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Musings

By an Innocent Bystander

We enjoyed a visit the other day with a gentleman who used to live in St. Paul along about the time we were going to school there. He, too, went to old St. Paul Central High way back in the early Nineties. And if you think we did not find a lot to talk about, you have another guess coming. Wonder just how many of that old class of '94 are left? We have a hunch that the roll would be mighty small.

This is a funny old world, anyway. One lives in a certain locality for some years and forms many close friendships. Then one suddenly moves away to some other locality and a new set of friendships is formed. As time goes on one even forgets the names of those early friends. But their faces linger on memory's page. Then one meets someone who knows some of them and how quickly the names come back. Memory is a strange thing, anyway.

We have been printing the school paper for the Central Point High school recently and it brings back very vividly the days when we were going to high school and were on the staff of a school paper, The Monitor. We don't see much difference with the present papers from the old ones. We had the same amount of trouble filling the darned old sheet that the present-day young people have. And some of the stuff used today sounds very familiar some- way.

The untamed bunch of solons up at Salem have gone hog-wild with self-importance. The governor called the legislature together for a specific purpose—to settle the matter of a site for a new capitol building and to arrange for the financing of it. But as soon as they got through squabbling over seating some of their members, they started in to flood the bill hopper with a lot of crazy bills that had absolutely no connection with the matter in hand. We have about come to the conclusion that Oregon would be better off if we scrapped the legislature entirely and adopted a commission form of government.

But they had time in the House to adopt a memorial to Congress in favor of the Townsend Plan. They know when to take shelter when the wind begins to blow. The politicians who ignore that plan or who speak sneeringly of it are taking awful chances with their future. For while there are a lot of folks who cannot just "see" the plan, there are a lot of other folks who are demanding in no uncertain tones that it be tried out. And the majority still rules in this country, thank the Lord.

This writer has been following the trend of politics for a lot of years, and we have never seen anything which contains the political dynamite that the Townsend Plan does. And we are going to risk a prophecy on the subject. It is our guess that the plan is going to be tried out before many years. Whether it is going to work as the proponents hope is on the lap of the gods.

We heard of a good story on Rosy's gang. It seems that a lady bought a ticket in the Medford ticket office and paid for it with what she thought was three five dollar bills. They were new bills and hard to separate. Later she found that she was short five dollars. She notified some of her folks here but it was a week before anyone made inquiry at the depot. When the lady's mother at last went to the depot and asked if they had found their cash long by five dollars, the agent grinned, then looked disappointed, but said yes, they had the money. So maybe there are some honest railroad men, after all.

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Crater Lake Road Open for Travel Entire Winter

Crater Lake National Park, Ore., Oct. 30 (Sp.)—The South and West entrance roads to Crater Lake will be open to travel throughout the winter of 1935-36, insofar as weather conditions permit, park officials announced today. Snow plows will keep the south and west roads free of snow the entire winter, but they will be closed during the height of severe storms.

Stormy weather has been prevailing at Crater Lake during the current week and as a result road conditions are beginning to be somewhat uncertain. Storms at this time of the year can easily leave from one to two feet in their wake. Motorists are advised to provide themselves with complete information on weather and road conditions before driving to the park by contacting the National Park Service office in Medford.

During the main winter season, motorists are urged to make use of telephones along the South entrance highway, one located at the old entrance and the other at the new.

Land Bank Sale of Farms Being Held in Medford

The semi-annual sale of Jackson county farm properties owned by the Federal Land Bank of Spokane is now being conducted by C. A. Barnes, field agent for southern Oregon, at the Hotel Jackson. He is being assisted by Warren Patterson of Central Point.

Mr. Barnes has about a dozen Jackson county properties for sale at this time, the farms ranging upward from 15 acres, all of them being improved and suited to a variety of agricultural pursuits, he said.

Mr. Barnes reported that many persons from the east, especially the mid-west drought sections, are buying farm lands in the west coast states.

Gas Revenue Tops Previous Records

The largest collections of gasoline taxes in the history of the state were recorded during the last three months, with nearly three million dollars received by Earl Snell, secretary of state.

September was another peak month, with \$887,000 paid in, bringing the total revenue from motor fuels taxes to \$2,800,000 for the quarter year. Receipts of \$958,000 in August set the high mark for all time in gas collections and July, with \$954,000, closely approached the top mark.

Gross receipts for the nine months of the year totalled nearly \$7,500,000 indicating that during the year, fuel sales will reach approximately ten million dollars, the greatest ever received from this source.

Lady Kiwanians Are Tournament Winners

Lady Kiwanian were guests of the Kiwanians at dinner at the Hotel Medford last Tuesday evening.

A bridge tournament, to which the ladies were challenged by the men some time ago, was in progress during the evening, with the feminine contingent coming out ahead by a margin of 9,145 points.

Fourteen couples took part in the tournament, with a few more present during dinner. Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Faber, respective presidents of the two branches of the Kiwanis club, had charge of arrangements, with J. H. Fletcher presenting the rules.

SHANGLE, PHOTOGRAPHER,
Reminds you — Only 49 shopping days left before Christmas. Have your "Personality Portraits" by Shangle made now while stocks are large and complete.

A telephone is also located at the West Entrance ranger cabin, connected with Park Headquarters as are the two south telephones. By contacting park officials from the entrances visitors will know just what conditions to expect in making the lake trip.

It is highly essential for motorists to bear in mind that chains will be necessary equipment when highways are snow covered. While snow plows will keep deep snow off the pavement, icy and slippery conditions can not be entirely eliminated, necessitating cautious driving. No accommodations of any kind are now or will be available in the park until next June, but can be procured at Fort Klamath 20 miles away on the south road or at Union Creek or Prospect, 20 or 30 miles, respectively distant on the west entrance road.

In making the trip to the lake during the winter, motorists must have an adequate gasoline supply, as the nearest available gasoline is outside of the park. Warm clothes and suitable footwear are necessary when the snow is deep.

Wm. E. Nicholson, Long a Resident, Taken By Death

William Elmore Nicholson, well known resident of southern Oregon, where he has lived for the past 43 years, passed away at the family residence on Ross Lane Tuesday at 11:30 p.m., after a short illness.

Mr. Nicholson was born near Grinnell, Iowa, November 6, 1864, and was aged 70 years. He spent his early life in Iowa, and also gained his education there, and in 1892 came west to southern Oregon. Shortly after his arrival he met Miss Nellie Sturgis (whose parents were of the earliest settlers in this section) and they were united in marriage at Grants Pass in 1898.

Mr. Nicholson was a man of fine Christian qualities, and a fine neighbor to all. He was a member of Medford Lodge No. 1168 B. P. O. Elks, and Medford Lodge No. 53, I. O. O. F. He took a very active interest in the development of the Wood River Valley, being one of the early pioneers of that valley.

He leaves to mourn his departure his widow, Mrs. Nellie Nicholson of Medford, one daughter, Mrs. Frances Houston of Medford, three sons, Theodore, and Stewart Nicholson of Fort Klamath, Oregon, Lloyd Nicholson of Medford, who is now attending the University of Oregon, three sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Leever of Central Point, Mrs. Fred Slagle of Los Angeles, Calif., Mrs. H. N. Butler of Medford and five grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted from the Perl Funeral Home Friday at 2 p.m., Rev. Joseph Knotts officiating. Interment in Medford I. O. O. F. cemetery.

Mrs. Grigsby Dies

Addie Grigsby, a resident of Central Point, Oregon, for many years, passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Roy Peck, at 37 Chestnut street at 9:40 Thursday evening, after an illness of several weeks.

Mrs. Grigsby was born in Napa county, Calif., Dec. 8, 1875, and was aged 59 years. She was very well known in southern Oregon having lived at Central Point for the past 15 years, and has many friends who will be saddened at her passing.

She leaves one daughter, Mrs. Roy Peck of Medford, and four sons, Thomas Grigsby of Concord, Calif.; Harvey Grigsby of Montague, Calif.; Melvin and Byrd Grigsby of Central Point, also three grandchildren, five brothers, Edward and Thomas Cook of Butte Falls, Ore.; Lem Cook of Ashland, Ore.; W. M. Cook of Medford; Grover Cook of Medford; one sister, Mrs. L. G. Palmer of Butte Falls, Ore.

Funeral services was held at the Perl Funeral Home Saturday afternoon at 2:30 with Rev. Lewis of Central Point officiating. Interment took place in the Central Point cemetery.

Local Happenings

Tonight Vivian Jones and a number of her friends will have a Halloween party at her father's home. Pumpkin pie and cider will be served.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Silkwood, who have worked on the S. H. Chirgwin place for the last four or five years, are leaving Saturday for Longview, where they will make their home. Their daughter, Mrs. Steve Bentson and Miss Gladys Robertson will accompany them for a visit. Mr. and Mrs. Silkwood were guests at the Maple home to a Halloween dinner this evening.

The Missionary Circle of the Federated church at their regular meeting Thursday at the church, prepared a very pleasant surprise for Rev. and Mrs. R. C. Lewis as it was their wedding anniversary. The affair was a complete surprise and was very much enjoyed by all.

Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Bonney, accompanied by their daughter, Alberta, returned home Monday. While away they visited Mr. Bonney's sister in Salem and also Mr. Bonney's niece from Spokane who was visiting there. It was foggy in Salem when it wasn't raining hard. The Rogue River valley still has 'em all beat, according to Mr. Bonney.

FOR SALE—Ford Touring car—license and tires, \$12.50. Trading Post & Second Hand Store.

Marvin Wick of Portland is expected to arrive here from Portland this week end and will visit his mother in Medford and will also visit the Turpin family here. It is rumored that Mr. Wick will not return to Portland alone.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Adams of Butte Falls and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Martin of California, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Putney Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Martin are visiting Mrs. Martin's parents at Talent and are moving and starting

housekeeping in Hornbrook where Mr. Martin has work for Copco. Mr. and Mrs. Martin were guests at the Putney home again on Wednesday evening.

A number of our merchants are having dollar day sales Saturday and Monday. Everyone in Central Point district is invited to call and take advantage of these bargains. You will find real values for your money. Read the advertisements in this paper for your dollar day tips.

Mr. Guy Tex has returned to her home after spending most of the summer at Prospect.

FOR SALE—Good Used Piano, \$5 down and \$5.89 a month will handle. Baldwin Piano Shoppe.

Boys or girls wishing to earn Xmas money see Mrs. Powell at this office or call 601 for information.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Whipple from near Juneau, Alaska, stopped recently for a short visit at the Johnson home. They were friends of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson's son Burr and brought messages from Mr. and Mrs. Burr Johnson and little daughter, Elsa Edith. Mr. Johnson is superintendent of the PWA surveys at Juneau. Mr. and Mrs. Whipple went to Oakland to make their home.

Bobby Grisham enjoyed a birthday dinner party at his home Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vince Ritzinger and Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Myers returned from a very successful deer hunt near Lakeview. As near as we can find out the two deer were brought in by the ladies.

Arlene Hay received word that her mother passed away very gently this morning at ten thirty. Her body will be brought home for burial. Arrangement as to date have not been made yet. Miss Hay and her sister have the sympathy of the entire community in their sorrow.

S-NOOZE FLASHES

Flash! Flash! Flash! And this is Miss Scandal Tossar, tossing to you the newless news of the world.

Scoop! The latest news scoop is brought to light. Mr. Floyd Ross was overheard by a gentleman with large ears to say: "Next year I believe I'll give a prize not for the largest deer, but for the biggest lie told."

Now, Mr. Ross, in all sincerity, do you think that this would be humane, just and the right thing to do for your fellow man?

Why give the guys who captured the laurels, glory and prize money this year the pinch on the grand prize next year?

Scoop! Old Man Powell had just finished setting the type for the American—the paper that was to go to press on the morrow. The midnight oil was burning—what a lovely night for a murder.

Then suddenly there came a rap-

ping, like some spirit gently tapping, tapping on the window pane.

Well, sir, come to find out though, all of the commotion was created by a poor hungry old goat, a wise old goat who had chewed asunder the rope that had held him captive.

A goat who had no doubt entertained the highly gratifying hopes of entering the American office and taking unto himself a meal. A meal composed of good old newspapers.

Then all of a sudden (yes, and this was sudden) Brother Goat's eyes must have fallen on the poem that decorated the front page of last week's paper.

The bewildered goat looked disgusted, uttered a ba-a-a, and slowly walked away.

This reminds me of that old poem: Mary had a little goat.

She fed him on tin cans. One day some little goats were born. And they all resembled Ford sedans.

Finish Work on Shangle Studios

Re-modeling of the J. Verne Shangle Photographic studios located in the Medford Center building has been completed and the new appearance, offered those who have visited the establishment is winning much favorable comment.

Re-decoration of the walls and ceilings, addition of three new show cases, installation of a new oak floor, remodeling of several of the rooms and other important changes were included in the work and the studio is now recognized as one of the best, on the entire Pacific coast.

A new shipment of picture frames has also been received at the studios and are on display to the public. This shipment is considered by many coast agencies as being the most elaborate display of frames outside the metropolitan areas, comprising the newest and most modern designs now available.

"Since we first started in business here eight years ago," Mr. Shangle stated, "we have witnessed many changes in the valley and business organizations. We have attempted at all times to maintain our own standard of high quality and are now in a position to offer to the public anything in photographic lines."

Fewer Auto Deaths Recorded in 1935

Oregon's auto fatality record was neither aided or impaired by the results of September motor vehicle travel on the highways, as the same number of persons, 24, were killed during the month in both 1934 and 1935, reports Earl Snell, secretary of state.

"However, the fatality record for the year of 1935 is 17.7 per cent better than during the preceding year," adds the secretary. "Forty lives have been saved this year through the cooperation of users of the highways, enforcement officers, organizations and movement to promote safety, and continued publicity to the need for greater care and caution on the roads and streets of the state. In the first nine months of 1935, 185 persons lost their lives as a result of traffic difficulties and in the same period during 1934, 225 persons were killed."

Motor vehicles accidents in 1935 have numbered 15,890, with September contributing 1,900 to the total. In 1934, out of the total of 15,874 accidents for the nine-month period, 1,847 occurred in September. Injuries resulted to 458 persons this month, and to 496 in the same month last year.

LADIES OF W.R.C. HOLD BIG PARTY FOR HALLOW-EEN

The W.R.C. party held Tuesday evening was a very jolly affair. We think it is the only evening in the year that the children are giving the right of way and from the noise and fun we think they must of appreciated it. Twelve small boys and girls under the training of Mrs. White gave some very pleasing folk dances and Norma Jean and Roberta Wurtz danced. Mrs. Joe Croft took the set of glass ware home with her.

The beautiful relish plate was auctioned by Gerald Morris and Mrs. Damon was the lucky party. Mrs. Musty and Mrs. Hilkey sold the cider, Lois and Mary Richardson had the candy booth, Mrs. Maple, Mrs. Cummings and Mrs. Powell had charge of the country store. Mrs. Clem Gleason and Mrs. Leo Potter sold coffee and pie. Mrs. Elde and Mrs. Copinger looked after the fish pond. Every thing was sold and a very nice sum received.

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

Sunday School, 10:00 a. m. Carl Hoover, Superintendent.

Communion and Preaching 11:00 a. m.

Christian Endeavor, 6:30 p. m.

Evangelistic Service, 7:30 p. m. Sermon subject: "Where Are The Dead?". This subject is taught from a large chart and explains every Scriptural term, showing where our dead are, when they will be resurrected and in what state they are and will be hereafter. Special music for this service.

Prayer and Bible study Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.

Choir Practice Thursday 8:30 p. m.

WED IN CHURCH
Miss Luella Williams and Wayne Higgenbotham were married at the Federated church Sunday morning at the close of the services. A full account will be given next week.

NOTICE GRANGE MEMBERS
Grange meeting will be held Friday November 1. Every member requested to be out as the election of officers will be held.

CARD OF THANKS
We wish to express our thanks to our friends for the many kind and thoughtful acts and also for the beautiful flowers during the illness and death of our beloved mother, Mrs. Addie Grigsby.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Grigsby
Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Grigsby
Melvin and Byrd Grigsby
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Peck.

Praised Too Late

Aterbury, world war Transportation leader, is dead.

Abused while living. Honored when dead? Why was he abused? Because well-to-do

And successful. Up from the ranks By ability

And hard work. Employing thousands. Why not ring off

On abuse of successful men? Unsuccessful men

Cannot pay good wages. Oregon needs capital With which to develop. Why not encourage it? Not tax it to death.

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