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Musings

By an Innocent Bystander

"If to please the people, we offer what we ourselves disapprove, how can we afterwards defend our work? Let us raise a standard to which the wise and just can repair. The event is in the hands of God." George Washington.

We commend the action of one of the national weeklies (Liberty) in printing the full text of the Constitution and its Amendments. While we probably won't get any rake-off from the excess sales, we are going to recommend that every one of our readers get a copy and read that grand old document carefully. We fear too many Americans are sadly ignorant of just what the Constitution does say. It's worth reading over again, anyway.

We heard of a new case of strange usurpation of power. A young man of our acquaintance was discharged from the Army during the war as totally and permanently disabled. For some years he received a pension of \$100 per month. This was later cut down. But no payment being forthcoming on his War Risk Insurance, the young man brought suit in the U. S. District Court at Portland before Judge McNary. A jury in this court found in favor of the young man and a judgment was issued declaring the young man totally disabled and ordering the War Risk Insurance Board to pay to him a certain sum per month for life. 90 days was allowed for the government to appeal from this judgment.

No appeal was made, during this period or at any time subsequent, but the payments were made as ordered. These payments were continued until in September, 1933, after President Roosevelt had been in office six months, when the young veteran was notified that "the judgment had been set aside" and the payments would cease from date.

Now comes the big puzzle. Since when has the President of the United States held the power to calmly set aside judgments of the courts? What is the use of having a system of courts if the President can set aside their acts at will? We had held the idea that only an edict of a higher court could change an order of a lower one. But it seems that the present Administration can get by with about anything under the sun.

We understand that some of the best legal minds in the state have become interested in this case and we are awaiting developments with interest.

This writer had the pleasure of inspecting one of the finest pieces of work in the way of a hand-made salmon rod we have ever seen. The rod was made by Archie Parker of this city and is sure a dandy. The rod is made from Calcutta bamboo, beautifully wound with silk. The butt of the rod, for a space of about three feet is wound with a sort of knit string. This is wound spirally over the rod, the layers being closely laid and the whole covered with heavy coatings of varnish. The line guides are very closely spaced, giving added strength.

We told Mr. Parker to "Get thee behind me, Satan," as he hadn't order he putting temptation in the way of an old fisherman. One would almost be tempted to break the entire Ten Commandments just to own such a hum-dinger of a fishin' pole.

Wish the next time Rosie's steam wagons break down they would pick a place out on the desert somewhere instead of right under our bedroom window. Those fellows can make more racket than a boiler foundry.

We are busier than a cat on a tin roof these days. What with getting out our own great family journal, the high school paper and handling the mechanical work of printing the new Townsend paper, the Southern Oregon Times, besides more or less commercial printing, we don't have much time to sit on the fence and view the passing events. But then, that's just what we have been hollering for, more work, so guess we shouldn't complain.

Too bad Central Point had to lose out on the chance to win the County basketball championship. We fear the coach will have to put a guard on some of his best players to keep them away from poison oak and

SCOUT COUNCIL TO HOLD ANNUAL MEET SUNDAY

According to the Executive Board, the Crater Lake Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, will hold their Annual Meeting this coming Sunday afternoon, February 23rd, 1936.

"A special feature of this year's Annual Meeting will be the attendance of the Scouters' wives," according to the resolution passed by the Board. The conference is scheduled to begin promptly at 1:30 p. m. at the Hotel Medford and carry on throughout the afternoon and early evening, climaxing with a special banquet and Eagle Court of Honor. During the afternoon, while the men are reporting and preparing the future plans for Scouting in this area, which includes all of Josephine, Jackson and Siskiyou Counties, the ladies will be entertained as guests of the Medford District Scouters' ladies.

Edward L. Curtis, Regional Scout Executive and representative of the National Council will be present throughout the conference. Very helpful and useful information of the latest developments in the National Brotherhood of Scouting will be received from Mr. Curtis during the conference.

During the afternoon session a report will be heard from the nominating committee for the election of the 1936 Executive Officers of the Council. L. N. Lorenzen, Mt. Shasta, chairman of the Siskiyou County Scouters Committee, is chairman of the nominating committee, with the following four Scouters as members: M. N. Hogan, Medford, Council Civic Service Committee Chairman; G. H. Grover, Grants Pass, Grants Pass District Scouters Committee Chairman; John H. Fuller, Ashland, Council Court of Honor Committee Chairman; and George Luttrell, Yreka, Chairman Siskiyou County Scouters District Finance Committee.

The present Executive Officers of the Council are Larry Schade, Council President; Eugene Thorndike, Treasurer, and R. E. McElhose, Council Scout Commissioner. These officers were elected at the 1935 Annual Meeting and their term expires at this 1936 Annual Meeting.

"A good attendance is urged and is expected this year," according to President Larry Schade. "Invitations were mailed last week to 196 men registered with the movement in this Council Area. It is easier to build boys than to mend men, and prevention is lots less costly than correction. The boys of today are the men of tomorrow and we must give them our interest and attention." urged Schade at the Executive Committee meeting.

Will Aid Taxpayers With Income Tax

D. Scarbrough, auditor for the state tax commission, will be at the County Assessor's office February 26 and 27, for the purpose of assisting local taxpayer in making out their 1935 income tax returns, according to word received by Assessor J. B. Coleman.

All taxpayers desiring information or assistance in making out these returns should arrange to see Mr. Scarbrough on either of these two days.

such. Better stay out of the woods next time, Bill.

We are stealing a leaf from Bro. Chapman's book today and heading this column with a quotation from the writings of the Father of his country, whose birthday is Saturday. And we are not ashamed to put our stuff under such a heading. We, too, have endeavored to offer to our readers honest and constructive comment on the world in which we live and the people in it.

This is National Defense Week. While no one wants war, still so long as the world is what it is and so large a proportion of its population have no regard for anything but their own advantage, this country would be very foolish not to be ready at all times for whatever might come up. When living among wild beasts a wise person carries a gun.

Campaign to Curb Supreme Court Taking Form

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—A drive to limit the power of the Supreme Court to declare acts of Congress unconstitutional has begun in the National Legislature. Development of the drive will depend in large degree on further action of the Court toward new-deal measures, particularly TVA, now pending.

The movement has been growing in Democratic quarters for months, gathered a measure of nonpartisan support after the 6-to-3 AAA invalidation in Republican and western Republican, and was touched off yesterday by the scathing speech of Senator George W. Norris (R) of Nebraska in the Senate.

In the Senate, half a dozen bills have been introduced; in the House Representative W. B. Gregory (D) of Kentucky, chairman of the subcommittee of the House Judiciary Committee announced that he would start public hearings shortly on more than 20 bills already introduced to restrict, one way or another, the powers of the court.

A straw-ballot conducted recently by the National Institute of Public Opinion among all classes of citizens indicated opposition to an absolute curtailment of the Supreme Court's powers; but at the same time showed a majority of the public favorable to a change preventing 5-to-4 decisions rendering laws unconstitutional.

The most prominent bill in the Senate is that of Senator James P. Pope (D) of Idaho requiring a majority of more than two thirds (7 to 2) before a regularly enacted law could be thrown out by the high tribunal.

Various other propositions have been proposed. The argument in all cases runs that if the court itself is not able to decide whether a law is, or is not, constitutional, then the benefit of the doubt should be given to the will of Congress, the elected branch of the public.

Not in years has a discussion of the Court occupied so large a place in the conversation of Congress. Any curb on the Court's powers would require a constitutional amendment, and the Senate does not share the apparent enthusiasm of the more popularly responsive House for such a proposal. Coming in an election year, strong doubt is expressed whether the issue could be kept nonpartisan, without which, because of the difficulties of writing an amendment, it would certainly fail.

The Norris speech on the matter yesterday included a vigorous attack on the present situation. Referring to the AAA decision he said: "The members of the Court say that regulation of agricultural production is unconstitutional because it is not mentioned in the Constitution, but nowhere is there mentioned in that document the right of the Court to declare acts of Congress unconstitutional. Therefore they themselves, by their own words, violate the Constitution."

Senator Norris said the Constitution gave Congress the power to restrict the Court's decision and that Congress, "if it had the courage," could exercise the power. He asserted it was a legal axiom that laws should not be declared unconstitutional unless they could be so considered "beyond a reasonable doubt." And division in the Court, he said, showed the existence of doubt. Personally, he favored the Pope bill.

A group of progressives back the Pope-Norris proposal for a curb on the Court. It is not generally known that Senator William E. Borah (R) of Idaho once sponsored legislation to require more than a majority decision to nullify acts of Congress.

One argument heard in Congress is that a constitutional amendment would not be needed to curb the Court.

Article III, Section 2, of the Constitution gives the Supreme Court appellate jurisdiction in all cases except those affecting diplomats and states, where it has original jurisdiction—but only "with such exceptions, and under such rules, as the Congress shall make." Thus, it is held that Congress might curb the Court by itself; though most feeling is that in so vital a matter the

mandate of a constitution amendment would be a practical necessity.

The Constitution does not give the Supreme Court explicit power to nullify acts of Congress, and during the first 75 years of the Union only two acts were called unconstitutional: the first, setting the rule, in the Marbury v. Madison, and the second, precipitating the Civil War, in the Dred Scott case.

U. S. National Bank Expands by Sale of Shares of Stock

PORTLAND, ORE., FEB. 18.—Expansion of The United States National Bank of Portland by increasing capital to \$4,500,000 and surplus to \$3,300,000 through the sale of 25,000 shares at \$30 (par \$20) to present stockholders was announced here today by Paul S. Dick, president.

Opportunity to employ additional funds in meeting the growing community needs for banking credit, due to business improvement and maintenance of a proper ratio between capital structure and deposit liabilities were given by Mr. Dick as the reasons for enlarging the bank at this time.

The bank's deposits have grown at the rate of \$1,000,000 a month for the past year, and have now passed the \$100,000,000 mark. It is the 59th largest bank in the country and one of 60 banks that hold 45% of the nation's bank deposits.

The United States National Bank operates in addition to the head office at Broadway and Sixth, at Stark, four Portland branches and twelve upstate branches, at Albany, Eugene, St. Helens, La Grande, Mc Minnville, Medford, Mount Angel, Ontario, Salem, Oregon City, Pendleton, and The Dalles. The Clark County National Bank at Vancouver, Wash., is an affiliate.

The United States National Bank was opened on February 4, 1891, with capital stock of \$250,000. It has grown steadily as Portland and tributary country have grown, with frequent and regular expansions of its capital structure. In 1910 the capital was \$1,000,000; in 1925 \$2,400,000; in 1930, \$4,000,000; and now in 1936 it will be increased to \$4,500,000.

Senior officers of the bank are: J. C. Ainsworth, chairman of the board; Paul S. Dick, president; A. M. Wright, first vice-president; Edgar H. Sensenich, John N. Edlefsen, W. M. Cook, W. L. J. Davies, Frank S. Meagher, and A. L. Mills, Jr., vice-presidents.

Latest current market quotation of the bank's stock is 50 asked and 48 1/2 bid.

Many Veterans Apply for Bonds

Between 30 and 40 veterans' bonus applications are being completed each day at the AAA station at 35 South Riverside avenue. It was announced today by Lee M. Garlock, official appointed for this district to aid in making out the applications. The work will continue until every ex-service man in the county is taken care of, Garlock said.

The applications, of which approximately 700 have been completed to date, are averaging close to \$600 a piece, he said. In the next few weeks it is estimated that between 400 and 500 applications will be completed.

Asked the attitude of the men toward the spending of the money when it is paid, Garlock said, "I'll venture to say that over 75 per cent of those applying are veterans who really need the cash, and who will put it to good advantage."

Mr. Powers has been in the Community hospital for an operation on his jaw and is expecting to go back soon for some more treatments. This time the doctors expect to remove the whole growth. The doctors are at a loss as to what caused the growth.

Ed Brown received a letter from Ernest Rostell stating that he was working for the Star Weekly at San Francisco.

Brownsboro Fetes Turning on Power For First Time

BROWNSBORO, Feb. 19.—After several years of planning, hoping and working for electricity, Brownsboro, one of the oldest towns in Jackson county, has been rewarded and the lights were turned on Tuesday, February 11. An incident worthy of mention is that this date was also the 89th birthday anniversary of Thomas A. Edison, Saturday evening at 7 o'clock the ladies of Brownsboro gave a chicken dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Wright for nearly seventy people, among whom, Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Richmond and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Olmscheid of Copco, were guests of honor. Miss Fenner, demonstrator for Copco, demonstrated the use of the electric range. The delicious rolls, donated by Fluhrer's bakery and the ice cream by Snider's dairy, were greatly appreciated and enjoyed. After dinner was served, the following program was presented:

Address of welcome, H. W. Wright "Seeing Things at Night," Walter Strahn; "Ma's Tools," Lois Wright; Tap dance, Margaret Henry; songs, Bill Swain and Lester Marshall, accompanied by Mr. Swain on the banjo; History of Brownsboro, Julia Sidley; songs, Will, George and Gerald Hansen, accompanied by Mrs. L. J. Rohrer on the piano; "Early Days in Brownsboro," George Brown.

Mr. Craig gave an interesting talk on the lights used by the pioneers and Charles Terrill, in a short talk, showed a candle mold used by his mother. Others giving short addresses were S. C. Richmond, Walter Olmscheid and Leland Dyingier. Mrs. George Brown sang, accompanied by Miss Helen Brown on the piano.—Mail Tribune.

No Grace Allowed On Dog Licenses

The Humane Society has just learned that there will be no grace period extended beyond March 1st, for the failure to secure your Oregon State Dog License.

The penalty after March 1st. will be the amount of the license fee plus court costs.

It is understood that in connection with this year's license that there will be no recourse to jury trials, etc., to avoid payment of this license.

It is pointed out that this license was created for the benefit of farmers suffering sheep losses thru the ravages of dogs; incorporated cities receive 80% of this license to handle their municipal dog problems.

The payment of this dog license in Jackson County last year enabled the County Dog Board to increase the compensation on sheep losses 33 1/2%.

Licenses are a benefit to the farmer and a necessity to the city resident and as a consequence the payment of same cannot be avoided.

The Humane Society suggests that in order to avoid needless expense all dog owners secure their licenses before March 1st. This license is due whether you permit your dog to run at large or keep him within the confines of your own property.

Snider's Dairy Adds New Pasteurizer

Further evidence of the progressiveness of Snider Dairy and Produce company in the installation this week of a second all-stainless steel pasteurizer in the strictly modern milk department.

Addition of the new equipment for pasteurization of milk provides ample space for processing large quantities of milk in readiness for Snider's patrons throughout southern Oregon. The strictly up-to-date and sanitary plant is open for public inspection at all times.

JUNIOR BAND GIVES SURPRISE PARTY

The Junior band of the Federated church surprised Kenneth Wyatt with a Valentine shower after school Friday. Seventeen boys and girls were present. They served cookies, Valentine hearts and punch. Mrs. Wyatt surprised the group with home made ice cream and pop corn. Various games were played and a jolly time reported.

POINTERS LOSE FINAL GAME TO PHOENIX SQUAD

After beating Jacksonville, Gold Hill and Talent to come into a tie with Phoenix for the southern division championship of the County, the Central Point basketball squad's hopes for victory were dashed when they were taken to a 31 to 16 defeat at the hands of the Phoenix quintet. Both teams were fighting hard for the right to play against the winners of the northern division for the County Championship.

The Pointers, playing a fast and speedy game, took the lead at the start only to keep it until the second quarter when Phoenix took the lead and maintained it until the end of the game. Bill Grimes, unable to play on account of poison oak and Ernest Lathrop, going out on fouls during the game, handicapped the team greatly. Many fouls were made by both teams in an effort to win the game. In a last few minutes rally the Phoenix team made several baskets which put them far in the lead.

Those seeing action were: Richard Jewett, capt., Pink and Blue O'Connor, Roger Lawrence, Ernest Lathrop, Arthur Copinger and Kenneth Hood Ivan Harrington, referee.

Playing as a preliminary game, the Phoenix second string was walloped badly, when the Central Point second string beat them 39 to 14. Winning this game gave the Pointers second team the honor of winning all of their games this season with "B" class schools.

Those playing on the second string were: Lorne Webster, Alan Jewett, Leonard James, Simon Pappé, E. Gebhard and Jules Powers. Ivan Harrington, referee.

These two games ended the conference basketball games for Central Point. Coach Boswell states, however, that he will try an arrange for other games to be played between now and the first week in March when the tournament in Ashland will be played.

Will Sing Over KMED

Miss Glenda Wirth will sing over KMED Wednesday at 7:15 Mrs. Mae MacKinnon songs and the music by Fred Alton Height. Mrs. Mae MacKinnon has a cottage at the Hotel Valandra. These songs are well worth tuning in for.

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 classes Tuesday afternoon from 2 to 3 o'clock in charge of Mrs. H. A. Davison. From 3 to 4 o'clock in charge of Mrs. R. C. Lewis.

or. 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 Preaching, 11:00 A. M.

Senior Endeavor, 6:30 P. M. Bobbie Hoagland, leader. J. Ed Vincent, director.

Evangelistic Service 7:30 P. M. Sermon subject "The Transfiguration." Special music for this service.

Prayer and Bible Study, Wednesday, 7:30 P. M.
Junior Endeavor at home of Mrs. Ietta Elde, Friday 4:00 P. M.

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