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## Musings-- By an Innocent Bystander

It was rather amusing to note the furor aroused Saturday when the report came that Banks might be pardoned Monday. This writer never thought for a minute that Governor Meier would show no little regard for law enforcement as to pardon a murderer serving a fairly given life sentence after only 16 months of such service. And we were right.

L. A. Banks may or not have been crazy when he pulled that trigger. But the fact remains that he did pull it and thereby took the life of an officer in the discharge of his sworn duty. But somehow as we remember the lordly threats that used to be hurled from that upstairs office, we can't help feel that the man was sane enough to know better than that. We heartily congratulate the governor for his action.

As to the ballot robbers, that is something else again. We are glad our old friend Art LaDieu has been returned to his wife and children. He took his punishment like a man and we feel sure is a better man for the experience. Wish our paper was a bit larger, Art. We'd offer you a job.

Jones, somehow, don't just click with our sympathies. He was plenty old enough to have had enough sense to keep out of such trouble. So if he stays put a bit longer we shall not complain.

As for that arch-conspirator, Fehi we have no sympathy whatsoever. Instead of taking his bitter medicine like a man, he has continually whined and bellyached and talked of being "railroaded". He even got his wife into hot water with the law as she stands under suspended sentence today for merely spreading the buncom her husband wrote. It is our frank opinion his sentence in its entirety wasn't a bit too much for the trouble this man has caused society for the past twenty years and should be served in full.

We hear a meeting is to be held at the courthouse today for the purpose of starting an organized effort to save the glorious forest on the Crater Lake highway just outside the park. This is a good move. We would like to see all the trees saved along our highways. Nothing adds more to the pleasure of traveling than plenty of trees along the roadside.

We heard from our old home back in Minnesota this summer. It seems that on the old farm where we were born the present owner has gone crazy. When we last saw the old place there were acres and acres of timbered hillsides along the old Blue Earth where we and our brothers learned to hunt. And ours was one of the best summer pastures in the country. The timber had been thinned out just enough to let the grass grow and the shade held the moisture. But this crazy Dutchman has cut every tree and bush on the whole place and now the whole pasture is dried up. What fools some folks are.

We have thought many times of going back some day just to lie in the shade of those grand old trees and watch the clouds roll by. Or to stand on the banks of the old river and cast for those lively bass again. But they say the trees are gone—the river drying up and whole country changed. So there goes another dream. Guess we will have to be content with our memories and the valley of the Rogue.

Some people are always crying before they are hurt. We saw a communication in the Prize-winner—excuse it, please, the Mail Tribune, the other day advocating the repeal of the criminal syndicalism law. To our mind, this law is a good one and should stand. Any person who advocates the overthrow of our system of government by force is a traitor and should be treated as such. If they don't like our kind of country let them get out. We have no use for them here.

Honest criticism of the official acts of public servants is well. It helps to keep things in proper balance. But advocating force is another matter. If this law had been enforced when L. A. B. first threatened to "lead a revolution" a lot of misery might have been saved.

## FORMER LOCAL RESIDENT SUFFERS FROM BAD BURNS

Isaac Cowan, 43 of 426 Benson street is at the Sacred Heart hospital suffering from severe burns, received Tuesday afternoon when his clothing became drenched with gasoline and caught fire. The accident occurred as Cowan was working on a flume near Lake Creek for the Medford Irrigation district of which he is an employee.

Although Dr. James C. Hayes, attending physician, said last night his condition was very serious, hospital attendants stated today that Cowan is improved and that no complications have as yet set in. Almost his entire body, arms, and head were burned before fellow workmen were able to beat out the flames.

According to the story told by Cowan and men who brought him to the hospital here after the accident, which occurred about 1:10 p. m., the burns were received when Cowan attempted to throw a burning gasoline container out of the flume in which he was working. Some of the liquid spilled on his clothing and the fire enveloped him.

The men had been burning gasoline to heat a tar preparation in the bottom of the flume, which they had cleaned, when the flames spread to the container. Cowan picked up the burning can, and in trying to throw it away from himself and fellow workmen, the liquid saturated his clothing.—Mail Tribune.

Mr. Cowan formerly lived near here and his sons, Buddy and Orville attended school here. Buddy graduated from our high school last year.

## Wheat League Urges New Plan

ARLINGTON, Dec.—Reestablishment of the Northwest Wheat Export corporation's activities at Portland as a necessary supplement to the beneficial results coming from the AAA production control plan, was strongly urged upon Washington officials by the Eastern Oregon Wheat League in its annual meeting here.

Unanimous action by the league followed addresses by A. R. Shumway, president of the North Pacific Grain Growers cooperative, dealing with surplus wheat disposal, and by George E. Farrell, chief of the wheat section of the AAA, who told of future plans of his division.

Shumway said the subsidized exporting of 28 million bushels of wheat from Portland this last season cost the AAA funds only six million dollars, while it admittedly returned farmers, not only of the northwest but throughout the country, more than \$75,000,000 in bettered prices.

"After such a record one would think that the plan would be continued without argument, but the opposite is the case," Shumway declared. "Washington officials have been proceeding on the assumption that all northwest wheat will be needed in this country to supplement depleted livestock feed supplies.

"While steps were being taken to try to get all agencies concerned to cooperate in putting the surplus to such use with fairness to the grower as well as the consumer, dealers turned to Canada and are now bringing low grade feed wheat across the border and paying only 10 percent of its value as tariff instead of the 42 cents a bushel collected on milling wheat."

Meanwhile there exists a surplus in the northwest this year varying according to different estimates from twelve to more than seventeen million bushels, the wheat league decided. The existence of this surplus has again served to increase the spread between coast and Chicago prices to unjustified proportions.

## 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.

## Oregon Gets Large Share of Federal Funds for Aid

Hearst workers have taken the trouble to compile imposing sets of statistics designed to show just how much the various states have contributed in federal taxes and imposts and how much has come back to them through federal expenditures and grants. Ratios have been calculated to show how many dollars have been returned to each state for each dollar contributed to the government's coffers. Also there are interesting per capita figures for each state, covering both funds contributed and funds received. Obviously, no one vouches for painstaking accuracy of the compilations. Length of period covered by the statistics is left undisclosed, but apparently it covers the New Deal era from its inception in March, 1933, to various recent report dates of the numerous agencies, ranging from Aug. 1 (PWA) to Oct. 12 (HOLC) of this year. Statistics here cited appeared in San Francisco Examiner.

It is logical to begin with the figures on Oregon's participation in the accumulation and distribution of federal moneys. Through the various federal taxes—11 of them specifically named—Oregon is credited with having given Uncle Sam \$6,829,280 of his spending money. It is highly improbable you would guess which tax drew most heavily from this state. The combined processing taxes top the list for Oregon having yielded \$2,603,625. Next ranks the income tax, which produced \$1,740,784 for Uncle Sam. Taxes on admissions, dues, etc. ("miscellaneous") possibly includes federal gas tax, nominally exceeded those collected on liquors—\$547,751 compared with \$545,335. Manufacturers' taxes yielded \$453,689; estate taxes, 437,528; NIRA excess profits dividends taxes \$367,706. Here we drop off sharply to \$89,517 in stamp taxes; \$24,477 in gift taxes; \$23,524 narcotics taxes and \$1,824 tobacco tax. That should be 11 specific federal taxes as they have impinged in Oregon.

On per capita basis, Oregon provided \$7.01 per each inhabitant. Through 7 different federal agencies, loans and grants allotted this state have equaled \$85.53 per person. The disparity is great, but no greater than for many other states, and the Oregon averages are not far from medians—neither exceptional high nor low. Roughly we compute the average per capita of imposts collected from all states as \$22.27 and the average per capita of loans and grants as \$55.11.

The largest amounts of federal money placed in Oregon to date are not free grants or relief donations. The outstanding sum in this tabulation is \$30,277,659 loaned by the Farm Credit Administration—merely the refinancing of farm loans. PWA has allotted \$18,261,865 and HOLC loans amounted to \$11,959,699. Next come two accounts which do not class among business transactions. CCC expenditures in this state are given as \$10,839,345 and FERA expenditures (relief) as \$9,537,171. Making up the total of \$83,304,429, we find \$1,869,074 as AAA disbursements and \$559,611 as "treasury building," evidently meaning federal structures. Some of the glamour of beneficence is banished on noting that about \$45,500,000, or more than 54% of funds allotted to Oregon consisted of the loans made by FCA, PWA and HOLC.

It appears that Oregon has fared rather well in having contributed a considerably less than the average rate. However, compare Oregon's \$7.01 per capita of taxes with the \$1.13 for Mississippi, \$1.52 for Arkansas and \$1.90 for South Dakota. On the other hand one may compare its \$8.53 per capita of grants and loans with \$200.19 for Nevada \$173.81 for North Dakota, or \$52.48 for Wyoming.

Figures best fitted for comparisons, as showing how each state has fared in relation to other states, are the ratios of dollars allotted to each dollar contributor. Oregon has obtained government loans and grants in the proportion of \$12.26 for each \$1 sent into government coffers. South Dakota stands high here in having received \$74.93 for each dollar of tax turned in. North Dakota

was not far behind in receiving \$68.97 for each \$1 contributed. Ratio for New Mexico (which had no reported drouth) was \$44.90 to \$1; Idaho, \$44.31. Twelve states received back government money in higher ratio to contributions than has Oregon, even such noble states as Missouri, Nebraska and Vermont among them. Ratio for Washington is given as \$7.20 to \$1; for California, \$2.33 to \$1. This latter figure may be startling proof controverting assertions one-time current that California was gobbling an undue proportion of government funds. Evidently it is to be admitted that appropriations for some federal works are not here included.

As a matter of fact, one searches the statistics somewhat futilely for glaring disparities, not accounted for satisfactorily. Both PWA and FERA disbursements seem to have been proportioned with reasonable fairness, taking into account for example, the summer's drouth, which necessitated abnormal FERA expenditures in such states as South Dakota, Nebraska, Missouri, and others. One prosy fact seems to account for an abnormal ratio for Idaho, with less than half the population of Oregon, obtained \$32,909,499 in FCA loans—\$2,630,000 more than Oregon. That abnormal amount of perfectly legitimate refinancing of farm debts served to make Idaho appear in the light of a favored state. It is of interest to note that Oregon paid considerably more in processing taxes than AAA has disbursed here—\$2,603,625 vs. \$1,869,074.

Appreciation of the huge disparity between federal income and output may be gained from the grand totals of these statistics. Not taking into account customs receipts (Oregon would have lowered its ratio, with those included), the grand total of government revenues was \$2,672,239,194. Grand total of expenditures, minus railroad loans and miscellaneous, was \$6,613,619,642. Approximately a 4 billion dollar deficit, though FCA, HOLC and PWA hold that much in individual and municipal obligations—apparently a little more than \$4,000,000,000.

## Local Basketball Team vs. Chiloquin

Basketball hostilities will open in the valley Saturday evening with the invasion of the Chiloquin Indians, who will play the Pointers on the Central Point floor. The Chiloquin team, under the tutelage of Guy Campbell, formerly coach at Phoenix, is reported to be a big, fast outfit that will make the Pointers step. The Chiloquin teams have always been outstanding in the secondary league and this year's team is no exception.

The Pointers, with three of last year's championship team as a nucleus, are fast rounding into shape and are expected to furnish plenty of opposition for the invaders. A good preliminary between the newly organized 130-pound B-Class teams of Jacksonville and Central Point has been scheduled with the main game starting at nine o'clock. The Pointers' line-up will probably be Virtue and Russell, forwards; Culbertson, center; Conrad and Ayers, guards.

## The Man Who Came Back--Roxy

When he was a school boy of 14 Douglass Montgomery began his stage debut at the famous Community Playhouse in Pasadena, California, and now that he has become a star on New York's Broadway he returns to Pasadena each summer to appear in one or more plays. Montgomery, better known in motion pictures under his previous screen name of Kent Douglass, comes to the Roxy Theatre on Sunday in "Little Man, What Now?" Frank Borzage's Universal drama in which he is featured with Margaret Sullavan.

Mrs. Grim, who suffered a heart attack Monday is much improved at this writing.

Give this paper a boost by mentioning the ads you see in the paper.

## LOCALS

Little Marie Hildegard Pierce was born Saturday morning at her home in Central Point. The little Miss weighed nine pounds and according to her grandmother, is a wonderful baby. Her mother, Hildegard Pierce and Marie Hildegard are both doing nicely. Mrs. Clyde Richmond is caring for them.

Born at the Sacred Heart hospital Wednesday afternoon a baby girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Storm.

Thells & Co. has a very attractive display of Xmas candy displayed in glass jars. Marine's and Faber's also have a nicely arranged display of Xmas candy and evergreens. Hatfield's and Stone's have fine displays of Xmas goods. Why can't we all fall in line and decorate our places of business with Xmas greens?

The Christmas mail is already started and the rush is now on. If you wish to insure the safe delivery of your packages be sure that the address is complete and plainly written. Also the return address. In the last minute rush this helps in the easy and safe delivery of your gifts.

The ladies of the H. E. C. and the local Grange are asked to remember that the Christmas party and shower for the Grange kitchen will occur on Wednesday, December 19, in an all-day session with covered dish luncheon at noon. After the disposal of business matters there will be a brief program, games and a general good time.

The local extension unit met Tuesday in all-day session, with Miss Malin demonstrating the guide pattern. Those not in attendance missed a valuable lesson. Mrs. Patterson conducted the business session. Reports on the work of the various committees were heard and plans discussed for future endeavor. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Arnold Bohner and will demonstrate bread making. This meeting will be held on January 8.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Booth of Fayetteville, Ark., recently arrived to spend the winter with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kilburn and family and will probably locate here. Mr. Booth is a brother of Mrs. Kilburn.

## P. T. A. Holds Interesting Meeting

The PTA met Friday at the high school. Mr. Jewett spoke on the forgotten child. His talk brought out ideas of what education is. It is not so much for the future as to develop a persons natural talents and helping them in their every day life. He also pointed out the difference in education of the past and the present. That the method and result are so much more practical now than formerly. Mr. Sodaberg followed Mr. Jewett with a talk on how scout work is along the lines that the boys inclinations run.

A committee was appointed to select a scout master in Central Point. The Welfare Committee reported a number of shoes and stockings were bought for needy children also corrective shoes bought when necessary.

## XMAS TREE FACTS

Foresters recommend the use of Christmas trees, provided the trees are cut under proper forestry methods. Such cuttings, or thinnings, made under the direction of a forester, actually benefit the forest, it is said.

True conservation is wise use, say the foresters. Properly harvesting a Christmas tree crop is a wise use of the forest resource, and the practice is endorsed.

Christmas tree vandalism is frowned upon by foresters and conservationists. Under vandalism they list such things as stealing trees along roadsides; cutting and discarding several trees to find one perfect tree; cutting the tops out of large trees; cutting thrifty young trees in open stands on land that should be devoted to commercial growing.

Living Christmas trees are advocated by Uncle Sam's foresters. They recommend a small living tree in a pot for the first Christmas, later transplanting this tree in the yard, to be decorated as an outdoor tree on successive holidays.

It is illegal, both in Oregon and Washington, to cut Christmas trees without first securing permission of the owner.

## GRADES TO GIVE OPERETTA ON FRIDAY EVENING

An operetta, entitled "The King's Sneezes" or "Max and His Music Box", will be given Friday evening of this week by the Central Point Grade school in the school auditorium. Rehearsals have been held for several weeks under the direction of Miss Ruth Schreiber, music instructor for the Central Point Schools. Nearly fifty children will have parts in the presentation which has a very clever plot, delightful music, and a colorful setting. Choruses of tailor, bakers, and candlestick makers will appear in costume. Principal characters are Gray Thompson as King Nicholas; Dorothea Furry as Queen Dorothy; Iris Hill as the Princess; Homer Young as Max; Warren Young, as Willie Belldropper; Bobby Vincent, as Ben Bunslobber; Charles Wright as Tim Threadripper and Constance Potts as the Waterlily. Several numbers will be given by the orchestra. The curtain will rise at eight o'clock. There will be a small admission charge.

## HAM NEWS

Once again we will try and tell of the activities of the local hams of Central Point.

The aforementioned gross transmitter long awaited by one of the Central Point hams has arrived and is now being placed in readiness for operation. Much is expected of this transmitter.

Sandy Richardson is still working on his new transmitter and expects to have it operating in the very near future. Sandy cannot decide as to just what kind of a transmitter he wants and is trying to make up his mind as to the power he will use.

"Fat" Oberbain is still unactive due to his duties as star truck driver of the local CCC. His long lay-off from his pet hobby will no doubt make him more anxious to get back to pushing a key again soon.

Nothing to report on Buckles, guess that he is busy at other duties. The women folks are now taking up amateur radio seriously in so far as to learning the code, with the idea of perhaps someday taking the examination for a government license. Well that would be something.

Anyhow they get a kick out of trying it and all one can hear at a certain place is da dit and etc. Heres wishing them all the luck in the world but its a long road they have started on.

Mr. L. C. Scott is getting along nicely with his study on the code and expects to soon be hard at it practicing with a key and buzzer during his evenings at home when he is not listening in on the radio. Of late there has been considerable activity in radio short wave sets by the fair sex as its quiet common to hear a ladies voice come booming out of the loud-speaker conversing with some friend at a distant point. Numerous collage co-eds are taking full advantage of the kindness extended by some ham friends to keep in daily contact with the folks back at home.

Mr. Mears soon expects to be working the magic 20 meter band in the very near future and is looking forward to it with great pleasure. There is one thing about the 20 meter band that holds one to it. Of late there has been considerable and it's the fact that one is just as apt to contact someone on the other side of the world with as much ease as to contact a station 200 miles distant. It is not uncommon to talk with Australia, New Zealand, Hawaiian Islands on that band, and some stations have contacted stations in England and France and other old countries. One never knows for certain just where you are going to put your voice into, and the best part of it all is that all this distance work is done in the daylight hours.

Mrs. M. H. Mears had a practical demonstration of ham radio recently while she was over on the coast, she made contact with her home and talked and visited three separate times and needless to say it was enjoyed by both her and her husband.

Nothing to report on the ham party as the one who mentioned it has seemed to over look the fact that it was mentioned. Perhaps this will serve to freshen the memory.

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