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Musings

By an Innocent Bystander

YEAH! And a couple of YEAHS! And so all the employable men in Oregon are now at work. Isn't that just fine. But the catch is that it is not true by a long shot. Of course if one reads the articles in the papers carefully enough one will find that what the Bull Slingers really say is that all the employable men who had loafed all summer and who therefore were on the relief rolls as of May 1 to October 1, were now at work.

All of which is well enough, but what we are trying to get at is what going to become of the fellow who had (pardon the language) "guts" enough to get out and make his own living during the time of year there was any work, and who now finds himself out of a job and out of money. It may be a single man or it may be a man of family or even a married couple without children, but they all can starve just the same. And while they are waiting for someone in that nest of alphabetical soupsterns to make up their minds as to the proper procedure, they may have to starve, at that.

We are not blaming the personnel of the "relief" office. They have their orders from Washington and can only follow them out. But what goes us is that this country has come to a pass that we have to depend so largely upon Government bureaus for everything under the sun. And if there is anything in this vale of tears more bunglesome and muddle-headed than the average government bureau, we have yet to find it.

And we don't particularly mean a Democratic bureau, either. So far as our observation has gone, and we have been observing for quite some time, it has never made a darned bit of difference which party was in power in this particular respect. The tangle of red tape is there just the same.

The second largest industry in Jackson county, next to agriculture, is the lumber business in all its ramifications. And as a final straw to swell the load upon the camel's back now comes the trade agreement slipped over by the President with Canada. This is going to make it just that much harder for Jim Owens and his men to keep the big mill running. For the past two or three years they have struggled along trying to hold everything until business should get going again and the people of this country would again buy lumber. And just as the outlook seemed brighter, along comes that agreement to admit Canadian lumber to this country at a lower tariff. Now all you mill men and woodsmen get ready to yell "Hurrah for Father Franklin" when the mill shuts down or you get a big cut in wages in the near future. His is the sole responsibility.

And don't forget that the potato law is now in effect. Be careful to pick a dark night when you go over to your friend's house to get that sack of spuds he offered to sell you this fall. Be sure that some federal G-men doesn't see you taking it home without the proper stamp thereon. And watch out for hi-jackers. And if you can beg, borrow or steal the seed, be sure to plant that back yard to tubers next spring, and let the AAA and all its works go hang.

We are informed that the city dads have received word from Senator McNary that he has succeeded in getting the Central Point sewage

CHRISTMAS 1935



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MEDFORD BANKS TAKEN OVER BY PORTLAND BANKS

This week saw a great change in the banking situation in this section of the country. Two of the largest and strongest banks in Southern Oregon changed hands, being bought by two of the big Portland banks. The First National bank was purchased by the First National bank of Portland and the Medford National bank was bought up by the United States National Bank of Portland.

At the First National, B. E. Harder is retiring as president, although he will remain in contact with the institution for the present in an advisory capacity. A. A. Schramm, for many years state superintendent of banks, is the new manager. Oris Crawford, who has been connected with the First National for many years and for the past twenty-odd years has been cashier, will be assistant manager. The rest of the personnel of the bank will remain unchanged.

J. A. Perry, who assumed the presidency of the Medford National bank upon the retirement of W. H. Gore several years ago, will no longer be connected with affairs of that institution. J. T. Frey, former cashier, will be manager for the new organization. No other change in personnel is contemplated at present.

Southern Oregon now has unlimited banking facilities. Both the First National Bank of Portland and the United States Bank of Portland are among the strongest banking institutions of the Pacific Northwest. The Farmers & Fruitgrowers Bank of Medford is now the only locally owned bank in the community and has a constantly growing clientele who prefer to do business with a locally owned institution. Under the able management of Mr. Delroy Gatchell, president, and Fred Wahl, cashier, the bank has enjoyed a constant growth since its inception about twenty-five years ago. It was one of the few state banks to open immediately after the bank holiday in 1933.

Lawrence, Jeweler, Thanks Many Patrons

Lawrence's wish to take this opportunity to thank all those who were such good friends and patrons at their old location and invite them to call at the new store on North Central.

They have always carried high quality merchandise—and now carry more of it. And it is just as inexpensive as they can get, consistent with quality, for they believe it is good economy to buy cheap merchandise.

You can now get in southern Oregon the same merchandise carried in the best stores in the larger cities, much more moderately priced.

Lawrence's Jewelry are agents for Gorham, Towle and Wallace silver companies and Longine's, Hamilton, Elgin, Gruen and Waltham watches.

When the new highway was built it took the majority of the J. G. Love apple trees. As only 18 trees were left and they were over 40 yrs. old, Mr. Love figured that it wouldn't be profitable to care for them. Someone is working these trees up into stove wood.

disposal project put back on the approved list. An election to vote on the question of whether or not to vote a bond issue of \$10,000 for this project will be held next month. The writer has tried to make his position very clear in this matter of voting new bond issues. We have often expressed the conviction that the only way for a city—or an individual, for that matter—to get out of debt was to cut down expenditures.

But this matter is somewhat different. It appears that this city is going to be compelled to make some kind of a change in the method of sewage disposal. The state health authorities are all up in the air about it and are going to force the issue some of these days. That being the case, we are going to make a more thorough study of this bond issue matter and will have more to say next week. We are not ready to condemn it nor to support it as yet, but want to take a bit more time to study the matter.

New Revenue Source Needed, Says U. O. Prof

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Nov. 30—Taxes on city property have about reached the limit of what the traffic will bear and if the owners of city real estate are not to be completely bankrupted, while the vital functions of city government are to be maintained, new sources of municipal revenue must be found, writes James H. Gilbert, professor of economics at the University of Oregon, in an article published in the November issue of Western City.

The increasing concentration of population in cities, with its attendant problems of police protection, sanitation and traffic, has led municipal spending to such a pace that of the 14 million dollars spent by American governments at the present time more than half can be charged to local budgets, according to Dr. Gilbert. A large item in local budgets is the cost of servicing bonded indebtedness, an amount

which in many municipalities is nearly equal to the ordinary expenses of operation, according to the tax expert's figures.

Western cities have come more and more to depend upon the property tax as their main source of revenue, and even during the depression, when the income from property declined, municipalities faced emergency demands and tax delinquencies with increased tax rates, Dr. Gilbert points out.

As a solution of the problem, the economist points several directions toward which the tax impetus can be shifted. Business and license taxes are objected to from two angles—from the side of the business taxed and from the side of local governments, which are afraid of driving business away. Dr. Gilbert offers alternatives in the cities' demanding shares in the revenue from liquor and gasoline, which, he says they have a just right to demand.

Local Happenings

Mr. and Mrs. Mervyn Gleason entertained with a Thanksgiving dinner the following guests, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Bodin and Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Gleason.

Mrs. Clarence Earl who was called here by the serious illness and death of her mother returned to her home in Bakerfield this week.

Mr. S. L. Ross of Grants Pass suffered a serious accident at the Rogue River Hardware store at Grants Pass when his foot caught in a ladder and he fell and struck his head causing two fractures of the skull, a broken nose and serious bruises. Mr. Ross is a son of Tom Ross and is at the Josephine General hospital and is doing as well as could be expected unless complications set in.

The Gold Hill merchants held their Xmas opening and unveiling of their Xmas windows Tuesday evening. We understand it was a very successful affair.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Linville and Mr. I. M. Rowe enjoyed turkey dinner at the Edward Farra home Sunday.

Mr. James McDowell's house caught on fire but caused little damage before it was stopped. Mrs. Stansby lives there.

Ralph Adams has been having serious trouble with an infection in his hand contracted when he was picking turkeys.

Mr. James Cummings was a personal friend of Dr. Van Cleave when he lived here. Dr. Van Cleave put on a show in Central Point last week.

Mr. A. B. Maple suffered a badly bruised back when he fell (or was pushed?) off the back porch at Jones' grocery.

Third street is being graded and improved. Quite a crowd gathered Wednesday afternoon at the Damon Corner to see that the work was done right.

Mrs. Mattie Smith Learns Presence of Visitor from Paper

Mrs. Mattie Smith opened the American last week and read of the arrival of Mrs. Margaret Soup and daughter from Sanborne, Iowa. Mrs. Smith's daughter, Mrs. Sanders has a theatre there and Mr. Sanders is a doctor there. Mrs. Smith immediately called at the Mosher home and found that Mrs. Soup was well acquainted with her daughter.

Henry B. Faber Dies in Medford

Henry B. Faber passed away at his home 502 Palm street late Friday evening due to paralysis and complications due to advanced age. Born at Miltonsburg, Ohio, February 6, 1854, and aged 81 years, 9 months and 23 days. The family came to Medford in September for his health. Mr. Faber was a retired traveling salesman, and had been a general merchant in Summerfield, Ohio, for 40 years, and had lived at Pocatello, Idaho for 22 years.

His first wife, Mrs. Lydia Taylor Faber, passed away in January 1931. They had been married 52 years.

Deceased was united in marriage to Mrs. Edna Parker at American Falls, Idaho, last August.

He leaves his wife and three children, Mrs. Juanita Zwigart and Mrs. Martha Bisline of Pocatello, Idaho, Mrs. Stella Faber Bronn of Salt Lake City, Utah, nine grandchildren and one great grandson, a nephew, E. C. Faber of Central Point and other relatives.

Remains were forwarded by the Perl Funeral Home Sunday to Pocatello, Idaho, where burial services and interment will take place.

Mr. Faber was in business here with his nephew E. C. Faber when the Faber store was in the Cowley building. He came here to regain his health. Mr. Faber was always a booster for our community and leaves many friends here. Mrs. Faber left Sunday morning to accompany the remains of her husband to Pocatello.

Market Is Eager For Oregon Seeds

The long-sought Utopia for farmers—a ready market eager for products—is awaiting certain Oregon growers and Oregon communities that are ready to grasp the opportunity, says E. R. Jackman, extension agronomist at Oregon State college. This opportunity is in seed production, an industry which already brings more than two million dollars a year to the state, but which still has plenty of chance for expansion along certain lines, he says.

The unusual combination of favorable circumstances which may never be seen again includes the mid-western drouth which killed millions of acres of pasture and hay meadows, and delayed reseeding of these; the crop reduction programs which encourage seeding of legumes and grasses on millions of acres; the land purchase program with the return of sub-marginal land to grazing, and the soil conservation program which has opened up additional markets for certain grasses and legumes.

The two foremost opportunities exist for raising crested wheat grass and Ladak alfalfa seed, says Jackman. Both of these are eastern Oregon crops. The price of crested wheat grass is still very high but is bound to come down when planted acreages are in full production, though a steady market for years to come is in sight. Dry land at rather high elevations is suitable for Ladak alfalfa seed production. The price of this crop last year was 50 to 70 cents a pound, while common alfalfa sold below 20 cents.

For western Oregon Jackman expects all kinds of clover seed to have a relatively better price for the next few years than grains, although many factors may alter this situation. Hairy vetch seed, on the other hand, is grown on enough land to handle prospective needs.

Oregon has a virtual monopoly at present on hairy and Hungarian vetch and Italian rye grass, Ladino lover, Tennessee Anthracnose Resistant red clover, certified English rye grass and bent grass. The state supplies a large share of the Reed canary grass seed, Austrian winter peas and Ladak alfalfa.

Letter to Santa Tells of Wonders in Store Window

Dear Santa Claus:
Did you know that you an get nearly all your presents this year from Mr. Stone at Stone's Drug Store and won't have to drive clear back to the North Pole after them? He has toys for his children and bill-folds, flashlights, smoking stands, lamps, toilet sets and everything like that for Father and Mother. You can wrap them up nice too with that wrapping material that he has. I know that he has all those things because I saw them in his window. I want Mother to get some of his Christmas cards to send to our friends in the East. He has genuine photographs of Southern Oregon views and not expensive either. You get a whole box of 14 cards for a dollar.

Your little friend,
BETTY

Hohlweg Top Shop In New Location

The Hohlweg Top Shop, which was opened in the Brill Metal Works in October, has been moved to the corner of Eighth and Bartlett streets to gain more room for an increasing business according to Frank Hohlweg, owner.

Mr. Hohlweg says: "The new daylight shop will enable me to give the type of service which the people of the Rogue River valley have a right to expect. I am now representative of one of the largest tent and awning companies in Oregon and I am prepared to give the same high class service in the awning line. Every job receives my personal attention. I wish to thank my many friends for their support and I assure them they will receive even better service at the new location."

Dinner is Given at Merrick Home

Mr. and Mrs. L. Hatfield, Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Merrick and Mrs. Stella Merrick of Medford were host and hostesses to the following guests at the Merrick home Thanksgiving day: Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Nye, Mrs. Martha Luke, Miss Burr, Mr. Charlie Evans, and Mrs. Lula Moragan, who is visiting here from the east. This group arrived here from Dakota and met every Thanksgiving at their respective homes for many years. The little daughters of the Merricks were also present. A delicious dinner was served and a delightful time enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. Marine Entertain at Dinner

Mr and Mrs. George Marine entertained at dinner last Sunday, the following guests, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Marine, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tonn Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Mills and Mrs. Bertha Carl. Wednesday they entertained Mr. and Mrs. Conner Edward of Three Hills Alberta, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Marine and Mrs. Bertha Carl. They also entertained the following guests on Thanksgiving: Mr and Mrs T. A. Marine, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Merriman, Margaret and Herbert and Mrs. Bertha Stevens.

Maynard Putney Surprised at Last

Mrs. Maynard Putney surprised her husband with a birthday party Monday evening. Mr. Putney had thought it couldn't be done but knows better now.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Adams were dinner guests at the Putney home and later in the evening Mr. and Mrs Roy Kelly and children, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Langstrom and children arrived. It was a right jolly evening. Refreshments were served and wishes for many happy birthdays expressed.

JUNIOR PLAY TO BE GIVEN ON DECEMBER 13

The intrepid juniors, undaunted in the face of past disasters, have fearlessly set the date for presentation of their play "Be It Ever So Humble," next Friday the Thirteenth.

Considering all the storms this play has weathered thru postponement, and sickness of various members of the cast the courage required to dare to give the play on such a "hoodooed" date as Friday 13 speaks well for the pluck and determination of the juniors to succeed, in spite of all that has hampered them.

Rehearsals are under full swing again and the juniors will deeply appreciate the hearty support of patrons and friends of the school.

Get your reserves at Stone's and save the date December 13 for an evening of real fun and entertainment.

Mrs Lewis Hostess To Bible Class

The Willow Springs Bible class, taught by Mrs. R. C. Lewis, which meets every week at the home of Mrs. Sam Anderson met this week with Mrs. Lewis at 12:30. A pot luck luncheon was served and followed by the Bible lesson on "The Second Coming of our Lord."

The following were in attendance: Mrs. Addie Grimes, Mrs. L. C. Grimes, Mrs. J. W. Elden, Miss Rose Jones, Mrs. Roy Nichols, Mrs. Sam Anderson, Mrs. Arthur Foote, Mrs. Bertha Atchison, Mrs. Earl Richmond, Mrs. Oscar Minnick, Mrs. Maynard Putney, Mrs. W. N. Amick, Mrs. A. H. Case, and Mrs. R. C. Lewis.

Farm Debt Head Named for State

Judge Ed. L. Bryan, Route 3, Junction City, has been appointed regional debt adjustment specialist assigned to Oregon, with headquarters at Corvallis, announces Walter A. Duffy, regional resettlement administration director, Portland. During the past two years Judge Bryan has served as chairman of the Benton county debt adjustment committee and counselor of the Governor's agricultural advisory council.

Miss Gladys Holmes was confined to her home a number of days but was able to return to her work Tuesday.

The Churches

THE FEDERATED CHURCH
Rev. Robert Charles Lewis, Pastor
Phone 51.
Bible School—A. J. Milton, Superintendent, 9:30 A. M.
Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock service of the Federated church, the pastor, Rev. R. C. Lewis will take for his subject—"The Women of the Royal Register".
The evening service at 7:30 o'clock, Rev. D. D. Randall, the associate pastor, will preach.
Rev. Lewis will preach in the Presbyterian church at Rogue River Sunday evening. He will deliver a sermon at 2 o'clock in the afternoon at Beagle in the school house.
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, Supt.
Communion and Proaching, 11:00 A. M. Subject "And Where Are The Nine?"
The Christian Endeavor 6:30 P. M.
Evangelistic Service, 7:30 P. M. Subject "Who's Son is He?" This is the first of a series of Christian Sermons which will prepare us to understand and appreciate the birth of Our Christ.
Prayer and Bible Study Wednesday 7:30 P. M.
Choir Rehearsal Wednesday, 8:30 P. M.