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Musings

By an Innocent Bystander

We are eternally being asked to take a slap at this or that. Just why we should play the goat is a question. It looks like every time we open our mouth we get our foot in it. Good thing for us FDR is a very busy man, what with the bonus and fishing trips, etc., and has no time to hop our neck. Guess we had better jump on someone far, far distant and play safe.

We see that Hitler says Germany wants peace. That's nothing. There are a lot of us who are like Mr. Dooley, who said he was the "man behind the gun—four thousand miles behind and willing to be farther." Germany never did want war. She only wanted the earth and wanted the other fellow to give up his share peaceably.

Wonder if Mussolini got a patent on that idea of his that did so much to put the kibosh on the opposition to his ambitions. We are told that when anyone opposed him and his Black Shirts, the offending party was seized and a quart of castor oil forced down his throat. Rather a drastic remedy, but it seemed to take the pep out of the opposition. We would like to see it tried on a lot of those bureaucrats in Washington.

That vote of 400 to 98 for the overruling of Roosevelt's veto of the Patman bill appears to indicate that Congress is becoming weary of playing rubber stamp. They must have been listening to the murmurs from home. They always do a lot of things in Washington we don't like but we of the hinterland are tired of this one-man government. It is time Congress woke up and began attending to its own business and stop listening for "its Master's Voice."

We are pleased to report that our schools are going to finish the year's work practically without warrant indebtedness. And we are mighty pleased at the loyalty displayed by the teachers who have so uncomplainingly borne cut after cut in salaries and so enabled the board to accomplish this much-desired result. We are proud of them and their work and hope the time will soon come when the tax situation will be eased to a point where they can be again paid as they deserve.

Had you noticed how full this world is of people who are unselfishly giving of their time and money for the betterment of mankind? Take the Parent-Teachers, the Health Unit, the better lodges and numbers of other organizations which spend hours and hours to help the future generation to better living. And the workers in these organizations get no pay but the satisfaction of work well done.

But then, what better pay could one ask than the feeling they were being of real use in this world? For us, we never expect to hear a pleasanter sound than the "Well done" of the Master. And if we can finish the race with the feeling we have done our best, we shall be content.

It looks strange to see a big "Bankrupt Sale" sign in our town. And it is a bitter indictment on the times, and the people of the times, when an old man, broken in health, bowed with sorrow and bereavement is forced to close his doors when hundreds and hundreds of people owe him money. B. P. Theiss was always a big man, with a big heart. He couldn't refuse when people came to him with hard luck stories and asked for things to eat. And that very trait, too big a heart; was the cause of his downfall financially.

We would hate to be in the shoes of some of this man's debtors. If every man of them had remembered the time he played the Good Samaritan for them and had dug up even a few dollars apiece it would have saved the day and this kindly, simple-hearted old man would still be among us, smiling that cheery smile even in the face of almost overwhelming personal sorrows. The case presents many pitiful angles.

But we are wondering what some of our men are going to do now for a place to sit by the stove and talk. The Theiss store was one of the last of the old-fashioned "country

CRATER LAKE PARK TO BE OPEN BY JUNE 15 IS WORD

Medford, Ore., May 22.—Despite heavy snowfall, Crater Lake National Park will be open to travel by June 15, park authorities announced this week. The south and west entrances, leading from Klamath Falls and Medford, will be cleared of snow within 10 days, permitting traffic to Park Headquarters, three miles from the lake rim.

Approximately two weeks will be necessary to remove the heavy accumulation of snow along this route, with 10 feet on the rim at the present.

The Crater Lake Lodge, cafeteria and store are to be in operation June 15, providing rooms and food for early season visitors. House-keeping cabins will be available as soon as snow conditions permit, followed by the resumption of stage service to Medford and Klamath Falls, boat service and the opening of the postoffice July 1.

It is probable the trail from the lake rim to the water will be open July 1, when boats for fishing trips and excursions will be ready for use. Due to exceptionally deep drifts, the rim road, around the lake for a distance of 35 miles, will not be open before July 15 and probably not until the latter of the month.

The recent wild weather has been melting snow rapidly and has reduced a 13-foot depth at Government Camp to six feet and a 10-foot depth at Annie Spring, junction of the south and west entrances, to less than four feet. This indicates the possibility of camping at the Annie Spring campground in three weeks or less.

Copco Warns Kite Fliers of Danger

In accordance with their annual endeavor to protect children during the Spring kite-flying season, the California Oregon Power Company recently distributed posters regarding the hazards of flying kites in the vicinity of electric power lines. This poster copies of which were sent to all schools in Copco territory contained the following pertinent facts:

It is dangerous to fly kites near electric wires of any kind.

Kites with metal parts are dangerous if they should fall across electric wires. (Make sure your kites have no metal parts.)

Wire, or twine that has wire in it, should never be used as a kite string. Wet string is dangerous also because it, too, conducts electricity.

Streets and highways are unsafe places for kite fliers.

It is dangerous to climb up trees or poles or throw sticks or stones to knock down a kite caught in electric wires. It is best to let the kite go and make or buy a new one.

As another means of education along these lines, for not only the children but parents as well, the California Oregon Power Company is publishing special advertisements in local newspapers this month.

Rev. Lewis Entertains Married People's Class

Thursday evening of this week, Rev. and Mrs. Lewis entertained the Young Married People's Class of the Federated church. Mrs. Lewis is the teacher and Mrs. Ruth Clark president of the class presided over the business meeting after which a social time was enjoyed and refreshments served.

Those present besides Rev. and Mrs. Lewis were Mrs. Ruth Clark, Mrs. Harriet Watkins, Mrs. Katie Mosher, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cox and Mr. and Mrs. Orville Hamilton.

stores" still in existence. And with its closing comes the final curtain on an era long past. Modern merchants want no loafers about their place. Gone are the days of the open cracker barrel and the huge box of sawdust by the old stove. Many a cheery evening have we spent in just such stores in our youth, modestly sitting by while the elders held forth on politics, religion, or what have you. But that era is past. Is the newer one going to prove a better one?

Oregon Farmers Demand Surety Against Strikes

Ontario, Oregon, May 23.—No fair-minded person will deny to labor the right to organize and to bargain collectively for the procurement of favorable wages and working conditions, but when labor organizations become dominated and controlled by well-paid leaders who prey both upon the working man and the public, the welfare of the entire state is endangered.

The labor situation in Oregon today is tense. Thousands of employees of the sawmills and logging camps are out on strike. Our gigantic lumber industry is practically closed down. The situation along the Portland waterfront is smoldering and may flame into a paralyzing strike at any moment. Oregon agriculture has every reason to be seriously alarmed.

The unthinking may ask why agriculture concerns itself with a situation which affects the lumber industry. The proven answer is that agriculture suffers a tremendous financial injury—an injury which it can ill afford to bear.

The devastating effects of the Pacific Coast longshoremen's strike last summer are still fresh in the minds of every producer and shipper in the state. Agriculture, which was not directly concerned with the source of that labor dispute, suffered a loss of many millions of dollars in Oregon alone.

Let us consider losses suffered in the Hood River Valley alone as a result of last year's waterfront strike. These growers ship approximately 1,500,000 boxes of apples each shipping season.

Some three months after the close

of the longshoremen's strike last year, the fruit growers made a careful investigation of shipping costs. Their findings showed that although the longshoremen had been granted increased wages and shorter working hours, yet they went out on a strike. In dollars and cents, their findings showed that after the strike it cost them \$127.09 to load 6000 boxes of apples, whereas before the strike it cost them \$101.60 to load 8000 boxes of apples.

Not only in fruit, but in all other forms of agricultural products, increased costs of handling, shipping and marketing are always passed back to the producer, who must foot the bill.

This is but one instance of the heavy financial losses suffered by agricultural producers last year. The strike was called just as the wool growers were shipping their many thousands of tons of fine Oregon wool to the world markets. Many carloads were held up in transit. Numerous growers lost markets they had arranged for their wool, and many of the Eastern Oregon clips which could have been sold last summer at a fair price, are still piled high in local or Portland warehouses, with the growers facing almost certain financial ruin.

Oregon agriculture finally has become aroused. It is determined to protect itself, not against legitimate organized labor, but against the oil-tongued leader who fattens financially upon labor discord and discontent. In years past, the voice of agriculture has been inarticulate, but for self-protection and self-preservation it is determined now to fight for its very existence.

Second Cover Spray Should End June 1

The second cover spray for the control of codling moth worms on pears and apples should be completed by June 1, according to the recommendation of R. G. Fowler County Agent and L. G. Gentner, Entomologist of the Southern Oregon Experiment Station.

On apples use an oil emulsion lead arsenate combination as follows: One gallon light summer oil emulsion, one half pound spreader, and two pounds powdered arsenate of lead in 100 gallons of water.

On pears use three pounds of powdered lead arsenate only to the one hundred gallons of water. If rust mites are present in sufficient numbers to make control desirable, use one-quarter gallon medium type summer oil emulsion, one-half pound spreader and two pounds of lead arsenate to the one hundred gallons of water.

This application is very important since large numbers of moths are being caught in bait pans. This means that many worms will attempt to enter the fruit shortly after June 1.

It is advised that chemically treated bands be placed on apple trees by June 15 or shortly thereafter. The loose bark should be scraped off thoroughly from the trunks and larger branches before bands are applied to give best results. Bands are not recommended for use on pear trees unless there is a very heavy infestation of codling moth.

SENIORS SNEAK HOME IN WEE SMA' HOUSES

It was sneak day for the Senior class of the high school Wednesday and the only thing we could see that the name fitted was the way they returned home at night. All but three of the senior girls attended and the day was spent at Fish Lake. A big bonfire and a picnic lunch was enjoyed. Three boats were hired and most of the day was spent out on the lake. A number of nice fish were caught.

Shows, swimming and other forms of recreation was enjoyed in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ash and little daughter Mignon and Mrs. Rachel Baptist of Los Angeles stopped for a few days visit with their cousin, Edward Jones and family while on their way to Seattle where they will make their home.

County Health Assn. Meets on June 5

The annual meeting and dinner of the Jackson County Health Association will be held in the auditorium at the court house in Medford, Wednesday, June 5, at 12:30 p. m.

In the afternoon an interesting program of speeches and music will be enjoyed and the public is invited to attend both the dinner and the program.

It is requested that anyone planning to attend from Central Point will notify Mrs. Arnold Bohnert, phone 197, before Monday, May 27.

EXTENSION UNIT TO SERVE PLATE LUNCH

The Extension unit is putting on a plate luncheon Tuesday noon at the Grange hall for the purpose of sending the 4-H club delegates to Corvallis. The menu will be hot roast beef, sandwiches, mashed potatoes, gravy, fresh vegetables, salad, ice cream, cake and coffee. 25c a plate. All proceeds to go for the benefit of the 4-H youngsters is the reason the Extension Unit is sponsoring it.

PRE SCHOOL CLINIC TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY

The Central Point Parent-Teacher association will hold their regular "summer round-up" and pre-school clinic for children expecting to enter school next fall at the Health building Friday, May 24, from 1:15 to 3:00 p. m. Mothers are urged to bring their children early.

Mrs. J. Olsen of Klamath Falls visited at the home of her Aunt Mrs. Merrick.

Eugene Merritt is home from Klamath Falls for the summer.

NOTICE

Inasmuch as considerable damage has been done lately by boys tramping thru our grain, notice is hereby given by the undersigned that no more crossing our land will be allowed, and anyone doing so will be subject to arrest for trespassing.

A. T. LATHROP
J. N. WRIGHT
ARNOLD BOHNERT
JOHN HESSELGRAVE
J. PAINTER
THOS. D. ROSS
A. FERRWELL

Corps to Lead In Memorial Meet Sunday

Memorial Day services under the auspices of Wm. H. Harrison Womans Relief Corps, will be held Sunday morning, May 26, at 11:00 a. m. at the Federated church. The local pastor, Rev. Robert C. Lewis, will deliver the address.

Any members of the G. A. R., World War veterans, Spanish War veterans, or orders of like nature, are requested to attend the services.

Please meet at W. R. C. hall over Ross Confectionery at 10:30 a. m.

News of the Week

The Garden Clubs of the state met in Medford last week. It was the eighth annual convention of Oregon Garden Clubs. Over fifty were registered and it ended a very successful session with a banquet at the Medford Hotel Saturday evening.

Rogue River will be closed to commercial fishing June 12. M. T. Hay, state game commissioner said that the fish commission wishes a five year closure so as to make an exclusive study of the stream during this period.

Forest fire war plans draw near for the Medford district. Captain Chauncey L. Pierce has been made Army Fire Chief for the district and will work with the forest service in carrying out their plans.

Elephant kills Circus trainer in Al G. Barnes winter quarters. After being attacked and gored by an enraged elephant Joe Reed died in a hospital early Tuesday. The elephants fate is being considered.

Eagle Point seeks Medford water on a Public Works loan. Allen Armspiger, general manager of the Medford and Talent irrigation district, said the plan has a fair chance for success.

Earl H. Fehl and Walter J. Jones were recommended for paroles by the parole board. They were both refused on their petitions.

Fifty-three persons were killed in the three airplane crashes here, and abroad yesterday (Saturday.) 49 dying when the huge Maxim Gorky, world's largest land plane, collided with a smaller ship near Moscow.

William Blanton of Alameda, Cal. has leased with an option to buy the old Luthy property on Sardine creek and is now occupying the small house on the premises.

Enthusiasm increases for the non-jury art exhibit to be held in Medford from June 4 to June 8 under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce. Over 80 artists have already completed entrance registrations to present their work and more are expected before the closing date set at May 25.

E. C. Solinsky, A. R. Edwig and I. F. Davidson, convicted of padding payrolls at the park were dressed in at the prison Saturday night. Edwig must serve 13 months, Davidson 8 months and Solinsky, who has filed an appeal, was sentenced to 2 years.

Reminders Given to Rural Postal Patrons

First of all, it would be very nice, and would look fine, if the patrons would clean the grass from around the mail box posts. Then print their names on the box. If you don't know your box number, ask the carrier—then have mail come route number and box number. Remember we have several Smiths, Davis, Wrights, etc., and it's a good guessing game to know to whom to give Mr. Smith's mail.

Your carrier carries stamps, cards, and stamped envelopes and it looks good to open a box and find letters stamped, rather than find pennies, especially when the pennies are placed in between the letters. A clothes pin makes a very good holder for letters and money when you do not have letters stamped.

Carriers also insure and register your parcels and letters.

We have clean-up days in cities and towns—why not have the rural routes cleaned up?

FARM ELECTRICITY PROBLEM OF HOUR SAYS GOV. MARTIN

Rural electrification is the "problem of the hour" which is receiving his closest attention, Governor Charles H. Martin assured 650 college and high school agricultural students, and farm leaders from all parts of the state at the annual agricultural leaders banquet held in connection with the state Futu Farmers of America convention at Oregon State college.

"It is a program that can be successfully worked out only through closest cooperation with the federal government," Governor Martin declared. "I have recently urged President Roosevelt to make necessary studies and give authority—for construction of the main transmission lines from Bonneville dam a part of the original construction program.

"As at least three states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho will share in the consumption of power generated at Bonneville, it is obvious that the federal government alone is in a position to construct these main transmission lines. Our state is in no financial condition, nor is it proper for this state to assume the building of \$60,000,000 worth of power transmission lines."

The governor pointed out that once the main lines are built, the farmers themselves will have a part to perform. They have an opportunity now to prepare under the Oregon power district laws to distribute locally the cheap power once it is delivered to their communities.

"Electrification means, in the long run, better living and working conditions on our farms and a greater return to our farmers," he added. "This program is of such vital importance that it must and shall be kept out of petty politics. I pledge to you my unswerving efforts to accomplish this great purpose."

Governor Martin voiced a plea for state unity in the great developments he sees ahead. Before we are farmers, lawyers, or merchants we are Oregonians, he said.

"When popular discontent and passion are stimulated by the art of designing partisans to a pitch perilously near class hatred, I would have our universities and colleges sound the alarm in the name of American brotherhood and fraternal dependence.

Mrs. J. D. Culbertson is seriously ill and is under the doctors care. Miss LaVida Culbertson is home with her mother.

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.

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.

State Garden Girls

Have come and gone
But their impress
But their impress
Who strives for Beauty,
Works for Good,
Central Point,
Gold Hill,
Jacksonville,
Phoenix,
Through Beautifying Campaigns,
Appear so attractive,
Maybe Medford
Will Clean up
Her Back Alleys.

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