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Musings--

By an Innocent Bystander

—Who has an old flint-lock gun stored away? The Jubilee committee wants to get all the old guns they can find. In fact they want every kind of pioneer equipment, clothing, etc. The Pioneer Parade will be a historical affair, symbolical of the old days from the time of the Hudson Bay fur traders, Lewis and Clark and on down by periods up to the coming of the railroad. And you can bet it will be worth seeing and having a part in.

So if you have any idea of anyone having any relics which would be appropriate to any period of pioneer days, let us know. You may be sure the committee will take the best care of your treasures and you will get them back in good condition.

The time for the Jubilee is fast approaching and haste must be made to have everything in readiness. And again we urge our readers to do their best to have their homes and yards in the best condition possible. If you can possibly do so, paint up your premises. And if you can't do that, at least clean up your yards and keep the weeds cut. Let's make Central Point noted all over the state as being the cleanest small city in the west.

Did you see the circus last week? If not you sure missed a good time. Those girls can put on a real show, and we don't mean maybe. And we are glad it was a financial success. They earned it.

Now the students are busy with the final activities of the school year. We have heard it said that such things detract from the value of their education. We do not agree with this idea. It is our belief that the young folks learn more which is of real lasting value to them in after life in the participation in extra-curriculum activities than they would if confined to the old-fashioned system of teaching the "three R's".

And we are proud of those healthy, wholesome young ladies who worked so hard for our pleasure in their circus. Can you not visualize the kind of mothers of the next generation they are going to make. Strong bodies and brave hearts are worth a lot in this old world.

Just three more weeks and school will be out. Think of that, kids! But there—we have a hunch we don't need to say that, for we'll bet they have been thinking of it for some time. But we heard one of the school officials say they had had very little trouble with unexplained absences this spring, which is worthy of thought.

We understand that a certain business man of our city is contemplating establishing a labor clearing house. He says he hopes to get in touch with the orchardists and other employers of labor and to arrange with them to call on him when they want any kind of help. He will prepare a list of those wanting work and when a call comes for men, will be able to send them to the job. This is a fine idea and we hope to see it carried out.

And now for a bit of politics. We have been placed in a rather hot spot owing to the fact that it is so hard for us to choose our candidate for sheriff. There are several mighty good men in the field. We are going to leave it on the lap of the gods, between such men as Olmscheid, McCredie and Sid Brown. But we are wondering how Olga is going to fare if Amos wins. Any sheriff who lets her and Mrs. Martin (not H.B.M.) go is going to have a lot of grief on his hands finding a really "competent" substitute.

These ladies know all the ins and outs of the technical and legal side of that office and should be retained. We won't be so foolish as to say their places COULD not be filled, but we do say it would take an AW-FUL LONG TIME for a newcomer to reach their efficiency.

In our opinion the clerks in all the county offices should be under the Civil Service and hold their jobs for life, or at least while their efficiency continues. Why discommode the public, endanger the perfection of the county records, and upset all the

FORMER PORTLAND MAN NEW HEAD OF BUILDING AND LOAN

J. H. Fletcher, formerly of Portland, has been appointed as secretary manager of the Jackson County Building and Loan association, according to a statement recently issued by C. M. Kidd, president of the association.

M. Fletcher, when interviewed Tuesday said he didn't want to be called a Portland man, but a local man. His family have moved to Medford, and they expect to make their home there permanently. He says he has already found much to interest him in the civic affairs of the county and expects to take an active part in them.

Mr. Fletcher is considered an expert in building and loan business. As an examiner has inspected every type of savings and loan association in the states of Oregon and Washington and he is convinced that the Jackson County Building and Loan association offers a splendid opportunity to serve its community as a sound financial institution.

The association has a strong board of local men, namely: C. M. Kidd, John C. Mann, Glenn O. Taylor, R. E. Green and Wm. J. Warner, all of whom have been residents of this county for many years, and all are active in local business and civic affairs.

Mrs. Webster is Hostess to Bible Class

Mrs. A. Webster was hostess on Thursday to the ladies of the Berean Bible Class.

Mrs. Case, president was in charge of the business session. It opened with group singing of two hymns.

Bible reading by Mrs. Ayers. Poem, Mrs. Wyatt; Reading, Mrs. Gebhard Sr. An interesting chapter on "Dust and Ashes of Empires" by Mrs. Furry. Solo "I Know No Other Master", Louise Grimes.

Refreshments served during the social hour by Mrs. Webster and Mrs. Manus.

Present were Mesdames Case, Doerschueck, Meyer, Mimmick, Parker, Langston, Hoffman, Warner, Ayers, Faber, Limbeck, Gebhard Sr., Gebhard Jr., Jewett, Wyatt, Manus, Milton, Furry, Richmond, Clark, Day, Grimes Sr., Grimes Jr., Speaker, Quackenbush Smith Webster, Misses Bessie Milton, and Jennie McGruder, and several small children.

Electric Study on C.W.A. Program

Following up the work of the recently completed rural housing survey, President Roosevelt has ordered a survey to be made of the power resources, the transmission and distribution of electrical energy to consumers, and the utilization of electricity in the same areas covered in the housing study.

This project has been assigned to every state to be financed from CWA funds, and in Oregon has been placed in charge of the Oregon Extension service with F. Earl Price, agricultural engineer, as supervisor in charge. Price was instructed to use the same county engineers employed in the housing survey as far as possible, and he has his force organized and started on the task already. The survey is to be completed by May 1.

The purposes of the study as announced from Washington are first to appraise the possibilities of supplying electric service to additional rural service and its utilization.

In Oregon the survey will be carried on in Clackamas, Josephine, Jackson, Deschutes, Crook, Gilliam and Sherman counties, though a general summary for the state will also be submitted.

routine of public business just to pay political debts?

We don't hear much about the judicial race. Which may be as well. We note that Judge Norton is going along as usual attending strictly to business. Which is as it should be. And we hope and believe that the people of Jackson county will take due consideration of this attitude and again put him on the bench. He well deserves it.

New York Tax A Success Says Commissioner

Portland, Oregon—Special—New York State's 15 month emergency sales tax law, has successfully accomplished the purpose for which it was intended, and would be continued rather than levy a direct tax on property according to an official letter written by Mark Graves, Commissioner of Taxation and Finances for New York State, which was released today for publication by the School Relief and Property Tax Reduction League of Oregon.

In the letter, which was an answer to a request to Governor Lehman for unbiased facts regarding the New York Sales Tax, Commissioner Graves stated that New York State does not levy any taxes on property for state purposes, as is done in Oregon. Other sources of revenue, he explained are open on account of the many tremendous financial and industrial operations which New York possesses, but which are not existent in Oregon. The state, however, would continue a Sales Tax rather than tax property he said.

The Sales Tax Graves writes, was recommended by Governor Lehman as a temporary measure to meet a substantial deficit that confronted the state's general fund. Now that it has accomplished its purpose, Governor Lehman has recommended that it shall not be extended when the law will automatically expire in June. A digest of Graves letter follows:

"Will you accept this letter from me in lieu of one from Governor Lehman, in answer to your letter of March 29, in relative to our Sales

Tax? Governor Lehman referred your letter to me because I believe he thought we could better answer the questions you ask.

"The reason our Sales Tax law was enacted was due to shrinkage in other state revenue. Governor Lehman advocated a Sales Tax for a 15 months period to overcome the substantial deficit that confronted us. The law automatically expires June 30, 1934, and Governor Lehman has recommended that it be not extended.

"The purpose for which the funds are being used is for support of state government, and liquidation of the deficit that otherwise would have existed. The tax has raised about \$17,300,000 and on an annual basis will produce about \$25,000,000. The rate is one percent, food exempted.

"The state does not levy any property tax for state purposes. In fact it has financed itself and also gives annually, to localities in the form of state aid, about \$160,000,000. Had we levied on property it would have been about \$1 per \$1000 valuation.

"I think I am safe in saying that home owners generally favor the law, but that industries and farmers oppose it. In answer to your question "Would you go back to the old system under which property bears the major portion of the burden", I think I am safe in saying that we would continue the Sales Tax rather than levy a direct tax on property for support of the state government." Signed Mark Graves, Commissioner, State of New York, Department of Taxation and Finance, Albany, Dated April 7, 1934.

Past Matron's Club Is Entertained by Mrs. Betta Pankey

Wednesday afternoon was a gala occasion for the Past Matron's Club of Nevita Chapter, O. E. S. when they met at the hospitable home of Mrs. Betta Pankey.

The business meeting was called by the president, Miss Alice Hanley. About 18 members responded to roll call. Mrs. Edna Robnett of Portland sent greetings to the members which was appreciated by those present.

During the social hour the hostess assisted by Mrs. Inez Ferguson served dainty refreshments and Miss Roberts sang for the pleasure of the members. Her sweet voice which gives promise of a future in singing and her pleasing manner were enjoyed by those present. Her first number, My Task, was given a hearty encore. She responded by singing a group of songs, "Don't you Mind the Sorrow", "The Little Pink Rose", and "I Love You Truly."

Mrs. Elizabeth Scott invited the Club to meet at her home, May 16. Mrs. Scott will be assisted by Mrs. Elizabeth Faber.

Tomato Disease Found in Oregon

Warning for Oregon tomato growers, especially those who grow early fruit in greenhouses, to be on the lookout for a new and extremely serious virus disease has just been issued by the Oregon State College experiment station. The dreaded English spotted wilt has just been identified on plants brought to the station from a greenhouse along the Oregon coast.

Dr. F. P. McWhorter, federal plant pathologist who made the identification, is hoping that the disease is confined to that one particular spot as this disease is sometimes seed borne and the grower who brought the plants in had obtained the seed from England where this disease is prevalent.

This disease is entirely distinct from the various virus diseases common to the northwest at present, and much more serious, says Dr. McWhorter. Leaves of affected plants become reddened, the plant itself is badly stunted, and fruit is borne sparsely if at all and is undersized. In England and Australia the disease is carried from plant to plant by thrips. Any growers who suspect that they might have the disease in their plantings are requested to send or take a sample to the state college for identification.

Oregon Products Campaign Slated April 20 to 28

MEDFORD, Oregon. — (Special)—A statewide campaign, endorsed by all chambers of commerce and commercial organizations, will be conducted April 20-28, inclusive, for the promotion of Oregon-made products, it was announced today by the Chamber of Commerce.

"All Oregon Product Day" is the official name of the campaign and its real purpose is to create more Oregon payroll dollars.

The Chamber of Commerce is asking all retail merchants to display Oregon goods in their windows during the period of the campaign, and a supply of window posters has been received which will be distributed immediately.

The Oregon Manufacturers association is assisting in the statewide campaign and the local Chamber of Commerce is cooperating to the fullest extent in order that Medford shall do its part.

The Manufacturers association is giving Medford considerable assistance in connection with the manufacturers' exhibit, which will be maintained here during the Diamond Jubilee, and it is hoped that local merchants will cooperate with Oregon Products Day so that Oregon manufacturers will know that Medford is sincere in its effort to further the use of state-made goods.

Former Local Dr. Held in King Co.

Dr. McMorris M. Dow, 52-year-old Portland, Ore., physician and surgeon, an alleged narcotic addict, is being held in the King county jail for having forged the name of a Seattle osteopath on narcotic prescriptions in order to supply himself with dope.

"I needed the dope to satisfy my cravings," he is said to have told officers upon his arrest. He was taken into custody by federal narcotic officers under District Supervisor J. P. Wall.

In the commissioner's complaint Dr. Dow is accused of forging the name of Dr. Griffith H. Parker, osteopathic physician, to a prescription for 40 half-grain morphine tablets. He is said to have admitted forging other similar prescriptions.

Dr. Dow was ordered held for the federal grand jury.

Eugene Merritt is visiting in Merrill this week.

Sister of Local Lady Dies in East

A sad message came to the home of Mrs. J. O. Isaacson, April 14 bearing the news that her sister, Miss Elizabeth Stanton had just passed away at her home in St. Joseph, Mo. She taught school on Monday and the next day she did not feel well and her physician advised her to take a rest, but she was up every day, and Saturday just after lunch she lay down to rest and in a short time she had quietly "Crossed the Bar and was face to face with her Pilot."

Miss Stanton came to Central Point in 1909 and spent a year and a half at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Isaacson. She was bookkeeper in the Central Point bank for some time.

She again visited her sister in 1914 and was here a year and made many friends who will regret her passing.

Miss Stanton was a fine Christian character and to her:

"Death was just the passing To God's sweet world above Death was just the entering Into God's eternal love."

Jefferson Co. to Take Advantage Crop Insurance

Jefferson county wheat farmers will have opportunity to realize on the crop insurance feature of their wheat allotment contracts as the result of recent acceptance of that county as an area where planting of wheat this year would in many instances be of no benefit. Drought in that area made fall planting impractical in most instances, and this dry weather continued this spring.

The wheat contracts obligate the grower to plant at least 54 per cent of his base acreage to qualify for full benefit payments unless the grower is located in an area recognized by the wheat administration as unfit for planting by reason of drought, floods, storms or other "act of God."

After careful inspection of conditions and on the plea of Jefferson county residents, Paul V. Maris, director of extension, recommended that Jefferson county be so designated. Approval of the recommendation has just been received from Washington.

This does not mean that all growers in the county as a whole will automatically be relieved of the necessity of making the 54 per cent planting. Each individual grower must make application for exemption through his allotment committee. In case a grower's application is approved by the committee and at Washington, he will receive his full benefit payments just as though he had produced a crop.

It is pointed out that any grower with reasonable chances for a crop will probably make more by planting, but the ruling does avoid the waste of having seed thrown away in meeting technical requirements when there is no possibility of a crop.

Trained specialists who have examined the region found that the soil was so dry near the surface as to preclude adequate germination, and that the deeper soil moisture is too meager to make a crop if it did come up.

Philosopher Simon Says:

Where do people who live beyond their means get the money? From a gentleman named "Chargeit."

The best time to mail an angry letter is one week after it has been written.

It is said that all good New Yorkers go to Atlantic City before they die. According to John 5:24 all good Christians go to Heaven before they die.

Someone says: It ain't no disgrace to fail, but to lay there and grunt is disgraceful.

HOLMAN DENIES WILL PARDON BANKS IF GOV.

SALEM, Ore., April 18.—Rufus Holman, candidate for governor on the Republican ticket, today emphatically denied that if nominated and elected he would pardon L. A. Banks ex-county Judge Fehl, or other Jackson county malefactors now serving terms of from life to four years in the state penitentiary.

The statement, while mentioning no names was declared to be the result of an inquiry here by the editor of the Ashland Tidings. The rumor has been general in southern Oregon where it is known Holman is the candidate of the Banks organization, the Good Government Congress and it is also known that before the tragedy in southern Oregon, Holman and Banks were close personal friends.

Since his conviction and incarceration in Salem, it is not denied that Holman has frequently visited Banks and has conferred with Mrs. Banks many times. It is also reported that at the time of the murder of Constable Prescott by Banks, Holman talked with the latter over long distance and advised him regarding engaging of attorneys.

Holman, while not mentioning Banks, declared:

"I have not made, nor will I make, any secret promises of any kind, nature or description. I do not desire anything so keenly that I will stuff myself to get it. Already too many men have become governor on broken promises for me to add to the number."

Rebekah's Plan Joint Celebration

Mt. Pitt Rebekah Lodge held its regular meeting in the I. O. O. F. Hall on Wednesday evening, April 18th. Rebekah Price, formerly of Rogue River, now living at Eagle Point was received into membership by transfer.

A joint celebration of the District lodges will be held in Medford on April 26th in commemoration of Thomas Willdey's Birthday. A banquet will be served from 6 to 8 p. m. followed by a program. Visiting members are fraternally invited to attend.

Silhouette of E. C. Faber Shown

The silhouette shown last week was of the pioneer merchant, E. C. Faber. Owing to lack of time we are compelled to postpone the publication of his biographical sketch which we will print next week.

The Antioch school is planning a "Big Time" for tomorrow night. There will be a hobo lunch, selling match play and other features, candy sale, cake raffle, games, etc. Lunch will be furnished for 10c including a partner. Every one is invited.

GUESS WHO?



Will Sales Tax

Relieve real estate, revive building, remodeling, repairing?

Will it make more homes, steadier employment, for laborer, carpenter, plumber, painter, electrician, paper hanger, decorator, men in the woods, men in the mills?

Will it help business?

Farmers and Fruitgrowers Bank (Deposits Insured)