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OPPONENTS TO BIG "U" HIT

Twice in a While

Our paper may seem small this week, but we hope you will spare us the "I told you so." We took a chance and lost. That's all.

At least we proved we were not afraid to take a chance. We hope you will be able to "come back" soon, and we will promise to do so just as soon as the business in this valley gets going again.

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The editor of this paper has an ideal toward which he is striving. We want to be always truthful and right in our statements of fact; to be always on the side of fairness and justice; to be ever boosting for the good of the community and to be known as a plain "white man."

Yesterday we heard of a customer who dropped into one of our local stores to purchase some small article. He seemed quite surprised when told the price and remarked: "Why, that's cheaper than Medford prices. I'm going to trade here in the future."

That's just what we want. TRY AT HOME FIRST. Our merchants are reliable and prices in many cases will be found lower than in the city. For one thing, we don't have the "overhead" of the big stores and although we have no "chain stores" (thank the Lord) our people can buy most things right here in Central Point as cheaply as in the big over-crowded stores in Medford.

We had a fellow townsman tell us recently he thought someone ought to be watching out and preparing in case of needy folks right here at home and not be giving too much attention to the charitable institutions of Medford who send people here to collect food and clothing for Medford poor. That's a good idea. Can we not be watching right at home for opportunities to aid some family out of work?

If you have a surplus of vegetables in your garden or some extra clothing just look about and see if you can't see someone worse off who would appreciate a bit of help.

We had the pleasure of receiving a call this week from a certain citizen who had more peas than he could use and thought perhaps the poor editor, being a newcomer, might have use for some. We won't call names, but we heartily thank him for the good thought. How was them turn-ups we traded you, old man?

Again we had the real pleasure of returning to our youthful ways last Saturday night when we stayed overnight at a farm house up the river and slept in the hay mow. How sweet that fresh hay smelled! And how we did sleep. And then in the wee sma' hours so it seemed to us, we were awakened by the sound of the farmer bringing in the cows for milking. How like our boyhood. Many times we have slept in the hay when a boy, and we confess we still like it.

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Postal Rates to Increase July 6

A decided increase in postal rates, established in the bill signed June 4 which will go in effect July 6, was announced here recently in the Postal Bulletin to the Medford post-office.

Three cents an ounce will be the letter rate, and letters in business reply envelopes are subject to the rates of 4 cents an ounce or fraction.

Postage on domestic air mail letters will be 8 cents for the first ounce, or fraction, and 13 cents for each additional ounce, regardless of the distance, except when sent to Porto Rico or to the Virgin Islands and the Canal Zone, for which rates now in use will continue.

The newspaper and magazine rate will be increased under the new schedule. Beginning in the first zone with 1 cent per pound increase in the eighth zone.

Ashland—Who's Allen Store opened for business.

STATE GRANGE IN ANNUAL MEET AT SILVERTON

SILVERTON, June 14.—Promptly at 10 o'clock this morning the Master of the Oregon State Grange called the great farm organization to order in the beautiful assembly room of the high school of this little city of Silverton.

Nearly every Grange of the more than 300 in the state were represented when roll call was completed, the convention then settling to the task of considering the 70-odd resolutions that have been adopted during the past year by one or more subordinate units of the order and referred to the state body for further consideration.

The first day of the convention was taken with reports of the various officers, and the executive committee, meeting in all-day session yesterday, made arrangements for two special orders of business Wednesday evening to listen to Arthur W. Lawrence, recently resigned from the State Industrial Accident Commission, and W. J. Hindly of Seattle. The latter will discuss the chain store problem.

Yesterday evening the annual tournament of "barnyard golf" was held on the four courts provided by the chamber of commerce, the two teams playing off for the silver trophy awarded by the State Grange being Mud Springs of Jefferson county and Terrebonne of Deschutes, the latter winning.

This morning the first conference of the lecturer of the State Grange, Mrs. Marie Flint McCall of Polk county, was held at 8 o'clock and will be followed by another on Wednesday morning.

The 8 p. m. hour for Thursday and Friday will be devoted to conferences of peculiar interest to women of the Grange. These latter conferences will be under the jurisdiction of the chairman of the Home Economics committee of the State Grange, Mrs. F. B. Harlow of Eugene.

Thursday morning delegates and visitors will leave Silverton at 5 o'clock for a trip to the Silver Falls in autos provided by the chamber of commerce and upon the return all will stop for breakfast at the hall of Silverton Hills Grange.

Among the many visitors from Jackson county are Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Bowen, Rogue River, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Davies, Eagle Point, Mrs. George Fields, Provolet, H. A. Meyer, Lake Creek, R. E. Nealon, Central Point, Albert Strans, Gold Hill, Mrs. Naoma Macruder, Sams Valley, C. W. McDonough, Sams Valley, Mr. and Mrs. John Andersen, Central Point.

Auto-Gyro Plans Visits Crater Lake

Crater Lake National Park, Ore., June 16.—(Special)—A promising future for aviation in connection with Crater lake is seen by Captain Lewis Yancey, hero of the New York to Rome flight in 1929, who this week flew the first auto-gyro to visit Crater lake. In due course of time, Captain Yancey believes such machines may make regular flights to the scenic wonder, bringing visitors who would view the beauties of the lake from the air.

Inasmuch as the machine does not require a large landing field and could come to earth on a plot no larger than a tennis court, Captain Yancey is of the opinion that the operation of auto-gyros to the lake would be feasible and economical. He made three flights over the park during the past week, experiencing no trouble during any of the trips, although on two of them he flew far down within the rim, coming dangerously close to the water. Ceaseless lake air currents did not impede his flight as he skirted by towering lava cliffs in rising out of the giant caldera.

Captain Yancey before coming to Crater lake, landed the first auto-gyro in Yosemite Valley, a feat which had not been thought possible. He is completing a tour which began a year ago, covering every state in the union, Mexico and Cuba, visiting spots seldom seen by white men.

Trash Fire Smokes Court House Wall

A trash pile at the new county court house caught fire late Tuesday afternoon and was extinguished by the fire department. The limestone on the basement wall was smoked by the fire and water marked, but the damage was listed by Superintendent Turner as "hardly worth mentioning." A carelessly tossed cigarette was blamed.

Preliminary steps for completion of the painting contract are under way and the painting will start within the next ten days. Superintendent Turner insists that the paint applied contain the specified amount of pigment and be of standard grade.

League President Says Move Insures Big Tax Saving

Henry Zorn, of Marion County Taxpayers Equalization League, Says Consolidation U. of O. and O. S. C. Will Save State Millions of Dollars.

Monday, Henry Zorn, president of the Marion County Taxpayers Equalization League, issued a statement in which he strongly resented the entrance of the State Board of Higher Education into the movement to consolidate Oregon University with Oregon State College, under the name of Oregon University. Mr. Zorn is a farmer residing at Aurora, and the league he represents was responsible for invoking the referendum on the legislative bill that appropriated \$1,800,000 tax money for new buildings at Eugene and Corvallis.

Mr. Zorn said in part: "Our league opposes the expenditure of high sums of tax money at this time for any purpose that can be avoided, and we believe the people will sustain the referendum on the \$1,800,000 school building bill in November.

"In like manner we have studied the idea of consolidating the University and the State College. "We find that consolidation will save nearly \$1,000,000 a year in building maintenance, operating and expenses. In 25 years that is a saving of \$25,000,000.

"The savings will occur through cutting out duplications of instructors, administrators, travel bills, fire, heat, light and the double cost of building—for nobody believes that two buildings are necessary where one will do. What I mean is that a building for chemistry study at Eugene and another chemistry building at Corvallis are not needed. That is the practice—duplicate, duplicate, duplicate on everything at both schools. Two gyms, two football fields, two libraries, two everything.

"As a matter of fact, the two schools combined only have 5000 students, about enough to make one good university, which can be supported for a lot less tax dollars than can two schools only 38 miles apart.

"We resent the attitude of the State Board. It is an administrative body, and has no business telling the taxpayers what to do. We pay the bills.

"It says that if consolidation takes place a huge building program will immediately take place at Corvallis. No such thing.

"Corvallis has 227,000 square feet of floor space, as against \$7,000 at Eugene. If they can handle 2,500 students at Eugene on one-third the space, they surely can handle 5,000 at Corvallis on nearly three times the space.

"The Board intimates that an investment of \$4,000,000 at Eugene will be lost. No such thing. The entire building plant at Eugene only cost \$2,200,000 when new. The balance of the \$4,000,000 plant is represented by the Portland Medical School which no one wants to move, and land value of Eugene campus. But why didn't the imported Secretary of the Board who gets \$7500 a

year of our money tell all the truth about the Eugene plant? "The survey board of the U. S. Bureau of Education, to which he refers, says the Eugene plant should be razed and a new one built if the University remains where it is.

"The fact is that the statement plant one of the best in the United States. "Another thing should be known and that is that there is no land at Eugene on which to expand. There is enough at Corvallis to last 100 years. It will cost \$1,000,000 to buy the only available land at Eugene, a cemetery and a golf course.

"The fact is that the statement sent out by the State Board is pure propaganda. It is designed to scare people away from signing the petitions for the referendum.

"There is no room in this matter for propagandists—for arguments that smell of the pork barrel. "Consolidation will give Eugene one large teachers' college in place of the University, with 1000 students to begin with. The plant has about 15 good buildings out of 30. One thousand students will use it all when the old ones are razed.

"Junior Colleges at La Grande and Ashland will enable hundreds of boys and girls to acquire college training who cannot afford to go to Eugene or Corvallis, and who do not want normal school work.

Rain, Hail Hurts Fruit In Valley

Last Friday evening a sudden thunder storm hit the Rogue River valley, causing much damage in certain sections of the valley. Hail also fell in spots, which added much to the harm done.

The storm gathered in the south end of the valley. Rain fell in torrents west of Talent and passed partly around Medford to hit in the Central Point district heavily. Hail fell in Central Point sufficiently to make the lawns white, but, although some gardens suffered slight damage no real harm was done in the city.

The center of the storm where the worst damage was done seems to be along Bear Creek east of Central Point and on toward Eagle Point. Orchards along Bear Creek were badly hit by the hail, some reporting nearly 100 per cent loss.

Windows were broken and houses flooded on the Fish Lake Ditch Co. ranch. In several places along the Crater Lake highway the water covered the pavement.

The center of the storm passed south of Eagle Point and up the Antelope valley. The Du Buque, Hatfield and several other orchards report heavy loss. Some hay was ruined and several grain fields badly damaged.

Saturday evening another electric storm gathered north of this city, but very little rain fell in town. Very heavy, beating rains are reported on Rogue River in the vicinity of Dodge Bridge.

School Elections Are Scheduled June 20

School elections will be held in the school districts of the county Monday, June 20. Directors and other officers for the year will be elected. County School Superintendent Susanne Homes Carter urges that all school patrons and taxpayers attend the elections, and vote, and voice their opinions. At the same time annual reports of the districts will be read and discussed.

One Director and Clerk are to be elected in Central Point District. The election will be held at the local high school building.

It is urged that all those interested in our schools be present promptly at 2 p. m. to listen to the reports and recommendations of the school officers.

Don't forget the time and place—Monday, June 20, at the high school, from 2 to 3 p. m.

Mrs. Hill Drives Into Ditch to Avoid Collision

Mrs. Seldon Hill had the misfortune when driving home from Medford during the recent electrical storm of Friday evening to run her car in the ditch and turn it over on its side.

The accident happened about half way between Medford and Central Point. Just as Mrs. Hill attempted to pass a large truck it increased its speed and as other cars were coming in the opposite direction she was forced into the ditch to prevent a collision. Mrs. Hill and her two daughters Betty and Zoe sustained cuts and bruises, which although painful were not serious. Mrs. George Aker, who was in the car also, had three broken ribs, not so serious, however, that she could not go back to work the following day. Mrs. Hill and her daughters are at home recovering from the shock of the accident.

Visitors Impressed By Beauties of Rogue Valley

Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Van Slyke and daughter, Mrs. J. E. Merritt and family were much surprised and delighted when their friends from La Verne, Calif., stopped Monday morning for a short visit. They were Miss Louise and Estella Howes, taking an auto trip to Puget Sound to spend the summer in their old home city, Tacoma, Wash.

The Van Slykes were neighbors there of the Howes family and close friends.

Miss Estella is an excellent artist and is sketching natural beauty spots along their journey. They were much impressed by beauty of our Rogue River valley and surrounding mountains and especially the Table Rock mts. and Mt. Pitt.

Kubli Barn and Hay Burned Wednesday

A barn and 60 tons of hay belonging to Mrs. Mand Kubli of Applegate were completely destroyed by fire recently when fire broke out under the wagon in which the men were hauling hay, it was learned here yesterday.

VET. BONUS BILL PASSED IN HOUSE NOW IN SENATE

WASHINGTON, June 15.—The \$2,400,000,000 bonus bill passed by the house was received by the senate today at 4:43 p. m.

WASHINGTON, June 15.—The immediate cash payment of the \$2,400,000,000 soldiers' bonus certificates—demanded by 20,000 former service men, in the capital—was approved today by the house.

The measure now goes to the senate where leaders claim enough votes for a rejection. President Hoover has promised a veto if the legislation reaches the White House.

The Patman bill passed by the house would redeem bonus certificates at their face value in new treasury notes distributed to the veterans through the federal reserve banks.

To Issue Bonds

Before final approval, the measure was amended to provide an equal issue of government bonds to be used for retiring the currency if the dollar became too cheap.

Former service men packed the galleries as the vote was taken. It represented one step toward victory in their demand for the bonus legislation.

The vote for the measure was 209 to 176.

Senator Thomas (D., Okla.) planned to ask for an immediate vote in the senate when the bill reached there from the house.

This would require unanimous consent to dispense with the usual procedure of referring the bill to a committee but leaders indicated they would accept the suggestion.

A single objection, however, would require the bill to be sent to the senate finance committee for study.

Earl W. Scott Dies at Brother's Home in City

Earl W. Scott, resident of southern Oregon for the past 40 years, passed away at the home of his brother, Ernest Scott, in Central Point, at an early hour Tuesday morning, after an illness covering the past six months. Earl was born in Clay county, Iowa, March 21, 1878.

He came to southern Oregon with his parents in 1892, living here continuously since that time. He will be remembered by his many friends as the sexton of the Central Point cemetery for the past two years. He was a man of sterling qualities, a good neighbor and always willing to lend a hand to anyone. There are many friends to mourn his passing.

Mr. Scott leaves one son, Richard G. Scott of Rogue River, Oregon; three brothers, Ernest Scott of Central Point, Truman Scott of Hornbrook, Calif., John Scott of Perry, Oklahoma; four sisters, Mrs. Carrie Hamrick, of Central Point, Mrs. Jane Duncan of Cottage Grove, Oregon, Mrs. Adelia Day of Bremerton, Wash., Mrs. Etta Thompson of Los Angeles.

He had been a member of Central Point Lodge No. 193, I. O. O. F., for 20 years.

Funeral services were conducted from the Perle Funeral Home, today at 2:00 p. m., Rev. D. E. Millard officiating. Central Point Lodge No. 193 had charge of the services at the grave in the Central Point cemetery.

Banker Operated On for Appendicitis

Theo P. Tollefson, of the Central Point State bank, was rushed to the Community hospital Tuesday evening where he underwent an operation for appendicitis. Mr. Tollefson had been feeling unwell for several days but had fought off the illness. Tuesday afternoon he became worse and was forced to give up and go to the hospital.

Mr. Tollefson is reported as getting along as well as could be expected and hopes to be back at the bank in a short time. During his absence, W. E. Freeman, vice-president, is in charge at the bank.

Legion Lays Plans For Dedication of New Court House

Plans for the court house dedication were discussed at Monday night's meeting of Medford Post of the American Legion which was presided over by Vice Commander Henry Fluhrer.

The following committee was appointed to take charge of the event: Wilson Waite, general chairman; C. T. Baker, dedication, C. Y. Tenge-wald, parade; L. A. Williamson, dance; and Cole Holmes, concessions. Full details of the celebration will be announced at a later date.