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Musings

By an Innocent Bystander

We see by the papers that the senate has about made up its mind that, while they want to let the president down as easy as possible, the N. R. A. is only to be continued for 6 months and with most of its teeth drawn, at that. It does beat heck how long it takes people in Washington to see the forest for the trees.

It has long been our contention that the N.R.A. was a farce, so far as benefitting the average business was concerned, and that it was a positive menace to the smaller concerns. And hardly a day goes by without someone dropping in to express dissatisfaction over its workings.

We listened to the President in his radio talk the other night and found little to commend therein. He was strangely silent about the currency deflation; about the bonus; and about a dozen and one other things folks are wondering about. His main plea was for help in spending that four billion. And he told us about the new bureaus and hordes of federal employees who will help in that spending.

It looks to a man up a tree as if F.D.R. was planning to get as many voters a place at the swill barrel as possible in hopes they will remember Santa Claus when the ballots are cast. But we are inclined to the opinion that he is going to find that he'll have to go over to buy enough votes that way to overcome the vast numbers of those who are becoming mighty tired of the whole alphabetical mess.

The common people are waking up. They are beginning to use the brains God gave them and to reason for themselves. Such spineless leaders as the mighty evening paper of this county, whose editor spends more months a year in viewing the sights in movie-land than in his own town and who takes a fiendish delight in trying to be the O. O. McIntyre of Oregon, are losing their hold on the awakened people of this county.

We noted a good one in that paper this week which seemed like an old story to us. In a story about the attorney general's ruling regarding the question as to whether the herd law voted by certain districts was superseded by the election of three years ago when the question of adopting a herd law for the entire county was voted down, the reporter (?) who wrote the story stated that a certain man, who was in fact the complaining witness in a case in court, was the man found guilty and soon to be sentenced! That's about as near right as the M-T usually is when it comes to local stories.

But that's enough slamming for awhile. We have to get just so much off our chest once in a while or bust. And since that erstwhile sage of J'ville, Hall, has removed or been removed from our midst, as the resolutions of condolence usually put it, we have to look around for someone else to holler at.

The writer enjoyed the governor's informal (in fact, quite informal) talk at the Chamber of Commerce banquet. He's a forceful old soul and here's more power to him. And we see that he even had the nerve to fire a congressman's wife off what had seemed to her a political sinecure. The doughy general is surely making that bunch of professional office-holders upstate sit uneasy on their thrones, which is just what we need.

We hear that Major Cowgill is taking the glory of building a fish ladder at the Savage Rapids dam that really works. Which will be mighty acceptable to those who love to fish without paying fat prices for the privilege of standing on a board or in a boat. If the fishways along Rogue River were properly made and placed in the right places, there would be a lot more fish for more people.

We brag of our wonderful fishing in Southern Oregon. But yet it is getting so that a person hardly dares to take tourists onto our streams. It seems to us that every energy should be turned toward making it easier for those who desire, to catch fish

ODD FELLOWS AND REBEKAHS FETE LODGE FOUNDING

Commemorating the founding of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows on the 116th anniversary of the establishment of the order in America, more than 350 Odd Fellows and Rebekahs of the Rogue River valley met at Central Point last Friday night. The evening's festivities opened with a chicken dinner, which was followed by a very entertaining program, the two constituting an outstanding event in valley lodge history.

Many Lodges Attend

Members of the lodge from Ashland, Central Point, Gold Hill, Medford and Jacksonville attended the dinner and program, with the Central Point contingent acting as host. The banquet was served in the large dining room of the Central Point Grange hall with a staff of workers, in kitchen and dining hall, assuring all guests splendid service as a delicious supply of chicken, "with all the trimmings."

Hanby Manages Program

A. J. Hanby of Medford arranged the program of the evening, which included the following numbers:

Song, "America"—by the audience
Prayer—Rev. Weston F. Shields.
Music—Ashland Killy Band.
Skit—Ashland Rebekah Band.
Trombone solo—O. A. McCoy.
Banjo Solo—Mr. Copinger, Central Point.

Tap Dance—Central Point Girls.
Vocal Solo—Roberta Pankey, Central Point.

Tumbling—Central Point Boys.
Music—Gold Hill.

"Early Work of the Rebekah Lodge in Oregon"—Mrs. Mamie Nelson, of Jacksonville.

Reading—Mrs. Lulu Saulsbury, of Jacksonville.

Address on Odd Fellowship—Rev. Weston F. Shields.

Reading—Mrs. Douglas of Medford.

Grange Gives Feature

As a special feature of the evening the Jacksonville Grange chorus, under the direction of Mrs. A. J. MacDonough, presented the following numbers, which were enthusiastically received:

"May Day".....Hadley
"Out on the Deep".....Lohr
"Morning".....Speaks-Baldwin
Soprano Solo, "Indian Love Call".....Primi

Catherine Wendt
Duet, "Underneath the Trees".....Newton, Roxana Frye, Eleanore Pofenbarger.

Quartet, "Close Thine Eyes".....Scott, Messrs. Neidermeyer, Mac Donough, Wendt and Vroman

While the Rogue River valley lodge members were in this manner commemorating the founding of the American order, Odd Fellows and Rebekahs in all other communities of the United States and Canada were also paying homage to Thomas Wilder. For it was he and his associates, who met in Baltimore Md. 116 years ago, to establish the American jurisdiction, independent of England's Manchester Unity.

The celebration of the occasion in Central Point last Friday was one that will be remembered for many years by all in attendance, standing out as a stellar event in the history of the Rogue River valley orders of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs.

Mrs. Minnick's Father Dies in Missouri

Mrs. Minnick received a telegram from her sister Friday morning containing the sad news of the death of her father John Hale in Weatherby Missouri. Mr. Hale was 73 years of age, and in good health as far as Mrs. Minnick knew. She had not seen her father for thirteen yrs. He leaves four children, one daughter in Portland, Richard Hale in Medford and Mrs. Minnick here.

The American joins Mrs. Minnick's many friends in expressing sympathy in his hour of sorrow.

whenever they feel so inclined. But we hear that "Pink" Thomason is trying to get an application in to the AAA for payment for the fish he don't catch! Well, just as much sense to that as to paying for hogs one don't raise.

Corporations Issue New Bonds Which Draw Low Interest

Many industrial writers are saying that the most significant business development of the early months of 1935 has been the great increase in corporation financing through new bond issues. This trend, which was covered in some issues to be steadily gaining in importance—new bond issues are rumored which would far exceed in value those of March, which was in itself an exceptional month. It is true that there have been few bond issues which represent "wholly new" money—most of them have simply represented refinancing operations, with the object of retiring old issues and replacing them with new ones commanding lower interest rates. However, the present outlook justifies the forecast that a number of major corporations will shortly offer the public securities for "wholly new" projects.

It is natural to suppose that, if business is once more coming out of its shell and attempting financing, industry at large is experiencing better times. The volume of industrial production, according to the Cleveland Trust Company's "Business Bulletin," has been running about nine per cent higher during the first quarter of this year than in the same period of 1934. Other well-known indices, such as that of "Business Week," agree.

Main reason for the improvement is the same as it was last year: Motors. This industry, which led the country out of the relatively minor depression of 1921, is apparently going to lead the country out of the major depression of the present. Demand for cars and trucks has held to a very high level—those who forecast that the demand would shortly be surfeited were mistaken. The American people, whatever else they are buying, are going in heavily for new transportation.

By way of contrast, retail trade, which held up well during the bad months of last year, is no longer in the spotlight as an example of better times. Pre-Easter trade was disappointing, and stores sold much less than they anticipated. During the same period industry improved, though most commentators had forecast that it would decline. Depression has taught one thing at least—the standards on which forecast were based in the past are no longer sure-fire. Trends that, in 1928, could have been analyzed with safety as to future developments, are now showing a habit of turning upon themselves and establishing new and unlooked-for precedents.

The textile situation threatens to become explosive. At the present time, the government assess all textile manufacturers in order to obtain the money it is paying farmers for non-production of cotton. Manufacturers are irate, say that this tax makes it impossible to operate at a profit. They now suggest that the tax be dropped, that the farmers be paid from the public works fund. President Roosevelt has looked coldly on that idea, has said that the textile people exaggerate. Secretary Wallace, as might be expected, agrees with the President. Some textile spokesmen have made the dire forecast that if the present plan is continued not a loom will be turning in six months.

A few Sundays ago Secretary of One Industry at least is literally the Treasury Morgenthau explained, via radio, the financial status of the nation. Two of the facts brought out in his speech are of exceptional interest.

First, when the present Administration came to office the gross public debt was a trifle under \$21-

000,000,000. On March 31, it was \$28,000,000,000.

Second, it would naturally be supposed that the interest cost of the debt would be at a record high, inasmuch as he debt itself is. But the annual interest cost—now amounting to \$800,000,000—is less than it was in 1925, when the debt was \$8,000,000,000 less.

The reason is that government bonds now pay less interest than at any time in history. The average on the bonds outstanding is but 2.86 per cent, and the Treasury is gradually calling in old, high-interest bond issues, and issuing low-interest ones in their place.

"Dick" Painter Weds Washington Girl

On April the 20th, which was on Saturday there was a quiet wedding held at the Presbyterian Church in Medford. The groom being Richard or in other words known as "Dick" Painter of Central Point, Oregon and the bride being Virginia Atteberry, of Washington, although she has been working in Medford for the past year.

They were married on Saturday eve before Easter at 8:00 o'clock. A few friends and relatives attended the wedding. After the ceremony, the happy couple enjoyed the evening at the Oriental Gardens and afterwards returned to their home in Central Point.

We want to wish them a very happy success.

Eagles to Elect Officers May 3

Members of Crater Lake Aerie No. 2093, Eagles, living near Central Point are reminded that election of officers will take place at next Friday's meeting on May 3. Officials of the Order confidently expect one of the largest turnouts the organization has seen in years.

Initiation of candidates will also take place at the meeting on Friday.

A large number of chain letters are being received at the Central Point Post office. This is a plan to help prosperity and you are to enclose a dime and send out a certain number of letters.

Mr. and Mrs. Minnick's son and nephew Jackie Ruff, who has been visiting here for the past two months will leave for Portland Friday afternoon where they will visit Mrs. Minnick's sister and husband, returning home Sunday evening. Jackie will stay in Portland with his parents.

The Rebekah lodge held their regular meeting Wednesday evening. The degree staff of the Gold Hill lodge initiated one candidate. A large crowd was in attendance and lovely refreshments were served by Mrs. Gleason, Mrs. C. M. Merritt and Bessie Fredenbergh.

The Finley Implement Company sold their first hay rake of the season this week.

For sale: 1 week old white leg-horn roosters. 12c apiece for a short time only. Inquire of Mrs. A. J. Milton.

Mr. Flaherty said that while on Reese Creek Wednesday his dog was bitten by a rattlesnake and very nearly died.

National Music Week May 5-11 promises to be full of many interesting and worthwhile events. Many programs, musical lectures and even opera's are being given. Everyone should take advantage of as many of these as possible.

We were very much pleased with the remarks that the Judges in the City Beautiful contest made. They remarked on the many beautiful homes in Central Point. They said they had no idea that there were so many beautiful homes and so many homey homes here. They also mentioned that it would be fine if the City could clean the highway inside the city limits before the final day. They stated that they enjoyed the trip very much and that they felt like they must get home and do some work in their own yards.

Herd Law Binds, Says Van Winkle

Receipt of word from Attorney General Van Winkle has cleared up several difficulties arising from stock running at large in Jackson county, according to District Attorney George Coddling.

Three years ago Jackson county voted upon the proposition of closing all land in Jackson county to stock running at large, and defeated the measure. Some contend that destroyed all district herd laws, and proceeded to allow their cattle to run at large in districts where a herd law had been adopted by vote of those in the district.

Attorney General Van Winkle was asked to pass on the question, and he reported that the old herd districts remain intact, even though the general herd law was defeated, as that measure would have affected only the open area in the hills of the county.

Several months ago D. L. Davidson of Willow Springs had a warrant sworn out for the arrest of Dave Wilson, another farmer of that district, whose cattle were allegedly running at large in violation of the herd district law.

Wilson, represented by Attorney Gus Newbury, contended the herd laws were abolished by the election three years ago.

Now, since receipt of word from Van Winkle, Wilson has been cited to appear in court for sentence by Justice of the Peace William Coleman.

Mr. Davidson was very much wrought up over the story printed in Monday's Mail Tribune which stated that he was the man to be sentenced. He says that the great prize-winning daily was up to its old tricks of getting news stories all balled up.

The Churches

THE FEDERATED CHURCH
Rev. Robert Charles Lewis, Pastor
Phone 51.

Bible School—Arthur Webster, superintendent. 9:45 A. M.

Morning Worship—11:00 A. M.
Y.P.S.C.E.—(two groups). 6:30 p. m.

Evening Services—8:00 p. m.

Women's Bible Study and prayer meeting, Mrs. H. W. Davison, teacher. 2:30 p. m. Tuesday.

The Fisherman's Club, Tuesday, 7:00 p. m.

The Family Gathering, Wednesday, 8:00 p. m.

Choir Practice—Thursday, 7:30 p. m.

At the 11 o'clock hour service at the Federated church Miss Katherine Dick of the Sudan Interior Mission will be the guest speaker. At this service there will be the reception of members and Communion will be served. At the evening service at 8 o'clock, the pastor, Rev. Robt. Charles Lewis will bring the message on the subject: "The Second Millers are the Builders". This is the Church of Friends and Friendliness and everyone is made to feel at home, therefore a cordial welcome awaits all.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible School—Sun. 10:00 A. M.

Morning Worship—11:00 A. M.

Bible Study—Thurs. 7:30 P. M.

Junior C. E.—Thurs. 4 P. M.

Senior C. E.—Sun. 6:30 P. M.

Mission Circle—Third Friday each month.

It is hoped that we shall have a resident pastor, beginning in June. Bible School each Sunday morning has been growing with increased interest in all departments the past several weeks. Easter morning, an enjoyable program was presented.

Mrs. Mae Richardson's class held their regular monthly meeting and social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arden Tyrrel on Ross Lane last Friday evening. A large attendance enjoyed a pleasant evening.

The Ladies Mission Circle met at the home of Mrs. Young last month and had a very helpful program.

Mrs. Lewis conducted the devotional period and gave an impressive lesson on Psalm 23. Topics on the study of Japan were reviewed by Mrs. Edward Jones, Mrs. Coker and a playlet directed by Mrs. Al Hermanson. Mrs. Young responded with a request in solo. The entire program was much enjoyed by the twenty-three present, including five visitors, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Rowe, Mrs. Grimes, Sr., Grace Hermanson and Nellie Eicher.

SENIOR PLAY IS MUCH ENJOYED; CASH GAINS BIG

"Trapped", a mystery comedy was given by the senior class of the Central Point high school in the school auditorium Tuesday evening with a crowded house in attendance. The cash receipts at the door and from the advance sale of tickets amounted to more than \$90.

The members of the cast are to be congratulated on the finished manner in which they put on the play. There was no hesitation or hitch at any time and the cast was well chosen for the different parts.

The players all did so well that it is almost impossible to select the outstanding ones. Donald Richardson as Gerald Carson, a young Englishman drew many a laugh with his gruff "Haw-haw!" Harold Doerschuk, as an energetic detective was a scream, as was Vance Nolte as a hen-pecked husband. Robert Virtue handled a very difficult part with ease and sang freely.

Among the girls, Peggy Lawrence as Polly Preston and Jerry Jones as the Cockney maid, were exceptionally good. But all of the young actors and actresses did exceptionally well with their parts.

The school orchestra handled the music for the occasion like veterans.

The play was coached by Mrs. Mildred Ross, who has been busy preparing for the event for several weeks. The scenery on the stage was prepared by the students themselves who did all the painting and decorating.

Proceeds of the play will be used by the senior class to purchase a pennant for the auditorium and to pay other expenses of the final weeks of school.

Doctor Urges Parents To Protect Children

All children six months old or older should be immunized against diphtheria. The cost is very little and it gives parents such a sense of security to know your child cannot have this dreadful disease.

There is no reason why children should have diphtheria today. Parents no longer need to be kept in dread of this scourge.

It is the whole-hearted cooperation of every one that will stamp out this dangerous disease.

Every child has a right to demand that he or she be protected and children look to their parents for this protection from this dreadful disease.

I am sure that all parents are most anxious to guard and protect their little ones, especially when they once learn how simple and inexpensive this protection can be given. Either the county health department or your doctor will give you this information.

Your duty is to act promptly. It may save you time and money, and even lives may be saved. The dangerous period is between the ages of 2 and 6 years. The death rate from diphtheria is greatest during the first 3 years of life.

During 1934 there was a marked decrease in the number of cases of diphtheria which have been reported by health departments. This decrease has been brought about by the cooperation of parents with doctors and health and school authorities.

Diphtheria can be completely stamped out. It will not be long when it will be considered a disgrace to have diphtheria.

The simple precaution of immunization will remove every child from the field of danger.

W. H. HECKMAN, M. D.

Medford Madrigal Club to Sing at Local Grange

A musical program given by the Madrigal club, a women's organization of Medford directed by Elsie Carlton Strang, will be the main feature of the Grange program Friday evening of this week.

The program will be presented at 8:15 before the business meeting of the grange and the public is invited to attend.

Some other very interesting features are being prepared by the lecturer, Eudora Bohnert, and a very entertaining hour is promised.