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Musings--

By an Innocent Bystander

Once more the Glorious Fourth has come and gone and was duly celebrated. But how different from the old days. How well we remember slipping out of bed in the wee sma' hours with a bunch or two of firecrackers and a bit of punk to awaken the family and neighborhood with their racket. And how we envied the blacksmith's son whose father roused the whole town by firing a huge charge of powder in the base of his anvil with an awful roar. How slow Dad was in getting ready to hitch up old Jim to take us all to the big picnic in Kelley's Grove! And how we kids did eat at that picnic! The long tables were spread with tons of potato salad; sandwiches of every known kind; pies and cakes galore, and huge tubs of lemonade! Home-made ice cream by the ton!

But alas, today we see the kids arise at the usual hour, eat their usual breakfast and with never a sound of a cracker, get into the family limousine and drive off sedately to some favorite resort or perhaps to some secluded spot on the river or creek and spend the day in peace and quiet. Gone the big neighborhood picnic. Gone the incessant sound of snapping firecrackers and cap pistols, the singed eyebrows and burned fingers!

And where, oh where, are the orations in honor of the day? We fear their spirit wouldn't fit well into these days of disregard for constitutions and worship of New Deals. These brave old men who instilled so much of love of country and her traditions must sigh in their graves to hear our present-day speakers who declaim in favor of abandonment of all the old ideals which built this nation in its youthful days and who advocate the regimentation of our people and our business under some alphabetical symbol administered by some over-educated dreamer.

The other day we drove over to Lake county for a brief visit with our daughter. And we heard a lot of things about what a wonderful country that was and how proud Oregon ought to be to have such a wonderful place within her borders. But we couldn't help but be reminded of a time years ago when we were driving across just such sage-brush flats in the Dakotas. After a long dusty day's travel we pulled in at evening at a water hole, where lay a few straggling, tumble-down buildings. We asked the proprietor, old Mexican Ed, what in the world such a country was good for. He replied: "Well, stranger, I've lived right here for twenty-five years and I find the country very good for two things." We said all right, we'd bite, name them. "Well," said the old timer, "it's good for cattle and Indians—a few cattle and lots of Indians!"

But all jokes aside, we can't agree with the Oregonian in naming Lake county as part of California. Oregon is proud of Lake county and her vast ranges. There's wealth in "them thar hills," and while the wind may blow a bit, and dust storms abound about the old lake beds, we, who live in a more salubrious climate may well envy the vast payrolls there expended.

We were taken to task the other day by Friend Hamilton of The News for daring to speak of loafers about our streets. We were accused of envy because we, too, could not spend our days as enjoyably. Well, maybe we are a bit that way. Somehow, we have never learned the secret of living without work, and we fear we never will. But we meant no disrespect for the older men you name, Moore, who have done well their share of the world's work and have earned the right to sit on the sidelines at eventide. Bless their hearts, may we be as much loved and respected when we reach their age.

We have been joked a lot lately because we finally got tired of driving our old blue Lizzie, which was so well known about the county and covered up the old bus with a more modest hue. The darned old rattletap was altogether too well known. We couldn't even pause at a drink emporium to see a friend without everyone knowing it. So we painted her a more modest color

MOTT ASSURED OREGON TO GET SHARE OF PWA

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 23.—Congressman James W. Mott since the adjournment of Congress has been busy visiting the various Governmental Departments in behalf of problems in the First Congressional District. His conferences at the Public Works Administration yesterday revealed that projects in the amount of \$800,000,000 have been found eligible for allotments and that the total appropriation available for such projects will be approximately \$300,000,000. Congressman Mott is making every effort to have allocations made to projects in his District, which have already been approved.

Mr. Mott also conferred with officials of the Post Office and Treasury Departments having jurisdiction over proposed Federal Buildings. He was informed that a list of eligible projects was in process of preparation and that it would be released within the next week. He was assured that Oregon would be given a proportionate share of the public buildings appropriation. The Congressman will leave by automobile the first of next week for the west and will probably reach Oregon about the middle of July, which time his office will be open at Salem, Oregon. All communications should be addressed to Mr. Mott at Salem, Oregon.

Wedding Anniversary Of L. M. Swartz And Wife Honored

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Scott held open house Tuesday evening July 3 in honor of the Golden Wedding anniversary of Mrs. Scott's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Swartz. They were married in Wilkes Barre, Pa., July 3rd, 1884 and have lived in the Rode River valley for the past 15 years. The home was beautifully decorated with flowers, carrying out the color scheme appropriate for the occasion. Mrs. Swartz was dressed in a yellow silk dress and look as sweet as the bride of fifty years ago. The table was decorated with two golden tapers, beautiful wedding cake at one end and yellow flowers. Mrs. Swartz' sister, Mrs. T. A. Marine and niece, Mrs. George Marine poured while Miss Joyce Young and Miss Helen Lee served lady fingers, tea and coffee, each guest was given a small piece of wedding cake tied with yellow ribbon.

Mr. and Mrs. Swartz received congratulations from their many friends and many lovely gifts. Also gifts from many distant places. One arrived just in time for the party by airplane from Los Angeles.

Sister of Local Man Married Sat.

Mrs. Marge Budlong of Oakland, California, sister of J. C. Yakel of this city, and Arthur Astley, also of Oakland, arrived in Medford Saturday evening and were met at the train by Mr. and Mrs. Yakel, who attended their wedding later that evening at the home of Rev. D. E. Millard.

Monday morning Mr. and Mrs. Yakel and Mr. and Mrs. Astley motored to Crater Lake, returning by way of Ft. Klamath and Klamath Falls.

Yesterday they spent the day at the Fourth of July celebration in Ashland park. Mr. and Mrs. Astley returned to their home in Oakland last evening.

In hopes we can slip around without everybody "calling out the guards."

It is worthy of note that the Republicans are beginning to prepare their campaign thunder for the next presidential election. Criticisms of the National Recovery Administration and the A. A. A. will be the keynote. The Darrow report on N. R. A. will form the basis for most of the opposition. There is a strong undercurrent of feeling that the huge indebtedness being piled up to create a false sense of prosperity is poor business and unless checked is going to overbalance the Democratic house of blocks and cause a big tumble.

Republican Fire Will Be Centered On The New Deal

WASHINGTON, July 3.—(Sp)—The radio speech by Chairman Fletcher of the Republican national committee, accepting the "new deal" as the issue in the coming congressional elections, produced varied reactions today.

Representative Britten (R., Ill.) said: "Chairman Fletcher's challenge to the new deal tore the mask off the illusion of prosperity now being haloed by countless, costly alphabetical agencies."

WASHINGTON, July 3.—(Sp)—Opposition to the new deal as inconsistent with American ideals of government will be the Republican national committee's keynote in the congressional campaign.

Henry P. Fletcher, the committee's new chairman, said in a radio speech last night the party accepted "the issue of the new deal."

"It is based on the proposition that the people cannot manage their own affairs and that a government bureaucracy must manage for them," he said.

"That proposition, after centuries of trial in Europe and its attempted transference to America, was repu-

dated and overthrown 158 years ago today. It was on July 2, 1776, that the independence resolution was adopted in Philadelphia."

Answers Roosevelt.

Fletcher devoted much of his talk to answering President Roosevelt's report to the nation last week.

The president asked, he reminded, "if we have lost any of our rights or liberty or constitutional freedom of action and choice."

"I will let the tailor answer that, this reference was to a New Jersey tailor named Maged who was prosecuted for NRA violation or the workers and owners of that mill in Tennessee which the attorney general of the United States finds has not violated any law, but which is compelled to shut down because General Johnson has taken away from it a proven image not mentioned or recognized by any law of the United States, but which by edict must be displayed to secure state and national government contracts," Fletcher added.

He concluded by urging his listeners to "revive the old American custom of reading the declaration of independence."

Mrs. John Bohnert Hostess at Shower

Mrs. John Bohnert invited friends to her home on Friday afternoon for a shower honoring Mrs. O. H. Bohnert.

Seated on the shady lawn—interesting games were enjoyed for some time, followed by needle work on pretty quilt blocks. Many gifts hidden among flowers and shrubbery were found by the honor guest and graciously displayed to the admiring group.

Dainty refreshments of cakes and punch were served by the hostess, assisted by Misses Ariane Inman and Ernestine Tracy.

Those present were: the honor guest, Mrs. Virginia Bohnert, Mrs. Cordia Burns, Mrs. Gladys Jewett, Mrs. Putnam, Mrs. Ruth Hover, Mrs. Louise Von Der Hellen, Mrs. Beulah Faber, Mrs. Eva Smith, Mrs. Ethel Freeman and daughter Jan, Mrs. Betty Potter, Mrs. Tarey Tracy, Mrs. Eudora Bohnert, Mrs. Emma Dunn, Mrs. Mattie Smith, Misses Ariane Inman and Ernestine Tracy and hostess, Mrs. Edith Bohnert.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hover moved over near Jacksonville, recently.

If we do not receive more Favorite Recipes we will take it for granted that you wish the column to stop. This column is open to anyone that reads The American anywhere.

Leslie Howard Plays In Few Pictures

Leslie Howard, one of the most personable and most popular of all English actors on the American screen, believes sincerely that no player should make more than three pictures a year. Familiarity breeds contempt in the ordinary walks of life, he affirms, "and the repeated sight of an actor's face tends to diminish his value and popularity."

Howard is easily the most independent of all the players in Hollywood. He rejects tempting offers with a careless abandon that astounds the film folk. Recently he was offered a tremendous sum to play opposite a great feminine star and he refused point blank because he considered the role unsuitable, not to himself, but to the star he had been asked to support.

He explained his attitude before scenes of Fox Film's "Berkeley Square," the Jesse L. Lasky production playing Sunday at the Roxy Theatre.

John Powell and wife, Mr. White-side, Kenneth Powell and Dorothy Powell left Monday night for Gold Beach where they will visit with Mrs. John Powell's mother over the Fourth.

Among those spending the 4th in Ashland were Lowell Blackford, Louis Hedgepeth, Herman Hosfeld, Mr. and Mrs. Farra, Mr. and Mrs. Cochran, Joe Pine, and Ralph Buckles.

Warning of Fire Danger Is Given

Forest fire prevention never has been of such serious importance as it is in this present season, according to a statement just issued by Regional Forester C. J. Buck.

Federal, state and private forest agencies, uniting under the leadership of a forest-minded President, are engaged in a mighty drive to protect young forest growth, and to perpetuate the producing power of forest growing lands. This is of particular significance to the Pacific Northwest, where so much of the social and economic structure is dependent upon the products of the forest, according to Mr. Buck.

"The President is squarely behind the movement for forest protection and conservation as a measure of national recovery and safety," said the Regional Forester. "We are banding every effort to keep the forests free from fire, since this is the very essence of good forestry. Under Article Ten of the lumber code, members of the logging industry voluntarily are undertaking comprehensive fire prevention measures in their operations."

Home Economics Club Holds Meeting

H. E. Club met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Hilda Hague. Business meeting conducted by president, Velma McCredie with plans discussed for future activities.

Entertainment program consisted of interesting historical contests, led by Miss McCredie.

Miss Eula Benson as declared the prize winner, having correctly answered all questions.

Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served by mesdames Agnes Head, Molly Wright and the hostess. Members present were: Mesdames Myrtle Patterson, Zura Mae McCredie, Mary Lou Beebe, Elizabeth Olson, Beta Pankey, Agnes Head, Bertha Bursell, Mollie Wright, Eva Smith, Faye Ritzinger, Mattie Smith, Misses Mary Maury and Velma McCredie, Eula Benson and the hostess, Mrs. Hague. Guests were Mrs. Mell Collins and Miss Roberta Pankey.

Next Meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Bursell.

New Second Hand Store Is Opened By C. B. Long

Mr. C. B. Long has opened a second hand store in the old Mary Mee Drug store building just recently vacated by the Jantzer Auto Wrecking company. Mr. Long sold out his business here 11 years ago and moved to Santa Rosa, Calif., where he engaged in the auto wrecking business. Just recently he sold out his business in Santa Rosa and decided to return to Central Point.

Mr. Long will deal only in used furniture and stoves in good usable condition and will not handle any junk. Mr. Long says he hopes to meet his many old friends here in the near future.

This paper wishes Mr. Long success in his new venture.

Triangle Club Receives High Rating at Meeting

At the State Convention of Christian churches held at Turner last week the local Triangle received the highest rating of any Young People's organization in the State for the year closing June 30.

Though one of the smallest in membership they had read 492 books and completed more projects than any other organization. They were awarded a prize for their reading. At the Young People's Meet in February they were awarded a prize for the best report.

Their Friendship Poster received much comment being the best on display.

The new president, Laurine Huger is attending Young People's Conference at Turner this week.

Mrs. Mattie Parker's granddaughter and two children of Portland are visiting Mrs. Parker for a month or so.

Public joint installation of officers of the Oddfellows and Rebekah lodges will be held Monday evening July 12 at the hall. Deputy Grand Master installing team from Gold Hill will have charge.

EUGENE WILL STAGE TRIENNIAL EPIC OF OLD OREGON TRAIL

EUGENE, Ore., July 5 (Special)—With a new name, "The Oregon Trail" replacing the former designation of "Sunset Trail" and more elaborate, more impressive features for every event, Eugene's triennial epic of the west will be staged July 26, 27 and 28.

Not only Eugene, but all the surrounding territory has fallen completely into the spirit of the event, which in 1929 attracted national attention. For several weeks men have cultivated beards, and all women of the city are now going about in the hoop skirts and bustles of the 1850's.

The epic will again have three main features—the pageant, which this year will have a huge cast of 2,000; the pioneer parade, which will bring together replicas of early day scenes, and thousands of pioneer relics, and the Progress parade, which will draw entries from communities and business and industrial organizations from every part of the state.

The pageant, which will depict the development of the Oregon territory from pre-historic times to present, and predictions for the future, will be enacted on Hayward field on a huge stage that will cover the football field. Many thrilling episodes have been added for this year, and the attraction will undoubtedly be the most inspiring depiction of this type ever presented in the United States.

All of the principal officials and directors who made the 1929 event such a success are back this year, and with the event still nearly a month away, plans and preparations are practically complete. Hugh E. Rosson, graduate manager of the University of Oregon, is again manager; Mrs. Doris Smith, nationally known dramatic director, is directing the pageant for the third time; Cal M. Young, noted pioneer authority, is again in charge of the pioneer parade, and Jack Magladry, one of the best known business leaders of the state, heads the Progress Parade.

Pear Testing Service Is Now Available

The pear testing service as rendered by the County Agent's office in former seasons is now available to all pear growers of the county, states County Agent, L. P. Wilcox. The pressure test method of determining maturity and thus the time of harvest was first worked out by the Oregon Experiment station and is at this time considered the most reliable method of telling when pears should be picked in order to obtain maximum quality.

Growers are invited to avail themselves of this service and learn when their harvest should best be started. Select ten or twelve healthy normal fruits of picking size from different parts of the orchard and bring in for testing. For best results the sample should be picked early in the morning while the fruit is still cool and testing should follow as soon after picking as possible.

Change Made in Time and Place Of Pomona Grange

The place for holding the all-day meeting which will be held on Saturday, July 23, and which was to have been held at Sams Valley, has been changed to Applegate, by mutual agreement between Sams Valley and Applegate Granges. Sams Valley Grange will take the regular meeting of Applegate in January.

Kindly keep this in mind and remind your Granger friends, Pomona Grange, Saturday, July 23, 10 A. M. at Applegate.

All Grangers are invited. Basket dinner at noon. Lecture hour immediately following dinner.

The lecture hour is open to the public.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ander and Barbara and Jimmy spent Tuesday night and Wednesday visiting Mrs. Ander's sister, Mrs. Victor Noel and husband at Diamond Lake.

Dr. and Mrs. Goldsberry spent the Fourth at Diamond Lake.

Mrs. Bert Hedgepeth is visiting her son, Harry at Keno.

New World's Fair at Night



New lighting marvels are one of the most impressive features to greet crowds at the new World's Fair in Chicago. This view was taken from the 200-foot level of the Sky Ride, looking south.