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## Musings--

By an 'Innocent Bystander'

Again we rise to remark that Central Point cooks are hard to beat! That chicken dinner served at the Business Men's banquet by the ladies of the Grange was sure a hum-dinger! And who in heck told them that biscuit and mashed potatoes, plentifully covered with stewed chicken gravy was our mostest favorite dish? The ladies sure have our thanks.

And another rather unusual thing about the banquet was the fact that the food was HOT when served! Too often one has to be content with lukewarm eatables at banquets. And the way those young people got that food on the table was worthy of the highest praise.

In fact, the whole affair went off with a bang from start to finish. There were no long drawn-out speeches, just impromptu talks by men who knew what they wanted to say. And we were proud of those young men who sat on that platform and predict a bright future for all of them. In our opinion the fact that they have so well learned to "play the game" speaks mightily well of their instructors as well as their home training.

And we want to say a word about our school orchestra and the leader, Mr. Botts. Always being called upon to help out at extra-curriculum affairs, Mr. Botts and the whole orchestra deserve a lot of credit. We are proud of that orchestra and its leader and hope soon to see a more definite recognition than any mere thanks be given them. Why not give our next dinner in honor of Mr. Botts and his orchestra, who have given their services so many times freely for our pleasure?

We commend the action of our new Business Men's association in electing Mr. Thomas Quast for their first president. Mr. Quast, while a comparative new-comer among us, is well qualified for the position and we predict much progress under his administration.

The new organization is starting off well and we hope to see every business person in town a member soon. The dues are negligible and we want you all to help. We want to make as favorable an impression as possible on the visitors who will be with us this summer and to extend to them a hearty welcome to a united, peaceful, friendly town. Will you give us a hand?

Well, guess it will soon be time to jump into the political pot and see if we can find any candidates worthy of our support. So far we have not given the matter much thought. But there are some good men out for office and we suppose we must make some choice. At least, we won't have L. A. B. to poke fun at as we did in the last campaign, which is "somp'n'!"

We are inclined at this time to favor the candidacy of Carl Abrams for secretary of state. We have heard a lot about him in past years and it all made a very favorable impression on our mind. We believe him to be very well qualified by training and experience to fill Hal Hoss' shoes. If nothing else was in his favor, his years of newspaper work should give him a well-balanced idea of what it is all about.

As for the governor, we are inclined to favor that democratic warrior, General Martin. He is a fighter both by training and habit and in our opinion will, if given a chance, put an end to a lot of bickering at Salem which has done our state no good. And we have a hunch the "Old Guard" about the capital will know who's boss if he is elected.

Since writing the above we ran across a signed communication in the Mail Tribune from Mrs. Henrietta B. Martin in which she declines to support her former co-worker, Electa Fehl. Well, and again, Well! Poor Electa! Deserted by her old-time friends, and left to wander in the by-paths of politics all by her lonesome! And we note that Mrs. Martin absolutely agrees with this writer in thinking and saying she does not consider Electa competent to fill the office to which she aspires.

Mrs. Martin states she and the organization she represented believe competency should come first in the

## BUSINESS MEN ELECT OFFICERS FOR ASSOCIATION

At a meeting held Monday evening at the Hatfield store the final organization was completed of the Central Point Business Men's association. George Marine presided as temporary chairman.

A. E. Powell, chairman of the committee appointed to prepare a constitution and by-laws, read a report giving a tentative draft of the constitution. This was then voted on, article by article, the whole being finally adopted.

It was decided to hold bi-monthly meetings at the city hall, if the use of that building can be obtained from the city officials. These meetings will be held on the first and third Tuesday evenings of each month.

Officers were elected to hold office for the following six months. Mr. Thomas Quast, manager of the cheese factory, was elected president. E. C. Faber was chosen vice president and Mrs. L. Hatfield, secretary-treasurer.

Twelve business firms were represented at the meeting and it is hoped to have a 100% representation in the near future. Those present were unanimous in expressing the belief that such an organization was a move in the right direction.

It was voted to make the president, ex-officio representative for Central Point on the new Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, if and when it is organized.

The president appointed a committee consisting of A. E. Powell and George Marine to confer with the city officials regarding the use of the city hall as a meeting place. W. E. Alexander was appointed a committee of one to ask the city to endeavor to acquire a tract of land for a city dump.

The next meeting of the association will be held on Tuesday, April 3, at 7:30 p. m.

## Relief Corps Enjoys Holiday Program

Following the W.R.C. business session Saturday a St. Patrick's day program was enjoyed. Chief feature of which was the many wonderful creations being carved from Irish potatoes. Mrs. Dora Jones took first prize for the most artistic production—which represented an Irish maiden dressed in green. Consolation went to Mrs. Frida Lawrence.

Each member also related her first impression of Central Point. Mrs. Ida Henderson treated the group to refreshments in Shamrock form.

## Copco Makes Large 1934 Tax Payment

One of the largest tax payments received last week by the tax collection department of the sheriff's office was that of The California Oregon Power Company covering the first quarter's payment by the local utility. The total property tax to be paid by the power company in Jackson County this year amounts to \$126,993.84 which is the largest tax in the entire county. The \$126,993.84 to be paid by The California Oregon Power Company in 1934 covers only the state, county, city, school and other district property taxes levied against Copco in Jackson County and does not include various other forms of state and federal taxes.

The total of property taxes alone to be paid by The California Oregon Power Company in the state of Oregon this year will amount to \$359,766.25 according to local officials.

choosing of public officers. Good enough, my dear woman; we say Amen to that. But the point which has been troubling us for a long time is, who is to be the judge of that competency? The candidate himself, the voter, or some poor newspaper writer? We give it up.

But who says nothing good can come out of Nazareth?

Mr. and Mrs. Bodenstab and daughter Lily of Medford were our night guests of Mrs. Bodenstab's mother, Mrs. Owen Saturday night.

## Business Men's Banquet for Team Is Huge Success

The banquet given Tuesday evening by the newly organized Central Point Business Men's association in honor of the high school basketball team and their coach, winners of the championship trophy at Ashland a short time ago, was a big success. The dinner was served at the Grange hall by a committee of Grange ladies, headed by Miss Zelma McCredie, chairman.

The banquet was served in the dining room at the hall and the guests were seated at three long tables which were beautifully decorated with crepe paper in the school colors and spring flowers. Seated at the center table were the members of the team with their coach, Mr. Dennis McGuire, boys' athletic director at the high school; Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Bowman, County Superintendent of Schools; Superintendent and Mrs. Howard P. Jewett; E. C. Faber, vice president of the Business Men's association; George Marine, chairman of the banquet committee and A. E. Powell, member of the school board.

The ladies of the Grange served a chicken dinner, beautifully prepared and well served by the younger members of the Grange. There were 70 people seated at the tables. During the dinner Mr. McGuire read several telegrams which were brought to him. One purported to be from Governor Julius L. Meier, congratulating the team on their wonderful victory. Another which was received with applause was from Franklin D. Roosevelt, also offering

congratulations and expressing the hope to see them in Washington in the near future. One from Mae West brought down the house.

At the close of the dinner Mr. Jewett announced that a short program would be given in the main hall upstairs and inviting all to remain. The program consisted of several numbers by the school orchestra; a short but appropriate skit by four young ladies of the high school; a short and very interesting talk by Supt. Bowman and a brief talk by E. C. Faber, who expressed gratification on the success of the dinner and also the pride felt by the community in the victory of the team.

Next on the program was the presentation of the school letters to six of the boys who had won the right to wear them. In the case of Delbert Ayers, this was his fourth letter, he having won his letter each year since entering high school for his basketball playing. Clifford Casad was a three-year letterman, having only been in this school three years. Six letters were presented with appropriate remarks by Coach McGuire.

Supt. Jewett thanked the people of the community for the support given to all school activities and also especially thanked Mr. Botts and the orchestra for their assistance in making the affair a success.

The program closed with another number by the orchestra. Several townspeople who did not attend the dinner, came in for the after-program.

## Invention Is Offered For "Swiss Type" Eats

If only I could find someone who would finance a patent for me I think that I have a small fortune right at my finger tips. Thanks to a local merchant and a poor grieving heart broken, out-two-bits customer, the other day I was struck with an inspiration. (Kind reader before you finish reading my explanation, please don't wish that it would have been a club instead of an inspiration.)

A likeable old man about town decided to have some beans for dinner the other day. He walked into one of our local stores and told the manager that he would have "twenty five cents worth of red mexican beans, please." He was evidently misunderstood—when he arrived home he discovered much to his consternation that he had obtained a bag of swiss beans instead of red mexican type beans. We will refer to these wholesome little food particles as swiss beans because they were full of holes. More holy than righteous would be an excellent description of them. Because each and every hole in those beans contained a worm, there were no blanks.

After seriously thinking things over the man decided that after all perhaps he didn't want any beans for dinner. A few hours later a man, a bag of beans, and a bad disposition, returned to the store from which the beans were purchased. However after a slight inspection, and a little deliberation the merchant allowed that he didn't just exactly understand why he should refund the man's quarter. "Because," he said, "it is the nature of red mexican beans to have holes in them and as for the bugs, why with the assistance of a little water they could very easily washed out of the holes." Something like smoking a bear out of his den I guess.

Well, be that as it may, the gentleman with the beans in his possession allowed that he was going elsewhere to do his trading here after, and furthermore he told the merchant, that as far as he was concerned the merchant could go to—oh to be polite and for the sake of the press let us say Tolo.

But about my invention. Won't you listen while I describe it to you? Oh, your reply to my question doesn't surprise me. I didn't suppose you would. But folks I am telling you that it is something practical. Here's how it all pans out. I have discovered a process that will, I

think, create a demand for swiss beans and double the price on them. Now to come to the point. Really those bugs wouldn't taste bad after they were cooked, in fact they would add a bacon flavor without the expense of actually adding the meat. Now after the beans and bugs were thoroughly cooked, the addition of one half box of raisins would be necessary. The raisins would mingle with the insects and give the impression that the black spots were all dried grapes. Not only that but I fail to see any difference in oyster and bugs anyway, and we all eat oysters.

This dish we could christen with the name of Swiss Beans Deluxe plus Raisins. At Bridge parties this dish would certainly be a success—just think of the work it would save the hostess. Instead of having to serve cake, coffee, and sandwiches, one would be able to serve Swiss Beans Deluxe plus Grape Raisins on a piece of toast which had been dipped in the bean soup.

Don't you see? The soup would eliminate the trouble of making coffee and the raisins would take the place of cake which an expensive item to buy. And which the art of making in homes is now lost. Oh boy, how the ritzy class would go for the word Deluxe in the name of the dish.

Of course I realize that my invention has one big drawback. The bakeries would possibly report me to the NRA for chiseling on the cake industry.

Oh, I suppose some of you folks think I am crazy for having such an idea, but look what the guy that mixed a few yeast cakes with some hop malt and called the solution beer done for himself.

Yours for a dish of Swiss Beans Deluxe plus Grape Raisins.  
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George Woolridge from Applegate visited his nephew over night Sunday returning home Monday.

George McDonald was lodged in the Medford city jail Monday by City Marshal Bert Hedgpeth and state police, following his arrest on charges of drunkenness.

Mr. Everett Jewett, groceryman from Portland, dropped in on E. C. Faber unexpectedly recently. Mr. Jewett and Mr. Faber were boys together back in Iowa.

The South family have moved to Eastern Oregon.

## Old Ladies Vie for Place Jubilee Queen

MEDFORD, Ore., March 21.—Two outstanding Oregon pioneer women have been nominated during the past week for the honor of Queen Mother of Oregon's Diamond Jubilee Celebration here, June third to ninth.

A move in Linn county in favor of Mrs. Rebecca Morris is gaining headway. Mrs. Morris, familiarly known as "Aunt Becky" has been the queen of Linn county pioneers for the past seven years. She crossed the plains by ox train in 1845, with her parents and nine sisters and brothers. She was born in 1842 and has been making her home in Portland the past 18 months.

A second Linn county pioneer has also been nominated. Mrs. Angeline Carter was named a few days ago. She resides in Wells, a short distance from Albany, and is 99 years of age. She has been living for 84 years in the same house where she resides by herself and continues to do her house-work alone. Her father is credited with building the first church in Linn county, and preaching one of the first sermons in that section.

Further interest is developing in other parts of the state, and more nominations are expected during the next few days. The pioneer, chosen for the honor, will rule over the week of celebration activities and have a court composed of princesses representing each of the 36 counties of Oregon.

Preparations for other features of the celebration are steadily progressing. The historical pageant, Oyer-un-Gon, (Land of Plenty) depicting a faithful review of the establishment of Oregon statehood, will soon be ready for the selection of its cast and early rehearsals. Over 400 people will take part in this presentation.

## Oregon Journal Asks Pertinent Queries of Officers

The following editorial from the Oregon Journal is very pertinent to the situation in this county:

**HOW DO THEY LIVE?**

"Are county board of commissioners warranted in their attitude toward the old age pension law? "Are they slashing the allowances. The law provides payment of \$30 a month to persons of 70 and over. The board is given the right to lessen the allowance if the petitioner has other income. In some counties the allotment is cut as low as \$10 or even less a month, amounts on which it is impossible to survive.

"The pensioners are worse off," says a correspondent, "than before the act was passed, for the pension acts as a bar to other aid, and the beneficiaries cannot live on the paltry sums allowed." He added.

"An opinion by Attorney General Van Winkle says the law is mandatory and that in all cases the pension must be sufficient to support to applicant decently. They are also disregarding his opinion to the effect that the law took effect January 1. They have ruled that the pension does not begin until the board has investigated and passed on it, and at the rate they are working, many applicants will not begin to receive their pensions for six months to a year to come."

"The old age pension law is mercy. It is civilization. It has a proper place in the social order.

And the legislature ordained its use. That the administration of the measure should be safeguarded, is true. But its purpose should not be destroyed by inadequate allowances. "There is no higher example of service than concern for, care of and protection to our aged and indigent."

## New Baptistery to Be Dedicated on Easter Sunday

Workmen are busy this week building a new baptistry in the Christian church here. It is being built at the rear of the pulpit and will add to the appearance of the room.

Funds for the new improvements, which also include new steps for the church, were over-subscribed last Sunday. The baptistry will be dedicated at a special baptismal service Easter Sunday afternoon, at which time several members of the Federated church as well as some from the Christian church, will be baptised.

## HALF OREGON PEOPLE PAY NO DIRECT TAXES

PORTLAND, March 22.—Special—More than 300,000 people, or approximately one-half Oregon's adult population, are contributing no direct property nor income taxes for support of Oregon's municipalities, her schools, counties or the state, according to just compiled figures released today through School Relief and Property Tax Reduction League of Oregon.

"The figures, closely parallel the McMinnville and Jackson county school surveys which show that 58% of the families having children in city schools are paying no property taxes upon which education in Oregon's 2200 elementary school districts depend."

In releasing the figures, Paul T. Shaw, chairman of the league and head of Portland School District No. 1, characterized the situation as "appallingly unfair to the 154,000 home and farm owners who are paying the bills for the tax free 300,000."

"In all of Oregon's history," said Shaw, "we have never called upon the non-taxpaying majority to come to the aid of either the schools or the taxpayers of the state in general. Now we need their help. Now thru the emergency two year 1 1/2% sales tax we are asking them as neighbors and good citizens, to vote for the tax—whose sole purpose is to keep our schools going and reduce outrageously high property taxes.

"Three hundred thousand new taxpayers, even though they pay as little as 2c a day, can cut \$2,190,000 off the taxes that property now pays for school support. Tax free folk can do this without sacrifice!"

## GUESS WHO?



We received one guess last week on the identity of the silhouette. Credit for the first an donly guess goes to Mrs. Hay. This week we hope to see more guesses. The picture last week was of Irsel D. Lewis, our genial meat man, who declined to furnish material for a sketch.

## Philosopher Simon Says:

The rungs on the ladder of success are made of big ideas.

The easiest way to sweeten your disposition is to free your mind of bitter thoughts.

Yes, the passing of the woodshed has had much to do with the increasing of business in juvenile court. Why not provide a job for that boy?

It takes the combined efficiency and teamwork of 5 men to make a good basket ball team—that's Central Point.

## Safety at Home

INSULL IS HEADER FOR "SOMEWHERE EAST OF SU-EZ," HUNTING FOR A SAFE PLACE—

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