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## Musings

By an Innocent Bystander

Old man Winter is surely with us again. Perhaps it is because so many Easterners have moved to this country this year and the weather man wants to make them feel at home.

We listened in on a very interesting conversation last night (played eavesdropper, as it were.) We heard Admiral Byrd and some of his men talking over their experiences. It gave us the creeps to hear those voices coming so far through the air. But we were glad to hear that the relief ship is nearing Little America and within the next few days the gigantic task of loading up for the return journey home will start.

We had the pleasure of listening first hand to Admiral Byrd a few years ago and hope he will honor our section again when he gets home. We say "when he gets home," for we feel that the Providence which has watched over that little band of brave men in the far-off wastes of the Antarctic will be with them in their hazardous task of getting on board ship and sailing through the ice-laden seas.

We are printing a number of articles from different newspapers for and against the Townsend Plan. And by the way, we have never in all our life seen any particular proposition so full of political dynamite as that same plan. The poor members of Congress sure are "on the spot." If they turn it down in favor of some lesser plan to please the President, what will the folks back home, who so prolifically signed petitions demanding its passage, do to them when they come up for election in the future?

On the other hand, if they pass the bill, which has already been introduced in the House, what will Father Roosevelt do to them? They sure are between the devil and the deep blue sea—(you can pick your own devil.)

And then there is that perennial trouble-maker—the Bonus. That seems to bob up to pester the peace and dignity of the solons at Washington about as often as our own Rogue River Fish bill at Salem. In our opinion, they had better pass it and be done with it. They can let the farmers raise a few more hogs or something and even a few acres of wheat if necessary and thus save enough to pay off the veterans.

We have been accused of criticizing the actions of Mr. Roosevelt and his Brain Trusters just because they carry the Democratic label and we the Republican. Be it far from us to deny our Lord. It is true it is hard for us to stomach a good many things promulgated by the well-known "jassack." But the writer is an American first and a party member last and our criticisms are hurled in the honest hope that they will keep people thinking.

One of the first announcements of the New Deal administration was "we must raise commodity prices," and they have consistently worked toward that end. We believe that commodity prices had fallen because incomes had fallen and the people could no longer pay the old prices. Industry had to reduce prices in order that the spending public might continue to spend. Now, those prices have again soared like a toy balloon filled with hot air, and alas, the public income has failed to follow suit.

How can a man who earned a bare living; whose income could barely be stretched to cover his expenses, even with prices down, make a go of it when prices soar and his income shrinks?

Whenever the donkey turns around and begins working to boost incomes of working people; when the boosting of wages is the battle cry, we shall be only too glad to lend our support. And commodity prices can be trusted to take care of themselves.

Governor Martin has announced his program, at least in part. And we heartily endorse his plan for the County Unit system in the public schools. We believe such a plan will eliminate a lot of useless duplication and will help to equalize a lot of present unfair school tax problems. Under this system all school supplies

## MANY ATTEND CO. COUNCIL PTA MEET LAST SATURDAY

The County Council of the P.T.A. were guests of the Medford City Council at the Medford Junior High School on Saturday, January 12. The morning session opened at 10:30 with a business meeting under the leadership of Mrs. Bertha Young. Reports of the various councils throughout the county were given and a marked increase in membership was noted showing the growing interest in the P. T. A.

A covered dish luncheon was served at noon. Members of the Medford council acted as hostesses. The afternoon session was very interesting and was well attended. Mrs. Mable Mack home demonstration agent reported on the Home Makers' Conference which is to be held February 12 at O. S. C. There will be special bus rates and living expenses will be greatly reduced during the three day session. Mrs. Bertha Young was appointed delegate from Jackson County. All units are urged to send a delegate if possible. Radio messages will be broadcast. Remember the conference and tune in.

Rev. E. S. Bartlam gave a very inspiring talk on the responses to life situations. He emphasized the value of true education and good environment in home life.

The Junior H. S. Band played under the leadership of Mr. Waite and several musical selections were given by the Senior H. S. Girls' Glee Club, directed Mrs. Esther Church Leake.

The County Council was sorry to receive the resignation of Mrs. Olmscheid as county publicity chairman. Mrs. Ivan M. Gainer, 708 Park Ave., Medford was appointed to fill the vacancy.

## C. of C. Directors Will Meet Friday

Directors of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce will hold a dinner meeting at the Medford Hotel Friday, January 18, at 6:30 p. m. It was announced recently by B. E. Harder, president. Directors of the Ashland Chamber of Commerce will be guests of the local organization.

The purpose of the meeting is to formulate plans looking toward organization of a development committee in Jackson county. It has been suggested by the directors of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce that such a committee be formed to develop a program for Jackson county over a period of five years and it is expected that the Ashland directors will assist the local men in this important work.

It is believed that such a committee can bring about development of the resources here and the outcome of the meeting on Friday will be of particular importance to everyone in Jackson County.—Mall Tribune.

## Benefit Ball Committee Named

Judge F. L. TouVelle, of Jacksonville, was named chairman of the Roosevelt Benefit ball, to be held in Medford on January 30. When Mayor George A. Porter, general chairman, called a meeting of business and professional men this week.

Others on the main committee include Glen Fabrick, William F. Isaacs and Porter J. Neff. Attorney Neff was general chairman last year.

This year seventy per cent of the proceeds of the dance will be retained in Jackson county to provide funds for treating infantile paralysis cases, and only 30 per cent will go to the national research.

Mrs. R. M. Conley and little granddaughter of Sams Valley were shopping in Medford Tuesday.

For the county are bought by the county board and distributed to the different schools as needed. At present a farmer may be counted in one district and pay his taxes to that district at their millage rate, while his neighbor across the road may be in another district and pay only half as much. Under the county unit plan all pay the same rate.

We hear that Bro. Hall is planning to move to newer and greener pastures. Wonder if he has milked Jville dry, or what?

## McNary for President!

(An Editorial)

The present session of Congress, with all its alarms and combats, its oceans of pratory and floods of appropriation, may be regarded largely as a preliminary for the big show of 1936, when the voters will declare whether they desire a continuance of the New Deal—or a continuance of whatever the New Deal shall have become, in its rapid transmutations, when the next national campaign rolls around.

Whatever the results of the current deliberations in Washington, the lawmakers' activities are nothing more nor less than a setting of nets and traps for the 1936 drive for votes.

There is no question but that the Democrats try to win again with Roosevelt and that he will have no opposition for the nomination to succeed himself in the White House.

No such simple situation, however, confronts Republican leaders. They must find a candidate, and with their national convention scarcely eighteen months away, they must be about it. Not only should the G. O. P. strategists be about the business of picking a man for president, but they should have him out before the country as soon as possible so that the electorate may make its appraisal of his qualifications as against those of the Democratic champion. Ostrich tactics are not to be considered these days by prudent politicians. The people want to know what's going on and what they may expect—or at least what they are promised.

The G.O.P. high command may be expected to seek a candidate from some state east of the Mississippi but this quest is pretty certain to be without avail. True there is Vandenberg of Michigan, whose distinction is at best a negative one. He managed to withstand a Democratic landslide last November and he returned to the United States Senate when many a colleague was submerged in the avalanche of Democratic votes.

The Republican party must turn to the West for its candidate in 1936 if it hopes to be successful. The West has two outstanding statesmen, senators both, who would command the respect of voters everywhere and who are distinctively presidential timber.

These men are Charles A. McNary of Oregon and William E. Borah of Idaho. LaFollette of Wisconsin might be a possibility, or Johnson of California, but both have left the Republican party. LaFollette has a party of his own, called Progressive, and Johnson became a New Dealer in the campaign that elected Roosevelt.

Either McNary or Borah fills the bill as a Republican candidate. Both are in step with the spirit of the times, and neither is tainted with the pinkish radicalism that sullies the political complexion of so many present-day aspirants for electoral favor. And neither McNary or Borah may be classed with the hardshell conservative element of the Republican party, the element that is already behind the sunset.

Of the two, this paper prefers McNary as a candidate for president in 1936. Not that he is an Oregon man, but that he is the best man for president. His record as a Republican senator qualifies McNary eminently to be the Republican nominee for the presidency.

All that is here printed is printed with the idea and on the assumption that the Republican party has a chance, and a good chance, to win in 1936. The paint is pretty well knocked off the New Deal toy. And eighteen months, it is pretty well conceivable may see this political formula quite definitely resolved into its component elements of fustian and futility.

The Republican party, as the elections of last fall demonstrated, has an increment of more than 13,000,000 voters on which it may depend in the face of all the blare and glitter of New Deal promises. A switch of less than ten percent of the total vote of the nation will put a Republican in the White House and fill the Capitol as full of Republicans as it is now full of Democrats.

The New Deal Democracy faces a positive danger in the threat of a third party movement that will draw to itself all the odds and ends of radicalism, all the fringes and trimmings of political yearning and lunacy that have provided the New Dealers with their margin of victory in two elections. There are the Sinclair EPIC planners, the Huey Long every-man-a-king faction, the Townsend old age pensioners and the generality of the dissatisfied and dissipated, who, given an organization, are quite capable of doing the same thing to the Democrats in power as the Bull Moose third party thrust, under another Roosevelt, did to the Republicans under Taft.

No wonder Jim Farley and the other leaders of the New Deal forces find their position at the top of the political heap one of such great anxiety. The heap will crumble easily if once the sand of which it is composed begins to trickle away.

In the meantime, while the New Dealers worry and General Johnson pronounces his solemn obituary over the remains of the NRA, while bonus advocates defy the threat of presidential veto and the President strives to devise something just as good to quiet the howls of the Townsend pensioners, it is the part of wisdom for the G.O.P. to find the one right and proper candidate for the presidency in 1936.

Oregon has such a candidate to offer in Senator Charles A. McNary.

## Sams Valley Items

Due to deep snow Mr. John Holt had to detour so much that he had to travel almost twice the distance he would travel in summer in returning to the John ay country where he is employed in Forestry Service. He left Monday January 14.

Elaine and Dick Rush returned from California January 11 and returned to school January 15.

Grange Dance held at Caton Hall Saturday January 12 was well attended.

The snow plow went over the high way January 15, which was greatly appreciated.

Some of the children up in the foothills have a difficult time reaching school. It is reported the snow is over a foot in the higher country.

Ed Richardson who is in the CCC camp is home visiting his father for a few days.

There are a few cases of pink eye in the neighborhood. We sincerely hope it does not become prevalent especially in school.

Ted DeFord caught a coyote Jan. 13.

A number of young men in the valley have been cougar hunting since the snow. But no cougar has been killed as yet.

Morris Frink is quite ill. Mrs. Glen Spurlin is helping nurse him.

## LOCALS

We are very fortunate in having a public library here every Monday and Thursday. You will see people leaving the library with three or four books under their arms. There are all the way from 100 to 150 that visit the library twice a week. Just what would they do without it. Last week we counted thirteen boys and girls at the table. We have a nice line of books and new ones every month.

Mr. C. W. Loeffer who has been ill with pneumonia is much improved and is now able to sit up a short time in the morning and afternoon. Mrs. Pierce is helping care for him and the Masons are assisting in every way possible.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith and Mrs. Croford of Eagle Point were overnight guests at the Eddy home and attended the dance here Saturday night.

Mrs. Lenoard Freeman, Mrs. Ed. Vincent, Mrs. L. Hatfield and Mrs. Ellis Clark attended installation of Officers of the Reames Chapter in Medford last week.

Mrs. Vince Ritzinger's mother and grandmother are at the Ritzinger home ill with the flu.

Mr. Paul Gerber was operated on this morning for appendicitis at the Sacred Heart hospital. His many friends wish for his speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dubb and two little sons of Grants Pass visited with Mrs. Dubbs parents Mr. and Mrs. Morse Hood Sunday.

A group of delegates from the Rebekah and Oddfellows Lodges attended joint installation of the Jacksonville lodges Monday evening. This same group attended another installation at Gold Hill last night.

Ernest Rostell is home again and staying here with his brother Bert. He has work with the Medford News.

Fred and Martin Witte have sold their ranch to Mr. Essex of Alturus California. Mr. and Mrs. Essex and family have taken possession of the property and the Witte Bros. have moved to Medford. We are sorry to see the Witte brothers leave but we also extend a welcome to the Essex family and hope they will enjoy their new home. The Witte farm was formerly a part of the old Constant donation claim.

Mr. Everett Faber returned Friday from a business trip to Portland and his family accompanied him from Salem. While in Portland Mr. Faber visited Mr. Alexander at the St. Vincent hospital. He reports that Mr. Alexander seemed very cheerful. Mr. Faber who was employed at Marsh's store in Medford will give his entire time to the Faber feed store in Medford where they handle Sperry feeds.

Miss Grace Lydiard of Table rock is visiting her aunt Mrs. Dunlap.

Harry Powell who is pressman at the Medford News had the misfortune to injure the end of his index finger Wednesday.

Mr. and E. E. Scott are both on the sick list with the flu.

Mrs. Rose Hodgson and little daughter Betty Lou are staying with Mrs. Hodgson's parents Mr. and Mrs. George Neal while Betty Lou recovers from the flu.

There seems to be a little confusion in regard to the tax on the bank checks. It is true that when you write a check there is no tax but if you wish to cash a check not drawn on a local bank you have to pay service charges. This tax was put on the first of 1934 and is still in force.

Grace Corkery left on the bus Friday for Klamath Falls to spend the week end with her father. She returned home Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Sanderson and Mrs. Merritt moved into Medford the first of the year. Mr. Sanderson sold their home to Mr. Floyd Hart. Mr. Hart and family have moved into the Sanderson home while the Sanderson family moved to Mr. Hart's home on Rosa Court—just a couple of houses from Mrs. Merritt's old home.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Merriman enjoyed dinner and spent the evening Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. George Marize.

## GOLD EMBLEM IS GIVEN MRS. BURSELL BY R. NEIGHBORS

A gold emblematic badge has been awarded to Mrs. Bertha Bursell, R. F. D., No. 2, Medford, Oregon by Royal Neighbors of America, fraternal benefit society, in recognition of her record of serving 10 years as recorder of camp No. 3219 of Central Point.

Mrs. Bursell has served continuously as recorder of camp No. 3219 since January 1, 1925. The badge is presented to recorders serving 10 or more years and a ring is awarded to recorders serving 20 or more years.

The badge, consisting of a medal and guard, is designed attractively. The medal carrying the word "recorder," is decorated with the emblem of the society, which is surrounded by a book and wreath, all of which is penetrated by a quill, the latter being significant of the work of the camp recorder. The guard is inscribed with the words, "Ten Years Faithful Service."

A letter of congratulation and appreciation was sent to Mrs. Bursell by Miss Erna M. Barthel of Rock Island, Ill., supreme recorder of Royal Neighbors of America. In the letter Miss Barthel states: "The award means more than the fact that you have served a certain number of years as camp recorder. In a larger sense it means that you have had a definite part in the progress of Royal Neighbors of America. The society has grown steadily, now ranking as one of the leading fraternal benefit societies, and camp recorders have been an important factor in this advancement. With this in mind, it is with a deep sense of gratitude that the society recognizes your services."

## Alice E. McKim Passed Away Friday

Alice E. McKim passed away at Central Point, Friday morning after an illness of a year or more. She was born at Nevada, Iowa, March 5, 1854 and was the mother of Dr. C. C. Goldsberry of Medford, Ore., and Ralph E. McKim, Nevada, Iowa. She had resided at Central Point for the past five years, after having made here home with her son, Dr. C. C. Goldsberry at Enterprise, Ore., for seven years previous to the family coming to Medford. The rest of her life had been spent in Iowa.

She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and Presbyterian church of Nevada, Iowa.

Mrs. McKim also leaves one sister Miss Anna Dougherty, and three grandchildren in Des Moines, Iowa, and one brother, Frank Dougherty, Waukeo, Iowa.

The remains will lie in state at the Perl funeral home until Sunday evening and will then be forwarded to Nevada, Iowa for interment.

Mrs. McKim was a very sweet soul dearly loved by all who knew her. We cannot wish her back owing to the nature of her disease because it would only mean intense suffering for her. Our heart full sympathy goes out to her sons and families.

## Ina E. Chauncey Dies Central Pt.

Ina E. Chauncey, wife of W. E. Chauncey passed away at their home in Central Point at 5:20 a. m. Tuesday at the age of 68.

Mrs. Chauncey has been a long time sufferer, bedfast and speechless for six years. She was born at Willsboro, Penn. in 1866 and was married to Mr. Chauncey at Centralia, Washington in 1920. Two years later they came to Central Point where they have since resided.

Besides her husband, she leaves one brother and one sister, Edward Leonard and Mrs. J. V. O'Palm, both in the east. One cousin, Carrie J. Van Camp resides at Myrtle Point Oregon.

Funeral services will be conducted by Rev. D. E. Millard at the Conger church at 2:00 p. m. Saturday. Interment in the Central Point cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Treichler accompanied by their grandson Freddy Bosworth returned home Saturday from Los Angeles where they have been visiting at the Bosworth home.