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Musings

By an Innocent Bystander

Has the world gone entirely crazy? Hot on the footsteps of the depression comes one after another wild schemes to bring sudden wealth. No sooner has one idea waned than another and even wilder takes its place. Now that the Townsend OARP seems to have expended its momentum and the "share the wealth" propaganda of Huey Long is dying out, comes the craziest of all—the chain letter.

Of all the wild ideas we have ever seen, this is the wildest. In fact, it is so darned wild that it has almost driven us all mad. With nothing to it but a dream; with no scientific foundation whatever, it has swept this country like a Kansas dust storm. Just stick a dime in a letter and trust in Providence that a lot of other folks will do the same thing and address their letters to you.

And the worst (or best) of it is, the blamed thing works. Men and women of our acquaintance are really cashing in on the idea. No one knows just how much actual cash has changed hands, but one can hear all kinds of rumors. There are stories flying about of this person getting big money or that person just rolling in wealth since the craze began.

Just how the post office department is going to stop it is beyond our comprehension, and why they want it stopped is a bigger puzzle. Aren't they getting a big enough share through the sale of stamps? We wouldn't put it beyond Jim Farley to have started the first chain himself, just to help out that "deficit" in the postal receipts.

Old and young, rich and poor, big business men and laborers, are all at it. One can't sneak down a back alley without being hailed by someone wanting us to get in on their darned chain. We even heard of a doctor who left a patient in the consulting room while he hurriedly beat it down the hall to sell a chance. Well, we have been afraid the Roosevelt New Deal would drive us all nuts.

The law-abiding citizens of our community were very much aroused at the action of Judge Coleman in dismissing the case against the youth who was charged with the wanton destruction of flower beds, breaking down shrubbery and driving across lawns. The boy was seen in the act by two witnesses; marks on his car found by state police coincided with marks on shrubbery driven over; even a bit of bark was found clinging to the axle of the car which matched that on a certain shrub destroyed, but the judge still dropped the case.

We have no wish to persecute this young man. He has been given lots of chances to make good in the past. Three times in less than a year he has been haled into court, only to be given a lecture and paroled. Now we believe the rights of the public should be considered. It is well to temper justice with mercy, but one of the worst things in our judicial system today is the fact that too many offenders are "getting away with it." It is our firm belief that when a person does wrong, the punishment should be swift and sure.

We have been told that perhaps the reason the judge was so lenient was in pity for the boy's father. Well to our mind, the father is a bit to blame, himself. He knew the boy was forever getting into trouble when allowed to take the family car about town. It seems to us he should not have allowed the lad to use the car at night under such circumstances.

We hear the city authorities are going to put the brakes on illegal parking, turning in the street, etc. That is all right on Main street, but for over three years we have been parking the old flivver in front of this office either end to as it happened. And we have had no trouble with traffic. Now we are told we must park right. All right, we'll try to remember, but we are going to put up a big holler if the city makes any more slush puddles out of our street, so when we are headed south and have to park on the other side of the street we won't have to take a boat to get into the office.

'DOORKEEPER' CLUB ENJOY HOSPITALITY L. C. GRIMES HOME

Mrs. L. C. Grimes entertained her class of "Doorkeepers," of the Federated church, at her home on the Pacific Highway, Friday evening, May 3. A dessert supper was served at 7:00 o'clock with the Alumni girls and three senior girls at one table and four small tables for the underclassmen. May baskets of Iris's, lilacs, calendulas and pansies were placed about the rooms with lavender and pink tapers. Each senior received a large corsage of spring blossoms. Out door and indoor games were enjoyed by the three honored guests, Lauretta Williams, Ma May Hignbatham and Gladys Vincent. Other invited guests were Alys Ayers, Edna Shaver, Jerry Tex, Nellie Ayers, LaVonne Keizer, Adlene Cassman, Ruby Webster, Edith Vincent, Lucille Williams, Bonnie Settlemire, Ernestine Thompson, Norma Holland, Esther Lathrop, Erma and Arlene Thompson, with Botte Hill and Roberta Pankey assisting Mrs. Grimes.

Child Flirts With Death Flying Kite

The dangers of kite-flying in the vicinity of electric power lines are forcefully brought out by an incident which took place in Grants Pass recently. The Grants Pass Courier commented on what might have proved a fatal accident, as follows:

"Some child on K street took a deadly chance with being electrocuted Tuesday, when a kite string caught in the 50,000-volt electric power line there, and as a result the electric current was turned off in Gold Hill, Rogue River, Grants Pass and Glendale shortly after 5 o'clock Wednesday morning while the kite was being removed from the wires, according to Ward Hammond, local manager for the California Oregon Power Company.

"The kite was the first one this spring to foul the high-tension line that runs across the Rogue river at the railroad bridge, west on K street, and north on Seventh street to the Copco sub-station by the post-office, Hammond said, but several kites have been removed from other power lines carrying 2,300-volt and 4,000-volt energy, he said Wednesday morning.

"Kite flying has started earlier this spring than usual, Hammond said, and as a result the danger is greater due to the moisture. While electricity will not run down a dry cotton string, should the string become moist it will conduct high-voltage current and children who fly kites around power lines under present conditions are in real danger of electrocution, he said.

"The kite on the high-tension line Tuesday might have caused a short-circuit, Hammond said, and no short-circuit occurred and it was removed at an hour this morning that caused the least interruption with service. All the lines west of Gold Ray were killed for the job.

Mother's Day Is To Be Honored

A special meeting, honoring mother's day will be held at the home of Mrs. Arthur Webster on Friday, May 10. A program of Christian service and entertainment will be appropriate for the occasion.

All mother's both young and elderly will be cordially welcomed at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

That ever officious Taxpayer League of Salem is again in the limelight. Now they have gotten an injunction to stop the razing of the ruins of the old capitol. Just what the idea is we don't understand. What harm can be done by removing the wreck of the old structure is beyond our comprehension. True, we hate to see all signs of the old building removed. But we agree with the Oregon Voter that a better site for a new building can and should be found. There isn't room enough there for a really suitable structure. Oregon has a chance now to put up a really worthwhile capitol building and it should be in surroundings to fit.

Local Happenings

Mr. J. C. Gill from Seattle is here visiting and looking after his property. Mr. Gill who lived here thirteen years ago is interested in oil property and receiving oil royalties. He took an airplane south returning by train. He is visiting at the J. O. Isaacson home.

The City Council at their meeting Monday night set May 15th for a city clean-up day. Anyone may haul their unburnable junk such as tin cans, etc., to the city dump at this time and it will not cost anything. It will be just a short time now until our big celebration in the City Beautiful campaign, so let's all get busy.

Mr. W. C. Owen, who has been clerking in the Jones Grocery for the past year and the two previous years for L. Hatfield, left Thursday evening for Portland to take charge of a grocery store in the Rose City which we are informed that he and his two sons have bought. Mr. Owen was raised in this valley and formerly worked for Cranfill and Robnett in the old B. P. Theiss location. He is a brother of Mrs. W. J. Freeman and Mrs. Court Hall. Mrs. Owen will remain in Central Point for a few weeks before taking her departure for Portland. The people of Central Point regret very much to have them leave again.

Rev. and Mrs. R. C. Lewis with Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Richmond spent last Thursday in Klamath Falls with Rev. Stanley G. Parrish, pastor of the Immanuel Baptist church of that city.

Mrs. Florence Maxwell of Crescent city has been visiting with friends here for the past week.

Mrs. Ida Graves made a business trip to California last week. While there she purchased a supply of the newest permanent wave material and ordered a line of the highest quality cosmetics and will be equipped to give facials and hair dyes in a few days.

Last Summons to Mrs. Rose N. Sage, Native Daughter

Following an illness of many months, which had confined her to her home for the past several weeks Mrs. Rose Nealon Sage, wife of Charles Weiden Sage of the Table Rock district, died at her home at an early hour Saturday morning.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Nealon, early settlers in the Rogue River Valley, she was born August 12, 1889, at Table Rock and has made her home in Jackson county continuously except for three years spent at Poplar, Mont., following her marriage July 11, 1915.

She attended the Table Rock schools and high school in Medford and later taught school in several districts of the county, making friends in all sections of the valley, through her participation in community and church activities. Always an earnest worker in religious endeavors, she continued to take an active part in the church work of her community almost until her death.

She was the mother of five children: Edith Marian, Ruth Margaret, Robert Weiden, Norma Rose and Daniel Dudley Sage, all at home. She also leaves nine brothers and sisters: Marion, Harry, Robert, Emmett and John Nealon, all of Table Rock; Mrs. Mae Richardson of Central Point; Mrs. Margaret Wilson of Sams Valley and Mrs. Mary Dodge, Mrs. Katherine Huntress and Mrs. Eva Hamilton, of Medford.

Funeral services were held at the Conger funeral parlors in Medford Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock with Rev. D. D. Randall with whom Mrs. Sage had been associated for several years in Sunday school work delivering the sermon. Music will be by the choir of the Central Point Federated church, and the following neighbors in the Table Rock district acted as pallbearers: A. L. Seabrooke, H. W. Davison, Ernest C. Hamilton, Frank Myers, Frank Hensley and Ralph Wilson.

Interment will be in the Central Point I.O.O.F. cemetery.

Scouts Enjoy Trip To Mountain Camp

The boy scout masters and committees met for a all-night camping trip Sunday. Seven gathered for this trip on Elk creek. Some others joining the party in the morning. Each member camping by themselves—that is making their own camp and cooking their own meals. This was, we imagine, so that the boy scouts wouldn't be able to show them up.

There were scout masters from Medford, Eagle Point and Central Point. Ed Vincent and E. P. Stone attended from here.

Four Boys Selected To Fill Navy Quota

E. M. West, CWT, U. S. N., recruiting officer for this district reports that the quota for May will be four men, a slight increase over the previous month, with an expected larger quota for June.

The four men selected for the May quota are G. Critchlow, Phoenix J. C. Abernathy, Kerby, J. R. Tugate, Batte Falls and A. W. Limbeck, Central Point. They will leave Medford May 13 and will receive their final examinations at Portland the following day.

Local Man Falls Dead At Home

George S. Moore, a long-time resident of this city, died suddenly at his home this morning of heart failure.

Mr. Moore rose at the usual time this morning and while dressing, suddenly collapsed. He is survived by two brother and one sister: C. R. Moore of Lake Creek, Oregon, F. R. Moore of Hermiston, Oregon and Mrs. V. A. Little of Central Point.

Mr. Moore was born July 29, 1862 at St. Aubert, Calloway County, Missouri.

Funeral services will be conducted from Perl's Funeral Home, tomorrow, May 10. Interment in the Odd Fellows cemetery.

P. - T. A. Holds Last Meeting of Year

The Central Point P. T. A. held the last meeting of this school year Friday afternoon May 3rd. at 3 o'clock at the high school.

The second grade put on a May-pole festival and the speaker of the afternoon was Miss Mildred Carlton, who gave a very interesting talk on health work in Jackson county and "Sound Minds in Sound Bodies".

The business meeting was presided over by Mrs. W. J. Gebhard, retiring president.

The main business was installation of the new officers. Mrs. Ted Furry, president; Mrs. Ted Hill, first vice-president; Mrs. Bert Langstrom, second vice-president; Mrs. Mable Hansen, secretary; Mrs. Arthur Ayers, treasurer; Mrs. W. J. Gebhard, historian.

Mrs. Furry, the new president, closed the meeting after which tea was served at the social hour.

Food Must Have "Eye Appeal"

It is a well known fact, that food, to be thoroughly enjoyed, must have "eye appeal" as well as an appetite appeal that it, it must look good as well as taste good. An electric refrigerator can play a big part in helping add to the attractiveness and to the variety of every meal.

Besides actually saving money through quantity buying an electric refrigerator opens the way to scores of new, inviting dishes to delight both family and friends. The variety of dainty desserts and salads that can be made inexpensively and quickly is almost unlimited. Even "left over" dishes seem new, for constant cold gives food a flavor which is bound to perk up the most jaded appetite.

Some unusual values in the latest model electric refrigerators are being offered by local dealers and the California Oregon Power Company this month.

Codling Moth Spray Should End May 16

The first cover spray for the control of codling moth on apples and pears should be completed by May 16, according to the recommendations of L. G. Gentner, Entomologist of the So. Oregon Experiment Station and R. G. Fowler, County Agent.

Pears that did not receive a calyx application should be sprayed first. Use 3 pounds of powdered arsenate of lead to 100 gallons of water.

The codling moth flight is increasing rapidly and worms are expected to enter the fruit by the date given above. This is a very important spray and should be completed on time. The trees should be thoroughly covered, special attention being given to the tops, where moth activity is greatest and where spray materials will weather away quickest.

consumers, bent on eliminating the tax.

Even hog farmers, who are generally supposed to be among the greatest beneficiaries of the tax, are dubious. They think that pork processors are cutting down the price they pay for livestock in order to compensate for the tax, and so are taking it out of the farmer instead of the consumer and middleman.

All of this is felt back in Washington, where Senators and Representatives keep their ears to the ground. Result is a growing feeling on the part of many Congressmen that the tax should be repealed.

GRANGE PROGRAM IS MUCH ENJOYED MADRIGALS SING

A program in charge of lecturer, Mrs. Arnold Bohnert, given at the grange hall Friday night preceded the opening of the Grange session.

Madrigal Club of Medford sponsored by the Auxiliary of the American Legion sang two groups of three songs each.

The Madrigal club is directed by Mrs. Elsie Carlton Strang, with Mrs. Warren Butler as piano accompanist. Mrs. Katherine Wendt sang two solo's with Mrs. Mabel Sims as accompanist.

A group of two readings were given by Mrs. Lulu Salisbury.

Two folk dances were given by girls of the juvenile grange thus rounding out a pleasing entertainment.

An interesting meeting of the grange included the reading of the names of candidates for membership. Refreshments were served by the younger members.

Pastor Entertains Members of Board

Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis entertained the members of the church board at the manse Friday evening of last week. The home was beautifully decorated with the flowers of the season, tulips, lilies of the valley, lilacs, and greenery. At the close of the evening, after the refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Hill, the manse was dedicated to the Lord and His work, Mr. Lewis reading the scripture, and Mr. Davison leading in the dedicatory prayer.

The members of the board and their wives are: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Davison, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Case, Mr. and Mrs. Seldon Hill, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Milton, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Faber, Mr. and Mrs. E. Richmond, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Webster, Mr. and Mrs. A. Ayers, Rev. and Mrs. D. D. Randall, Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Heckman.

Executive Board Ends Year's Work

The executive committee of the Central Point P.T.A. met with Mrs. Al Hermanson Wednesday April 24th. At this time all old business on hand was finished and Mrs. Lois Young's resignation for president was accepted and Mrs. Ted Furry was elected to fill the vacancy.

The committee is meeting tonight planning for a big time at the close of the City Beautiful contest. The biggest meeting since the contest has opened. Watch our next paper for the complete program.

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.

MOTHER'S DAY

Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock service in the Federated church, Mother's Day will be observed.

Special Mother songs will be sung and the pastor, Rev. Robert Charles Lewis, will preach on the "Old Fashioned Home." All sons and daughters should honor mother by attending this service and wear a white or red flower in her memory of the childhood days.

The evening service at 8 o'clock will be Evangelistic.

A cordial invitation is extended to 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.