

CRIMINAL CALENDAR VERY HEAVY

Musings-- By an Innocent Bystander

Is it cold enough for these mornings? Just a few days ago we were sweltering in the hottest weather in years. Now we are shivering again and wondering if we hadn't better be fixing up that burned stove again. Such is life.

We are proud of our city. This week a check was made here and it was found that our business men stood 100% behind the N. R. A. Maybe we ought to qualify that statement, though. We found one "conscious objector" in town who refused to display the Blue Eagle for religious reasons. Maybe he is right, but we would rather take our chances with the rest of mankind and "do our part." Still we hold that a man's conscience should be his guide at all times and if this man feels in his heart that it would be wrong for him to join with the rest in this matter, it is Kayo with him.

We have been hoping that the city would be in shape to do a bit of street oiling this fall. The route now taken by the big busses and trucks needs to be oiled to lay the dust which rises in clouds when they pass. But we fear until the citizens of Central Point are able to pay up their taxes, we shall have to wait. At present all cities, counties and school districts are broke for want of tax payments and improvements must wait.

The school board has been trying to secure help for the high school students of Agate and Table Rock, who wish to continue their studies and who would like to come here this year. The board asked the County High School Board to help with the transportation cost of such pupils, but was turned down flat. As our district has no funds to bring these pupils in, they are out of luck. We are sorry this has happened, but we can see no help for the situation at present.

Someone must have sold a lot of sum spray dope this year. We hear of some orchards which were taken care of in the usual manner; where the trees were sprayed regularly and often. But the worms have taken almost the entire crop. In other cases where the trees only received one spraying, almost no worms appeared. How come?

But to return to the problems which confront our school authorities. It was thought our teaching staff was complete. But the oil companies seem to be in competition with us in getting men. Two of the teachers who had signed contracts to teach here this year were grabbed by the oil octopus. Mr. George Lowe resigned some time ago to work for the Standard Oil company and the other day Mr. Carl Boswell also resigned to work for the Union people. The board, at the time this was written, Wednesday morning, had not filled Mr. Boswell's place. Several applicants have appeared and the board hopes to secure a good man.

This week a drive is being made to secure signers for the N. R. A. consumers' pledge. Several ladies are making a house-to-house canvass and we hope to see every house in town carry the Blue Eagle in the window. Only by hearty cooperation can we hope to succeed. Our business men are doing their part and we hope all our people will do as much. If everyone will pledge themselves to support the business houses which live up to the President's Agreement, and to ignore those who try to slip out from under the responsibilities of the situation, the recovery is sure to succeed.

This paper is not in favor of putting burdens on the taxpayers in order to raise huge sums for relief. It is our opinion that a lot of the so-called relief projects are pure bunk. Take our new highway built last spring. How many local folks were helped by the thousands of dollars spent. And we note they are still harping on that Siskiyou project. We all know that the amount at present allotted by the government for

FIGURES SHOW FAIR RENT TO BE PAID TO WHEAT FARMERS

With the amount of wheat acreage reduction definitely set at 15 per cent by the Wheat Adjustment Administration, Oregon will have 156,900 acres to be taken out of wheat production this next year, if every wheat grower in the state signs up under the adjustment plan. Of course it is not expected that everyone of the 17,000 wheat growers in the state will find it advantageous to sign up to cooperate in this national movement to restore the power of wheat, although early indications throughout the Columbia Basin show that more than 90 per cent of the wheat growers there are available themselves of this opportunity. Organization work is progressing rapidly throughout the state in order that some two million dollars out of a total of approximately three and a quarter million may be paid this September, according to officials of the Oregon State College Extension service, which is in charge of the educational and organization campaign.

By taking average yields of the various counties, the extension service men find that farmers will, in effect, be paid an average of \$20 an acre for the land left out of wheat production. This amount varies, of course, with the county, ranging from \$11.44 to as high as \$32.75. Of course, these benefit payments are not made directly on an acre basis, but rather at the rate of 25 cents a bushel for the allotment bushels assigned each grower, but now that the acreage reduction has been definitely set at 15 per cent, it is a simple matter for each grower to figure out his possible benefit payments on the basis of acreage to be left out of wheat.

Grain Market Review

GRAIN MARKET UNSETTLED Rains Benefit Corn and Improve Soil for Winter Wheat Seeding WASHINGTON, D. C. Sept. 2.—Domestic grain markets continued unsettled during the week ended September 1, influenced by varying crop conditions, according to the Weekly Grain Market Review of the U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics. Wheat fluctuated rather sharply but closed with a net decline of about 2c per bushel. Offerings of winter wheat were light, but marketings of spring grains increased. Beneficial rains in the corn belt and heavier marketings weakened the corn market. Oats and barley turned downward with corn. Rye markets strengthened under the influence of light offerings, but flax was weaker and prices declined around 6c per bushel.

An important development in the grain situation during the week was the announcement that a reduction of 15% in the acreage seeded to wheat this fall and next spring would be required of American farmers to qualify for benefit payments by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration. The base period for the reduction is the average acreage for the years 1920, 1921 and 1922, with some exceptions to provide a four or five year base in instances where because of drought or other conditions a three-year period would be unfair. If all wheat growers participate in the plan, a reduction of about 5,600,000 acres would result. This, with average yields, would reduce production approximately 124,000,000 bushels.

It is reported that the government is planning a lot of "public works" for this winter. Well and good, but don't ask the over-burdened taxpayer to pay for a lot of nonsense.

Governor Says Drive Carefully

Governor Julius L. Meier this week issued a proclamation to the people of Oregon asking that more care be used by automobile drivers in order to prevent accidents. The governor calls attention to the fact that September will be nationally observed as Automobile Accident Prevention month and urges all organizations to join in and make our streets and highways safe. The letter follows:

STATE OF OREGON Executive Department Salem To the People of Oregon: During the year of 1932, two hundred and twenty-eight of Oregon's citizens were killed as a direct result of automobile accidents. More than forty-three hundred of our citizens were injured, more than half of whom will never fully recover, but will go through life suffering physical handicaps.

If a plague or pestilence were making the same inroad on our animal or vegetable life that automobile accidents are making on our human life and haplines, a unanimous cry would go up, and all would cooperate to stop such loss.

It is conservatively estimated that ninety percent of all automobile accidents are the direct result of carelessness of either drivers or pedestrians. In addition to the tremendous toll of human life and happiness the annual cost in dollars to the citizens of Oregon is greater than the entire cost of our State Government.

Fire Destroys Small Home in City

Fire of unknown origin destroyed a small box house on North Second street at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The dry condition of the structure caused the flames to spread rapidly and the fire was beyond control before the arrival of the fire department.

Over a block and a half of hose was laid and one stream held the flames from spreading. Sparks carried by a strong wind set fire to the roof of the Merritt house back of the library and also the roof of Richardson's warehouse. These were extinguished by volunteers, who climbed on the roof with buckets of water.

Teachers' Institute High School Friday

MEDFORD, Sept. 5.—The Jackson County Teachers' Institute will hold its annual session at the Senior high school next Friday, September 8. It will be a one-day session instead of two as in the previous years owing to depletion of funds. About 200 pedagogues will be in attendance, and the program is now in course of arrangement by the county school superintendent's office. Principal speakers at the institute will be State School Superintendent C. A. Howard, E. F. Carleton of Salem and Fred Peterson Superintendent of the Klamath county schools.

Many Cases Are Tentatively Set For Court Term

JUDGE HARRY D. NORTON ARRANGES CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER TERM STARTING MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18—LOCAL CASE HEADS LIST—MRS. MARTIN NEXT.

MEDFORD, Sept. 6.—A tentative criminal case calendar for the term of the circuit court, set this morning by Circuit Judge H. D. Norton to start Monday, September 18, places the trial of Henrietta B. Martin, president of the so-called "Good Government Congress" indicted for "riotous conduct" as the second case on the list.

The trial of C. H. Brown, secretary of the "Good Government Congress" and father of Mrs. Martin, indicted for "slandering a bank" is listed third.

The first case on the docket is that of Mervyn Gleason, Central Point, charged with assault and battery. L. O. Van Wegen and L. E. Fitch, reputed "Congressmen" are listed as co-defendants of Mrs. Martin. The specific charge is attempted lashing of Leonard N. Hall editor of the Jacksonville Miner, in retaliation for a published article. The state has indicated it will show that the lashing was premeditated, and discussed before it happened. Van Wegen and Fitch allegedly attempted to hold Hall.

Both Mrs. Martin and her father, Brown, were right-hand lieutenants of Banks and Fehl, now serving prison terms during the height of their local agitation. Mrs. Martin was chairman of "Congress" meetings and a courthous steps orator, making her final address on the day that

Hit-Run Suspect Must Appear to Learn Sentence

W. G. Nelson, indicted for failure to render aid following an accident, through his attorney George M. Roberts, entered a plea of guilty this morning, before Circuit Judge H. D. Norton. Request of counsel that sentence be passed was denied upon the grounds that Nelson was not present.

"I thought that, inasmuch as Nelson has a job in Portland," said Attorney Roberts, "that by not making a personal appearance all concerned would be benefited, and there was a possibility Nelson might retain his job."

"There is considerable variance between what the district attorney says and what you say," replied the court. "I desire to have a clearer working knowledge of the case. From what the district attorney says there was aggravation and it may be that Mr. Nelson will not be in need of a job for some time."

Nelson is charged with seriously injuring S. W. Baize, watchman of the Central Point cut-off road construction, last May, when he failed to heed Baize's warning to halt.

The court directed that Nelson be returned from Portland on a bench warrant, and that Baize appear in court. Baize is not fully recovered from his injuries.

District Attorney Codding stating the state's position, said that Nelson had passed Baize, who had a flashlight in one hand and a red flag in the other, at a high speed, that he struck Baize with the front of his auto and sped on without giving assistance. One-way traffic rules on the cut-off were in effect.

Banks proclaimed "revolution." The fourth trial listed is that of Joe Cave, a city policeman indicted for involuntary manslaughter. It is an outgrowth of the death of Everett Dahack of the Eagle Point district, during a raid on a Reese Creek still in December, 1930. Much of the turmoil centered around the unfortunate incident, and was cited as proof of the "breakdown of law and order." Cave was indicted last March by the grand jury, of which William T. Grieve of Prospect was foreman. Cave is scheduled for arraignment soon.

Fred Wolf, Birdseye Creek rancher, indicted for manslaughter for the slaying of Bill Sheldon, is the fifth trial scheduled. Wolf is charged with shooting Sheldon, while the latter was walking across a pasture with Wolf's wife on the way home from milking cows. Self-defense and the "unwritten law" are anticipated as Wolf's defense.

The remaining cases on the docket are those of Ted Haines, charged with a statutory offense, and Clarence Day and Thomas P. Day indicted for theft of a calf belonging to F. E. Bilbee, Antelope district stockman.

The court requested that attorneys submit to him at once a list of civil cases they have pending so that the civil docket can be made.—Mail Tribune.

New Radio Beacon Explained at Meet

MEDFORD, Sept. 4.—In an informal talk to the Amateur Radio club of southern Oregon Friday night at the city hall, George Johnson, operator at KCX, the government airways radio station on the Crater Lake highway, told of the increased safety for aircraft which will be afforded by the new antennae system. The transmission line system will probably be in use by October 1, Mr. Johnson said.

"A few degrees shifting of the beam at night caused the change to be made in local equipment," he stated. "The new vertical antennae will be fed by underground transmission lines. If the pilot varies off his course to the east, for example, he will hear an 'a' in code. If he gets off the path to the west, an 'n' in code will be heard. When the plane is on the course the beam is steady, a straight dash, and the closer to the range station the sharper the beam becomes. The signal disappears entirely when the craft is over the station, a feature of the new apparatus which will be valuable in stormy weather as the pilot may locate the station by the cone of silence, in spite of fog and other hazardous weather conditions," he pointed out.

Mr. Johnson told how the operator at KCX will have complete control over the new radio range by a dial system similar to a telephone dial although the radio range is located at Voorhies Crossing, about four miles distant.

The radio meeting held Friday was attended by about thirty amateur radio fans, including two men from Gold Hill, Charles Ross, whose station call is W7BY1, and C. L. Cook, W7CZJ.

New regulations regarding amateur licenses were outlined by Harold DeVoe, president of the local club. Hamilton Howell urged that steps be taken to hold a picnic this month jointly with Eugene, Roseburg and Coos Bay "hams."

Kind of social activity at Central Point. Sentence will be passed on Nelson when he appears in court.

State Fair Gets Off Big Way

SALEM, Ore., Sept. 6.—Oregon's 72nd annual State Fair got off to a flying start here this week, with Labor Day crowds setting a new attendance record. The holiday date and a twenty-five cent admission to the fairgrounds aided in breaking in old-time marks.

The presentation of the world's largest bouquet was attended by thousands with many thousands clamoring to get into the Agricultural building. Mrs. Julius L. Meier received the bouquet from J. O. Holt of Eugene, chairman of the Board of Agriculture.

Exhibits this year also set a new high mark. A new interest seems to permeate every department of the fair.

And then, of course, every afternoon so far has seen capacity crowds at the horse races. With pari-mutual wagering being tried at the fairgrounds, interest has run high. Thrilling races have been won and lost, with a long-shot coming in first every once in awhile for a large pay-off for the lucky ticket holder.

The parachute race preceding the horse racing has been more than bargained for in thrills. The sight of seeing two men drop through space has been too much for several women spectators and first aid has had to be administered.

Jim McCleave and his highly-edited horses continue to thrill at the big free night Gymkhana. Special lights have made the grandstand and surrounding as bright as day. Sandwiched in between McCleave's acts have been three competitive rodeo events—bronc riding, bulldogging, and Brahma steer riding. Cow hands from all sections of the west are here for these nightly contests.

More than 25,000 watts more of light have made the midway, from the grandstand building to the machinery building, one dazzling fairland. The carnivals are more crowded than ever.

Meier For Speed in Public Works

SALEM, Sept. 6.—Speeding up of the federal public works program so as to alleviate unemployment here as much as possible during the winter, was urged by Governor Julius L. Meier in a telegram to President Roosevelt last night. The governor made special mention of the proposed power dam in the Columbia rivers and harbors appropriation.

"So grave is the unemployment situation confronting Oregon and so slowly is the federal public works program swinging into action here that I am appealing direct to your excellency with the hope the work may be speeded up so that our unemployed may obtain relief from this source during the coming winter," Governor Meier's telegram read.

Vermont Votes Repeal 2 to 1

By the Associated Press Repealists, tucking long-dry Vermont away in their fold, looked forward today to the next test. Maize also a rockbound prohibition stronghold for years, votes on the question next Monday.

Vermont, by a margin of more than 2 to 1 became yesterday the 25th state to approve, wiping the 18th amendment from the constitution. No state has voted to retain national prohibition.

PROLONGED HEAT OF AUGUST SETS VALLEY RECORD

Monthly meteorological notes for August as compiled by W. J. Hutchinson, local meteorologist, show the month was characterized by one of the most prolonged periods of hot weather experienced in the valley since the beginning of weather bureau records in 1911. Daily maximum temperatures from the 10th to and including the 17th averaged slightly over 102 degrees for the eight days. High temperatures in Medford and vicinity are not unusual in August and are to be expected as reasonable, however, heretofore they have occurred only for short periods and have been more or less scattered through the month.

A monthly highest temperature of 108.4 degrees was recorded on the 14th. The 23-year absolute highest maximum for August is 108.5 degrees, having occurred in 1920. The lowest minimum temperature for the month was 44 degrees on the 30th, making a monthly range of 64 degrees.

Weather as a whole, before and after the hot spell, was reasonable and more characteristic of local August weather. Clear skies prevailed throughout with only an occasional cloudiness and very light rains on three dates. Precipitation was far short of the normal and drying conditions resulting made a maximum of irrigation necessary. Some light damage to fruit and tomatoes by high temperatures was reported.

Precipitation totaled 0.02 inches, all of which was recorded on the 29th, light rains on the 1st and 16th being unmeasurable. The rainfall season ending at the close of August shows a total of 14.90 inches for the period and a seasonal deficiency of 3.18 inches. It is of interest to note as a comparison that the 1931-1932 season closed with an excess of 4.30 inches. This would indicate that the past season was comparatively dry, or rather 7.48 inches less precipitation fell during the past season than for the season preceding.

Although forest fire hazards due to dry hot weather were extremely high in the vicinity the surrounding forested areas were unsmoldered by serious fires. However, smoke drifting from northerly winds from western Oregon prevailed over the valley from the 24th to the close of August.

Intersections Are Worst Hazards

SALEM, Ore.—Most dangerous place for car drivers is a street intersection, reports the secretary of state's office.

Of 1,439 auto accidents which occurred in Oregon during June, more than half of them—812—happened at street intersections. Next most dangerous place was the straight road, where 382 accidents took place. Twenty-two accidents occurred on up-grade roads, 38 on downgrade, 44 on bridges, three at railroad crossings.

Business sections of cities were scenes of 615 accidents, residential sections 572, country roads 51, Pacific highway 29, Columbia River highway 37, the Dallas-California highway 19.

Standard Oil Hoists Price for Gasoline

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 6.—The Standard Oil company of California announced increases in the price of gasoline at Pacific coast service stations today, and also announced new increases in the price of crude oil in California fields.

Theodore Crandall, 63, who sustained severe injuries last Saturday when gored by an infuriated bull at the L. D. Phelps ranch, Snowy Butte died of the injuries shortly after 3 o'clock Tuesday at the Sacred Heart hospital. He had been a patient at the hospital since Saturday. Mr. Crandall was well known here. When he first came to this community he boarded at the Damon Cafe.