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Musings--

By an Innocent Bystander

We are enjoying a most wonderful visit this week with our nephew and his family from Minnesota, who arrived by auto Tuesday. In the more than 25 years since we last saw them a lot of water has gone under the bridge. Boys that we knew as just tow-headed youngsters are now heads of families and important citizens. And a lot of the folks we knew and neighbored with have passed to the great beyond. It made us lonesome to hear of the change which the years have brought to the old neighborhood. Even the house in which we were born has been relegated to the scrap heap and is used as a chickenhouse. Even one of our favorite fishing holes is now part of a lake formed when a power company built a big dam as part of a hydro-electric project!

When we left old Minnesota, this nephew was a mere boy and unmarried. Now he brings with him his wife, (whom we know as a little slip of a girl) and his four children, the eldest of whom has been a school-ma'am for several years. Where have the years gone? Is it possible we are growing really old?

But how it brings back the old days to talk with the boy (as we still call him).

He asked us if we still remembered the big catfish we got one day on the old Blue Earth? How could we ever forget. The boy and this writer were floating down the river in our old boat, with the boy in the stern and ourself standing in the bow with a spear. Suddenly we caught sight of a muddy spot along the shore and knew an old channel "cat" was busy feeding. We caught sight of his tail, which looked as broad as a barn door.

Not waiting to get closer we pointed the spear, with its 16 foot handle extended full length, at where we figured the body of the big fish ought to be, and lunged. And we mean, lunged! For in our excitement we failed to judge the distance right and went headfirst out of the boat into about four feet of water. But we got our fish which proved to be a monster of nearly 25 pounds. What did we care for a mere wetting?

On the trip to the coast the folks passed through our old stamping ground in the Black Hills. They stopped for gas in Sundance, where we, as a young man, ran our first newspaper. They traveled over the road we drove our old four-horse team over when freighting flour for our neighborhood store, and also passed along the road we took our bride over on our way to our homestead. But how things must have changed in these 37 years. What was then a mere dirt road, full of bumps and chuck-holes is now a paved highway! But to judge from some of the snapshots they took, the everlasting hills and rocks are still the same.

And in the spring of 1898 we drove from Deadwood to Minnesota and were over six weeks making the trip. These people covered the same distance in about two days! So much for modern speed.

And so Electa was guilty after all! We knew it. And we also knew that Earl was the real author of the whole thing. It bore all the earmarks. And now we hope they will have sense enough to go way back and sit down. We never want to see or hear of the Fell family again. It is our hope that when or if he is released from the pen, he takes his foolish women and hunts new pastures. Southern Oregon can well spare the whole tribe.

And still we are all torn up at our house. Still we are pounding and sawing and spreading paint and kalsomine. Hope to get done before snow flies. It is some job to renovate and modernize an old house.

Modoc Fire Held

Worst in Years

KLAMATH FALLS, July 21.—The worst forest fire in several years was reported burning today in Modoc national forest east of Wiflow Ranch in northern California.

LOCAL BUSINESS MAN MARRIED AT THE DALLES, ORE

An out-of-town wedding of much interest throughout Oregon was that at which Miss Joan Stadelman became the bride of Thomas Quast, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cordt Henry Quast of Marysville, Wash., solemnized at the home of the bride's parents Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Stadelman of The Dalles. Father O. Nooy read the service last Sunday evening at 8:30 o'clock before the fireplace banked with greens and white gladioli and lighted with white tapers in silver candelabra. Mrs. Carlton P. Williams sang preceding the ceremony and Miss Prudence Patterson played the wedding music.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She wore a princess style dress of ivory satin brocaded in silver and made a train and her tulle veil was held in place by a wreath of silver leaves. She carried an arm bouquet of gardenias. Her attendants, the Misses Ruth Williams and Christine Rice of The Dalles, wore similar frocks of moss crepe made with short puffed sleeves and flared trains, the former in turquoise blue, the latter in dusty pink. Both wore coronets of silver leaves in their hair and carried arm bouquets of gladioli. Mr. George Guttmerson of Seattle acted as best man.

At the reception which followed the ceremony, Mrs. C. P. Williams, Mrs. Edward Seufert, Mrs. Ben R. Little and Mrs. G. C. Moore presided in the dining room. Serving were Mrs. George P. Stadelman and the Misses Geraldine McGrath, Edna Lois Maxon, Mary Condon and Margaret Hedges.

Mrs. Stadelman, mother of the bride, was in eggshell satin with a jacket of matching lace, and wore a shoulder corsage of Tallisman roses.

After a short wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Quast will be at home in Central Point where Quast has charge of the Rogue River Cheese company.

Out-of-town guests at the wedding included: Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Greene, Mrs. Harry E. Northrup, Mrs. Robert Turner, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Ebling, Mrs. W. E. Walther, Miss Harriet Kistner, Miss Marge Leonard, Miss Josephine Jenkins and Miss Aline Howell of Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Silk-nitter of Oakland, Cal.; Miss Bette Church of Eugene, Mr. and Mrs. George Clagg and Mr. P. J. Stadelman of Salem, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Taft and Mr. and Mrs. Teunis J. Wyres of Hood River, Mr. George Guttmerson of Seattle, Mr. and Mrs. Cordt Henry Quast of Marysville, Miss Florence Quast of Syracuse, N. Y., and Mr. Griffith Williams of San Francisco.—The Oregon Journal.

Mr. Quast is well known in Central Point and vicinity as manager of the local cheese factory. He is president of the local Business Men's association and a director of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. and Mrs. Quast will occupy the Roy Jones home on East Main street.

The American extends congratulations to the happy couple and wishes them much joy.

New Fish Lake Road Is Started

Construction started today on a new forest service road from Robinson Butte, west of Big Elm ranger station which is near Fish lake to Dead Indian Soda Springs, Kari Janough, supervisor of Rogue River National forest, announced today.

The road will shorten the trip from Medford to Fish lake and Lake of the Woods by approximately 30 miles, as all the north and south driving to and from Butte Falls will be eliminated. Construction will extend south of the Soda Springs along the present Dead Indian road and will afford a fine road to the attractive Soda Springs resort, as well as open a new recreational area.

The main purpose of the road, Mr. Janough stated, is for fire protection and in construction it will resemble the new road from Butte Falls to Lake of the Woods.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lees and family spent Sunday at Crater Lake.

Three Measures to Appear on Ballot At Fall Election

Only three measures will appear on the ballots at the general election on November 8, sponsors for all other proposed amendments to the laws of the state having failed to obtain sufficient signatures on petitions to qualify, reports the office of P. J. Stadelman, secretary of state.

Ballot titles had been requested for 21 measures by various individuals and groups, but when July 5, the final date for filing, arrived only two of the 21 had completed petitions ready. The third measure, the grange power bill, was submitted for the special election in July, 1933, and has been held up meanwhile by court litigation.

The power bill states as its purpose "To provide for the state to acquire and develop water power and hydroelectric energy either separately or jointly with the United States, another state or states, or subdivisions hereof, or of his state transmit, distribute, use, sell and dispose thereof at cost, and for such purpose to acquire property necessary or convenient therefor; all such property exempted from taxation; creating an elective nonpartisan commission of three members for managing such business; abolishing present hydroelectric commission. Bonds constituting general state obligations may be issued for financing such business only when voted by people."

Constitutional amendments that were successful in getting a place on the ballot are the healing arts amendment, which was submitted with 46,213 signatures, and the limitation of tax amendment, with 34,884 signatures. Requirements for filing are 26,666.

Purpose of the healing arts

amendment is given as "To abolish preliminary examination of applicants for licenses to practice certain branches of the healing art as now provided by statute, and to vest exclusive authority in respective licensing boards of the medical and osteopathic, chiropractic and naturopathic schools to determine the nature and scope of examinations for such applicants; to define standard schools of human healing; to divide healing thus into (1) medical and osteopathic physicians and surgeons, (2) chiropractic and naturopathic physicians, (3) practitioners by spiritual means; to prevent interference by competitive schools of human healing; and to prohibit governmental contracts restricting contributing beneficiaries in their choice of licensed practitioners."

The tax measure gives as its object "Limiting taxable property assessment to half its cash value; limiting total taxes by state, county, school district, and city or town excepting for payment of existing indebtedness, and taxes for any year upon two-thirds vote of people, to the following number of mills each year per dollar of assessed valuation: due 1936, 29 mills; 1937, 19 mills; 1938, 18 mills; 1939, 17 mills; 1940, 16 mills; any year thereafter, 15 mills; respective levies not to exceed the following proportions of total tax: 10 per cent; county, 25 per cent; school district, 25 per cent; city or town, 40 per cent."

Another petition completed for filing on July 5 was that of the Socialist party, which permits that political group to have its candidates included on the November ballots. The petition carried 18,851 signatures, which was in excess of the 17,488 required by law.

Inspection Being Made of Gasoline Refund Frauds

Kenneth W. Dalton, inspector for the state gasoline tax department, is in this territory this week, checking claims for farmers' gas tax refunds. Under the law, farmers may obtain a refund of the entire amount paid for gasoline tax to the state, upon presentation of a proper invoice showing the purchase of gas and the price.

Mr. Dalton states that he has found few fraudulent claims being sent in, but that occasionally finds a person who thinks he can beat the law by changing invoice figures, etc. All farmers are warned of the seriousness of such acts, and it is hoped no trouble will ensue from the checkup.

Fire on Table Rock Burns Brush

Starting on the west side of upper Table Rock Sunday, from the back-fire of a tractor, a fire which burned over 150 acres on the slightly wooded slopes of the rock, was put under control today by the state fire patrol. The blaze spread rapidly during its height, fanned by a strong wind which swept it from the starting point along the south side of the hill, and up to the rock cliffs at the top.

Perry O. Shirley Passes, Aged 72

Perry Orville Shirley passed away at a local hospital, July 26. He was born at Moscow, Washington February 5, 1862 an dhad been a resident of Medford and Central Point for the past nine years. He leaves two children, Mrs. Lillian South, Drewsey, Ore., and Chester L. Shirley of Enterprise, Ore. and fourteen grandchildren, two brothers, Ira Shirley, McMinnville, Ore., and Turner Shirley, Lewiston, Idaho and one sister, Mrs. Belle Green, Pullman, Washington.

Funeral services were held at the Peril Funeral Home Wednesday at 10:30 a. m. Rev. W. J. Howell officiating. Interment in I. O. O. F. cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cox and Delores are visiting at the home of Mrs. Cox parents Mr. and Mrs. Milton.

Sylvia G. Millard Dies After Long Illness

Sylvia G. Millard, wife of Rev. D. E. Millard, pastor of the Christian church here and well known throughout the Rogue River valley where they have resided for the last 16 years, passed away at their residence on Tripp street, Medford, at 7:40 p. m. Tuesday. Mrs. Millard had been ill for many months.

Sylvia Garnet Konkle was born at Idaho Falls, Idaho, December 28, 1893 and was married to Reverend Millard at Puyallup, Wash., in September, 1916. Soon after their marriage, Reverend Millard entered the evangelistic work and they settled in Medford at the close of the World War. A few years were spent at Glendora and Woodland, Calif., where Mr. Millard held pastorates.

Mrs. Millard has been a devout member of the Christian church since 16 years of age. She was also a member of Reames chapter, Eastern Star. Besides her husband, she leaves her little daughter, Betty Joan, and her father, Thos. Konkle of Medford; four sisters an dtwo brothers, Genevieve Wianand, Seattle, Mrs. A. R. Boatman, Derringer, Wash.; Mrs. Gertrude Martin, Boulder City, Ariz.; Mrs. W. B. Fletcher, Los Angeles Thos. Konkle Jr., and Ellsworth Konkle of Washington.

Funeral services at the Conger chapel will be conducted at 3 p. m. Thursday. Entombment in the Medford mausoleum will be under auspices of the local O. E. S.

The sympathy of the entire community goes out to Rev. Millard and his little daughter in their hour of sorrow. Mrs. Millard will be missed by her many friends in this vicinity.

Melon Tax to Start July 27

A grower's ax of two dollars on each ton of watermelons sold in Oregon and Washington will go into effect at the opening of business Friday, July 27, according to a statement issued by Morton Tompkins, chairman of the Oregon-Washington Melon and Tomato Marketing Agreement, with offices at 516 Oregon Building, Portland, Oregon. This tax like that on Cantaloupes and Tomatoes is paid by the grower themselves.

New Tax Not to Add Buyer Cost

Consumers of Melons and Tomatoes will not pay the cost of stamps which go on each crate sold in the two states, as a result of the Oregon-Washington Melon and Tomato Marketing Agreement, according to Morton Tompkins, chairman of the agreement's executive committee of Dayton, Oregon.

"This tax will be paid by the growers themselves, the income from which will go to pay the costs of administering and enforcing the agreement which sets all minimum prices on Melons and Tomatoes. Growers are glad to pay this small tax when they get cost of production for their crop," said Mr. Tompkins.

"It is the Agreement's job to see that the growers get cost of production, rather than the ruinous prices of the past several years. Not only will growers get a fair price for their melons and tomatoes, but consumers will be assured of good, well graded merchandise at no increased prices. The agreement is intended to eliminate unfair trade practices which have beat down growers' prices and raised those paid by the consumer."

County Fair Funds To Be Distributed

All counties of the state will participate in the distribution of funds from racing meets this year, according to P. J. Stadelman, secretary of state. In 1933, Benton, Crook, Jefferson and Marion counties did not have receipts. These counties have now completed organization of boards and will be included in the first 1934 apportionment, which will be made to the fair associations in August by the secretary of state.

Racing sponsors have turned in \$27,500 to the state already this year. Of this sum, \$10,312.50 is set aside for the Pacific International Livestock exposition, a like amount is reserved for the Oregon State fair and county fair boards will receive \$6,875. Substantial additional amounts will be remitted from time to time during the racing season. A total of \$78,044.74 was collected from such sources in 1933, and it is anticipated that the sum will be exceeded this year. Counties received \$19,511.16 of the 1933, while the livestock show and the state fair gained \$29,266.79 each.

Edward W. Frey Dies at Lake Creek

Edward William Frey passed away at the old home place one mile north of Lake Creek, Oregon, Sunday afternoon, after an illness of the past seven months. Mr. Frey was born December 1, 1875 at Jacksonville Oregon, the eldest son of George W. and Henrietta Frey, now deceased. He had been a resident of the Lake Creek district for the past fifty years.

He leaves three brothers, George H., Otto E., Irving W. Frey, all residents of Lake Creek.

Funeral services were held at the Peril Funeral Home, Wednesday at 2 p. m., Rev. Geo. P. Kabele officiating. Interment in Central Point cemetery.

Seattle Man Sees Lake After 49 Years

Crater Lake National Park, Ore., July 25.—Last week Harry Clancy of Seattle, Wash., made his first visit at Crater Lake in 27 years, but this week another Seattle resident, T. D. Lake, a member of the King County Auditor's office staff, made his first visit in 49 years. As a youth on a five months horseback trip with F. J. Welch, a Texas cattleman, he followed an old unused trail up to the rim of Crater Lake.

A trapper had told them of deep blue waters resting in an old volcano. Welch scoffed at the statement and declared a trip to the scene would disprove such claim, but results were different.

"Welch wanted to go back and apologize to the trapper," Lake said "He had never expected such a scene of beauty. Today Crater Lake impresses me as deeply as it did nearly 50 years ago, but what a difference a half-century brought about in the development of the area and its accessibility. I wonder what the next fifty will do."

EUGENE READY TO WELCOME GUESTS TO BIG PAGEANT

EUGENE, ORE., July 25.—Eugene will be ready Thursday to welcome citizens of the entire state, and thousands of people from other parts of the country, to the third triennial Oregon Trail events, it was announced here following complete rehearsals of the famed pageant. Officials of the events are enthusiastic, declaring that every phase of the epic will far exceed either of the two previous spectacles, held in 1926 and 1929.

During the rehearsal last night a cast of 2000 people went through more than a score of elaborate scenes in a way that aroused unbounded enthusiasm among the small group of officials who observed them. Performed on a newly designed stage 240 feet long that rises to a height of 45 feet, the pageant will undoubtedly be the greatest performance of this type ever attempted in America it is declared by drama experts.

For weeks thousands of Eugene and Lane county citizens have been hard at work on the event. In addition to the 2000 cast members, a number equal to this have been aiding in various ways. Even men not directly connected with the pageant have been wearing old time whiskers and costumes while women of the city have appeared on the streets clad in quaint and charming pioneer costumes.

The Oregon Trail will again have three feature events, in addition to a lively program of lesser attractions. The pageant will be held each night, while on Friday the pioneer parade will take place, and on Saturday practically every city in the state will join in the parade of progress.

The pageant will open with a miniature covered wagon train prologue, composed of children from five to nine years. Small boys as "oxen" will draw covered wagons made from express wagons, tiny pioneer women will ride in them, and on the trail "Indians" will beset the caravan.

The ancient Mayan civilization believed by some to have preceded the Indians in Oregon, will first be portrayed in the opening episode. Regal splendor and glory will mark this, and this phase has a thrilling climax as the barbaric hordes descend upon the people and wreck them. The second episode depicts the early coast Indians, busy about their work of fishing, hunting and other peaceful occupations. Then a cannon is heard, and the ship Columbia moves on to the huge stage, full size on a unique "wagon" device. Men in the rigging chant lusty sea tunes, and then the scene is brought to a climax as the members of the cast sing "Hail Columbia."

The pony Indians, the coming of Lewis and Clarke, and other early events are each given an episode, and then the main part of the epic is reached, the pioneer days. Hundreds of citizens, many of them descendants of pioneers, and even a few pioneers themselves, depict the struggles of the wagon train, the early settling and other phases of pioneer life. The Champoug event is impressively depicted, as are many other scenes.

The pageant then traces the development of the Oregon country down to the time of the World War. Here an impressive scene portrays in a graphic manner the war itself, and as the war scene ends, a beautiful monument to the Unknown Soldier is noted in the center of the huge stage.

As a grand finale and thrilling climax, the spirit of modern youth is shown, in all its seeming hectic madness. In the midst of this scene steps the spirit of the pioneer, commanding all to hark back to the standards and ideals of those who made the Oregon country a land of beauty and history.

Burt Brown Barker, vice-president of the University of Oregon, and a son of pioneers, will take the role of the Pioneer, who appears as the spirit that has guided the state through all its development.

Mrs. Emma Doolittle from Mill City is visiting at the home of her daughter an dfamily Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hodgseth.