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## Musings--

By an Innocent Bystander

We were criticized this week for not saying anything about the shortage in the legal department of the sheriff's office. In the first place nothing can convince us that Olga Anderson was dishonest. The shortage, to our mind could easily be cleared up if she was with us. And while it is a hard thing for Sheriff Omscheld to have to make such a thing public, still we cannot see what else he could do. For several years there has been a whispering campaign against the sheriff's office and to forestall such it was necessary for him to make public the plain facts.

It seems to have become a regular custom with a certain class of people to believe, and shout that belief from the housetops, that everyone connected with the county offices is a thief and a robber. Before entering public service these people may have been fine, honest, hard-working folks. But just the minute they assume office they seem to become rogues. Such philosophy is beyond our comprehension.

The agitation to secure Medford water for this city keeps bobbing up. We hear all kinds of arguments regarding the subject. Some favor the immediate undertaking of the project; while others argue that a majority of our citizens are now paying less for water than they would have to pay under the new system, and therefore would never vote for the bonds.

So there you are. You pay your money and takes your choice. As for the writer, we admit we like the softness and coldness of Medford's "Million Dollar" water. But whether that water could be brought to our faucets at no greater cost than the Medford people pay is a question yet to be decided. We would like to see a committee of representative business men appointed to look into the matter and ascertain just what can be done and how much it would cost.

The prize-winner M. T. is always stealing our thunder. We had an article all planned for this week boosting for Judge Day, and along comes that dog-gone Tribune with a much better written editorial than we are capable of and says all we would like to have said. But we humbly endorse the sentiment therein expressed. We know Judge Day has done his job well. We saw all too much of the confusion and experimentation of the Fehl regime and the difference is plain to all. Earl Day is a quiet, modest gentleman who is carrying a big load of responsibility and doing it mightily well.

The voters should not interfere with such orderly, common sense administration of county affairs by putting in a new man at this time, no matter how much bull he may peddle about illegal mileage and the likes. If Johnny would say less about such trivial things and more about his own record and capabilities we would think a lot more of him.

It won't be long now, folks. The tumult and the shouting of the political campaign will soon be over and we can all settle down once more to the ordinary humdrum affairs of life. And no matter who is elected we shall continue to go on as best we may to fulfill our destiny.

The proponents of the Townsend Old Age Pension plan have been busy circulating petitions this week and we understand filled up all the blanks they had on short notice. Over 200 names were secured long before the entire town was covered. The petitions ask congress to pass the pension law and a federal sales tax to raise the funds necessary to pay the pensions. The idea seems to be spreading all over the country. We have a hunch, however, that when it comes to the "Industria East" there will be a lot of opposition. And those big fellows have a lot of influence in Congress.

There must have been several million "Chinks" slain in the valley the other day, to judge from the sound from daylight to noon it was just one continuous bang, bang. Wonder if the big munition companies had anything to do with the introduction of the China pheasant in Oregon? Anyway, they must have profited a lot on the sales of ammunition for bird hunting.

## NEW ASSOCIATION OF GRANGE FORMED FOR GAS SALES

A new association was recently incorporated in this vicinity for the purpose of buying and selling gasoline and oils to its members at cost. The association is composed entirely of Grange members and the corporation is known as the Grange Co-operative Supply association.

The new association has purchased the oil tanks and buildings of the Oregon California Petroleum Corporation on the highway across from the depot, and have fixed up an office there. The new manager, T. E. Williams states that the association plans to keep a full supply of gas and oils on hand and will sell to members only at a reduced price.

Any member of any Grange may obtain a card which will enable him to take advantage of the reduced price on gas and oils, upon payment of a \$10 per year membership fee.

It is thought by those promoting the new cooperative association that the new plan will result in a large saving to all members, especially those using large quantities as tractor fuel.

The association has the backing of such men as Victor Bursell, John Anderson, Arnold and Otto Bohner, Warren Patterson and many other prominent Grangers.

## Mr. and Mrs. Scott Enjoy Trip South

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Scott, who have been visiting relatives and friends in California, returned home Saturday Oct. 6th. They first stopped at Corning, Calif., where they visited Mr. Scott's brother. They visited Mr. Scott's sister in West Los Angeles, and then two daughters in Los Angeles. They had a wonderful time and covered many points of interest in a short time, that they would have been unable to, if their friends had not lived there for years and was able to show them around. They visited the Warner Brother's Studio and watched them broadcast. Their friends had the special passes that this required. With their daughter and husband, they visited Catalina Island and spent a few days at a hotel there. The bird farm was especially enjoyed, there were birds from all over the world, donated by William Wrigley, who died a short time ago. The mausoleum, where he requested to be put is just above the bird farm.

At San Bernardino, they visited Mrs. Scott's uncle, J. B. Swartz, who has visited here several times and expects to be here this winter. Mr. Swartz took Mrs. Scott to the Arrowhead Hot Springs, where he has a place and Mr. Scott picked his first oranges. Mr. and Mrs. Scott returned home by the coast route.

## Arlen-Lupino Coming To Roxy Sunday

Richard Arlen, Ida Lupino, Roscoe Karns, Grace Bradley, Monte Blue, Fuzzy Knight and Toby Wing compose the leading players in "Come On Marines!", Paramount's fast-moving love story on a bunch of marines who are sour on bandits but sweet on the ones. It comes on Sunday to the Roxy Theatre.

Lowered in rank and sent back to the tropical jungles after an evening there that ends in trouble, Richard Arlen goes back to fighting bandits with a vengeance.

When word comes that a group of children, shipwrecked on the jungle coast are in danger of a native uprising.

But the "children" turn out to be grown-up beauties and the tough boys who were sour on bandits turn out to be sweet on blondes.

Mrs. F. J. Willmot was shopping in Central Point Thursday.

## WATCH THIS SPACE!

If you're lucky and see your name here you will receive a ticket to some picture show in Medford. Names will be drawn from our paid up subscription list.

## Mrs. Ruth Sparrow

## City Closes Deal For Old Bank Building Here

The deal between the State Superintendent of Banks, in charge of the liquidation of the defunct Central Point State Bank, and the city of Central Point, concerning the transfer to the city of the old bank building and furniture in exchange for the city's claims against the bank, has been completed and the city will take possession next week.

The deal has been hanging fire all summer, awaiting the settlement of many technicalities. As part of the deal the city gave up its claim against the old Oregon-California Petroleum company property across the highway from the depot, which has been sold by the bank to the new Grange Co-operative Supply association.

According to a statement made today by Mayor W. C. Leever, the city acquires by their trade property worth approximately \$2,800 for about \$1,800. All back taxes on

both properties have been paid in full by the bank.

The city recorder's office will be moved at once to the new building, which is ideal for such a purpose. It is planned to procure two jail cells and put them in the back room of the building, thus giving the city a modern, sanitary, fire-proof jail which has long been needed. At present all offenders must be taken to Medford when arrested. As soon as the new jail is completed any one breaking a city ordinance can be held here and tried in the Recorder's court, and the fine, if any, will go into the city treasury instead of to the county, as is the case when he trials come before the justice court.

Just what will be done with the old city hall has not been decided. One plan which has been mentioned is to remodel the front and put the fire equipment there. However, the building may be fixed up and rented at any opportunity arises.

## P. T. A. Conference In Ashland Enjoyed

The conference of Parent-Teacher Association held in Ashland last week was well attended and much enjoyed. Five ladies from Central Point attended the session.

The morning session was given over to reports of various county units. The afternoon was spent listening to a special program which followed the subject of public safety. County Superintendent, C. R. Bowman was the principal speaker of the afternoon, his theme being the 20-mill tax limitation bill.

Those attending from here were, Mrs. E. C. Faber, Mrs. H. E. Young, Mrs. W. J. Gebhard, Mrs. M. A. Adams and Mrs. Tracy.

## Phone Rate Cut Result of Fight By Joe E. Dunne

PORTLAND, October 17.—(Sp)—That the 10 per cent rate reduction in Oregon telephone service just ordered by the state utilities commissioner is the outgrowth of a long fight for lower telephone rates by Senator Joe E. Dunne in the state legislature was revealed here today in a survey of Dunne's legislative record.

From his first session in the state senate, that of 1927, the republican gubernatorial nominee consistently has endeavored to get at the bottom of the telephone controversy nationally as well as locally through various memorials to congress. Legislative records show.

In 1927, he was the author of a memorial to congress (Senate Joint Memorial No. 4, urging a sweeping investigation of the American Telephone and Telegraph company and its subsidiaries to account for its alleged fabulous profits while its subsidiaries were showing losses. This bill was killed in the senate utilities committee, however, and never received a vote.

As a result of this attempt at national action, however, and through increased pressure of public opinion, legislative sentiment gradually crystallized in favor of a state-wide investigation of the telephone companies. This was begun over three years ago, culminating in the voluminous findings and the ordered rate cut of the utilities commissioner just released.

While this investigation was in progress, Senator Dunne again renewed his efforts for a nation-wide inquiry into the telephone situation. In the 1933 session, he introduced a memorial to congress, Senate Joint Memorial No. 3, which successfully passed both houses, urging a complete investigation of the American Telephone and Telegraph company, and its subsidiaries and requesting that a U. S. Senator from Oregon be named on the investigating committee.

The executive committee of the Central Point Parent Teachers Association will meet at the home of Mrs. Oscar Minnick on Thursday Oct. 25. All members are urged to attend.

## Mrs. Zoe E. Arnold, Long-time Resident Of Valley, Passes

Zoe E. Arnold, a resident of Jackson county for the last 19 years passed away at her home, 1222 Locust street, Medford, at 12:30 Tuesday.

Mrs. Arnold was born at LaGrange Center, Wis., May 11, 1859, and was 75 years of age. From Wisconsin she went to Iowa, where she taught school and was married on December 30, 1884, to Ruel H. Arnold, who passed away in 1927.

The family came to Oregon in 1915 and settled at Central Point, and ten years later moved to their present home in Medford. Mrs. Arnold was a long-time member of the Methodist Episcopal church, a devoted mother and a loyal neighbor and friend.

She leaves six children, Ralph J. Arnold of Roseburg, Winifred H. and Blanche M. of Medford, Mrs. A. L. Quisenberry, Portland; Mrs. F. A. Henspeter, Jacksonville, and Ivan C. Arnold of McMinnville, Ore. Also 12 grandchildren, two of whom, Charles and Claire Conaway, made their home with Mrs. Arnold.

Two brothers and one sister also survive. W. H. Norcross of Central Point, J. B. of Globe, Ariz., and Mrs. Sarah Holt, White Water, Wis.

Funeral arrangements will be announced by Conger Funeral Parlors when completed.

## DON'T STAY BURIED

This story isn't ours, but nevertheless it is a good one:

A farmer had an old blind horse which had outlived his usefulness. One day he fell into an old well. The farmer looked in and saw him standing deep in the water. There seemed to be no way to get him out, as he was quite useless, and the well abandoned and dangerous, the farmer ordered his men to fill up the well and leave the horse buried in it.

The men began to shovel dirt into the well. But the horse was not willing to be buried. When the dirt began to shake it off and tread it under foot. As the well was filled up the horse came nearer and nearer to the surface, and when the men finished their task the horse walked out into the pasture.

The very things which conspire to bury the ironhearted these days, are used by them to life themselves out of difficulties and into the light. The very last thing one should do is to agree to stay dead and buried.

Mr. and Mrs. Raphael Benson have left for a hunting trip. Miss Mae Eicher will care for the children during their absence.

Mrs. Mary Grim and Mrs. Beibersten are spending today in Medford visiting friends and shopping. Mrs. Grim will visit at the Gillette home.

Mr. and Mrs. Farra spent Sunday in Medford during their absence Mrs. Farra's nephew and wife from Eureka called at their home. They were very sorry to miss them.

Mrs. H. A. Dubuque of Central Point was hostess today at one o'clock, to members of the Building Bridge club, for dessert bridge.

## Will Refund Tomato Tax To Growers

One organization that has collected more than it spent during the past season is the Oregon-Washington Melon and Tomato Marketing Agreement.

Beginning November 1 the Agreement will return to each grower in the two states a portion of the Agreement's unspent fund, collected from a stamp tax on each crate of melons and tomatoes retailed in Oregon and Washington. The refund will be made on a basis of stamps purchased, determined by receipts issued.

The money returned is in excess of all expenses for enforcing the Agreement, for advertising and publicity, and a reserve sinking fund for next year.

"All uncancelled stamps in the hands of growers will be redeemed in cash provided they are returned before November 1", according to Morton Tompkins, chairman of the Agreement. "However, they must be in by that time because we are closing our books for the year. Growers holding stamps are urged to mail them direct to this office at 516 Oregon Building, Portland, and checks will be sent to them immediately."

## Mott Makes Record During First Term As Congressman

PORTLAND, Oct. 17.—(Spel)—An exceptional record of first-term achievement in congress is set forth in the official platform of James W. Mott, Oregon's U. S. Representative from the 1st district, soon to be released throughout the state in the Oregon Voters' Pamphlet.

An almost unprecedented accomplishment for a new member, Congressman Mott secured appointment to two standing committees which control more than half the legislation directly affecting his district; namely, the committee on public lands, and the committee on roads.

In addition he is a member of the committee on territories and the committee on committees. His place on the latter group gives him a voice in determining the Republican personnel of all committees appointed during his incumbency, and is considered a particularly advantageous position by members of the House of Representatives.

As a member of the committee on roads, Mr. Mott helped to make and pass the two largest road building measures ever authorized by congress. From these bills, Oregon already has received more than \$9,000,000 in road money from the federal government.

Congressman Mott points out that he has been a strong supporter of the President's recovery program, but that he has opposed various pieces of legislation which have been presented under that guise but which can in no wise be considered recovery measures.

Among these he cites the so-called Economy Act, which reduced by 75 per cent, the compensation of disabled veterans actually injured in the line of duty; the compulsory crop control measures; the Taylor bill repealing the homestead laws; and the act transferring tariff-making power from the legislative to the executive branch of the government.

## Railroads Announce Holiday Fare Cuts

Announcement of Christmas and New Year excursion fares for travel between California, Oregon, Nevada, Arizona, Utah and New Mexico and eastern points has been made by the Southern Pacific, Santa Fe, Western Pacific, Northwestern Pacific and Sacramento Northern railroads and the Los Angeles Steamship and Pacific Steamships companies.

The low-fare schedule provides attractive roundtrip rates for three classes of accommodations, first class, tourist and coach. Effective December 13 to January 1, the excursion tickets will have a return limit of January 15, 1935, it was stated.

Summer fares for the season of 1935 will be the same as this year, according to the announcement.

Mr. Alexander was operated on at a hospital in Portland last Saturday. He is getting along nicely and was able to take a little solid food Tuesday morning.

## "CHALLENGE" IS WARNING OF DANGER CENTRALIZED POWER

NEW YORK, Sept. 29.—(Spl)—Mr. Herbert Hoover, in "The Challenge to Liberty" published yesterday, declares the policy of national regimentation "is a vast casualty to liberty if it shall be continued."

The former President, in his first extended dissertation on public affairs since he left the White House on March 4, 1933, sounds this introductory note:

"For the first time in two generations, the American people are faced with the primary issue of humanity and all government—the issue of human liberty."

**Definition of Liberty**  
The definition of liberty he gives: "It is far more than independence of a nation. It is not a catalog of political 'rights'. Liberty is a thing of spirit—to be free to worship, to think, to hold opinions, and to speak without fear—free to challenge wrong and oppression with surety of justice."

"Liberty conceives that the mind and spirit of men can be free only if the individual is free to choose his own calling. . . . It holds he must be free to earn, to spend, to save, to accumulate property. . . ."

"It therefore holds that no man, no group, may infringe on the liberties of others. It holds that these liberties and securities to constructive initiative and enterprise alone assure the immense need of material moral and spiritual achievements of men."

Many of the pertinent points in Mr. Hoover's book have been publicly discussed since their appearance in magazine form.

**Effect of Regimentation**  
Most extended of all is the section dealing with regimentation and its effect on representative government.

Here, without mentioning by name either his successor in office or the Roosevelt Administration, Mr. Hoover vigorously assails "the afflictions of regimentation theory of economics" and "its impact upon true American liberalism."

These departures from traditional American policy, he writes, "can best be determined by an examination of actions taken and measures in the United States during recent months."

"The first step of economic regimentation is a vast centralization of power in the executive," Mr. Hoover sets forth. "Without tedious recitation of the acts of Congress delegating powers over the people to the executive, . . . and omitting relief and regulatory acts, the powers which have been assumed, directly or indirectly, include the following:

"To debase the coin and set its value; to inflate the currency; to buy and sell gold and silver. . . .  
"To levy sales taxes on food, clothing and upon goods competitive to them (the processing tax) at such times and in such amounts as the executive may determine;  
"To expand enormous amounts from the appropriations for public works, relief and agriculture upon projects not announced to the Congress at the time appropriations were

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## Wedding Bells

The American wishes to join the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. William Carle in congratulations to the happy couple. Mrs. Carle is the former Miss Bertha Stevens. They were married about one week ago at Crescent City. They will be at home on the Carle stock farm below the town of Applegate.

## WESTWARD HO!

TRAVELERS SAY THAT PEOPLE ARE COMING WEST FINE LAND GLORIOUS WEATHER ARE RIGHT HERE WAITING. SEND THIS PAPER TO YOUR FRIENDS, ENCOURAGE THEM TO COME.

## Farmers and Fruitgrowers Bank

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