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Musings

By an Innocent Bystander

THANK
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Once more a big step has been taken to bring about sane thinking in this country. The constitution has been upheld and the idea that any administration could do as it darned pleased just because it had won the election by a large majority has been firmly set upon. It begins to look as if the handwriting on the wall is going to be interpreted very plainly.

President Roosevelt in his opening campaign speech (otherwise known as his annual message to Congress) threw down the gauntlet to the opposition and demanded that they come right cut in the open and show wherein he had been wrong. Well, the Supreme Court has done its part, and now the rest of us can do our best to add to that. It sure does one's heart good to find that there is such close sympathy between the ideas of that group of grave and reverend gentlemen and one's self. We have harped and harped at the AAA and the rest of the fumadiddles and used all the arguments we could think of on the spur of the moment, and to have them come along and say we were right is very soothing to the pride.

One of the New Year's resolutions we had dia mind was to lay off being so radical in our opposition to the President. But now all that is changed and guess we will have to go on as we have in the past, telling the truth as we see it, even if it is not to the honor and glory of the Washington bunch of "yes men." The President is a gentleman and a scholar, but he made an awful mistake when he threw in with that bunch of wild "jackasses from the peararies," Tugwell, Morley, Johnson, Wallace, and their ilk.

We heard with a good deal of satisfaction that the city dads at their meeting the other night turned a cold shoulder on he proposition to build the much-talked-of sewage disposal plant for this city. The idea that the city was to gamble about \$1300 of the taxpayers' money on the project before the people had had a chance to vote whether or not they wanted the darned thing, was too much for them. And our guess is that the people of the city would have turned the bond issue down flat, which would have left the poor councilmen in a pretty fix. We commend the council for their action.

Like all the rest of the much-advertised WPA projects we have heard of, this one was a huge joke when it came right down to brass tacks. It is our belief that when the federal government lays off boondoggling and gets back where it belongs, the city of Central Point can quietly go out and hire an engineer and get that job built for about half of the figure the federal men wanted to saddle on us. Anyway, the contractor can be forced to use purely local men on the job, men who are willing to give 100% value in labor for the pay they receive, which as everyone knows is not the case with "relief" labor.

After lying awake for hours the other night listening to the rain on the roof, the first thing we did in the morning was to look for a rainbow, but up to date it has been too dark to see one, even if it had been there. Wonder if we are going to have another flood like that of 1927?

Now that the telephone company has cut the price of their stock, reduced the annual assessment, and otherwise raised heck, we are wondering 'jus how many new phones will be put in. There are a lot of people who have said they wanted phones and now is the best chance they have had to get one cheap. And the cost per month is the lowest of any phone company in the valley.

We listened in last night to the President telling the Democrats with

TELEPHONE CO. VOTES TO REDUCE COST OF PHONES

The regular annual meeting of the Central Point Mutual Telephone Company was held in the telephone building in this city Tuesday afternoon. Reports of the secretary-treasurer and business manager showed that the company is in a very healthy condition and that the business of the company has increased during the past year. The report of the auditing committee was read and showed that the books of the company were properly kept and in good condition.

It was decided to change the number of delegates required to constitute a quorum at regular meetings from a majority to one-third of the total number of delegates authorized. Some trouble has been experienced in the past in getting out enough delegates on time for the meetings and it was thought that reducing the number required for a quorum would expedite the work of the meetings.

A motion was made to fix the annual assessment at the same figure as last year, or \$6.00. After an extended discussion an amendment was offered to this motion fixing the assessment at \$5.00 for the year. The amendment was carried and the assessment so fixed.

Only one application was received for the position of manager for the next year. Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Richardson offered to continue to hold the job for a slight increase in salary. Believing that the long and faithful service of Mr. and Mrs. Richardson entitled them to recognition, the board voted to accept their offer and ordered that the executive committee draw up a contract with them at the new figure.

It was voted to pay to Mr. D. L. Davidson and Mr. Charles Taylor the sum of \$5 each for their efficient work auditing the books of the company. Both gentlemen expressed their appreciation. A motion was made that the old officers of the company be declared re-elected by acclamation. The motion was carried unanimously and the following officers were declared re-elected: E. C. Faber, president; O. S. Blackford, vice-president; W. E. Alexander, secretary-treasurer; Charles Taylor, D. L. Davidson and Floyd Ross, auditing committee. Mr. Davidson expressed a wish to be relieved from the work of the auditing committee, but the board, after expressing its strong appreciation for the work Mr. Davidson had done in the past, took no action on his resignation. There being no further business before the meeting, adjournment was taken.

At the regular annual meeting of the Central Point Branch of the Central Point Mutual Telephone Company, held on the 31st day of December, it was decided to fix the par value of the shares in the company at \$10.00 instead of \$18.50 as formerly. It was argued that the lower price would encourage more people in joining the company, thus adding to the annual business.

The following were elected to serve for the following year: E. C. Faber, president; A. E. Powell, vice-president; W. E. Alexander, secretary-treasurer. Delegates to the Delegate Board of the parent company consist of the above officers and Bert Peck and J. H. Terrett.

New Owners Take Charge of Cheese Plant in C. P.

Mr. Vella, who will have charge of the cheese plant which was purchased by the Sonoma Valley cheese factory last spring was in the valley last week and is expected to return this week to stay. They made their first cheese for the new plant Tuesday.

Mr. Hair is lining up the machinery and is getting the plant in shape for a big business. Mr. Hair expects his father and mother to arrive here most any day. His brother came here two weeks ago.

whom he now wants to be classed, although abandoning the party principles for the past three years, that "History repeats itself," and that HE is without shadow of doubt, the re-incarnation of Andrew Jackson. How some people do love themselves.

City Council Votes To Drop Plan to Build New Plant

At a recent meeting, the city council voted to abandon the plan to build a sewage disposal plant for the city of Central Point at the present time. It had been planned to build the plant with the aid of the WPA and it had been thought that it would cost the city not more than \$12,000.

After getting a preliminary estimate of the cost of such a project, the council took the matter up with government officials, who endorsed the plan. Later the council was informed that there was a shortage of funds and that as the Central Point project called for a large proportion of materials as to labor, and the government wanted to put men to work more than to buy materials, this city had been put at the bottom of the list of projects to be built in this vicinity. Later they were told the project had been put aside for the present.

Mayor Leever took the matter up with United States Senator Charles McNary in Washington, who took it up with the headquarters of the WPA, where it was at last decided to allow the project to go ahead. Senator McNary wired to Mr. Leever that the city could go ahead at once.

City Attorney Harry Skyrman was instructed to go to Portland and take the matter up with Engineer Hockley, head of WPA work in Oregon. There Mr. Skyrman was told that it would be necessary for the city to have complete plans and specifications of the project, together with all details of the city's finances and plan for financing the project in the hands of the Portland office by January 15. Before Mr. Skyrman went to Portland, the city had secured an engineer to draw up the preliminary plans. The estimate made by this engineer showed that the project would cost in the neighborhood of \$15,000. Of this amount, it was figured that the city would have to issue \$10,000 in bonds, which would be purchased by the government, and the government would grant a gift of the balance of \$5,000.

Engineer Hockley also informed Mr. Skyrman that the figures on the cost were too low and that the project would cost at least \$23,000. Now this sum was arrived at thus

P. N. G. Club Holds Election of Officers

The Past Noble Grand club of Mt. Pitt Rebekah Lodge met at the home of Sister Minnie Buckles on Jan. 7th at 2:30 p. m. Clara Farra, president was presiding. On account of sickness and stormy weather there were several members absent.

Member answering to roll call were: Clara Farra, Nellie Simmons, Ida Henderson, Emma Gleason, Irma Hedgpeith, Mary Richardson, Betta Pankey, Catherine Merritt, and the hostess. Sister Copinger was called home before the meeting was called to order, as Mr. Copinger had received word of the death of his sister.

Under new business there was election of officers. Nellie Simmons was elected Pfr.; Iva Copinger, vice president; Mary Richardson re-elected. Secretary-Treasurer. The appointive officers: Minnie Buckles, chaplain; Betta Pankey, marshal; Ida Henderson, guard. The new officers were installed into their respective places.

Nams of the new Beckeys were drawn for the year.

The committee on the Bazaar reported clearing \$37.87, which is to be used to help defray expenses on the District Convention which is to be held in Central Point next fall.

Sister Merritt invited the club to meet at her home February 4th. Sister Clara Vincent will assist her.

As there was no further business the meeting adjourned.

Sister Buckles assisted by Sister Simmons served delicious hot tamales, pineapple salad and coffee.

Mrs. Dade Territt of Medford and son Jack, who is home on a ten day furlough from the Navy at San Diego were dinner guests at the J. H. Territt home Sunday. They also visited at the Farra home in the afternoon.

Hattie B. Hatfield Passes to Reward Thursday Morning

Mrs. Hattie Beatty Hatfield, aged 69 years, 9 months and 3 days, well known and beloved local business woman, died at the Community hospital in Medford this morning at 3:30 o'clock from heart complications. She had been ill only a few days.

Hattie Beatty was born April 6, 1866, at Ironton, Ohio, where she spent her girlhood years. She was married on June 17, 1891 to L. Hatfield at South Point, Ohio. To this union were born two sons, Frank Beatty Hatfield, who passed away in March 1917, and Clifford O. Hatfield who is now merchandise manager for Bartell Drug Stores in Seattle. Frank Hatfield was for several years cashier of the Central Point State Bank.

Mr. and Mrs. Hatfield came to Oregon in 1905, living for about a year in Portland and coming to Central Point in 1906, where they have since resided. They have been in the dry goods and clothing business here practically ever since their arrival.

Hattie B. Hatfield was one of the best known and best loved women in this community. She was always active in lodge and church work, being the first Matron of Nevita Chapter, O. E. S. Two years ago she was elected secretary of the Central Point Business Men's association.

Expressions of regret at her sudden passing are heard on every hand. One local business man said he would not feel worse if it had been a member of his own family. The heartfelt sympathy of the entire community goes out to the bereaved husband and son.

The only son, Clifford O. Hatfield arrived from his home in Seattle a few hours before his mother's death but too late to talk with her, as she had passed into a state of coma some time before, and from which she never regained consciousness.

Besides her husband and son, she leaves to mourn her passing, one sister, Mrs. E. H. Thomas, of Berkeley, California, besides a host of friends in the community.

Funeral services will be conducted at the Perl Funeral Home in Medford at 2:30 P. M. Sunday, January 12, Rev. Wm. Shields, a long-time friend of the deceased officiating. Interment will be in the I. O. O. F. cemetery in Medford by the side of her son, Frank B. Hatfield.

Frank Tompkins To Last Reward

Frank Tompkins passed away at a local hospital early Wednesday morning from heart trouble, at the age of 60 years. He was born at Sanburn, N. Y., October 2, 1875.

Mr. Tompkins was united in marriage to Elizabeth Angler, in July, 1905, at Devil's Lake, N. D., where they lived for six and one-half years. He had been a resident of the Central Point district for 27 years and was a member of Central Point I. O. O. F. lodge No. 193.

He leaves to mourn, his widow, Elizabeth and his mother, Mrs. Mary Tompkins, aged 90 years, of Sanburn, N. Y.; one brother, Wilbur Tompkins, and two sisters, Mrs. Eva Ferrigo and Mrs. Myra Stall, all of Sanburn, N. Y.

Funeral services will be conducted from the Perl Funeral home, Friday at 2 o'clock, with Rev. Ralph Peterson of the Presbyterian church officiating. Interment will take place in the Central Point cemetery.

Services at the graveside will be in charge of Central Point lodge No. 193, I. O. O. F.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Glass, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hesselgrave and Mr. and Mrs. Gillespie enjoyed Saturday evening in Medford and Jacksonville.

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JULIA A. OWEN 94 PIONEER RESIDENT OF C. P. SUCGUMBS

Julia A. Owen, aged 94 years, 3 months and 20 days, one of the oldest pioneers in Southern Oregon, passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. J. Freeman, in Central Point, at 12:30 p. m. Tuesday, January 7. She had been a continuous resident of Central Point for 84 years, having come here from the place of her birth when 10 years of age.

Julia A. Owen was born in Elkhart, Sangamon county, Illinois, on September 17, 1841, being the daughter of Isaac and Lucinda Constant, who were destined to become pioneers of Southern Oregon. It was in the year 1850 the father decided to seek a milder climate in which to build a home for his family and in company with a friend started for the Far West on horseback and after six months' travel reached the Willamette valley, and a little later explored the southern part of the state with a view of selecting a site for the future home of his family. This having been disposed of, he started on the return trip to Illinois, which took another six months' travel.

The details of getting ready for the family journey took about the same time, as it was necessary to provide the necessary camp equipment, food and other items and the necessary tools, sled and such machinery as could be taken with the grain, which was to start in the early part of 1852, and was to not only include the Constant family but also a brother of Mrs. Constant, Mr. Merriman and family, Mrs. Merriman and a small child passed away before the journey was completed.

On the way many hardships had to be met and overcome and on one occasion the Indians stole two mules from a team of six and before they could be overtaken they had killed the animals and were preparing for at east on mule meat. They were followed by members of the train and taught the lesson that it would be better not to interfere with the stock and other items of property that belonged to the train.

After the long and strenuous journey the train reached Southern Oregon and the Constant family occupied the land that had been arranged for by the father on his previous trip, this being the tract lying east of the land occupied later by the (Continued on Page 3)

The Churches

THE FEDERATED CHURCH
Rev. Robert Charles Lewis, Pastor
Phone 51.

Bible School—A. W. Ayers, Superintendent, 9:30 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.

Rev. R. C. Lewis, pastor of the Federated church will speak of the "World's Greatest Detective" Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock, telling of some incidents featuring special Detective Work after long years of search for the culprit.

At the 11 a. m. service, the pastor begins a series of sermons on the "Christian's Crowns".

A special invitation is extended to all, especially those who have no church affiliation, to "the church of friends and friendliness."

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Chifton A. Phillips, Minister
Bible School, 10:00 A. M. Roland Hoyer, superintendent.

Communion and Preaching, 11:00 A. M. Special Music for this service. Christian Endeavor, Prayer Service 6:30 P. M. Norman Hansen is leader.

Evangelistic Service 7:30 P. M. Subj. "What the Bible Does Not Teach"

Prayer and Bible Study, Wednesday 7:30 P. M. The 14th chapter of Revelation will be explained and discussed. Choir Rehearsal Wednesday 8:30 P. M.