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Musings By an Innocent Bystander

Have you ever noticed how little it takes to lift one out of the dumps? Have you ever been plugging along, burdened with feeling that this is a darned hard old world and that no one (with the possible exception of your immediate family) cares a darn for you and your efforts? And then some kindly soul comes along and gives you a pat on the back—and the sun comes out once more.

We received a letter the other day which had that effect on us with a vengeance. And we are going to take the liberty of printing it and are going to send a marked copy to the man who said we had gone "Anarchist." And we will admit we feel a bit "snooty" about it.

Central Point, Ore., Oct. 10, 1935
Dear Mr. Powell:

Enclosed find my check for \$5.00 for which please credit me with past subscription for two years at \$1.00. (Long overdue, I regret to say) and future subscription for two years at \$1.50.

Your paper has long been enjoyed by our family—read from start to finish. We admire your courage, honesty and good, old-fashioned AMERICANISM, and wish you every success.

We patronize the great majority of your advertisers.

Cordially,
H. D. McCaskey.

We would like to express just what we feel to Mr. McCaskey, but like our old Scotch ancestors, we havena' the wurd. But we do here and now renew our pledge to give to the people of this community the best that is in us to the end that this old country of ours may grow and prosper as the Lord intended it should. We shall continue to take a firm stand for the right as we are given to see the right. We well know we cannot please everybody—even the Son of Man could not do that. But we shall continue to stand for all that is clean and honest in all things and do all that in us lies to help our country back to honest prosperity.

And we want to say a word of appreciation to the merchants and business men of our city for the support you have given us during the days of depression. The other weekly papers of the county have many times expressed wonder at the steady support the business people of the town have given this paper and have asked for our secret. We have told them we have none—only the old noblesse oblige—you scratch my back and I'll scratch yours. This paper has always been ready to do its part to help the town and the business men have stood behind it to the very best of their ability.

Did you notice the bombardment west of town Sunday morning? There was powder enough exploded to blow up all the poor Chinks in the county. But we only saw a few birds being brought into town. These old roosters are wise old birds and hard to catch napping.

We saw where some of the papers are printing the full details of all automobile accidents. It makes a gruesome reading but maybe if the speed fiends could be brought to a clearer vision of just what an accident is and what it may look like, they might slow up a bit, at least when passing through a town.

We can see how easy it is to "step on it" when on the open road, but to take such chances through towns looks like the fool-killer had been slighting his job.

We heard of a certain party who doesn't like to admit that they live in this city, but tell folks they "live on the highway north of Medford" who spends practically nothing in this city. This party makes it a regular thing to borrow this paper each week from the neighbors. We wish them joy in the reading.

Mr. V. A. Davis, who has some poems on another page of this issue, is well known here. He was principal of the local grammar school over twenty years ago and is now living at the Hotel Valandra.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Bursell and Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Scott were guests at the Bruce Powell home at a pleasant dinner Sunday.

Plan Obliteration Of State Lines in Drive on Crime

TRENTON, N. J., Oct. 2.—State lines will be as easily crossed by authorities in pursuit of criminals as they are at present by criminals themselves, when plans formulated here yesterday at the nation's first Interstate Conference on Crime are put into effect. The arms of state law, supported by federal authority, will reach unhindered across border lines to grasp those who endeavor to evade the state laws. There will be a new co-operation between states for the suppression of crime in every way possible.

A permanent Interstate Crime Commission was established at the conclusion of the morning meeting of the conference, when resolutions presented by Burdette G. Lewis, of the American Public Welfare Association, were unanimously adopted.

All States Represented

These resolutions provided that this commission shall be composed at first of members selected by the delegates from the different states now attending the conference. After January 1, 1937, the members of the commission are to be appointed by the Commission on Interstate Cooperation in each state, where such a commission exists, and by the governor of the state where it does not. There will be one member from each state. The term will be two years.

The 48 members of this interstate crime commission will select from among them an executive committee of seven, which will meet at least once every two years. The meetings are to be organized by the Council of State Governments, which will serve as the secretariat for the commission.

It was also provided in the resolutions that a provision to ratify the establishment of the interstate crime commission shall be incorporated in any legislative act concerning interstate co-operation in the field of criminal law hereafter introduced in the legislature of any state which has not already ratified the section.

"It was clearly brought out at the National Crime Conference at Washington," wrote Gov. Harold G. Hoffman and the New Jersey Commission in the letters of invitation to the conference, "that there is no reason why, if the states are willing to co-operate, the public which they represent should be any more handicapped in repressing crime by their state laws than are the marauding criminals themselves in committing it."

"The means for this is equally clear, to wit, Interstate Compact as provided by the Federal Constitution. You are, no doubt, fully familiar with this, as well as with the fact that the Federal Congress has simplified the use of this method to the greatest possible extent by adopting in 1934 the Interstate Compact Bill specifically consenting in advance to compacts entered into by any of the States in the prevention of crime and in the enforcement of their respective criminal laws and policies, and to establish such agencies, joint or otherwise, as they deem desirable for making effective such agreements and compacts."

The desirability of setting up interstate compacts for the repression of crime, which was emphasized at the National Crime Conference called by President Roosevelt in Washington this year, was also stressed at the New Jersey Crime Conference in March, in addresses given by the Attorneys-General of New York, Pennsylvania and Delaware.

Among the proposed subjects for Interstate Compacts on Crime, which are being considered, are these:

1. A compact giving authority to officers of an enacting state to cross the state line, continue pursuit of a suspected criminal in a co-operating state, and there make an arrest.
2. A compact giving authority of the enacting state to serve a criminal process issued by it, directing its officers to arrest in the co-operating state, one who has committed crime in the former.

Further Provision

3. A compact giving authority to the officers of the enacting state to return a fugitive to its own territory, after he has been arrested in a co-operating state, without the customary rendition procedure.

4. A compact giving to the co-operating state authority to expel the enacting state a person arrested in the former's jurisdiction, whether or not they are fugitives, without following the usual rendition procedure.

5. A uniform reciprocal statute providing for the securing of out-of-state witnesses for attendance at criminal trials.

6. A compact giving authority to the enacting state to try persons for offenses enacted in it, although committed in a co-operating state, or for offenses committed partly in each state, or in such close proximity to the boundary line that it is impossible to tell in which jurisdiction they are committed.

Supervision of Parole

7. A compact whereby one state would agree to supervise parolees released by another state upon the latter's agreement to supervise parolees released from the first state.

8. A compact authorizing a state to expel, or the demanding state to retake, parole violators, escapees persons on probation, or convicts in the expelling state charged with crime in the demanding state, who do not come within the "fugitive from justice" classification under the rendition laws, or who should be retaken by a procedure simpler than that afforded by such laws.

9. A compact giving authority to neighboring states to maintain a joint bureau of identification and investigation, a joint crime laboratory, or a joint police unit or border patrol.—Christian Science Monitor.

Collision Causes Damage to Autos At Intersection

What might have been a very serious accident occurred at the highway intersection on Main street Friday afternoon, when two cars came together there, badly wrecking both of them and causing slight injuries to one man. O. E. Childreth of Medford, driving a Model A Ford was driving west on Main street and stopped at the highway intersection. He failed to notice the car driven by M. B. Winslow of Grants Pass, which was approaching from the south at a very rapid rate. Winslow was unable to stop and his car hit the Childreth car head on, badly demolishing both cars. Childreth was thrown partly through the side door of his car and his face was cut on the glass. The front end of the Winslow car was badly smashed and the windshield broken, but the occupants escaped without injury.

It is reported that the police decided that Winslow was driving at an excessive rate of speed while passing through a town.

Look for S-NOOZE FLASHES on page two after this, as late news must be on the outside.

R. H. Moore has received a report that the Bill Nye mine is about to open up the whole mountain side with low grade ore. No end to the gold if the expense of mining is not too great. A half million dollars has been taken from this mine in former years.

No Blame Meant For Former Official

AN EDITORIAL

It has been brought to our attention that the comments we made upon the city inventory a couple of weeks ago might be construed as a reflection upon Mr. L. Hatfield, former city recorder. Such was farthest from our thought.

It is well known to all that Mr. Hatfield's record as city recorder was above reproach. It was his misfortune to serve during the hardest years of depression when city finances were at their lowest and the problem of raising funds was a very serious one. No one could have handled city affairs in a more economical manner than did Mr. Hatfield and we are sure that fact is appreciated by all who are at all acquainted with city affairs.

Local Happenings

Mrs. James Wisenor of Eastern Oregon and Mrs. Hewitt of California are here visiting their mother, Mrs. Belle Davis, and their sisters, Mrs. William Musty and Mrs. Amy Grigsby. This is the first time the four sisters have been together for 27 years.

The high school freshmen were initiated Friday night. Doughnuts and cider were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Musty had as her guests over the week end her mother from Medford and her sister, Mrs. Hewitt from California.

Amateur contest every Saturday night at eight o'clock at the Baldwin Piano Shoppe. Everyone welcome.

We published a report for the city last month and one party mentioned to us that they were very pleased to see it and had saved the paper in which it appeared. Thought it was the first time it had ever been done.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lewis of Gold Hill were calling on Mr. and Mrs. Musty Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. H. Harvey has been very ill with pneumonia. Mr. Harvey was called home from his work in Klamath Falls to be with her. She is improving at this time.

Mrs. Aaron Davis and daughter Hazel were Saturday visitors at the Al Hermanson home.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Stone of Central Point called at the Al Hermanson home Sunday evening.

Nellie Elcher of Central Point is working on Saturdays at J. J. Newberry's store.

Mr. and Mrs. Musty entertained their daughter Esther and her family Sunday.

Mr. Edward Farra accompanied Mr. Blankenship to Ashland Monday, where Mr. Blankenship is hauling his tomatoes to the cannery.

1934 Tax Levies Show Increase

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14.—Every state, save Virginia, whose legislature did not meet, was shown today to have joined in a game of swatting the taxpayer last year.

(A compilation prepared for the National Tax association by Raymond E. Manning, of the library of congress, reported 47 state legislatures rolled 1490 new tax laws out of their mills.

He set down 56 of these as new taxes and 65 of them as important rate increases. Of the new ones, there were seven sales taxes, five personal income, three corporate income, two capital stock, four cigarette, four horse racing, seven oleomargarine, four chain store and two slot machine.

"The motivating force behind many of these new and increased taxes was unbalanced budgets, additional relief needs, new federal funds to be matched and a persistent demand for reduced property tax," he said.

Many Angles Tried

"Many of the states are in a reasonably good financial condition. Several of these were content to go along with their existing systems while others, whose financial conditions were unfavorable, attempted to improve matters, while still others failed to do anything at all."

Manning's study showed that in reaching out for revenues the states had sought out virtually every imaginable avenue. He said gross income or sales taxes were now on the books in 24 states; alcoholic beverage levies in 26; oleomargarine in 23; cigarette, 19; horse racing, 25; inheritance, 47 (all save Nevada); gifts, 3; personal income, 30; nation banks, according to their net income, 10; chain stores, 19.

Leslie Scott arrived from Roseburg Sunday to spend a week's vacation at his father's home, hunting and fishing.

Mr. Elde and Mr. John Bohnert made a very successful bird hunt Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. John Bohnert and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hoyer were guests at a pleasant dinner at the Elde home that evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Musty from Grants Pass were calling on their parents Sunday.

FOR SALE—Delicious apples. M. F. Young, Willow Springs road.

Amateur musicians register now. Cash prize every month. Baldwin Piano Shoppe.

See us for your Christmas Cards. We will have a very good selection. The American.

Mrs. Sarah Vincent entertained the Royal Neighbors Tuesday.

Mr. Charles Murphy and little daughter, Nancy Kay celebrated their birthdays with a dinner at the home of Nancy's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Powell, Sunday. Those were Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Powell and children, Mrs. Ruth Jolley and Pat and Mike, Mrs. Charles Murphy and the honor guests.

Mr. L. M. Fisher's many friends will be glad to know that he expects to remain and make his home in the valley. Farther than that he has made no plans. It will be necessary for his son to return to his home in New York at once. He was called here on account of the serious illness of his mother. Mr. Fisher is well known here by the old timers. He was in business in a men's clothing store with Mr. L. Hatfield at Sheridan at one time.

Prayer and choir practice night at the Christian church has been changed from Thursday to Wednesday evening.

Rev. and Mrs. Phillips and family enjoyed dinner at the E. E. Scott home Friday night.

The Nevita Chapter, O. E. S., is sending out invitations to the Past Matrons and Past Patrons to a celebration of their 27th anniversary Tuesday evening. The Matrons and Patrons will be honor guests and fill the officers' chairs.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Olds from Siskiyou spent Monday at the N. H. Eddy home.

Evangelistic Service Being Held Here

Services are being conducted in the old library room, next door to The American printing office; each evening, except Monday and Saturday at 7:45, by the Misses R. Roach and C. Horton, evangelists.

We seek to tell this story in a simple manner, starting at the beginning, unfolding it night after night, even as a story is written chapter after chapter. And as you could not expect to understand the theme of a book by reading, perhaps, the first and last chapters, just so, you would find it difficult to grasp the meaning of His Plan unless you came regularly. Therefore we urge you to attend these Services as often as you possibly can.

Show Held For Miss Phyllis Turpin

Misses Geraldine Jones and Fern Cherryholmes of Medford entertained in honor of Phyllis Turpin of Central Point with a shower at the latter's home Friday night. Cards were played during the evening. At a late hour refreshments of cake, cider, sandwiches, pickles and cheese was served by Mrs. Ethel Jones.

Miss Turpin received many lovely gifts. Those present were Lauretta Williams, Virginia Waterman, Gladys Vincent, Neomi Johnson, Peggy Lawrence and the honored guest Phyllis Turpin, all of Central Point and Beaulieu and Everal Dean and Geraldine Hermanson of Medford and the hostesses.

Rev. Lewis Installed As Pastor Church

Rev. Robert Charles Lewis was installed as pastor of the Federated church at a meeting of the Presbytery of Southwestern Oregon held at the Federated church Wednesday evening.

There was a very large crowd in attendance and a very fine program with a number of out-of-town ministers and friends.

A bounteous six o'clock dinner was served by the ladies of the church for the visiting pastors and their wives and Rev. and Mrs. Lewis were honor guests.

STATE CONFERENCE OF GRANGE MEETS IN THIS CITY TODAY

The state Grange conference is in session today at the Central Point Grange hall. Many influential members of the order are present, including State Grange Master Ray W. Gill, and the following program has been arranged for the meeting:

- 10:30 a. m.—Group councils.
- 12:00 Noon—Lunch.
- 1:30 p. m.—Group singing led by Mrs. Gertrude Sanford, (nee Miss Skow).
- 1:50 p. m.—Mrs. Alice Goff, "Planning the Program."
- 2:10 p. m.—Songs and Skits.
- 2:30 p. m.—Ray W. Gill, "A Lesson from the Sunflower."
- 2:50 p. m.—George A. Palmer, "Enlarging the Field of Grange Cooperation."
- 3:10 p. m.—"Question Box" answers by State District Deputy.
- 3:30 p. m.—"Insure with the Grange Mutual," by C. G. Pattison.
- 3:50 p. m.—"What the Women Can Do," Mrs. George A. Palmer.
- 4:10 p. m.—"Save Your Sales Slips," George Corson.
- 4:25 p. m.—"Agricultural Committee Work," Fred Goff.
- 4:40 p. m.—"The Grange Can Help the County Agent," by County Agent.
- 4:55 p. m.—Reports of Pomona Master and County Deputy.
- 5:15 p. m.—Recess.
- 6:00 p. m.—Dinner.
- 7:30 p. m.—Open with group singing led by Mrs. Gertrude Sanford.
- 7:45 p. m.—Organized Recreation led by Mrs. Gertrude Sanford.
- 8:15 p. m.—Grange Business, by Ray W. Gill.
- 8:30 p. m.—Officer Seating Drill Contest, followed by opening of Grange by winning team.
- Closing Grange by winner of second place.
- Awarding of prizes in drills and registration contest.

A group of about twenty friends and neighbors of Mrs. Katie Wright gathered at her home Saturday night to celebrate her birthday. Lovely refreshments were served and they danced till the wee sma' hours. The honor guest received many lovely gifts and wishes for many happy returns of the day.

The Churches

THE FEDERATED CHURCH

Rev. Robert Charles Lewis, Pastor
Phone 51.
Bible School—A. J. Milton, Superintendent—9:45 a. m.
Morning Worship—11:00 A. M.
Y.P.S.C.E.—(two groups). 6:30 p. m.
Evening Services—7:30 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

Clifton A. Phillips, Minister
Bible School, 10:00 a. m., Roland Hoyer, superintendent.
Communion and preaching 11:00 a. m.
Christian Endeavor 6:30 p. m.
Evangelistic service 7:30 p. m.—Subject: "Entertaining God." Special music for this service.
Prayer and Bible study, Wednesday, 7:30 p. m. Please notice that this service has been changed from Thursday to Wednesday. You are invited to come and study the great book of Revelation with us.

Height of Absurdity

Chippewa Indian chief Says painting of toe-nails All right for some, No good for squaws. Injun stand for war-paint, But not for painted toes. Some things too absurd Even for Injun. Don't bury money; Too ridiculous, Even for White Man! Put money where It will be safe. Farmers and Fruitgrowers Bank (Community Builders)