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## COUNTY WILL GET O-C CASH

### Musings-- By an Innocent Bystander

Knock! Knock!! Knock!!!  
"Loise!"

We seem to have started something. Bro. Hall of Jacksonville whom a certain lady tried to horse-whip, says we are all wet about that jubilee drunk. Mebbe so, but we will contend no town with even a shadow of self-respect, will stage celebrations when open drunkenness is allowed.

The "wild jackass of the penaries" (or plains of Texas,) says he worked hard all that day and nearly froze at night without one drink being offered him. Well, we will have to take off our hat to the old town after all. It apparently retains at least a bit of the old-time chivalry which refused to contribute to the delinquency of children or the feeble minded.

But he says he "worked." Since when, pray tell? An editor work—haha! It is to laugh! If our esteemed contemporary had told us of tramping the streets, searching for the elusive dollar—if he had said he spent the day in trying to dodge his creditors or something, we could have swallowed it. But "work"—farsouth!

Now let us forget the most recent member of the Tribune family (Bro. Hall recently married the city editor's daughter) and get back to our mittens. The text of our sermon was the unseemly drinking at the jubilee. Now our historic village has again shown herself unworthy of her proud history. Not satisfied with staging rotten rodeos, jubilees, old-fashioned drunks, or what have you, they now openly and brazenly offer "free beer, all you can drink," at their dances. We are ashamed of them.

Has the time come when the decent people of that glorious old town must submit to such insult? Is the growing generation to be de-liached and degraded without protest. We sincerely hope not. This writer admits he has in times agoone taken of the product of the brew. We know its effects by personal experience. And we can plainly say we know of no good it has done us or anyone else. That being true, why urge it upon others?

Let us hope that what remains of the first white settlement in Southern Oregon will not allow itself to become a curse and a byword in the land, by encouraging such carryings on.

We are told by those who should know that plans are being made to resurrect our defunct cheese factory. Good, more power to them. It is the hope of all that some way may be found to keep this industry going.

Deer hunters are beginning to straggle back from the far places. Reports (minus any portion of the corpus delicti as proof) have it that deer have been killed. All we have to say is, we could do with an infinitesimal chunk for a sample.

As we have driven along the highways lately we have noted tons of pears rotting on the ground in some orchards. Many of these pears are worm infested. Would it not save a lot of trouble next year with the fruit if these wormy pears were gathered as soon as the picking season is over, before the live worms leave the fruit, and either fed to stock or destroyed? We were told of one orchard where the owner turned his calves into the orchard and they greedily cleaned up all such fruit. In an adjoining orchard the fruit was allowed to rot on the ground. The first man sprayed his trees three times and the second man four times. Both did thorough spraying, but the first man's fruit was much less wormy. We would like to hear from others about this idea.

We have just been interrupted by the entrance of our understudy in fishing who brought in three fine steelheads. Guess we'll have to go fishin' ourselves.

### One-half Sum Due To Be Paid Within Very Short Time

PAYMENT BY GOVERNMENT WILL AID IN EASING FINANCIAL WORRIES OF THE COUNTY—SENATOR McNARY HELPS IN GETTING ACTION BY INTERIOR DEPARTMENT.

The welcome news comes from Washington that our-half of the O. C. land grant claims of Jackson County will be paid within the next few days. This news is doubly welcome at this time on account of the depleted condition of the county treasury.

The total amount of the claim is \$69,218.84, and the department of the interior has announced it has on hand sufficient funds for payment of half of the claims of 18 western Oregon counties. Half of Jackson county's share will be \$34,609.42.

The county budget committees estimated the O. C. receipts would be 40,000. These claims formerly averaged \$125,000 a year but reduction of the millage tax since 1923 cut heavily into general receipts.

About \$12,000 of the \$34,609.42 will be divided among the different school districts as required by law, leaving about \$22,000 for the county.

CORVALLIS, Ore., Sept. 27.—Oregon counties in which Oregon and California grant lands are located will receive within the next

few days a payment of 50 per cent of their claims, according to a telegram received by Victor P. Moses, Benton county judge, from Senator Charles L. McNary, now in Washington D. C.

Judge Moses is chairman of the organization of counties seeking full payment of land grant fund claims.

The message received from Senator McNary said, "Have received information from assistant sec. of interior that interior department has nearly completed work in connection with payment to counties wherein O. & C. Lands are located. That of 18 counties submitting claims of O. & C. payment 15 decisions have been sent secretary of treasury. We expect that by Thursday all decisions will be made according to agreement of decision of comptroller of currency."

The comptroller of currency has ruled that O. & C. payments must be made from receipts of the sale of timber on such grant lands. Judge Moses said, Officials in Washington, D. C., have said there is only enough money on hand at Washington to pay 50 per cent of the counties' claims.

### Ohio Newspaper Warns All to Watch Children

The following item from "The Spirit of Democracy," a weekly newspaper published at Woodsville, Ohio is so pertinent to the present situation regarding the safety of school children, we reprint it in full:

#### MAKE SCHOOL DAYS SAFE

By this time next week hundreds of thousands of Ohio children will be entered on the work, problems and pleasures of the school year. A very large proportion of them will be little children, to whom the perils of the daily journeys to and from school will constitute a very grave hazard.

They are part of the great army of children, 25,000,000 strong which in the United States will either return to or enter school in September. The country is proud of this procession; but before the first day of October, no fewer than 53,000 children will have been more or less seriously injured in accidents, and by June the number thus hurt will have reached the staggering total of half a million.

These figures are not guesses according to an article on "Making School Days Safe Days," in the current issue of Hygia. The author, Mr. Curtis Billings, explains that they are based on careful computations in many past Septembers and many past years.

Nearly half of the deaths (and many of the injuries) will be due to automobile accidents. Specific things parents can do and must do if their children are to be safe include: Parents can teach their children how to walk safely to and from school; they can help provide them with safe transportation; they can instruct the older children in safe driving. They should sternly repress such dangerous practices as riding on the back of a vehicle, on the running board of a car, on the handle bars of a bicycle which cause death or injury of thousands of school children.

Playing in the street and playing on a state trunk highway are equally dangerous, by no means worth the risk involved. Running suddenly in risk to a busy street or road to catch a ball or to escape being "tagged" costs hundreds of young lives each year. A child should always remove the roller skates before crossing the street. The bicyclist should observe the same traffic signals as automob-

ile drivers do, and keep to the right when riding city streets or country roads.

The annual toll of child lives by automobiles is being reduced slowly, but only communities where the law is supplemented with fundamental lessons in safety through co-operative effort of parents and teachers. "School days will be safe days," concludes the author, "when effective safety education becomes universal."

### Crater Park Visited By Noted Botanist

Crater Lake National Park, Ore., Sept. 27.—The Crater Lake area is not only a rare field for geologic study, but is particularly important in the botanical world, in the opinion of Dr. Elmer Applegate, curator of the Dudley Herbarium at Stanford University, Palo Alto, Calif., a visitor in the park recently.

Dr. Applegate made his first visit to the lake in 1877 as a young boy when modes of transportation were slow and roads were poor. He made several visits before the end of the 19th century and in 1899 with Dr. F. G. Covell discovered a rare fern unique to the pumice slopes of Crater Lake. Dr. Applegate has been intimately associated with many discoveries and classifications of rare plants and flowers in the vicinity of the park. An Indian paint brush, found in the park, is called Applegate's Paint Brush since he was the first to describe it.

Dr. Applegate in company with Park Naturalist D. S. Libbey followed the old Pioneer trail from the rim down the southwest slope of old Mt. Mazama. Mr. Libbey plans in another season to add the old Pioneer trail hike to the various naturalist guided trips offered to visitors to Crater Lake National Park.

### New Trail Built To Summit Mt. Scott

Crater Lake National Park, Ore., Sept. 27.—Making the summit of Mt. Scott, 8,938 feet, the highest point within the park, more accessible to the public, a new trail has been completed to the top of the mountain. The trail is wide and has an easy grade for its length of 2.2 miles. From this eminence, where a fire lookout station is also located, a complete panorama of the lake region is possible, as well as points over 100 miles distant.

### CHEESE FACTORY MAY OPEN SOON CHEERING WORD

Prospects are that the local cheese factory will be re-opened in the near future. A Mr. Hair of Tillamook has been in Central Point for the past few days interviewing patrons of the factory and others to see just what can be done to get the factory going again. Everett Faber accompanied Mr. Hair about the county and reports the sentiment as generally favorable.

Mr. Hair has had many years' experience in cheese manufacturing and marketing. He is confident the local factory can be made to pay.

A meeting of the board of directors of the company will be held tonight and a meeting of producers is being arranged for next Tuesday night. At this meeting the committee recently appointed by the clients, patrons and creditors of the concern will make its report. The committee consists of Robert Kincaid, Central Point; C. A. DeVoe, Jacksonville; Warren Patterson, Central Point; Marvin Abbott, Central Point, and David Wilson, Willow Springs.

### Counties Are Doing Final Work on Wheat Contracts

With the September 25 deadline for filing wheat contract applications past, the big job of county wheat allotment committees is getting under way, as approved applications come in from community committees.

Between now and December 1, all work of correcting the applications, publishing each grower's acreage and production figures, making the necessary adjustments so that county allotments will agree with official wheat production statistics, publishing the growers allotments and maximum acreage figures, preparing the contracts and getting them signed, and properly preparing all of them for sending in to the Agricultural Adjustment Administration must be done. December 1 is the deadline after which no contracts will be received at Washington.

Not until after the contracts from a county have all been sent to the Wheat Adjustment Administration and checked over there, can any grower in a county receive his benefit payments. The wheat growers of Oregon will be entitled to approximately three million dollars on the 1933 crop, two-thirds of it this fall. Naturally they are anxious to get their payments, but a great deal of work must first be done by the county allotment committees.

One cause of delay in some counties is that many applications have not been made out correctly. Some growers did not understand that they are entitled to include as land seeded to wheat, wheat acreage which could not be re-seeded because of weather conditions, or which was prepared in the manner customary but could not be seeded because of unfavorable weather conditions.

Other growers failed to understand that volunteer wheat harvested for grain, wheat cut ripe and fed without threshing, and wheat allowed to ripen and hogged or pastured off, should be counted, as well as wheat cut when ripe and threshed. Some growers put in only the acres actually harvested and threshed in figuring their acreage and production.

Some growers, on the other hand, included wheat planted and cut for hay or pasture. Such wheat cannot be included. However, acres of wheat proven to have been seeded with the intention of cutting for grain but which through necessity or some unforeseen situation were cut for hay or pastured off, may be included in the average acreage seeded.

County allotment committees are expected to have to work several weeks straightening out individual applications, preparing the data for publication, figuring individual allot-

### A Serious Situation

AN EDITORIAL

The Central Point schools are facing a very serious situation today. The fact that non-payment of taxes in this district has reached alarmingly proportions is being forcibly brought to the front. And unless something can be done and done soon this town will have to do without a public school system.

In the writer's opinion the most important things in this city are our schools. We believe that nothing should stand ahead of them in the affairs of our city. Without them our community would soon dwindle into nothingness. One of the most important things—perhaps THE MOST IMPORTANT—which attract people to come to this city to live, and to hold them here, is our schools. Once let our schools close and the last bulwark is gone. The town and all its business will fade as a fog before the sun.

We, as sensible beings, should face the issue, squarely and decide "WHAT ARE WE GONG TO DO WITH OUR SCHOOLS?" Are we going to see all the work of years in building up these schools to their present state of perfection wasted? Shall we just sit by and let the young people of the town lose the precious years when youth should be receiving its education? It is up to you.

The school board is ready and willing to do its best for the school system. But without money they are helpless. Taxes MUST be paid if our schools are to continue. Our teachers are doing their best for our children. You must do your part if the system is to be carried on.

Last year only 65% of the school taxes were paid. That would not be serious if the budget had not been cut to the bone. Then the present year's budget was cut still more and we must get a larger percentage or go so far in debt as to be handicapped for years.

Now we have made large cuts in operating costs and still the cry is "cut down expenses"! Where to cut and still keep up our standard is beyond us. Shall we cut on fuel—and let the children wear overcoats in school? Shall we cut out our janitor and ask the big girls to clean up the buildings? Or shall we go out in the woods and pick up inexperienced teachers for a mere pittance? The answer depends on you, Mr. Taxpayer.

We have been told we should cut down the salary of the Superintendent. We are at present paying \$2100 a year for a man whose capabilities are unquestioned; who acts as superintendent of both schools; as supervision of the entire teaching staff and who teaches several subjects himself as well. Anyone who knows anything at all about educational matters knows we are getting off cheap.

And as for our janitor we pay Mr. March \$1050 a year, for 12 months service and we defy anyone to beat him for honest, faithful, conscientious service, regardless of wage.

Now, friends, think this matter over seriously and if you possibly can do so PAY YOUR TAXES this fall. Again we repeat it is up to you!

### Up-state Paper Tells Faults Home Owning Of Public Utilities

Eugene would extend its municipal light to take in Corvallis. Of all the nerve! A municipal light plant selling power outside of its own community should not be tolerated and would not 'f people had not gone completely red in their antipathy toward private industry. Eugene promoters tell us they can sell electricity here cheaper than can the Mountain States Power Company. Well, why shouldn't they. They are using taxpayers' money, paying no taxes to support the university and college, and citizens of the rest of the state have to pay higher taxes because this socialistic experiment is allowed. The Mountain States pays high taxes in Corvallis, gives excellent service, pays both state and county taxes and is entitled to support. It has paid no dividends for a year, which should give joy to the reds and other municipal ownership advocates. — Corvallis Gazette Time.

### Bankers Seeking Gold Law Changes

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Sept. 27.—To make the increased world price for gold available to thousands of miners and prospectors in southern Oregon Senator Charles L. McNary and the Southern Oregon Bankers' association today joined in a drive to request modification of the U. S. treasury's gold decree.

The bankers' association, meeting Tuesday night at Ashland, adopted a resolution asking that shipments of gold may be made to the mint, accompanied only by affidavits of the purchasers.

C. H. Demaray, president of the local chamber of commerce, today received a telegram from Senator McNary that he had called the attention of the treasury department to the requests.

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### P. T. A. Prepares To Greet Council

The executive committee of the local P. T. A. met at the home of the president, Mrs. Ruby Leever, Friday eve. This meeting was to make further plans for entertaining the Jackson County P. T. A. Council, which meets at the Central Point High School for an all day session Saturday, Oct. 14. All interested are invited to attend this meeting. The local P. T. A. will serve luncheon at noon at 35c a plate. The following ladies were appointed by the president to have charge. General luncheon chairman—Mrs. Della Tex; Menu—Mrs. Lorena Leach; Decoration—Miss Arlene Hay; Soliciting—Mrs. Clara Vincent; Program—Mrs. Lois Young.

### Oakland Man Visits Lake After 28 Years

Crater Lake National Park, Ore., Sept. 27.—It took I. K. Charry of Oakland, Calif., four weeks to drive to Crater Lake with horses in 1905 and when he made his first trip to the park since that time this week, the trip was made in less than two days from the bay region. At the time of his visit 28 years ago, roads to the park had not been developed and herders still grazed sheep in regions near the rim. The park had only been established three years before.

### Regional Forester Tells of CCC Work

A summary of the work accomplished up to Sept. 1, by the 12,000 civilian conservation corps boys working in 63 camps in Oregon's forests has just been released by regional forester C. J. Buck, Portland Oregon.

This shows a marked production increase over the previous work report, due to the fact that the boys had become accustomed to the use of tools, necessary equipment for road building and other work had been installed, and the camp buildings completed, releasing the men to la-

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