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## Musings--

By an Innocent Bystander

Still we are in the throes of building and are having the time of our lives. The writer has been doing all sorts of building work and have found that we have forgotten a lot of things we used to know.

And we note that we are not the only ones doing construction work these days. Fred Hesselgrave has been busy lately putting a new dress on the old city jail. Now it looks up like a lighthouse in a fog in a new cover of corrugated iron. But he has left the old bars in place so that it's former status is plain.

We hope soon to have our house in shape to have our telephone put in again. That is one of the funny things—one will get along for years without such things, but after using them for a short time we have a hard time getting used to not having the darned thing in the house.

We have discovered a wonderful person. A certain prominent Jackson county lady who takes quite a prominent part in many civic affairs and who had been using her best efforts to accomplish certain things for this city, asked us not to mention her name in connection with the story. Can you believe that? It is not often that one finds anyone who is adverse to having their name in the paper.

We want to call attention to the condition of some of the buildings along Main street. Take for instance the old dance hall. The weeds and grass have been allowed to grow about the old walls and under the edge of the building until it is a veritable fire-trap. If a carelessly dropped cigarette should start a blaze there it would be just too bad for about half the town.

We had a bit of a shock tonight as we were writing this. A gentleman and his son dropped in to chat. During the course of the conversation it developed that the lad was a graduate of our own Alma Mater and also of our old high school. When we first knew this family here in Oregon this boy, if born at all, was a mighty small chap. Now he is a husky-looking man. Is it possible? Are we really so old as all that?

Wonder why the S. P. needs such enormous whistles on their work trains? That bloomin' old teakettle which is handling the work train now engaged in repair work at the Griffin Creek crossing can make enough noise to startle the Angel Gabriel.

We would like to know who is the statistician or figure-head who figured out that statement for "Grandma" that that wonderful sheet had a larger circulation than all the weeklies in Jackson county? We have tried and tried and somehow we can't arrive at the same total. It is our private opinion that "somebody lied." We all know the Pulitzer prize winner must be of necessity a wonderful newspaper, but while we will concede the Mail Tribune has a larger circulation than all other dailies of the county, they are taking in too much territory in claiming they have us all beat.

We discovered today that there was an old roadway leading from our house toward town across the railroad right of way. We wonder what the old timers who traveled that road in the dim past would think of the present trend toward governmental control of business? Would they like the alphabetical bureaus which cover the earth like a blanket? We wonder.

We have a faint remembrance that there was a time the printers of the country were complaining because Uncle Sam was printing envelopes, at a cost so small there was no chance to compete. Today that same Uncle is branching out into nearly every kind of human endeavor and we are wondering just when the howl will start. We believe it will be sure to come.

Marie Dressler beloved star of the movie died July 23 at Santa Barbara, Calif. after a long siege of cancer and heart trouble. Success came late in life to Miss Dressler. She was one of the most beloved movie actresses in Hollywood.

## 50 HOMES BURNED AT DORRIS, CALIF., WHEN MILL RAZED

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., July 28.—A hot roaring fire destroyed half the town of Dorris, Calif., 20 miles southwest of here, it was reported late today.

The flames reduced 50 residences to smoldering embers and also wiped out a hotel and the telephone office. The fire spread from the box factory of the Associated Lumber and Box company which burned.

Loss of the box factory put 125 men out of work in the town of 750 persons.

A telephone operator who was called upon to fight the fire returned to his post later and told of the conflagration. The first report of the fire came from a telephone operator while the roof of the building housing the telephone office was afire. No more word was received until the telegraphic report came through.

The Southern Pacific answered a call by sending a crew and equipment from here.

## Work Starts on Windbreak Project

Additional facts regarding the recent announcement by Secretary Wallace and Chief Forester F. A. Silcox that work would start immediately in connection with the President's order allocating funds for a 1,000 mile windbreak in the prairie states have been received here today by Regional Forester C. J. Buck.

By direction of the President Secretary Wallace has authorized the Forest Service to make expenditures for the present of only \$10,000,000 of the total sum of \$15,000,000 provided in the executive order. The ultimate cost of the project is estimated at \$75,000,000 of which over 90 per cent will go to farmers largely for labor for plowing, fencing, planting and caring for trees. It is expected that 25 per cent of the total expenditures can be made in the next 12 to 18 months.

Beginning at the Canadian border, this protection forest belt will stretch down through the Dakotas, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma and into the Panhandle of Texas.

The area immediately affected approximates 20 million acres. Of this, about 1,820,000 acres will be planted to trees. According to the plan of the project, windbreaks running north and south will be planted one mile apart, making approximately 100 parallel windbreaks in the 100-mile wide belt. Each windbreak will be 7 rods wide, covering 14 acres out of each square mile or approximately 2 per cent.

The western border of this belt will follow approximately the line of 18 inches annual rainfall.

## School Nurse to Be Employed Here

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Central Point school district Tuesday evening it was voted to employ a school nurse for the local school, one day each week for the coming year, starting September 1.

The local health unit has been active in securing the services of a registered nurse for this school for some time. Mrs. Arnold Bohner, chairman of the local unit, states that the nurse will be of great value to the school in watching for epidemics, giving tuberculosis tests, administering diphtheria serum, etc. This nurse service will be in addition to the regular clinics for babies now being held.

## Cammerer and Fechner to be Feted

Arno B. Cammerer, director of national parks, Robert Fechner, director of the civilian conservation corps and Col. G. S. Thompson, superintendent of the Yosemite National park, and former superintendent of Crater Lake Park will be guests at a dinner at the Hotel Medford at 7 p. m. Thursday, Aug. 9th sponsored by the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce.

It is expected that a large crowd will be in attendance. B. E. Harter, president of the Chamber, will be toastmaster.

## Farm Price Level Higher; Hay Crop Short Over U. S.

The national level of farm prices in mid-June was 77 per cent of pre-war, but since the middle of June farm prices have continued to advance on all major Oregon commodities except cattle and lambs, says the latest report on the agricultural situation and outlook issued by the agricultural economics department of the extension service.

Wheat and dairy products, the two most important Oregon products from a standpoint of cash income, have shown the greatest strength. "Compared with a year ago the June price index of grains at 89 was up 26 points; fruits and vegetables at 108 up 34 points; meat animals at 64 down 2 points; dairy products at 76 up 11 points; and chickens and eggs at 69 up 14," says the report.

"On June 15 the purchasing power in percentage of parity of leading commodities grown by Oregon farmers was as follows: Corn 72, oats 80, barley 67, wheat 73, rye 66, flaxseed 81, hay 67, potatoes 76, apples 104, hogs 40, beef cattle 63, year 55, lambs 89, sheep 54, eggs 67, wool 102, horses 47 and chickens 81."

Purchasing power of farm products generally in the United States was about 63 per cent of pre-war.

The heavy hay crop of western Oregon has already offset the shortage east of the Cascades so that the total crop will be near equal to the 1.9 million tons produced last year and a little in excess of the 5-year average.

United States hay crops will be exceedingly short due to low yields and use of meadow lands for pasture in the drought area. Emergency hay crops and the cutting of small grains for hay will partly offset the reduced yield from meadows. Total production of all hay is expected to total about 57.5 million tons. During the last 15 years, annual production has averaged around 85 million tons.

No serious fruit shortage will occur this year, the report states. Production of soft fruits in the eastern states was curtailed somewhat, but it now appears that the production of late fruits, except apples, will equal or exceed that of a year ago. Oregon, Washington and Arkansas are the only important apple states where the production is expected to equal that of last year.

We will trade a subscription to the American for berries, peaches, corn, eggs, chickens, or vegetables. One year for a dollar. Do it now.

Jimmy Fleischer was a dinner guest Sunday at the Nealon home at Table Rock.

Roy Jones and Junior Ayres were dinner guests at the Duke Lewis home in Jacksonville Sunday. Later in the day they joined a swimming party on the Applegate.

Mrs. Henry Martel and daughter Louise and Mrs. Hazel Martel of Los Angeles are visiting Mrs. Henry Martel's aunt Mrs. Chomel. The two Mrs. Martels and Louise and Mrs. Mesnage spent Wednesday in Gold Beach and Crescent City. They visited with friends they hadn't seen for twenty years. They are staying over until the arrival of Mr. Mellow who is expected at the Hotel anytime now. Mr. Mellow will be here for a month at least.

Mrs. Mattie Parker's many friends will be very sorry to know that she is very low and is in a coma most of the time.

Mr. Mervyn Gleason and family arrived home Wednesday from several days visit at Dead Indian Soda Springs.

Mr. Lewis Hughes of Medford is working in the Central Point Service station today. Mr. Hughes is working a swing shift now and will be here every Thursday. He likes this position much better than his old one.

Every family in the trade area of Central Point should have the American. Its aim is to put the paper into every home. Think it over why it is to your advantage and also ours.

Mr. and Mrs. Oden of Wilmer visited Mrs. Owings and family at her home Wednesday.

Miss Thelma Pankey who has work in Portland visited with her parents last week and returned to Portland Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Shell of Klamath Falls visited Sunday at the Edward Jones home.

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—PORTLAND, July 28.—Oregon had a trio of new junior golf champions today.

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## Red Cross Called on For Help

The Jackson County Chapter of the Red Cross is in receipt of a telegram from the San Francisco headquarters asking for aid for the unfortunate families who lost their homes in the disastrous fire at Dorris, California.

Anyone wishing to make a contribution to aid these people may leave their contribution with any of the Medford banks or at the Red Cross office in the courthouse.

The telegram follows:

Geo. Frey

Chairman Jackson Co. Chapter American Red Cross Medford, Ore.

Serious fire disaster Dorris California resulting destruction forty five homes with ninety families suffering material loss. Fifteen thousand dollars estimated required finance emergency and rehabilitation program under Red Cross. Asking your chapter accept quota two hundred fifty dollars. Please organize fund campaign reporting results and collections.

A. L. SCHAFER, Manager, Pacific Branch American Red Cross, San Francisco.

## Dr. Baxter Heads Willamette Univ.

Willamette University, Salem, Oregon, August 1 (Special) Dr. Bruce R. Baxter, Assistant to the President and Dean of the school of Religion at the University of Southern California was chosen president of Willamette University by unanimous vote of the board of trustees at a special meeting here Saturday.

He succeeds Dr. Carl G. Doney, resigned, after 26 years service. He was not a candidate for office. Dr. Baxter, who is now in Cape Town, South Africa on a tour of the South America and South Africa, was notified by cable of his appointment. He will arrive in Salem late in October to take over his duties. Until his arrival Dr. F. M. Erickson, Dean of the University, will continue as Acting President.

Dr. Baxter, who is 42 years old, has been at the University of California for the past ten years. Since 1926 he has been assistant to the president. Before going to Southern California he was for five years Professor of English at Mt. Union College, Alliance, Ohio.

## Erosion-Grass Work Centered at O. S. C.

Regional supervision of plant exploration and introduction for the northwest in connection with the long-time federal erosion control plans has now been placed in charge of Harry A. Schoth, federal agronomist, and headquarters of the work have been established with the Oregon State college experiment station at Corvallis.

In his new position Schoth will continue in active charge of his former work in connection with forage crops and diseases in the northwest which has led to important development or introduction of valuable forage and seed crops in this region. Both branches of the work are directly supported by the United States department of agriculture.

The territory under Schoth's supervision includes Washington, Oregon, western Idaho, northwestern Nevada and northeastern California. He will be responsible for working out the details of collecting plant materials, establishing grass nurseries and handling seed collected.

## World's Oldest Band To Play at Fair

World's Oldest Band to play at the Fair. Just to keep up old traditions, Captain Kellogg of Portland and his Civil War life and drum corps will appear at the State Fair this year as guests of the Fair on Friday and Saturday. Only four of them are now left. They play better and more vigorously than in the days of '61 just seventy-three years ago. Perhaps they may be truthfully called the oldest band in the world. A special box will be provided from which they may see the races and also for the rodeo at night. They are still young enough to enjoy a good outdoor night show and promise also that this will not be their last appearance at the Oregon State Fair.

## PEAR GROWERS TO VISIT STATION FOR IRRIGATION STUDY

—All pear growers of the valley will have an opportunity to visit the station for irrigation study, August 3, at 11:00 A.M., and observe the results of irrigation experiments now in progress, according to arrangements made by County Agent, L. P. Wilcox.

For three years studies have been carried on as regards effect of various amounts of irrigation water and the time of application, on tree vigor, quality and yield of fruit on D'Anjou trees. These various plots now show decided comparisons and growers may well afford to see and hear of the results obtained.

The Dept. of Agriculture workers located at the station, Wm. Aldrich, and Arch Work will explain the various treatments and discuss the results obtained for the benefit of those attending the meeting. J. R. Magness, Pomologist of the Bureau of Plant Industry, Washington D. C. will be present and also appear on the program.

Growers are requested to be at the station promptly at the scheduled hour and be prepared to see some interesting things and hear some worthwhile information.

## Easterners Headed For Crater Lake

Crater Lake National Park, Ore., August 1.—Thousands of easterners are headed westward on vacation trips, stopping at all interesting scenic spots, particularly national parks and monuments. Colonel O. W. MacNeese, Washington, D. C., member of the general staff of the United States army, said when a visitor at Crater Lake this week, arriving here from Mt. Rainier National Park.

"The National Parks are the big attraction for travelers this year," Col. MacNeese said, "and I feel safe in saying there are thousands who are going to see sights they had never realized existed within their own United States. Many of these travelers are the people who in other years have gone sight-seeing in Europe without knowing what their own country had to offer."

Col. MacNeese, accompanied by his family, left Washington, D. C. several weeks ago to visit every National Park in the country. The party is stopping at Lassen Volcanic Yosemite and Sequoia National Parks while en route south.

## "Join the Marines" And See World

Owing to the increase of 1000 men authorized for the U. S. Marine Corps by the last session of Congress, Captain H. N. Stent, Officer in Charge of Marine Corps Recruiting for the states of Oregon, Southern Washington, Idaho, Montana and Wyoming has been authorized to select and enlist 35 men for the month of August. Applications and enlistments are being held daily at room 208 U. S. Court House, Portland, Oregon, or application blanks may be obtained by writing that office.

## Army Enlisting Men For Cavalry Posts

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 2.—Authority has been received to enlist men in the U. S. Army for service in the Field Artillery and Cavalry, Major Walter R. Mann, U. S. Army Recruiting officer, Portland, Oregon, announced today. Many inquiries have been received concerning these interesting branches of service, but during the past six months we have not been able to accept applicants for other than our local post, Vancouver Barracks. Men interest in horsemanship may be enlisted in the 11th Cavalry, Presidio of Monterey, California, or in the 76th Field Artillery at the same post.

An unidentified hobo lost his arm last Thursday morning when he attempted to catch a ride on a morning train at Gold Hill. The man was taken to a hospital in Grants Pass. His arm was found in the railroad yard by the section crew the next morning.

Mr. W. H. Lewis the sheepman is very sick.