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## Musings

By an Innocent Bystander

Our old friend "Al" is dead! The first friend we made when we moved our family to this city was this lovable character. He came over to our house and led us from room to room and tried to show how welcome we were. It has been said that a man's best friend is his dog. And "Al", that stately, ugly-faced descendant of a long line of English Bull ancestors was a friend worth having. We shall miss him and his kind ways. May the "God of Things as They Are" rest his soul in that special Heaven reserved for dogs of his character.

When earth's last picture is painted,

And the tubes are all twisted and dried;

When the oldest color has faded, And the youngest critic has died;

Lies down for an aeon or two, Till the Master of all Good Workmen

Shall call us to work anew."

A writer can sit at his desk and see pictures passing before him. Life, even to an Innocent Bystander, is one constant succession of pictures. Some are beautiful, some sad, and occasionally passes some hideous thing which causes a shudder. The problem is to paint some of those pictures so the reader may see and enjoy the thing as it was.

To some is given the gift of glorious word-painting. While to others of us humble folk, the painting becomes a daub, a blurred horror not worthy of even a glance. But to do one's best—that is the worthwhile thing.

We were interested the other day in listening to the plans of some of the seniors at our high school. Each had given some thought of the future and each had hopes to go onward and upward toward their goal. It was good hearing, as the Scotchman would say. Bless their brave young hearts. May they realize those ambitions to the full.

Too often youth fails to look ahead. The present is so "full of a number of things" as the feller said, that they haven't time to think ahead. But to those who plan wisely and who steadfastly cling to that plan, will surely come a big reward. The world is full of unused opportunities and we rejoice when we see our young people awake to that fact.

Right now the country needs wise leadership. So many of the best minds have passed away—there seems as if there was no one to take their places. So we are glad to see these ambitious young folks planning to perfect their education preparatory to taking their places in the battle of life.

Governor Martin seems to be taking hold of state affairs in a very real way. For one thing, he frowns on the idea of state commissions spending thousands of the people's money in the hiring of "special attorneys." And he also put an abrupt end on the habit of state employees spending their time lobbying around the legislature. The firing of the Game Commission brought that to a sudden halt.

We heartily endorse the plan proposed by the Sheridan Sun to have automobile licenses issued by County Clerks. What earthly sense is there in spending thousands of dollars for postage to send each set of plates about the state? Why not send the county clerks enough plates to supply the normal needs of his county, by freight at a cost of a few cents? If he had to hire an extra clerk during the rush period, the cost could easily be absorbed from the County's share in the proceeds.

The whole license matter could easily be simplified and a big saving made. But we haven't much hope of seeing it done so long as the old Salem gang has their way. And another thing we are wondering about—why should it be necessary for the governor to have a planning board? And why give that board \$30,000 to plan with? Do we have

## MISS EULA BENSON WED TO WM. FOLEY AT CHURCH FETE

At a very beautiful and impressive ceremony Sunday evening at eight o'clock at the Christian church Miss Eula Benson became the bride of William McK. Foley, Rev. D. E. Millard performing the ceremony.

The bride was beautiful in a white silk crepe dress with a white veil and carried a bouquet of Carnations and Cassia. Miss Myrna Barrett, the bridesmaid, was dressed in green silk crepe and carried Carnations and cassia. Mr. Foley's brother was best man.

The double ring ceremony was used. Mr. Victor Bursell, uncle of the bride, gave the bride away. Miss Lysle Gregory played the wedding march. Ruth Haley sang, "I Love You Truly." Miss Benson's brother, Raphael Benson, acted as usher.

Mrs. Foley has lived here all her life and has taught in Medford high school for a number of years. Mr. Foley is well known here and works on the McCaskey farm. The church was beautifully decorated with cut and potted flowers and ferns. About 125 guests were present.

Immediately following the ceremony a reception was held at the Bursell home, after which the bride and groom left for their home on the McCaskey farm. Mr. Foley has had the house entirely remodeled and decorated.

It is a rather interesting fact that Mrs. Victor Bursell lived in this house and was married there. The American joins their many friends in wishes for a long and happy wedded life.

## Central Point Boy Married Wednesday

In the presence of immediate relatives and a few invited friends Virginia Grove became the bride of Don Reeling. The ceremony was performed by Father Black at the Catholic church Wednesday. The bride was very beautiful in a white silk dress. Miss Viola Grey and Miss Clara Hanscom, bridesmaids were dressed in light blue organdy. They all carried beautiful bouquets of lilies of the valley and bridal roses. Ernest and Jerry Reellings, brothers of the groom stood up with him. After the ceremony the brothers of the groom drove the wedding party over the streets of our city with tin cans following along behind and just married in big letters on the back of the car. The happy couple will be at home to their friends on Apple street in Medford.

## School to Give Musical Program

A musical program presented by the glee clubs and orchestra of the high school has been announced for Thursday evening, February 28th. The orchestra, under the direction of Mr. R. A. Botts has been preparing some special numbers of unusual difficulty as well as some popular numbers. Trios and duets will be given as well as ensemble numbers. The girls and boys glee clubs directed by Miss Ruth Schreiber will appear with several new numbers. A humorous skit will be given by the girls. Tickets are now on sale by members of the organization. Proceeds from the program will be used for stage scenery.

## High School Students To Give Play at Grange

A group of high school students are preparing a one-act play, "More Than a Million", which they will present at the Grange hall Friday evening, February 15.

The play is scheduled to be given promptly at 8 o'clock and is open to the public.

Members of the cast include Bette Hill, Leona Yakel, Peggy Lawrence, Donald Richardson, Lawrence Martin, James Fleischer and Everett Atkins. The play is being coached by Mrs. Fleischer.

to start all over to plan, and plan and nothing else?

Why not profit by the past? Plans alore have been made. Why cannot Governor Martin use some of these and get busy? It sounds to us like the old "strategy" board which made such a muddle of the war with Spain.

## Press Conference At University Is Very Successful

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, ENIGENE—Newspaper publishers, editors, workers and heads of printing establishments from every part of Oregon gathered January 25 and 26 at the school of journalism of the University of Oregon to set a new record both in attendance and in interest for the seventeenth annual Oregon Press Conference. More than 150 registered for the session, which opened with a discussion on how to develop "country correspondence" for country weeklies, included talks on circulation, newswriting, and other phases of journalism and printing.

Robert W. Ruhl, editor of the Medford Mail-Tribune and winner last year of the Pulitzer prize for meritorious public service, was elected president of the Oregon Press Conference, at the conclusion of its seventeenth annual meeting here. George Turnbull, professor of journalism at the University of Oregon and secretary since the conference started, was re-elected to this post. F. J. Wheeler, publisher of the Milton Eagle, was retiring president.

Startling figures on spread of circulation of newspapers was given to the conference by Eric W. Allen,

dean of the University school of journalism, who has just completed one of the most exhaustive surveys of this kind ever made. He found first of all that in Oregon a copy of a newspaper is circulated for every 2.7 potential readers, while the average for the United States as a whole is one for every 3.49 inhabitants. Oregon ties with Washington for fifth state in the nation, being lead only by District of Columbia, New York, Massachusetts and Missouri. Oregon also stood high in readers for magazines.

Dean Allen's paper carefully analyzed the different counties and districts of Oregon, and publishers present were given valuable data on circulation of their own and other papers.

Good news coverage of happenings in rural districts can do much to break down the feeling of jealousy between town and country, it was declared by Hugh G. Ball, publisher of the Hood River News, who talked on "City vs. Country." This news coverage may be obtained by better training of country correspondents, and by getting in touch directly with officers of rural organizations.

## Prize Offered for First Lambtongues

Any day now the hardy lambtongues will be blooming in the Rogue River valley, Fred L. Johnston, Medford flower fancier, predicted in announcing his eighth annual contest for the first bouquet of these spring blossoms.

Mr. Johnston will half-sole and heel a pair of shoes free, at his West Main street repair shop, as a reward for the boy or girl who brings him the first lamb tongues.

The following dates show when the first lamb tongues were received during the past seven years:

- 1928—March 9.
- 1929—March 5.
- 1930—March 3.
- 1931—February 17.
- 1932—March 4.
- 1933—March 9.
- 1934—February 12.

For more than ten years Mr. Johnston has kept fresh flowers in his shop window every day.

## New Steamer Hopes To Revive Popularity

PORTLAND, Ore.—A river steamer with a capacity of 1000 persons will be constructed at a cost of \$150,000 to play on the Columbia River between Astoria and The Dalles, touching at Vancouver, Wash., Portland, Ore., and other points on the trip.

The run between Portland and The Dalles is being planned on a four-hour schedule approximately the same time now being made by stages. The Columbia River, passing through one of the most magnificent portions of the Columbia River gorge at this point, is expected to reclaim many of its enthusiasts who in former years, before the days of automobiles, considered this scenic excursion the most desirable form of holiday recreation.

## SAMS VALLEY GRANGE EXPLAINS DANCE ROW

By request of the ways and means committee of the Sams Valley Grange the publicity agent is instructed to make a statement concerning the unfair publicity the Grange received through the recent dance fracas at the Sams Valley hall. Since the committee was conducting the dances on their own responsibility and without any vote or sponsorship of the Order, the members of that committee desire the Grange be freed from any connection with the affair. The committee also wishes the public to know the parties who caused the disturbance were residents of Trail, Shady Cove and Applegate and in no way connected with the Grange.

The committee, which has attempted to run a quiet dance, announces there will be no more dances in the vicinity this year under its management. (Signed) Publicity Chairman, Sams Valley Grange.

## Baby Clinic to Be Held on Friday

The Health Unit will hold a baby clinic Friday at the Health building. Mrs. Sybil Walker, a graduate nurse, and Dr. Durno will be in attendance. The health building is on the school grounds back of the high school and all mothers are urged to take advantage of this opportunity. Anyone wishing transportation phone 12-X-3 and it will be arranged for.

## Spray Advised for Curly Leaf Disease

All peach trees should be sprayed with a Bordeaux mixture 6-6-50 within the next ten days or two weeks, is the advice of County Agent Wilcox to growers who desire to control "curly leaf."

Peach leaf curl, commonly called "curly leaf," is a fungus disease attacking young leaves and shoots in early spring, infections taking place as the buds crack open. Later in season the diseased tissues become thickened and take on a whitish bloom or pubescence, finally dries up and either hangs on the tree throughout the season or falls to the ground.

Spraying must be completed before the buds crack open, otherwise the fungus enters the young leaves while they are still in the bud stage. Bordeaux mixture 6-6-50 is the most effective material and will assure control if applied early enough.

The green peach aphid causes a leaf injury very similar to "curly leaf." The control for this insect is a nicotine sulfate spray applied just prior to the bloom.

## Holds Sustained Yield Essential for Lumber

The average Westerner uses nearly 300 board feet of lumber against a third of this amount used by the Easterner, according to Thornton T. Munger, director of the Pacific Northwest forest experiment station, Portland, Oregon, who spoke recently over the National Broadcasting Company Western Network, featuring Western Farm and Home Hour. The average person also uses annually 169 pounds of paper, another product of our forests.

## DR. LEE REMODELS OFFICE TO ADD CONVENIENCES

Dr. Robert Lee, optometrist of Medford, has remodeled and increased his office on North Central avenue in keeping with the demands of his patronage. He now has four rooms, including a private office, examination room with the last word in equipment, a children's nursery with attractive paper and fixtures, and an adult room. Also a laboratory shop in back.

The rooms are all re-decorated and are unusually attractive.

## LOCALS

Mr. John Lloyd of Springfield, Oregon who is visiting in the valley called at the Mary Grim house. They were old friends in Nebraska. Mrs. Grisham and the Gillette boys were callers at the Grim home also.

Al, the dog owned by the Mollie Holmes family and friend of all the dog lover's in town died Tuesday night. He was on the operation table for four hours at the Humane Society hospital but all efforts to save him were of no avail. Skippy, who has had Al for a companion ever since a tiny puppy refuses to eat and grieves for his lost friend and playmate.

Mrs. Mary Mayfield, who has been living in Gresham for her health for the past four months returned to her home Tuesday night much improved.

Paul Gerber returned home from the Sacred Heart hospital Monday and was able to be down at the Jack Lees shop for a while Wednesday.

Mr. John Lloyd of Springfield called on Mr. and Mrs. Lacy during his stay in the valley. The Lacy's and Lloyd's were old friends years ago in Nebraska.

Mr. J. D. Culbertson left Sunday for a Portland hospital where he expects to undergo a major operation this morning. Cecil Culbertson, left Wednesday night to be with his father before and during the operation. Mrs. Culbertson was unable to accompany her husband as she is just recovering from a serious sickness herself. Her daughter Mrs. Kingery of Eagle Point is staying with her mother during Mr. Culbertson's absence.

Mr. Mimrickter is sick with the flu.

Mr. Fred Wiley is back in the Faber feed store. Bob Merritt is helping him.

Mrs. L. Damon received a letter from her husband at Portole, California saying that the snow was six feet deep then and on the road to Orville 18 feet deep. They counted 50 deer on the highway in 15 miles.

Mr. L. T. Brittan is unable to be at the store on account of sickness.

Mrs. Roy Nicholas who is at the Sacred Heart Hospital suffering with a nervous break down is not doing very well.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cochran and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wright visited their aunt Mrs. Spead who is seriously ill at her home in Rogue River Sunday.

All Christian Endeavorers of both churches are invited to meet Dr. Walter L. Myers at the Christian church Friday evening at 6 o'clock. A pot luck supper will be enjoyed. Each one present is asked to bring something for the meal. Those who wish to attend the basketball game will be able to do so after this meeting around the table. Dr. Myers is interdenominational advisor for the Christian Endeavor.

Beginners' classes in piano, three in a class, are being organized by Mrs. Lois Young. Inquire for prices.

John Clark, head mechanic for the Southern Oregon Sales, left Monday morning for San Francisco, where he will tear down some machinery to be used here. The S. O. S. is putting in eight new machines to be used during the fruit season. Mr. Clark expects to be gone two weeks.

Ida Graves of San Francisco, is opening a beauty shop at the Gleason barber shop in Central Point. Mrs. Graves was in the beauty parlor business in San Francisco for many years, having owned two of San Francisco's best shops—the Blue Rose, across the street from the Alcazar theatre and also the Polk St. Beauty Shop.

Fred D. Silva, buyer for the Hal Moon Poultry association of San Francisco, with headquarters at Medford since October, reports that he has shipped out 50 tons of turkeys, besides a quantity of chickens and fryers, with several flocks in this locality and eight or nine hundred turkeys in Grants Pass district yet to be marketed. Prices have been better this season than for some time.

Mrs. W. Hoover who has an infection of the bone in her leg is still in bed. Dr. Clancy ordered her to bed last fall for one year. She is improving and her many friends wish her speedy recovery.

## COUNCIL REJECTS PLAN TO PROLONG SATURDAY DANCES

The city council met in regular session Monday evening. Mayor W. C. Leever was present for the first time since his recent illness.

After the reading of the minutes of the last meeting Mayor Leever read his appointments of committees for the coming two years and also his appointments of city water superintendent and city marshal.

J. M. Cummings was named as water superintendent and Bert Hedgpech, city marshal and park superintendent at salaries of \$75.00 per month, each. The appointments were approved by the council.

After a number of routine matters had been disposed of a report was read by Recorder Tex of a meeting in Medford recently at which C. C. Hoekley, state engineer for PWA asked the different cities of the county for a list of projects on which it was proposed to secure federal aid.

Application for a sewage disposal plant at an estimated cost of \$15,000 new water mains in the business district, to cost \$6,000 and re-grading surfacing streets at \$3,000, was applied for the city. It is expected that one-half of this money will be a gift to the city and the balance will be paid back to the government on a thirty-year payment plan.

An application was made by a representative of the Southern Pacific railway for permission to increase the speed of their trains through the city. After some discussion an ordinance was read, increasing the speed limit for trains from 20 to 35 miles per hour. The railroad company agreed to not park freight cars within 200 feet of the crossing so as to permit better view.

The matter of allowing public dances to remain open after midnight was brought up, but the council refused to change this attitude in the matter. It was voted at the December meeting that such dances must close at 12 o'clock. It was apparently thought by some that the new council might change that ruling. But as no motion was made the mayor ruled that the matter was closed.

The city is again following its old practice of allowing those who cannot otherwise pay their water bills to work them out on the streets.

The new standing committees of the city council are:

## Ashland High May Win Championship

By BILLY HULEN  
Southern Oregon Conference

|             | W. | L. | Pct.  |
|-------------|----|----|-------|
| Ashland     | 1  | 0  | 1.000 |
| Grants Pass | 1  | 1  | .500  |
| Medford     | 0  | 1  | .000  |

For the first time in thirteen long years Ashland's basketball populace is burning up with State Championship fever. In the Southern Oregon conference race, Ashland is out in front due to their victory over Grants Pass and are odds on favorites to repeat their championship act of last year and again make the jaunt to Salem for the state tournament.

Faber's team uses a close checking man to man defense and no team has so far been able to score more than 27 points against them. Most of their opponents' scores are below twenty. In their 17 games the Grizzlies have knocked off 621 points to their opponents 336, an average of 36.9 for Ashland and 19.8 for opponents.

Ashland high school's championship-bound quint will play one of its most decisive games next Friday night, February 8, when the local boys will meet the dangerous Klamath Falls Pelicans on the junior high floor.

Next Friday night's game, which will start at 8 o'clock, probably will determine the permanent winner of the southern Oregon conference cup. Possession of the trophy goes to the first three-time conference winner and Klamath Falls, Medford and Ashland each have qualified for the first two steps. With Medford and Klamath Falls both lagging a game behind Ashland, it is thought a victory by Faber's five Friday will clinch the cup for Ashland.—Southern Oregon Miner.