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Musings--

By an Innocent Bystander

The writer is again on the list of the indisposed and our viewpoint may be even worse than Bro. Hall's. When one's internal apparatus goes on the bum, one is apt to have a rather pessimistic attitude toward the world, the flesh and the devil.

So we warn our readers at the start to beware. In the first place we are going to speak our piece about the community Christmas Jubilee. Last year we all worked hard in getting up the jubilee. And it was a grand success, too. Everyone who attended reported a fine time. We probably will never be able to measure in dollars and cents just how much added business came from it, but the improved community spirit seemed to us well worth while. No single store got rich from it, but to judge from the comments heard at that time the big get-together was a fine thing and ought to be repeated.

This week a meeting was called to plan another such event. And the matter fell as flat as a cold buck wheat cake. There wasn't one bit of enthusiasm left in town, to all appearances. So this year there will be no Christmas Jubilee and as for us we heaved a big sigh of relief at the news.

Our dear old town can just go on in its peaceful slumber and dream of past glories. And woe betide the adventurous soul who attempts to disturb that slumber. So good night folks.

We got our wires crossed regarding the golden wedding of our neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Farra. We understood this couple had lived in the same home for the said fifty years. We were all pepped up to write a masterpiece congratulating them on establishing such a record. But it seems we were all wet. It was only thirty-five years, which is quite a spell, at that. But we are going to offer our congratulations to them anyway. We hope to attend their diamond wedding and are saving up to buy a diamond for the occasion.

We hear that the full county court and the county engineer were looking over the stretch of road west of town which they expect to improve soon. That sure sounds good to us. That bit of washboard would shake the teeth out of a castiron monkey.

And speaking of roads, we noted the other day that the CCC officials seem to take a lot of interest in the improvement of some of the county roads out back of beyond. They don't wait until their trucks have ruined the roads, but keep hauling in gravel and filling up the bad places as fast as they get bad. Which isn't a half-bad idea.

That was a good idea we heard of the other day to have a Jackson County Real Estate Exchange where every dealer would report any property he had for rent or sale. We found last summer that a newcomer had to trot around to every dealer in town to see what was offered. And as like as not, he either bought before he had made the rounds, or quit in disgust. Many times purchases were made and completed and then it was found some dealer not yet called on had a better thing to offer.

It seems to us it would be a good thing for all concerned if there was a central office where all the listings were registered, together with the dealer's name. It would certainly make it a lot easier for the stranger looking for an opportunity in our valley.

Moore Hamilton seems to take the overwhelming victory of the sewer bond election with entire calm. He says he was just taking the opposition so as to bring both sides before the public. Our guess is he just likes to be contrary, anyway. But just where the Miner comes into the picture in a purely Medford affair is beyond us. Haven't they troubles enough with their own all-night dances, etc., to keep one little paper busy, without taking on Medford's private affairs?

Virgil Kinney of Central Point was a guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kinney Monday.—Gold Hill News.

FARRA'S CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING WITH RECEPTION

The outstanding social event of the year in Central Point was the golden wedding celebration at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Farra on the West Side, which took place Tuesday of this week.

A wedding dinner was served at noon with a number of out-of-town guests present. Those seated at the table were, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Farra, of San Francisco, son of the host and hostess; Miss Anna Dean, a niece, of Oakland; Miss Alice Singletary, a niece, of Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Arland Rodenberger, a nephew, of Yreka, California; Mrs. Lydia Dean, sister-in-law of Grants Pass; Mr. and Mrs. James Dean, a nephew, of Grants Pass; Mr. and Mrs. John Linville, Mrs. Sylvia Barkdull, Mrs. Clara Barkdull, Fideleo Platte, of Medford; Sarah Ovette of Ashland; Mrs. Mary Abbott of Ashland; Mrs. Anna O'Brien and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Walters of Talent, and the host and hostess.

Mrs. Clara Barkdull, Sarah Ovette, Mrs. Linville, and Mrs. Mary Abbott were former schoolmates of the bride. Mrs. Fred Farra and Mrs. Harvey Walters baked the wedding cakes.

In the evening an open house reception was held at which all friends of the bride and groom were welcomed. No special invitations were sent out for this reception. Mrs. Farra's nephew, Todd Rodenberger of San Francisco sent his aunt some hand-made invitations for the celebration, but as the number was limited, they were sent only to out-of-town friends and relatives.

Misses Dorothy and Marjorie Jones acted as ushers at the reception. They were dressed in their grandmother's and great-grandmother's wedding gowns and added a pleasing touch to the occasion. Helping serve were Mrs. Ethel Chastain, Mrs. Mabel Hanson and Miss Arlene Hay. Assisting in the kitchen were Mrs. Edward Jones and Mrs. Clifford Smith.

During the evening the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs called in a body. They met at the Musty home and marched to the Farra home, making a line extending entirely between the two houses, and filling the house and grounds. During the evening, over 200 friends gathered at the Farra home to offer congratulations.

At 9 o'clock a formal wedding ceremony took place, performed by Prof. A. J. Hanby of Medford. The formal ring ceremony was used. The bride was beautiful in a dress of white silk, with a bridal veil. She carried a bridal bouquet of orange blossoms. The groom wore the conventional tuxedo.

The bridesmaid, Mrs. Linville, was dressed in pink taffeta and carried a bouquet of pink rosebuds. Mr. Harvey Walters acted a best man.

The Farra home was beautifully decorated with a profusion of hot-house flowers. There was one especially beautiful bouquet of 50 rosebuds from San Francisco. A friend of Mr. and Mrs. Farra's son Fred, of San Francisco, sent a lovely bouquet of yellow rose buds for the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Farra were the recipients of many lovely gifts from friends and relatives in many parts of the country, who all expressed gratification at the climax of this long and happy married life and the hope for many more years of joy for the happy couple.

Mr. Edward Farra came to the Rogue River valley from Missouri when only seven years of age and has made his home here ever since. He was married to Miss Clara Dean, who was born and raised in this valley, on December 4, 1884. Since then they have lived in various parts of the Rogue River valley, moving into their present home in Central Point 35 years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Murphy have moved into the Nip & Sip building. Mr. Murphy has taken over the Nip & Sip.

NOTICE BOYS AND GIRLS

Bring in one new subscription or two renewals and receive ticket to The Roxy. Or bring in two new subscriptions or four renewals and get a ticket to Rialto or Craterian theatre.

Business Should Check Own Evils, Avers Harriman

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Nov. 29 — Henry I. Harriman, president of the United States Chamber of Commerce declared yesterday he believed that "with the cordial help of American business and of other important groups" President Roosevelt could "rise to the full measure of the great opportunity that now lies before him."

Addressing a southeastern divisional meeting of the United States Chamber which earlier today heard P. W. Litchfield, president of the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company advocate unemployment insurance to be borne by the employer and employee, Mr. Harriman touched on the regulation of business.

"My own feeling," he said, "is that if American business acts in a wise and co-operative manner and itself assumes the task of regulating and checking its own evils, the degree of public regulation will be far less than if it takes an attitude of hostility."

He answered in the affirmative questions of whether the President could rise to "the opportunity," and "can he in a practical way interpret the desires of the great mass of the American people for reasonable economic security—Can he preserve democracy, individualism and the opportunity to develop a higher standard of life?"

Touching on the recent elections,

he asserted it would "be entirely incorrect to assume that the country as a whole voted three to one for the majority (Democratic) party or that the minority party is dead."

Mr. Litchfield copied with his recommendation unemployment insurance be appointed immediately to "study our own needs and peculiarities and then proceed to inaugurate a plan." He said he felt that workers should be required to carry health and accident insurance and that society as a duty should establish old-age pensions.

"Our first step," he said, in reference to unemployment insurance, "should be to appoint the best talent in the country on a commission whose job it would be to make a thorough examination of all systems now in use, to study our needs and peculiarities and then proceed to inaugurate a plan."

After declaring that "the system should be guided by the Federal Government," and follow "established insurance methods," Mr. Litchfield said "we should guard against a system which would permit political usurpation of the right to disperse benefits from the national reserves."

Turning to the old-age pension the speaker said he favored a plan whereby the individual states would handle this problem.

Blackford Families Enjoy Holiday Visit

A very pleasant surprise was planned for Gene and Oscar Blackford by the Blackford families. Arrangements were made for Mrs. Effie Hand and two daughters, Hazel Durbin and Mildred Hand and granddaughter, Ardith Durbin, of Weiser, Idaho, to arrive for Thanksgiving. Three very delightful days of feasting and merrymaking passed before their return to Weiser. Three big geese from Klamath were added to their turkeys and other thanksgiving goodies. The other invited guests at the Thanksgiving table were Mr. and Mrs. John Blackford, Harry Ellis and wife, Riley Potter, Ray Rowe and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Blackford, Mr. Oscar Blackford and daughter, Lola.

Eastern Star Holds Initiation

At the last meeting of Nevita Chapter, No. 53, O. E. S., initiation was held, and a social evening enjoyed. A number of visitors were present including Mrs. Nellie McGowan, Past Worthy Grand Matron of Oregon and Mrs. Meta Gilbert Worthy Matron of Reames chapter. Other visitors were Dr. and Mrs. E. G. Riddle of Jacksonville, Mrs. Virgus Enders of Ashland and Mrs. Myrna Frink of Medford.

The newly initiated candidates, Mrs. Pearl McCredie and Miss Loleta Bennett were formerly residents of Central Point.

Refreshments of jello, angel-food cake and coffee served from small tables decorated with blue, yellow, white, green and red were presided over by officers of the Eastern Star. Huge bouquets of flowers furnished by Mrs. Olive Dean added a decorative note to the hall.

Resolution Passed By Rebekah Lodge

The following resolution was adopted by Mt. Pitt Rebekah Lodge No. 167 at its meeting this week:

Whereas—Our maker has seen fit to remove from our midst our beloved sister Minnie Moore,

Therefore be it resolved that we extend a fraternal hand in sympathy

Be it further resolved that the charter be draped for 30 days in her memory. Be it further resolved that a copy be sent to the bereaved family, a copy be sent to the local newspaper and a copy be filed on the minutes of this lodge.

Signed: Betta Pankey, Emma Gleason, Clara Gleason

Seal Sale Endorsed By Meier

Endorsement of the Christmas Seal Sale, now in progress throughout the state, has been given by Governor Meier in a public statement issued today. The statement reads:

"I am glad to call the attention of the people of Oregon to the Christmas Seal Sale. "Since 1915 this has been an annual event by which the Oregon State Tuberculosis Association has carried on its activities. The money derived from these seals has gone into public health education, into free clinics for those unable to pay for medical attention, into research projects and into a crusade for public support for the prevention of this dread disease.

"The splendid forward steps which have been made in our state in tuberculosis cure and control are evidence that every cent invested in Christmas Seals has yielded a fine return in health and happiness.

"The contribution asked from each one is not large and I hope all those who can possibly do so will help out cheerfully and generously."

P. N. G. Club Meets At Ferguson Home

The P. N. G. Club of Mt. Pitt Rebekah Lodge met at Inez Ferguson's home, Dec. 4th with a covered dish dinner at noon. "Oh Boy!" does Mrs. Henderson know how to keep turkeys in trim for Xmas dinners.

We were glad to have Miss Gertrude Moore as a guest for dinner. Mrs. Ferguson had a beautiful Xmas tree, and after dinner the members circled around the tree to receive the beautiful gifts from their Beckeys; Clara Vincent acting as Santa Claus.

The members draw names in Jan. and the name drawn is to be their Beckey the whole year, and they are to do good turns for this Beckey during the year; remembering them on their birthdays and other occasions, especially at Xmas time, and take flowers and care for her when Beckey is ill.

At 2:30 p. m., they held their regular business meeting and at the close of the meeting some of the members spent the rest of the day visiting with Mrs. Ferguson and at 8:30 p. m., they went in a body to Mr. and Mrs. Farra's to help them celebrate their Golden Wedding.

Rebuild Lumber Shed Timber Products Co.

Work has started on the reconstruction of the retail lumber shed of the Timber Products company and workmen will start soon on the rebuilding of the office. Both were destroyed by an early morning fire ten days ago. A force of 20 men is engaged in the rebuilding.

According to Floyd H. Hart, general manager, the insurance adjusters have completed their survey, with the exception of a half dozen trucks destroyed. Hart estimates the loss at \$59,000, covered by insurance.

Ladies of Pinnacle Co. Enjoys Meet

The ladies of grades 1 and 2 of the Pinnacle Packing house met at Mrs. Webster's on Tues. Dec. 4. Ruth Clark had charge of the program and a very pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent. Those present were Mesdames Loretta Cay, Effie Daily, Effie Balze, Augusta Hall, Viola Wiles, Barbara Jennings, Eva Anders, Clara Cormony and Misses Charlotte Berritt, Helen Waltermir, Hazel Mashburn, Conny Cormany all of Medford, Elizabeth Pierce and Neva Nichols of Eagle Point. Ruth Turpin, Ruby Webster, May Turpin and the hostess.

Grange Holds Annual Party

Grange members to the number of 100 enjoyed their annual all-day Thanksgiving Party at the grange hall Thursday, with turkey dinner at noon, and repeated at six o'clock. An appropriate program was given by the younger members and the Juvenile group, in the evening directed by Mrs. Bursell, after which Miss Evelyn Hamilton took charge of the games.

PUBLIC LANDS ARE WITHDRAWN FROM SETTLEMENT

By Executive order of November 26, 1934, all the vacant unreserved and unappropriated public lands in 12 states including Oregon, were temporarily withdrawn from settlement, location, sale or entry, and reserved for classification and pending determination of the most useful purpose to which such land may be put in consideration of the provisions of the Taylor Grazing Act of June 28, 1934, and for conservation and development of natural resources. The vacant land will be subject to mineral location except the Powersite land. The withdrawal is subject to existing valid rights. This applies to Oregon & California Railroad Grant Lands, and Coos Bay Wagon Road Grant Lands.

This order will remain in full force and effect unless and until revoked by the President or by act of Congress. Applications for land can no longer be received.—William H. Canon, Register.

Memorial Statue Nearing Completion

The pool and statue being built in the Medford city park by Mrs. Charles W. Palm as a memorial for her husband, who died recently, is nearing completion. When finished it will be a very attractive addition to the park.

The memorial consists of a cement base about 40 by 50 feet enclosing a marble pool about 15 by 25 feet. At one end of the pool is the base for the statue, which will be of bronze, the figure representing a lad and his dog. On either side of the pool will be a marble bench. A flood light will be installed at each corner and a large light opposite the statue.

A public drinking fountain is being installed at the west end of the memorial and a fountain for dogs at the east end.

Mr. Charles Palm in whose memory the pool and statue are being erected by Mrs. Palm, was noted for his fondness for boys and dogs, thus suggesting the motif of the statue. It is thought the memorial will be completed by the first of the year.

November Rainfall Exceeds Season's Average by 6.23

Monthly meteorological notes for November, as compiled by W. J. Hutchinson local meteorologist show overcast skies with frequent light rains predominated throughout the greater portion of November days, the balance being cloudy except for the 27th which was characterized as partly cloudy. Measurable precipitation fell on 21 days.

Temperatures were exceptional moderate, especially minimums. The lowest temperature registered during the month, 30 degrees on the 27th was the lightest minimum of record for November. Also, the mean daily minimums exceeded the 24 year record of 4.7 degrees. Maximum temperatures averaged near normal but with a high mean minimum the monthly mean temperature of 46.8 degrees surpassed the average by 2.8 degrees. A maximum of 74 degrees on the 5th was the highest. During the past 24 years record extremes of temperature for November have been 80 degrees as the highest and 13 degrees the lowest.

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