

## Musings--

By an Innocent Bystander

We fear that some of the people may have been a bit frightened Tuesday evening at what was supposed to be an earthquake. We want to reassure them—it was only Electa, the new foundation shaker, arriving in the county to start her belated campaign for County Judge.

This misguided lady, by her entry into local politics, will do more to insure her husband's stay for his full time in Salem, than any other thing. In our opinion the best thing for Earl would be to lay off trying to influence the voters of the county. While we have nothing against Mrs. Fehl as a wife and housekeeper, or her reputation as a lady, we do not consider her at all competent to hold such an office.

What we want to see is a man who has spent years in business, who has a well-balanced mind, and who is a clear, honest, thinker, elected as county judge. This is not bridge, nor ping-pong, nor yet a Wednesday study club. The man or woman, if you please, who takes hold of the management of such a "big business" as is Jackson County, must be fitted by Nature and long years of training to be competent to hold the job.

And in our opinion, we have just such a man in Earl B. Day. When he was in the legislature, Earl Day established a reputation among his fellow members as a man who knew what he wanted and who never asked any unfair favors. They felt that when he asked for anything for Jackson County, it was sure to be a fair proposition. And he saved the county thousands of dollars when he opposed the bill introduced by the Fehl faction authorizing the transfer of \$50,000 from the road fund to the commissary fund. We all know how that fund was wasted for political reasons.

We have just been having an argument with a good friend of ours concerning school affairs. We were told that there was no use in attending school elections because they were always "cut and dried" affairs. That sounds awful foolish to our mind. How in heck can an honestly conducted election—where any taxpayer in the district has an equal right with any other—be "cut and dried"? We hold that just because the people in general are too lazy, or too indifferent, or too something to come out and nominate and elect whom they will, the board should not be blamed if they express privately their choice for the person to be chosen.

This election for school clerk is absolutely free to all who wish to enter. (at least, if they can qualify as to legal right to vote or hold office.) There is no reason anyone qualified who desires the office may not enter the race. The board of directors may have personal preferences as to the candidates, but that doesn't mean the people have no right to select whom they will. And we believe the board will take the peoples' choice in good faith.

We see by the papers that "Grandma" whose abode is on North Fir street in Medford, has been awarded the much-coveted Pulitzer prize for the "most outstanding public service by any American newspaper." And we also note the modesty with which Bro. Ruhl passes the honor on to the Jacksonville Miner. We may sound envious (as we admit we are) but while we feel that the award was well placed, still in our opinion the united efforts of the county press of this county aided a bit in getting the Mall Tribune this award.

And we shall expect to enter the portals of that noble sheet with fear and trembling hereafter. And no doubt Bob and Arj will be getting new headgear at once. They won't even look at us common mortals now.

Still the question of a public dumping ground is up in the air. Wonder if we had all that trouble cleaning up our back yard for nothing. Hope the city dads will arrive at some conclusion soon.

We want to call attention to the new traffic ordinance printed in another column. There had been a lot of obsolete laws on our books which were all repealed when the new one

## J. M. DEVERS VISITS HERE IN INTEREST OF HIS CANDIDACY

Oregon has a right to expect more liberal support from the federal government for the development of irrigation, reclamation and drainage districts, river and flood control and similar projects in the opinion of J. M. Devers of Salem, candidate for the Republican nomination for Congress from the first Oregon district who was in Jackson county this week meeting up with some of the voters.

"The influence and scope of these projects are not local but extend beyond state boundaries and should command the attention and consideration of the federal government to a much greater degree than is true at the present time," Devers declared.

"Contributions by the federal government to the development and maintenance of these projects should assume the character of a national obligation rather than a federal donation.

"Local communities should be relieved of the burden entailed by the development of these projects and the state should assist in bringing to the attention of the federal government projects of such character and import."

Devers who has been in charge of the legal division of the state highway department since 1919 has just been granted a leave of absence without pay in order to carry on his campaign for Congress. Before going to Salem in 1917 to join the staff of the attorney general he was for four years district attorney for Lane county.

Devers who has been in charge of the legal division of the state highway department since 1919 has just been granted a leave of absence without pay in order to carry on his campaign for Congress. Before going to Salem in 1917 to join the staff of the attorney general he was for four years district attorney for Lane county.

Devers who has been in charge of the legal division of the state highway department since 1919 has just been granted a leave of absence without pay in order to carry on his campaign for Congress. Before going to Salem in 1917 to join the staff of the attorney general he was for four years district attorney for Lane county.

## Public Library Benefit to Town

Now that school is out the public library will become of even more value to the town. This is a branch of the Jackson County Public Library and is supported partly by county funds and partly by the city.

Few people realize the number of books loaned through our library. Each day the library is open the room is thronged with readers and people selecting or returning books. The library is filling a big place in the lives of the young folks and everything possible should be done to encourage its use.

Mrs. Moore, the librarian, has given freely of her time in the past in the interest of the library and should have the hearty cooperation of all our citizens.

## Freemans Observe 40th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Freeman of Central Point, prominent residents of the valley for many years, celebrated their fortieth wedding anniversary Thursday evening with a reception at their home, to which 100 friends were invited. An abundance of spring flowers added beauty to the rooms and to the serving table, where Mrs. L. L. Hatfield and Mrs. Sam Kohler poured.

The Freemans' sons and daughters were present for the occasion: Mr. and Mrs. Henry Freeman of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Freeman of Central Point and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kincaid of Central Point. Mrs. Freeman's mother, Mrs. Julia Owen, was also a guest.

Many lovely anniversary gifts were received during the evening by the honored couple.

Amos Walker, republican candidate for sheriff was in town this week talking to the voters. When interviewed by the American Mr. Walker stated that the report which had been broadcast that he intended to fire the entire force in the sheriff's office if elected, was arrant nonsense. He stated he did intend to give the people a new deal and that a new set-up probably would be made in the office, but that no promises to those either in the office or out have ever been made. Mr. Walker has been a resident of the Rogue River valley for many years and knows the needs of the office to which he aspires.

was adopted. We hope every car owner and driver will read this and stow it away for future study. And, better, abide by it.

## Council Adopts New Traffic Ordinance to Replace Obsolete one

The city council at its regular meeting Monday night spent a busy session. Several matters of importance were taken up, among them being the matter of a city jail and a public dump ground. Purchase of the latter has been held up awaiting the adjustment of a mortgage on the property in question, but the purchase is expected to be completed soon.

The city has long felt the need of a jail as at present offenders are taken to Medford and if fined the money goes to the county instead of the city.

An ordinance repealing several obsolete ordinances and adopting new traffic rules for the city was adopted. The full text of this ordinance is as follows:

### Ordinance No. 205 TRAFFIC CODE

AN ORDINANCE regulating traffic on the streets of the City of Central Point, Jackson County, Oregon, governing the operation of all vehicles, and providing a penalty for violation of this ordinance.

THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF CENTRAL POINT DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

#### SECTION 1. Protecting Pavements.

That it shall be unlawful for any person, person, firm, or corporation to drive any tractor or other heavy vehicle on the paved streets of the City of Central Point to the wheels of which may be attached any mud hooks, lugs or other pieces or parts that may cut or injure the paving of said City of Central Point, or to drag, haul or convey on or over any paved street any logs, poles, timbers or any other object, in a manner that would in any cut, injure or deface such paved street, or any part thereof.

#### SECTION 2. Regulating Motor Vehicles.

For the purpose of this Ordinance the term "street" shall mean every public way, thoroughfare and place, including alleys, roads, bridges, culverts, viaducts and other structures within the boundaries of the City of Central Point, Oregon, used or intended for use of the general public for vehicles.

The term "vehicle" shall mean every mechanical device moving over the streets of the City of Central Point, Oregon, by any other power than human power, excepting only such as move exclusively on stationary rail tracks.

The term "motor vehicle" shall mean every self propelled vehicle moving over the streets of the City of Central Point, Oregon.

The term "person" shall mean and include any individual, corporation, association, copartnership, company, firm, or other aggregation of individuals.

#### SECTION 3. The Laws of the Street.

The laws of the street everywhere within the corporate limits of the City of Central Point, the laws regulating the motor vehicle traffic are here declared to be uniform with the Motor Vehicle Laws of the State of Oregon in the regulation of Motor Vehicle Traffic on the highways.

#### Obedience to traffic regulations.

It shall be unlawful and unless otherwise declared herein with respect to particular offenses it shall constitute a misdemeanor for any person to fail or neglect to comply with any rule or regulation declared in this ordinance.

It shall be unlawful for the driver of any vehicle to disobey the instructions of any official traffic sign or signal placed in accordance with the provision of this ordinance, unless otherwise directed by a police officer.

It shall be unlawful for the driver of any vehicle to fail to stop at all intersections on Pine street entering Pine street in the Business section between Front street and Fourth street, where traffic "stop" signs are placed. Failure to stop at such traffic "stop" signs shall constitute a misdemeanor.

It shall be unlawful for any person to deface, injure, knock down or remove any traffic sign or signal placed or erected, as provided herein, and such person doing so is guilty of a misdemeanor.

#### Rules of the Street

A. The driver of any vehicle overtaking another vehicle proceeding in the same direction shall pass at a safe distance to the left thereof, and shall not again drive to the right side of the street until safely clear of such overtaken vehicle.

B. The driver of a motor vehicle shall follow another vehicle more closely than is reasonable and prudent, having due regard to the speed of such vehicles and the traffic upon and condition of the street.

C. The driver of an overtaking motor vehicle shall give audible warning with his horn or other warning device before passing or attempting to pass a vehicle proceeding in the same direction.

D. (1) Upon the approach of any police, traffic officer or fire department vehicle giving audible signal

by bell, siren or exhaust whistle, the driver of every other vehicle shall immediately drive the same to a position as near as possible and parallel to the right hand edge or curb of the street, clear of any intersection of streets, and shall stop and remain in such position unless otherwise directed by a police or traffic officer until the police or fire department vehicle shall have passed.

(2.) It shall be unlawful for the driver of any vehicle, other than one on official business, to follow any fire apparatus traveling in response to a fire alarm closer than fifty hundred feet or to drive into or park such vehicle within the block where fire apparatus has stopped in answer to a fire alarm or within three blocks of a point where a fire is in progress.

E. The driver of a vehicle upon a street about to be overtaken and passed by another vehicle approaching from the rear shall give way to the right in favor of the overtaking vehicle on suitable and audible signal being given by the driver of the overtaking vehicle, and shall not increase the speed of his vehicle until completely passed by the overtaking vehicle.

F. (1) The driver of any vehicle upon a street, before starting, stopping or turning from a direct line shall first see that such movement can be made in safety and if any pedestrian may be affected by such movement shall give a clearly audible signal by sounding the horn and whenever the operation of any other vehicle may be affected by such movement shall give a signal as required in this section plainly visible to the driver of such other vehicle of the intention to make such movement.

(2) The signal herein required shall be given either by means of the hand and arm in the manner herein specified, or by a mechanical or electrical signal device, which has been approved by the Secretary of State.

Whenever the signal is given by means of the hand and arm, the driver shall indicate intention to start, stop or turn by extending the hand and arm horizontally from and beyond the left side of the vehicle.

G. Upon all streets, except upon one-way streets, the driver of a vehicle shall drive the same upon the right half of the street and shall drive a slow-moving vehicle as closely as possible to the right hand edge or curb of such street, unless it is impracticable to travel on such side of the street and except when overtaking and passing another vehicle subject to the limitations applicable in overtaking and passing set forth in this act.

In crossing an intersection of streets or the intersection of a street by a railroad right of way, the driver of a vehicle shall at all times cause such vehicle to travel on the right half of the street unless such right half is obstructed or impassable.

H. The operator of a motor vehicle shall, on a signal, by raising the hand, from a person riding, leading a horse or horses or other animals in the opposite direction, bring such motor vehicle immediately to a stop, and remain stationary so long as may be reasonable to allow such animal or animals to pass, and if traveling in the same direction, shall use reasonable caution in passing such animal or animals; provided, that in case such animal or animals appear badly frightened or the person operating such motor vehicle is signaled so to do, such person shall cause the motor of such vehicle to cease running so long as shall be reasonably necessary to prevent accident and insure the safety of others.

I. The driver of a vehicle shall not at any time drive through or over a safety zone or area set aside within a street for the exclusive use of pedestrians and which is so plainly marked or indicated by proper signs as to be plainly visible at all times while set apart as a safety zone or area.

J. (1) The driver of a vehicle shall not drive to the left side of the center line of a street in overtaking and passing another vehicle, proceeding in the same direction, unless such left side is clearly visible and is free from oncoming traffic for a sufficient distance ahead to permit such overtaking and passing to be made in safety.

(2) The driver of a vehicle shall not overtake and pass another vehicle proceeding in the same direction at any railroad grade crossing nor at any intersection of streets unless permitted so to do by a traffic or police officer.

K. The driver of a motor vehicle when traveling upon a down grade upon any street shall not coast with the gears of such vehicle in neutral.

L. (1) Any person driving a vehicle on a street, shall drive the same at a careful and prudent speed not greater than is reasonable and proper, having due regard to the traffic, surface and width of the highway and any other conditions then existing, and no person shall drive any vehicle upon a street at such a speed as to endanger the life, limb or property of any person.

(Continued on Page Two)

## Near Murder Threatened

Our reporter saw two well known local citizens engaged in what appeared to be a furious quarrel in front of the drug store. The lady was very much excited and the gentleman was eloquently setting forth his side of the question. The lady even expressed a wish she had a gun to settle the argument.

The reporter was on the point of calling the constable, but decided to let matters take their course. Later she saw the near-combatants again hard at it near the post office and still later in front of Marine's.

Careful investigation disclosed that the whole affair was merely an argument about the sales tax—the lady being for, and the gentleman against the said tax. So far no casualties have been reported.

## LOCALS

Womans Relief Corps met Saturday with twenty-two members in attendance. One member was inlaid into the order. Refreshments were served during the social hour by Mesdames Humphrey, Kilbourne, Maple and Jones. New members are constantly being added to this patriotic group of women.

Mr. N. L. Crister of Turlock, Calif. is a guest at the home of his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Grimes. Mr. Crister is afflicted with athma and it is hoped that the climate will aid in his recovery.

Wednesday evening the ladies of the missionary circle entertained the play cast of fourteen members with a Waffle Supper in the recreational parlors of the First Christian Church.

Verne Coker of Bend arrived Thursday to accompany his wife and infant daughter to their home in that City. Mrs. Coker has been in the valley for some time and while here had her tonsils removed.

Several cases of measles are reported among the school children.

Mr. and Mrs. Fleischer have had as guests this week Mr. W. E. Orr of Ventura, Calif., and Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Winans and son Bobbie of Seattle. Mr. Orr is a brother of Mrs. Fleischer and Mrs. Winans a sister.

There will be a candidates ball at the Oriental Gardens at Medford Saturday night according to an announcement by "Dad" Dymge, manager. All candidates are urged to be present.

Miss May Jones of South Brewster Mass. arrived Saturday for an extended visit at the home of her nephew Edward Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Shell of Klamath Falls spent Sunday as guests of the Edw. Jones family.

Mrs. George Wright, Mrs. Alvin Williams, and Miss Grace Herman-son left Thursday morning for Merrill, Oregon to attend the graduation exercises of Mrs. Wright's granddaughter, Mary Jane Bowman.

The Golden Link Bible Class will meet Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Frank Cochran.

The eighth grade pupils enjoyed a picnic at Ashland Tuesday. They left by truck at nine o'clock and spent the day swimming, playing tennis and all reported a fine time.

Wilbur Yakei has joined the CCC and is stationed at Crater Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cochran were Medford visitors Thurs. morning.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Fry visited at Trail Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Young attended the musical festival in Ashland.

Mr. Britton and family and brother of Eagle Point and Mr. and Mrs. Don Faber of Ashland went on a fishing trip to Casey's Camp Sunday. They report a very successful trip.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Hatfield and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Watt of Medford enjoyed Sunday dinner at the Howlett at Eagle Point. Mrs. Howlett is 86 years old and makes her own bread—it's fine bread too.

The Jubilee headquarters in Medford have very many articles of pioneer days. It is well worth anyone's time to take a day off and look them over.

## TAX IS OPPOSED BY CALIFORNIANS SAYS FORMER RESIDENT

G. M. Gosper, Long Beach, Calif., in Oregon Journal

As a former resident of Oregon for a number of years and a property owner there, I still take an interest in state news. I note there is much protest against the sales tax passed by the special session of the legislature, and feel it might be of interest to my Oregon friends to now how the people of California like it in actual operation.

One man concerned with the buying and management of one of the largest stores in Los Angeles, tell me his customers almost universally condemn the tax and are very disagreeable about it; that the collecting of the sales tax sets up so much sales resistance in the minds of the buyers that it affects the volume of business quite seriously.

Three specialty stores say the tourists and winter visitors in this section are limiting their purchases to the necessities of life and articles of small value, to avoid paying a sales tax in this state. Two parties who spend their winters in the Los Angeles area, and have money to spend freely, say they will not spend \$100 for the privilege of paying \$2.50 tax above the purchase price to the state. The idea put forward that Oregon will get the tax money from people temporarily in the state will prove a delusion there as it has here.

Hotels and restaurants are very outspoken against the sales tax, claiming that it restricts spending and lowers the number of their customers.

One owner of a large orange orchard, in Orange county, says the sales tax on what he has to buy for his farm and living mounts to more than the reduction in his property tax.

The owners of small homes, and people on salaries and wages, claim the sales tax is costing them more than any reduction in tax on property they own. The laboring men are bitterly opposed to this tax.

A dairyman, selling his milk at wholesale to a city distributor, says the cost of the sales tax comes entirely out of his pocket.

The comment generally is that the sales tax has been put on the people of California by the politicians on the public payroll because the limit in taxing property had been reached and, not being willing to practice drastic economy and cut state expense, the sales tax was the only method left open to them to raise additional money. A suggestion to those interviewed that the sales tax might mean to the property owner, a lowered total taxation, brings forth vehement and unprintable denials.

It is interesting to stand near the cash registers in the different stores and hear the comments from purchasers on the California sales tax. If some Oregon politicians could do this they would cease their support of the sales tax in Oregon.

## LOCAL GIRL WINS HONOR IN PORTLAND HOSPITAL

Miss Erma Hamrick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Hamrick was promoted to Assistant Day Sup't. at the Good Samaritan hospital in Portland. Miss Hamrick was born and raised here. She worked in Faber's Store, and later in Paxson's Drug Store. She then took the state examination and won next to highest place. Miss Hamrick holds the second highest position in the hospital.

## Chief Two Guns

Whose profile adorns  
The Buffalo nickel  
Is dead.  
Many a nickel  
Makes a mickle.  
Saving Buffalo nickels  
Will keep wolves from the door.

Farmers and  
Fruitgrowers Bank  
(Deposits Insured)