron and Grand Chaplain, was inscribed in gold letters. Mrs. Hatfield, on behalf of Nevita chapter, accepted the lovely gift and thanked the Worthy Matron, saying it would be a token that would always be cherished by the members and hoping the sacred words of our Worthy Matron will be the guiding principles of our life. The halls and tables were beautifully and artistically decorated by Mesdames Beulah Faber, Clara Vincent, Agnes Head and Gladys Jewett. The dainty refreshments were served by Mesdames Paxon, McKinnon, Stone, Mayfield, Leever and Pankey.

JUDGE DECLARES COURTHOUSE JOBS GIVEN LOCAL MEN

Reports that the L. O. Hoffman company, general contractors for construction of the new Jackson county courthouse, was using outside labor in preference to local workers, were branded by the county court this morning as "groundless." County Judge Alex Sparrow said this morning, "There is a specific clause in the agreement with the contractors that local labor be given preference, and insofar as possible it has been done to date, and will be done in the future. "Mr. Hoffman is a high-grade contractor, engaged in the contracting business the year round," said the county court, "and he has experts and technical men who are on his payroll by the month and year. Six or seven of them have been here on matters connected with the courthouse. He has an excavation foreman, a cement foreman, a general superintendent, and other trained men who know his methods, and move to other contracts underway by Contractor Hoffman, in various parts of the state, when conditions require. As much work as possible has been assigned to county workers in the preliminary construction."

Union Explodes Claims

The county court said that Frank Applegate, head of the local Carpenters' union, had heard reports of the alleged discrimination, and found them unfounded. Applegate told the county court that he had been informed by aides of Contractor Hoffman that when the forms for the concrete were erected, the services of 35 carpenters would be required, and that they all would be Jackson county men. It is probable that at the height of the work, between 65 and 75 men will be employed. The report has been circulated around the county that 250 men would be steadily engaged. This is an exaggeration. Excavation Underway. Excavation was underway today in the hard-pan section of the basement, and was being done by hand labor. It is expected that the pouring of the concrete for the foundation and basement will start the latter part of the week. Removal of the dirt parked around the trees on the site was requested today, to prevent injuring the growth of the trees. Samples of the Indiana limestone to be used as facing for the structure were received today by the county court. The county court and advisory committee will select the kind desired. The samples are in various shades of gray and buff. No one will be employed in the general labor on the courthouse who does not possess a Jackson county labor card, and preference will be given men with families, and the work will be rotated.

Banker Enjoys Frisco Visit, Is Optimistic

Mr. Theo P. Tollefson, of the Central Point State bank, returned Tuesday from a visit to San Francisco. Mr. Tollefson reports business as not so bad in Frisco and bankers as well as other business men of affairs see a silver lining ahead. But all agree that 1932 will be a year of liquidation and expressed the opinion that business would come, but that an extra effort must be put forth to get it. Everybody must work for business in 1932 in order to forever bury the tough times that have been experienced for the past two years. Miss Rhoda Clark, the Mormon missionary who spent a year here some time ago, and who has been at her home in Idaho for a year, is now situated at Salt Lake City, Utah, taking a course in a nursing school. Miss Clark and her friends during her stay at Central Point