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Musings

By an Innocent Bystander

The fun is on. While the Republicans are busy looking over the vast number of poor geezers who are willing, nay, anxious, to carry the banner of the G.O.P. this fall and who feel sure they would be bright and shining lights in the White House, the Democrats are starting a glorious row among themselves.

The "Happy Warrior," who had so much fun with Herbert a few years ago and who has had an itch to take a joke at his old side-kick, F.D.R., ever since Frankie beat him out in the convention, had the time of his life at that Liberty League dinner the other night.

And how Al did sling mud! We had thought we ourselves had expressed more or less mild disapproval of the New Deal. But beside that reformed East-Sider our poor feeble efforts seemed almost pitiful. But now along comes Senator Robinson, who quotes all sorts of things from Al's past life to show what an awful turncoat Mr. Smith was. Sic 'em, pups. A lot we care how much you scrap. We have a ringside seat and so long as one of you don't tumble through the ropes, we will stand the gore.

Now we hear that the Lone Wolf of Boise has went and done it. He has had the supreme audacity to criticize that perfect gift of the gods, the Townsend Plan. Why Hiram, who'd a thunk it? We thought you had more political suaveness than that. Don't you know what lese mageste is?

We heard a distinguished member of the government say over the radio the other night that "you must not forget that that 1932 Democratic platform about which so much ado is made, was adopted in the spring of 1932," months before that "dawn of civilization," March 4, 1933, when Mr. Roosevelt took that solemn oath to "support and defend the Constitution." Now it seems as though we have a faint recollection of hearing a report somewhere and also seeing numerous charts showing that the summer of 1932 was the very worst year of the depression.

Now our Democratic friends would like to make it appear that things had got so much worse by that March day that poor Frankie just had to abandon all the old ideas and jump right in with a bang to save mankind. Well, mebbe, but to us it sounds like a lot of bunk. Here is the way we see it:

He has increased every family's cost of living, including the farmer's. He has added to the already heavy load the taxpayers of the nation were carrying. He has lost to America her stand as the "breadbasket" of the world and brought that monstrosity into existence—the import of vast quantities of food-stuffs into this country. He has placed a burden of debt upon the shoulders of generations yet unborn. He has added to the list of federal commissions and bureaus, to such an extent that Washington can no longer hold 'em all and preparations are being made to move part of them to Baltimore.

But what's the use? We could go on all night bringing these things before our readers. But the American people are coming out of their coma and can see for themselves.

In another column we have set forth our recommendations regarding the measures to be voted on tomorrow. We have done so with fear and trembling. We know we won't agree with many of our friends, but we have always striven to say just what we believed without thought of the consequences and are not going to change now.

By the way, we hear the city dads are busy setting a good example to the rest of us by starting a clean-up campaign of their own. Now if we could only get the folks to take more pains with waste paper, etc., along our streets, it would help. It looks sometimes as if every kid in town gets something down town on their way to school and throws the wrapper near our door. And then at noon they grab their lunches and hustle down town, throwing paper bags, half-eaten sandwiches, etc., all along the way. We suggest that parents and teachers unite in a campaign to stop such practices.

CHEESE FACTORY TO OPEN AGAIN ON FEBRUARY FIRST

The local cheese factory, which has been partly closed down while new equipment was being installed, will open full blast about February 1, according to an announcement made today by Mr. G. Vella, manager.

The factory, which was purchased some time ago by Mr. Vella, will be operated as a branch of the Sonoma Valley Cheese Factory, which operates two other factories in California.

New vats and other equipment have been added and the factory can handle up to 10,000 pounds of milk per day. Mr. Vella states that he expects to pay 5c per pound above the San Francisco butterfat price for milk. He expects to put on at least one truck to haul milk to the factory, but hopes to make his price so attractive that farmers can afford to deliver their own milk. Payments for milk will be made twice a month.

Mr. Vella arrived here from Sonoma Valley Wednesday and expects to divide his time between here and his other factories in the South. Mr. Hair, who has been operating the factory, under lease, for some time, will have charge of the cheesemaking for the present.

Dr. Hedges Moves To New Offices

Dr. A. R. Hedges, naturopathic and chiropractic physician, held open house Saturday in his new Health Institute, which occupies the entire second floor of the Jackson County Building and Loan association building at 126 East Main street in Medford.

The new institute is one of the best equipped in the Northwest. Numerous electrical machines of the latest design are used for diagnosis and treatment of all manner of disease. Dr. Hedges during the open house took his visitors through the entire institute and explained the science of naturopathic and chiropractic healing and demonstrated the use of the electrotherapeutic, electrodiathermic, electro-neuropathic instruments as well as other instruments used in the natural curative art.

Dr. Hedges has been practicing in Medford for a quarter of a century. For 18 years he occupied offices at 235 east main street. He moved to his new offices the first of the year after the premises had been completely remodeled to suit his special needs.

"We treat all kinds of cases except those involving major surgery," Dr. Hedges says. The public is invited to call at the Health Institute at any time to inspect the new and handsome offices.

Mrs. Norcross Dies in Ashland

Harriet A. Norcross passed away at her home, 295 Beach street, in Ashland, January 26. She was born Harriet Amanda Loucks, in Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, September 1, 1863, the youngest of ten children. In 1869 the family moved to Rockford, Iowa, and later to Trent, S. D., settling on government land. She was united in marriage to Leonard Lawrence Norcross, March 27, 1888. Two children were born to the union, Vera, who died at four years, and Alta, who survives. Later they moved to Flandreau, S. D., where they lived 24 years before going to Central Point, Ore. They lived there twelve years, moving to Ashland in 1926. Mr. Norcross died May 21, 1931.

One sister and one brother survive: Mrs. R. M. Lawrence, Cleveland, Ohio, and A. C. Loucks, Cottage Grove, Oregon.

Funeral services were held at two o'clock Monday at the Dodge chapel in Ashland.

Relatives in attendance included, sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Norcross, Central Point; nieces, Mrs. E. H. Hedrick, Miss Blanche Arnold, Medford; Mrs. Frank Henspeter, and a nephew, W. Arnold, Jacksonville.

Don't get in a rush, folks, and plant your beans these balmy afternoons. It'll be quite some time yet before the frost season ends.

Recommendations On Measures to Be Voted on Tomorrow

We have been asked by a number of our readers to state our views on the amendments to be voted on tomorrow. Of the four measures to be voted on we feel that two should be voted down. The bill to allow the legislature to fix the salaries of its members is one of these. While we admit that \$3.00 per day is not enough in these days of high prices, still we are not in favor of leaving the exact amount to the legislature itself. Had this bill fixed the salary at \$5.00 per day, we would favor it, but we are not in favor of letting the bars down entirely.

And we do not favor the bill changing the date of the primary. It appears to us that shortening the time between the primary and the regular election would work a hardship on any poor man who happened to be a candidate. Wealthy men could make a hurried race by means of the radio and whirlwind methods but a poor man would be handicapped badly if he had to try to cover his district in such a short time. Better leave well enough alone.

As for the sales tax, we consider that a very necessary matter. And as we see it, this is not a sales tax at all, at least in the accepted meaning of that expression. The question, as we see it, is not whether we want a sales tax or not, but whether we are going to make any provision for ANY old age pensions at the present time. Our present old age pensions will automatically cease this year, unless this bill becomes law. Shall we allow the aged and infirm who are now getting a pittance from county funds to be forced to get along with NOTHING? It is argued that what the people want is the Townsend pension of \$200 a month. All very well, but any one with common sense will readily see that there

is absolutely no chance of getting the Townsend Plan in operation for at least two years, even if it should pass the present Congress, and even Dr. Townsend himself has no hope of getting his plan through the present Senate. And until (if ever) the Townsend Plan or some other gets to working we will have to provide some other way of caring for those old people. And we hate to think of turning them over to the mercies of the Relief agencies as now constituted. If and when some better plan is put into operation we can always drop any temporary methods now adopted. So we say VOTE "YES" FOR THE SALES TAX.

The bill authorizing the collection of a uniform student activity fee of not more than \$5.00 a term should also pass. These fees have been collected from the students at all institutions of higher learning in the state for the past twenty-five years. They have gone to pay for all sorts of activities carried on by the students and essentially educational in character. For a number of years these fees have been collected at the same time as other regular fees at the time of registration, by order of the board of regents. Last year the legality of this method of collecting the fee was questioned and the legislature was asked to pass a bill authorizing the Board of Higher Education to collect a uniform fee for this purpose from all students. This was done but the same dissatisfied element which had raised the question of legality succeeded in forcing the referring of the bill to the people. The bill has the hearty endorsement of the students themselves, the alumni associations, the associations of parents of the students, as well as practically every one who has made a study of the matter. VOTE 306 X YES.

Few Local Shooters Join Rifle Club

With some of the best shots of Southern Oregon being in Central Point the percent to support a local rifle club is rather small.

There is no age limit to the club. Any male person 18 years of age or more is eligible. With .22 and .30 caliber ammunition available and a chance to win a Sterling Silver Medal for qualifying it seems that every gun minded man in town would take advantage of this opportunity. Style of shooting is not as some may think. Four positions are used. 1—off hand; 2—kneeling; 3—sitting; and 4—prone, but not sand bag fashion. It has proven out that the man making a good off hand score usually heads the list of high scores for the four positions.

The Club is sponsored by "The National Rifle Ass'n. of America" in conjunction with the "Director of Civilian Marksmanship" of the War Dept.

The name "Medford National Rifle Club," does not mean that a Jacksonville, Phoenix, Talent or Central Point man cannot join, it merely means that the club was formed in Medford for the whole district.

To those interested the dues are \$2.00 per year and entries are now open. Shooting on each Monday night in the basement of the Army in Medford.

Hazel J. Tyrell To Last Reward

Hazel Julia Tyrell, aged 46, passed away at her home two miles north of Jacksonville, Monday evening after a short illness. She was born at Kingsbury, S.D., August 6, 1889. Hazel Julia Coulson was married to Arden Tyrell, February 24, 1916, at Eugene, Ore. Five children born to the union all survive.

Including her husband, there are left to mourn, the children, Arietta Lou, Margaret Arlene, Maxine Hazel, Mable Alice and John Arden Tyrell, all at home, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Coulson, three brothers and one sister.

Mrs. Tyrell was a member of the Christian church and the Grange of Central Point.

Funeral services will be held at the Peri Funeral home Thursday at 2 p.m. with Rev. Clifford Phillips officiating. Interment will be in Siskiyou Memorial park.

Jackson Co. Deputy



R. E. NEALON.
Born in Santa Clara, Calif., but has lived most of his life in Oregon. Is engaged in diversified farming at Table Rock and is a charter member of Sams Valley Grange, serving three terms as its Master.
Brother Nealon was appointed county deputy in 1927 and since then has been instrumental in organizing some eleven Granges.

"Once in a Palace" To Be Given on Feb. 6 by Students

Preparations are nearing completion for the presentation of the 3 act royalty play "Once in a Palace" to be given by a picked cast, chosen from the student body, on Thursday evening February 6.

The scene of the story is laid in an old medieval castle. As the play opens the court is in a furor. King Hazzem and Princess Dear One are matching tempers again. The king insists his future son-in-law shall be a skillful tailor. The Princess rebels. She's interested in a certain Prince Vido, and she doubts whether he can thread a needle. Celly, the adorable scullery ma'id, enters breathlessly. A Ragged Tailor is in the court yard and claims that "for three kisses of Princess Dear One—" ("What!" says King Hazzem!)—"he will make the King a coat that will please him forever". ("Ahem," says King Hazzem). In a hilarious scene he tries in vain to trick the Tailor with a substitute princess. At last he promises the kisses when the coat is made. The Tailor fools the King and his court with a "magic" coat, invisible to stupid people. To save their reputations, the king "sees" the coat. Just as everyone is about to breathe easily, the Princess exposes the hoax and the Tailor is seized. But a handsome page comes seeking Prince Vido, and goes straight to the Ragged Tailor!

The play is cast as follows: Stitch, tailor to the king—Roy Heath; Sash, tailor to the king—Norman Hansen; Cut, tailor to the king—Donald Smith; Princess Dear One—Zada Cash; Celly, the scullery—Barbara Kohler; Flavia, lady-in-waiting—Maryann Tucker; Julianne, ady-in-waiting—Nelda Ayers; King Hazzem—Ernest Lathrop; The Ragged Tailor—Morris Dow; Queen Anne—Marjorie Jones; First Guard—Merle O'Connor; Second Guard—Marion O'Connor; Prime Minister—Roger Yost; First Doctor—Edwin Gehhard; Second Doctor—Arthur Copinger; The Green Page—Alan Jewett; A Page—Warren Young.

Carol Furry as chairman of the costume committee is assisted by Erma Richardson, Roberta Wertz, Norma Holland, and Millie McCord. Dorothea Hedgpeh is in charge of the stage arrangements and Nellie Grissom is business manager.

Dawson Filing Co. Testing Magnetos In Medford Shop

A magneto testing bench has been built and installed at the Dawson Filing Works, on North Front, where anyone having magneto trouble can get 24 hour service on repairing and testing.
Only genuine factory parts are used in repairing the magnetos, Dawson said, and all types of magnetos can be repaired. Farmers and orchardists, or anyone using gasoline engines, are urged to check up on their machines, because magneto trouble can cause much delay.
The testing bench was built at the Dawson shop.

It Could Be Worse

There are times when rain is not falling. And Meadowlarks are calling. The fields are showing green. And soon we will have again the finest weather in the whole wide world. Meantime, new settlers are coming. And times generally ARE LOOKING UP.

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GRANGE TO GIVE ONE-ACT COMEDY AT HALL TONIGHT

A comedy one-act play will be presented in the Central Point grange hall tonight at 8 p. m. with the following cast:

Ma Brown, herself—Faye Ritzinger; Pa Brown, himself—J. Sanford Richardson; Jimmy McNabe—Robert Sparks; Cynthia, whom Jimmy loves—Janice Hesselgrave.

The play was cast and directed by Mrs. Victor Bursell. Mr. Angus Bowmer, Dramatics Instructor at the Southern Oregon Normal School acted as advisor and professional critic.

The play is considered one of the better one act plays and is especially well cast. It is one of the eight plays entered in the annual Rural Dramatic Contest sponsored by the Jackson County Recreational Club.

It is hoped every resident of Central Point will attend this play presentation January 30 and that they will boost for the play and help it win the County Contest.

A Jacksonville orchestra will play after the play and all who care to can dance for an extra small charge.

Mr. Nathan Eddy received a letter from Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Ferguson of Oakland saying that Mr. Lawerman had been sick but was better at that time.

Mr. J. D. Culbertson has not been well the last few weeks.

Mrs. Overbeck's little daughters, Harriett, Joan and Jean, Mrs. Clifford Smith and Zaldie were visitors at the John Anderson cottage Wednesday.

The basketball team will play at Phoenix Friday evening and the high school band will travel to Phoenix with the team.

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.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Clifton A. Phillips, Minister

Bible School 10:00 A. M. Roland Hoover, Superintendent.
Communion and Preaching 11:00 A. M. Subject "Consecration."

Senior Christian Endeavor, 6:30 P. M. President, Norman Hansen; Leader, Homer Young. Director J. Ed Vincent.

Evangelistic Service 7:30 P. M. A group from Reese Creek will be with us at this service and several will be baptized at the Baptismal Service immediately following the sermon.

Brother Powell minister of Reese Creek will conduct this service. Mr. Phillips will speak on the subject, "Temptation" showing that there are but three temptations to which men fall to sin. There will be special music for this service.

Prayer and Bible Study, Wednesday 7:30 P. M. Mrs. Bertha Bursell will lead the devotional service and the pastor will explain the Seven Last Plagues in Rev. 16.

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