

SAY E. H. FEHL WAS MASTER MIND

Musings-- By an Innocent Bystander

The melon-colic days have come! Fall, with its burden of harvest, is just around the corner. The song of the thresherman is again heard in the land. And we are glad to hear that old mill whistle again although it seems a bit rusty with disuse.

There is a general feeling of renewed courage and confidence to be felt in talking to people these days. The opening of the big mill, the fall harvests almost ready, the gradual increase in wages and the prospect of fair amount of work for the fall and winter, all serve to brighten the situation. It is the general expression that things will be better this winter than last. Let's hope so.

The community folders are already bearing fruit. They have been distributed up the highway as far as Roseburg and Crescent City and are being handed to all tourists headed for the resorts of Southern Oregon. An increase in travel over the Short-cut is already noted. The building committee of the council is at work on the Cut-off sign and all is well.

What we want now is a better crossing over Bear Creek. The old bridge is too narrow and weak. Pressure should be brought to bear on county and state officials to get this included among the bridge projects being financed through Federal aid. If we can't have a new bridge this year we ought at least to get the old one re-planked so two cars could pass without danger. At present it is dangerous, especially with strangers traveling the road.

We note in the news items today that our old political enemy, M. O. Wilkins will be a state witness at the Fehel trial. If you will look back through the mists to the beginning of the present year you will recall that friend Wilkins was the "friend of the court" who assisted at the "contempt of court" farce last January. Also he was the lawyer who assisted at that before-daylight meeting at the Fehel home where those Republican deputies were appointed for a Democratic sheriff. Wilkins should be able to tell a lot of things if he will.

By the way, a lot of water has gone under the bridge since that morning. It seems an awful long time ago. So much has happened since that time one almost forgets how stirred we were over those small affairs. But actually it is only a matter of months. Life sure does travel in giant strides these days.

We also note that one Tom Brecheen must continue to board off the county for a while longer as so far he hasn't been able to find anyone willing to trust him to stay around that the court will accept as bondsmen. Hard luck!

We note one thing that looks good for Judge Fehel. Up to date Mrs. Henrietta B. Martin has not appeared in Klamath Falls. His Nibs will stand a better chance of getting clear if that lady (?) stays at home.

We are wondering what has become of that auditor's report on the county books. Or has it been just filed and forgotten?

Report has it that District Attorney Coddling has been the recipient of several threatening letters. This is getting past the joke stage. We warn those who would intimidate our officials to lay off. If they want to retain whole hides. The people of this county are not going to stand for any foolishness and woe unto the poor fool who starts anything.

Mr. and Mrs. Grimes and family and Mrs. Grimes' niece, Mrs. Leonard Nordyke and children of Wichita, Kansas, spent Monday and Tuesday at the Grimes cabin at Lake of the Woods. They went to Crater Lake and Fort Klamath Monday morning. Mrs. Thorndyke and children left for home Wednesday evening and will stop over for one day to visit a niece in San Francisco.

BREAD PRICES ON NEW SCHEDULE IN MEDFORD REGION

MEDFORD, July 24.— A new schedule of bread prices was announced today by local wholesale bakers. Some types of bread will be sold at the same price as heretofore while others have been raised from one to two cents the loaf. The average advance is less than that authorized by Secretary Wallace under the government recovery act.

Under the new retail schedule there will be no change in sliced bread and large loaf prices, these continuing to sell at 10 and 12 cents as heretofore. The small one-pound loaf white or wheat, has been advanced from 8 to 9 cents. Special breads, such as raisin, rye, French and cracked wheat will sell at 10 cents as before.

Today's price raise brings local bread prices in line with the recent advances made throughout the north west during the past three weeks. The local list is a duplicate of the advance made by Portland, Grants Pass, Eugene, Salem, Klamath Falls and Marshfield bakers last Monday.

In commenting on the price advance one baker estimated that between \$50 and \$60 is being paid daily by Medford bakers to the government as a result of the wheat processing tax which was instituted the 9th day of July. Retail grocers will pay no tax on flour stocks until August 9th but the act was made effective immediately in the case of the baker.

Lawn Party at Richardson Home Honoring Pastor

Honoring Rev. and Mrs. D. E. Millard with a farewell reception on the spacious and well lighted lawn at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Sanford Richardson of Beall Lane about seventy friends and members of the First Christian Church gathered on Monday night.

Following a service of five years with this congregation they are leaving for Long Beach, California, hoping the change may be beneficial to the health of their small daughter Betty.

Mr. Millard has also arranged for taking up, or resuming Evangelism and expects to leave about August 1st.

Acting as Chairman of this gathering, W. E. Alexander who is senior member of the Church board gave an inspiring talk and afterward produced a list of names for an impromptu program to which each one promptly responded. Speeches by other board members were Messrs. James Conitt and J. E. Vincent. Other talks were given by Rev. Baird of the Medford Christian Church, Rev. Millard, Mrs. Millard, Mrs. Victor Bursell, and Miss Eula Benson Supt. of the Sunday School.

The entertainment for the evening was: vocal solo—Mrs. R. E. Neason; Piano solo—Miss Lyle Gregory; original solo and reading—Mrs. Lois Young; several fine musical numbers were given by the male quartet composed of Rev. Millard, J. E. Vincent, Bruce Powell and Mr. Fletcher.

Guests from out of town were Mrs. R. J. Jackson of San Jose, California and Rev. and Mrs. Baird of Medford who are close friends and coworkers of the Millards of long standing.

Delicious refreshments of ice cream, cake and coffee were served by a committee of ladies during the social hour.

The Past Noble Grand club of Mt. Pitt Rebekah lodge will hold their annual picnic in Ashland park next Tuesday, Aug. 1st. All past noble grands are fraternally invited to attend.

Mrs. Guy Tex and daughter, Jerry left Tuesday for Prospect where they will visit Mrs. Tex' sister for a couple of weeks.

Drivers Must Hurry To Save Trouble

Unless early action is taken, fully two-thirds of the automobile drivers in this vicinity will be subject to arrest on the morning of the morning of September 1st for failure to obtain their new drivers licenses, according to information just received by this newspaper from Hal E. Hoss, Secretary of State. An official estimate discloses that barely one-third of the drivers in this section are equipped with proper drivers' licenses.

Police officials state that no motorist will be granted and a strict enforcement of the law will be observed in their check of all operators. With the "dead-limb" barely four weeks away, all persons still carrying cards issued before July 1, 1931, should obtain new cards at the first opportunity. Secretary Hoss warned.

Renewal permits are being granted with out examination to all operators previously licensed in Oregon who are now under the age of 70, those with clean accident records and those without physical defects. All applications must be made on regular forms supplied by the Secretary of State and must be signed in the presence of a notary public, or other persons authorized to administer oaths. Examiners will perform notarial duties for all applicants without charge. It was pointed out.

Goss Sentenced For Salem Trouble

SALEM, July 24.—O. H. Goss, formerly of Medford, leader and speaker for the Unemployed Council of Salem, was found guilty by a justice court jury Saturday afternoon of the crime of vagrancy. Justice of the Peace Miller B. Hayden immediately sentenced Goss to serve six months in the county jail. Goss gave notice of appeal.

When sentence was passed Goss' attorney, Irwin Goodman of Portland had not reached the court room and the court waited several minutes for his arrival. In passing sentence the court informed Goss that, since he had bondsmen, he would not be remanded immediately to the custody of the sheriff for transfer to jail.

In the absence of his attorney Goss spoke for himself and stated that the case would be appealed. Early next week some readjustment of the defendant's bonds will be made by stipulation of attorneys.

The court room and the stairway leading up from the street was crowded with Goss' sympathizers. The rumor had gone around that there would be a demonstration if the verdict was guilty, but this did not develop.

A letter was received by Justice of the Peace Hayden Saturday morning from the International Labor Delegation demanding that the case against Goss be "immediately and unconditionally dismissed."

Cooperation of Bank Aid to Community

Central Point people—and property owners tributary to the town—appreciate very much the interest and cooperation shown by the Farmers and Fruitgrowers Bank of Medford in advancing funds to reliable owners of farms during harvesting operations; and many people hereabouts are opening accounts with this reliable and far-seeing Bank, which is a pillar of strength in the community, and has always been a strong factor in the development of the Rogue River Valley.

This is true cooperation. What helps the country helps the bank, and what helps the bank helps the country.

Miss Dorothy Territt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dede Territt of Medford, has returned to her home in Medford, after having spent a week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Territt of Central Falls.

Judge Boasted Would Thwart Ballot Recount

OPENING STATEMENT FOR STATE ALLEGES TAMPERING BEFORE BALLOTS WERE STOLEN—FIRST WITNESS TELLS OF OVERHEARING TALK BETWEEN DEFENDANTS

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., July 26.—Harley Bower of Ashland surprise witness for the state, this afternoon testified he had heard Earl H. Fehel, Jackson county judge and T. L. Brecheen, co-defendants in the ballot theft case, say they had picked the stickers off the ballot boxes in the Jackson county courthouse.

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., July 26.—Opening statements were completed, and the first state witness called to the stand this morning, in the trial of Earl H. Fehel, county judge of Jackson county, charged with ballot-theft conspiracy, wherein more than 10,000 ballots cast in the last general election were stolen and destroyed.

Assistant Attorney-General Ralph E. Moody in his opening statement declared "the evidence will show that Fehel was the master-mind of the conspiracy and that the motive was to prevent a recount, not alone for the office of sheriff, but for other offices."

Tampering Attempted
The state's attorney further declared "that late last November, or early in December, before Fehel assumed the office, Fehel and Tom L. Brecheen, a co-defendant, got into the county clerk's office one night and tore off stickers from ballot pouches to leave the impression they had been tampered with, to be used as a basis for a recount protest."

"The evidence will further show," Moody declared, "that Brecheen left his stickers for the wind to blow away, but Fehel packed his away in his coat pocket."

"The evidence will show that to cover up the sticker removal act, Fehel called the attention of members of the grand jury, particularly the foreman to the missing stickers, and Fehel was in confidential communication with the grand jury foreman, and carried information gained to other persons interested," Moody said.

Boasted of Plan
"The state will further show that Fehel asked several people if the removal of ballot pouch stickers, was sufficient to prevent a recount, and when told it was not, declared, some other way will be found, and further said there would be no recount, and that Ralph Jennings will never be sheriff," the prosecutor said.

The state attorney said the state would prove that Fehel opposed the appointment of a night watchman for the courthouse, following the robbery; that Fehel had attempted to issue warrants for the arrest of officers actively engaged in ballot-theft investigation and was halted by a court injunction; that Fehel was around the courthouse all evening while the robbery was in progress; that Fehel's associates acted as guards and that Fehel attended a meeting in the county judge's office late in the afternoon of the robbery day, when plans "for getting rid of the ballots" were discussed.

Defense in Denial
Moody's address lasted slightly more than an hour, and in a 15 minute reply Attorney T. J. Enright declared the defense would show that Fehel had nothing to do with the ballot robbery; that he had no interest in the sheriff office recount; that at the time the state contends he was conferring with others to steal the ballots, he was arranging bonds for L. A. Banks, "as an act of courtesy," and would show that Fehel was at dinner in his home, when the state holds he was on the basement floor of the courthouse, discussing robbery plans.

The first witness called by the state was County Clerk George R. Carter of Jackson County, who identified records and court documents.

He was followed on the stand by deputy clerks Nydah Neil and Helen Dugan, who testified to the removal of the ballot pouches from the vault to the courtroom.

Verne Shangle, Medford photographer, identified a number of photos of the Jackson county courthouse and spots connected with the crime.

Burley Sexton, 29, the youth who admitted he broke the vault window, and aided in the theft of 18 or more ballot pouches, will be called to the stand this afternoon.

COMMUNICATED

To the Editor:
Last Sunday some of us attended Sabbath School; later it being so hot we packed a lunch and hastily made ready to spend the remainder of the day at a well known picnic spot on the Rogue.

At the last minute daddy decided to go into a local shop to get a package of cigarettes.

Ahead of him was a frail school girl who had evidently just asked for cigarettes.

"No," said the shop keeper "you get no cigarettes charged to your mother, nor any other way here."

Get that? "Charged to her mother!" Her mother, who has been a drudge-slave to raise her and try to give her an education, and the NERVE, to have cigarettes "CHARGED TO MOTHER!"

Oh, girls, why do you do it? Is it to fit in and be a gay sport in the group you go with? If it is you had better change your associates. Of course it is not to be expected that girls who object to acquiring bold, vile habits will care to chum with those who do. So you see, it's no wonder the girls who do will tell you most girls smoke nowadays.

It's because they run in that crowd, isn't it? And can't get into any better.

After we arrived at the river and ate our lunch, and had gone down among the bathers, there sat a young girl in a red bathing suit all by herself, enjoying a cigarette!

I was so DISGUSTED, I didn't see her, apparently.

Among the picnickers was a Sunday School from Medford. During the afternoon their minister asked the merrymakers for a few moments quiet on the sand, and a young lady went down under the water in Christian Baptism.

Such a contrast! The first two girls let on to be the "Don't Care" type, but they really are very unhappy, lonely, girls. They pretend to think they are just as good as anybody—when the one will say: "Charge it to mother."

The second one to show just how independent she is would boldly smoke her cigarette before nearly a hundred Sunday School children!

The third was taking up a Christian life and casting off such things.

Girls, haven't you ever stopped to think just how you will appear when your hair has turned to silver and you're smoking cigarettes? For the cigarette habit won't come off when they cease to think it's cute, or, like beach pajamas, have lost their charm by being something different.

Girls, you will be mothers and grandmothers some day. Will your children think the memory of a gray haired mother smoking a cigarette one to fondly cherish in their memory?

If you just must be independent you can boldly defy decency if you want to—but it's you, yourselves, will pay, and pay! You can't always "Charge it to Mother!"

MRS. W. H. DOUTH

Contest Is Arousing Interest

The Cabbage Carnival under the direction of the local P. T. A. will be held August 10. Tables will be arranged on the north side of the grade school for the cabbage, all entries to be on the grounds by 9 o'clock.

First prize for the largest head will be 50 cents. Second prize for the two largest heads, 50 cents. Third prize for the three largest heads, 50 cents. Fourth prize for the four largest heads, 50 cents.

The 50 cent prizes are for boys and girls of the fifth and sixth grades who planted the plants donated by Mr. Otto Bohnert.

Free for All
This is for any grade student not in the fifth or sixth grade. First prize, 25 cents for the largest head, second prize for the two largest heads, 25 cents. Third prize for the three largest heads, 25 cents. Fourth prize for the four largest heads, 25 cents.

Free ice cream will be given to all boys and girls who enter cabbages in the contest. For information call the committee, Mrs. L. C. Grimes, Mrs. Hermanson, Mrs. E. C. Faber.

Sunday School Enjoys Big Picnic

The annual all day picnic enjoyed by the Sunday School of the Federated Churches was held in Grants Pass Park Saturday and proved an outstanding event of the season.

The park is now at its best, with ample shade and a fine carpet of grass.

Three large trucks and several cars furnished transportation for the 160 in attendance.

Swimming, tennis, and other means of entertainment were available for all and were enjoyed to the utmost.

A bounteous lunch or dinner with no suggestion of a "depression" was served at noon by the ladies of the senior class from two long tables, around each of which eighty were seated.

Following an afternoon of sports ice cream was served to all.

The committee responsible for this fine outing were Messrs. Ayers, Richmond, Webster, Milton, and Rev. J. M. Johnson all of whom extend thanks to Jesse Richardson who gave of his time and his truck for transporting a load of passengers to and from the Park. Also to all others who contributed to the success of the occasion to which the small children so long looked forward to and enjoyed.

Johanna Witte Passes Beyond

Johanna Wilhelmina Witte passed away at her home here Thursday evening after a short illness due to infirmities of her age. She was born in Alsace-Lorraine, Germany, November 24, 1854 and came to America with her parents in her early youth.

She was married to William Witte in Illinois. Her husband passed away five years ago. There were six children born to the union, three sons and three daughters. Those surviving are: Mrs. Marie Bishop, Medford, Ore.; Mrs. A. H. Johns, Klamath Falls, Oregon; Mrs. Ella A. Prouty, Medford, Ore.; Fred and Martin Witte, Central Point, Ore.; and seven grand children.

She had been a resident of this city for thirty years and was loved and respected by a host of friends besides her family.

Funeral services were held at the Zion English Lutheran church on West Fourth street, in Medford Sunday at 2:00 p. m. Rev. George P. Kabele, officiating. Interment in the Central Point cemetery. Full funeral home in charge of the arrangements.

Mr. Dick Crowson has accepted a position as bookkeeper at the glass factory.

FRUIT MEN GIVEN DETAILED REPORT ON ORGANIZATION

MEDFORD, July 25.— Open covenants openly arrived at. This will be the policy of the fruit interests of the Rogue River valley, as interpreted through the president of the Fruit Growers' league of Jackson county Inc., Dr. George B. Dean, who made the pronouncement at the meeting of valley growers and shippers held yesterday afternoon at the Hotel Medford. The assembly also went on record to "co-operate wholeheartedly on the Bartlett pear deal and tonnage with California," motion being made by J. C. Barnes.

Yesterday's meeting was called for the purpose of hearing a detailed report of the organization meeting of the Northwest Fruit Industries, Inc., held July 8 at Spokane, Wash.

To Work Under Act

The purpose of perfecting this organization, as explained by Paul Scherer, was to "perfect an organization to work under the agricultural adjustment act, and for the consideration and adoption of articles of incorporation and by-laws and a code of ethics and practices to that end." Dr. Dean and Mr. Scherer were the Medford delegates. Mr. Scherer presided at the meeting and was elected president of the new organization, the home office to be in Portland. Dr. Dean presided at yesterday's assembly Mr. Scherer reporting on the Spokane meeting and D. R. Rosenberg on the California situation.

Reviewing the purposes and objects for which the corporation was organized, Mr. Scherer stated such purposes and objects would "operate under the act of congress known as the 'agricultural adjustment act' approved May 12, 1933, entitled 'An act to relieve the existing national economic emergency by increasing agricultural power, to raise revenue for extraordinary expenses incurred by reason of such emergency, to provide emergency relief with respect to agricultural indebtedness.'"

All in Organization

The corporation, Mr. Schere further stated, will have enlisted in its membership all those engaged in the handling of fruit of the Pacific north west and in the flow of interstate and foreign commerce.

Mr. Scherer declared the producers' interests would be carefully safeguarded, there being no disagreement over the master code between the independent growers and organizations. Copies of the code including articles of incorporation and by-laws, will be sent to Medford within the next few days by William H. Horsley acting secretary of the Northwest Fruit Industries, Inc., and may be obtained at the Medford Chamber of Commerce. It is understood the code may later be modified by the secretary of agriculture.

Committees Named

Another important step at yesterday's meeting was the appointment of fall and winter Bartlett pear commodity committees, as follows: Raymond R. Reter, D. R. Rosenberg, G. R. Green, P. J. Naumes, D. R. Wood, Martin Luther, John R. Tomlin, J. C. Barnes, S. A. Nye, Corning Keuly, R. J. Earl, Gilbert Hill and H. Van Hovenberg. In addition to the Bartlett pear committees already appointed were the names of E. W. Carlton, S. R. Richardson and Dr. Swedenborg of Ashland.

Jack Spalding reported the receipt of a wire from Frank T. Swett, of the California Pear Growers' association, stating that one of the largest canners had purchased 2000 tons of Sacton for No. 1s, the purchase specifying two and three-eighths inch and larger pears.

The total value of the commodities handled by the new organization and the wholesale markets is estimated to be \$98,000,000 per year.

Miss Dorothy Limbeck returned Sunday from a week's trip to the coast, where she was the guest of the Curtis family of Medford.