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Musings

By an Innocent Bystander

Comes now the days of great events. We strolled up to the water tower this week and discovered how come we had seen so little of our genial water superintendent for several weeks. It seems that Friend Jim has been busy doing quite a bit of City Beautification work all by his lonesome. He has been assiduously engaged in moving tons and tons (at least he says it seemed like tons) of rocks off the new lawn and flower garden he has planted around the two pump houses. And we'll say the place looks a lot better. That was certainly a move in the right direction.

Now the next place which cries to Heaven to be fixed up is that lot behind the City Hall. Councilman Hesselgrave helped some by using the place as a testing plot for a tractor plow the other day. Now all that is needed is to finish the job. Here's what we would like to see. First finish the turning over of the "Owl Sod" by spading up the ends and along the sidewalk. Then spade up the parkway and level the whole thing off. Then build a skeleton lattice fence along the west line of the lot and paint the same white. Then plant fast-growing vines such as English Ivy or Honeysuckle along this lattice, with larger growing trees spaced along the line. Plant roses along the parking and perhaps arrange a few flower beds on the main lot. Then plant the rest to grass.

Wouldn't such a beauty spot be a worthwhile addition to the town? Our old town contains altogether too many ugly vacant lots in the downtown district. Wouldn't it be money well spent to beautify some of them. As we see the picture, the lot in question is the most prominent of them all. Every time a bus stops in this town the passengers sit and look at that vacant lot. Let's give them something worthwhile to carry away in their mind.

How many of you have taken a trip by automobile in your lives? Which towns and villages you passed through remain longest in your memory? Wasn't it the one where the trees and flowers were most in evidence? Didn't you feel more inclined to stop and buy in towns where the atmosphere was one of beauty and where shade was plentiful and the people seemed to care what kind of an impression their places made on the tired travelers? We'll bet a cookie you did.

Just put yourself in the other fellow's shoes and see if you don't agree with us, in the matter. And we'll bet another cookie that if the city is too darned poor to do this little thing that we could scare up a gang of volunteers to do what little work there is to do if the city could furnish the necessary seed and plants. And it ought to be done RIGHT NOW!

We poked our nose into a place where angels fear to tread (i. e. the cooking school) and heard the young lady in charge tell the forty or more ladies present (most of whom were experienced cooks before she was born) how to bake beans and steam sweet corn and roast a bit of meat. She sure made it sound good but we didn't stay long enough to get a chance to sample her wares. It made us hungry to think of that steamed corn, for we have seen our old mother cook it that way fifty years ago, although she nor any one else even dreamed of it being possible to cook by electricity. We had just graduated from the tallow candle to kerosene lamps and small towns didn't know anything of electric lights.

But we'll stand up any day for those Mothers in Israel of the old horse and buggy days when it comes to cookery. No better, tastier food was ever offered to mankind than those blessed women could produce. There might not have been so much fo-der-ol or "foofraw" but the food was mighty appetizing and a mighty fine lot of men and women grew up and prospered on it. The main trouble was, we were inclined to eat too much and raised heck with our digestions.

A superstitious subscriber once wrote to Mark Twain when that

LONG FAMILY NARROWLY ESCAPE SERIOUS WRECK

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Long and daughter Helen and Mrs. Stansby returning home Sunday evening after spending the day with Mr. Long's sister, Mrs. Rankin in Medford were forced off the highway by R. H. Grove of Medford who traveling north tried to pass Long's machine and ran into S. W. Park of Grants Pass who was traveling south.

Long seeing the smash coming ran into the ditch and continuing to run until stuck in the mud.

State Officer Johnson who arrived on the scene remarked that it was the prettiest piece of driving he ever saw. No one was hurt seriously. Mr. Grove was convicted of reckless driving and had to pay damages. He stated that he doesn't understand how it could have happened. He was in Central Point to see Mr. Long about paying damages and also called on Mrs. Stansby whose face was badly bruised. Helen Long was asleep on the back seat and rolled off onto the floor and was badly scared.

The accident occurred on the curve near the Owen Oregon lumber yard.

Miss Frances Sparrow Weds James Firth; Reception Follows

Miss Frances Sparrow, eldest daughter of Mrs. Alex Sparrow was united in marriage by Rev. E. S. Bartlam to James Firth in an eight o'clock ceremony at St. Mark's Episcopal church March 7.

After the ceremony, the bride and groom received their friends at a small reception at Kirkland Farm, home of the bride, where roses, freesias and lilies in delicate shades of pink, blue and white formed a charming setting for the bridal party.

The young couple left for a honeymoon, expecting to return to Medford for an indefinite time. The bride's going-away ensemble was of Molyneux garden crepe and she wore with it a navy wool coat and hat with matching accessories.

Out of town guests for the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Clark of Stockton, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Rankin and the Misses Marion and Jean Rankin of Portland; and Miss Ruth Woolsey, of San Francisco.

Miss Sparrow attended Katharine Branson's school at Ross, Calif., and Mr. Firth is a graduate of Stanford university.

V. A. Davis Leaves For Vet. Hospital

The many friends of V. A. Davis will be sorry to hear that Mr. Cholmel took him to the train this morning and he left for the Veteran's hospital in Roseburg for a serious operation. He will be gone at least a month but will retain his cabin at the Hotel.

We join his many friends in wishing him a speedy recovery.

L. M. Fisher, who formerly lived at the Hotel Valandra, and who is now employed at the Catholic church in Medford as caretaker, walked over from Medford today and was calling on friends here. Mr. Fisher is well known in this city.

gentleman was editor of a Missouri newspaper, saying that he had found a spider in his paper and asking whether that was good or bad luck. Twain replied:

"Old Subscriber: Finding a spider in your paper was neither good nor bad luck for you. The spider was merely looking over our paper to see which merchant was not advertising so that he can go to that store, spin his web across the door, and live a life of undisturbed peace ever afterwards."

It won't be long now till you'll see the fishermen rushing off to their favorite haunts along the creeks. And we have a hunch they're going to be plentiful this year. Guess we'll have to join the bunch this year and see if our hand has forgotten its cunning.

Federal Help For Highways Is Assured

The controversy in Congress over Federal aid highway funds for next year has been satisfactorily settled, according to word received from Congressman James W. Mott, a member of the House Committee on Roads, and the sum of \$60,000,000 has been made available for this purpose.

The Appropriations Committee last week acceded to the demand of the Roads Committee and rejected the recommendation made in the President's budget message that the unappropriated balance of last

year's Federal aid road money be cancelled.

The appropriation bill, as reported by the Committee and passed by the House a few days ago, carried the full amount of the unappropriated balance of \$60,000,000 authorized by the Roads Committee last year. This is approximately \$2,500,000 more than the sum provided for the regular Federal aid program at the last session of Congress. The bill is now in the Senate and no further trouble is expected on the road item.

Finley Implement Co. Makes Many Sales This Spring

The Finley Implement Company is doing a big business this spring. They have delivered 19 sections of spring tooth in one week; Installed a gas driven DeLaval milker for Luther Day; A 5 section spring tooth to Court Hall; Land plaster, plow and spring tooth out on Antelope Creek, besides many other sales.

They unloaded a carload of machinery this week. This is their busy season and they work early and late.

MRS. OBENCHAIN PLEASED TO RECEIVE MORE ROCKS

Mrs. Stella Obenchain was very much pleased that Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Brainard had remembered her on their two months trip and brought her lovely specimens for her rock garden from the following places: Gila Bend, Arizona; Deming New Mexico; Oilfield Big Spring, Texas; Roslarre Beach, Mexico; Mc Kenzie Pass, Oregon.

Mrs. Obenchain's rock garden has rocks from many states in the union and many of her friends remember to bring her specimens when they return from their travels.

Mrs. Obenchain welcomes anyone who is interested to see this wonderful collection of rocks artistically arranged in a lovely rock garden.

Pupil Visits Mrs. White

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Barnes and little daughter Darline of Talent visited Mrs. Jennie White recently. Mr. Barnes was a pupil of Mrs. Whites' 17 years ago while in Idaho. Mr. and Mrs. Barnes moved from Great Falls, Montana to Talent where they lived for a year before they discovered that Mrs. White lived here. They immediately motored to Central Point and enjoyed the visit with Mrs. White renewing old times.

Side Glances---

Roy Jones and Wade Humphris very much absorbed in making a lovely receptacle out of an old tin can and some green crepe paper for some lovely daffodils.

George Marine industriously sweeping the dust off the sidewalk around the grocery store.

Little seven months old Norma Jean Martin cooling and laughing trying to attract all the attention at the cooking school Tuesday.

Miss Feuner stating Tuesday afternoon at the cooking school that the old adage "The way to a man's heart is through his stomach" was all wrong. She knew she was a good cook and it had never done her any good.

Hard to say who was the proudest over the birth of Mr. and Mrs. Eino Hemmilla's little daughter, Eino or George Hunt for whom the baby was named.

A Medford reporter interviewing V. A. Davis at the Depot this morning asking if he was going to visit his parents in Roseburg and being told perhaps.

Mr. E. C. Faber and Maynard Putney in profound study about what percent profit on merchandise when some sell for 5 per cent and some 10 percent profit and some at a loss of 5 percent, etc.

E. P. Stone unloading and balancing 2X4 that look to be at least 24 feet long.

Fred Hesselgrave plowing up the City hall's backyard with the help of a half dozen lookers on to boss the job.

Items of Interest From the High School

By ROBERTA WERTZ
Ruby Brood entertained friends from Eugene over the week-end.

Floyd and Marie Dole spent the week end at Prospect.

Nellie Grissom was an overnight guest of Edith Vincent Friday.

Joyce Young attended the show Saturday night.

Ruby Webster has been ill at her home the past few days.

Edith Vincent and Arline Inmann motored to Eagle Point Sunday.

Mary Lou Gerber and Marian Strayer enjoyed a weiner roast at Bear Creek Friday after school.

Herbert Crowder returned back to school Monday after a long absence. June Wold spent the greater part of last week visiting friends at Redding, California.

Viola Penland motored to Gold Hill Sunday.

Mr. Anders took two pictures for the High School Annual Tuesday, one of the G. A. A. and the other of the Junior Class.

Dr. Poling of Albany College representing the Southern Oregon Normal, Monmouth, La Grande, Corvallis and Eugene spoke to the seniors Friday concerning going on to school. Due to his limited time an assembly was not called.

In order that the remaining students would not feel too downcast by not going to the tournament, an assembly was held Friday afternoon. A scene from Act II of the operetta was presented. The newly formed rhythm band from the second grade gave two numbers under the direction of Miss Gregory. Also there was assembly singing.

Adeline Cassman entertained Nedagene Ayers and Levon Keizer at her home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Brainard Return

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Brainard returned Saturday from a vacation of two months in the South. One month was spent in Texas with their daughter, Mrs. J. O. Brown. They also stopped for a few days in San Diego to visit the Exposition.

Included in the trip were visits among friends in Santa Monica and Resida, the latter being the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Tuttle, who were former residents of Central Point.

Merchants Lunch to be Tuesday

W. R. C. ladies are giving their annual Merchants lunch on Tuesday March 17 in the W. R. C. Hall. A good attendance is anticipated and serving to begin at noon. A nominal charge will be made.

Attend Freshman Glee

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Faber of Ashland, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Faber of Medford attended the Freshman Glee at the Willamette University Saturday and visited their sister, Miss Frances Faber. The Glee is one of the big annual events that takes place every spring.

Eastern Oregon Man Buys Ranch

J. K. Baughman sold his small acreage north of Bear Creek bridge to Mr. Acres from Eastern Oregon who has been living in Berrydale. They plan to take possession this Saturday. Mr. Baughman is looking for another ranch near Central Point.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Todd and children and Mrs. James Ping of Medford were visitors at the L. C. Scott home last Sunday.

Clever Card Tells Of Arrival of Child Of Theater Man

The following clever card was received this week announcing the birth of a baby daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Eino Hemmilla, manager of the Rialto Theatre in Medford:

ANNOUNCEMENT EXTRAORDINARY!

The outstanding event in the annals of Medford theatrical history.

The World Premiere of GEORGIA ISOLEE (A Medford Production)

Produced by "Pete" Hemmilla. Assistant producer, Eino Hemmilla. Directed by Dr. Dwight Finley. Assistant Directors, Nurses Glem Swearingen.

Photography, J. Verne Shangle. Based on an original idea by Adam and Eve.

Release date, March 1st. Adult (married only) classification. For full particulars, write, wire or telephone George A. Hunt, local representative.

Injured Man Is Slowly Recovering

William Wright, who was seriously injured in a smash on the Main street crossing several days ago, when the truck he was driving was struck by a North-bound Southern Pacific passenger train, is reported to be recovering nicely and the doctors have strong hopes for his recovery.

Mr. Wright suffered a fracture of the skull and was unconscious for several days. Relatives are staying with Mr. Wright every night at the hospital. Last night his nephew Mr. Cleet was with him.

Large Truck Sale Made by Abbey Co.

One of the largest truck sales ever made to one individual in this county was completed last week by Walter W. Abbey, Inc., when six new International trailer trucks, each equipped with Beall logging trailers, were sold to Everett Skeeters of Talent who has a logging contract with the Fruit Growers Supply Co. of Hill, California.

Mr. Skeeters has had many years experience in handling logging equipment and states that he picked the International as the best all-around truck for his purpose.

Jantzer High Man at Shoot

At the Medford Gun Club Shoot Sunday George Jantzer was high man smashing 25 birds straight in the handicap event, taking high in the doubles with 21 out of 12 pairs and then shattering 22 out of 25 in skeet.

Bobby Hoagland, age 15, of Central Point, broke 18 out of 25. This was Bobby's first attempt at trap-shooting.

Mrs. Gregg Receives Letter

Mrs. Perry Gregg of Dayton, Ohio who has spent the winter with her son Mr. Gregg here received a letter from her son, Dr. W. D. Gregg of Dayton, congratulating her on escaping their severe winter. Mrs. Gregg is proud of three generations of Doctors, all members of her family. Her husband, Dr. Perry Gregg, who is deceased; her son, Dr. W. D. Gregg and her grandson who graduated from the Columbia Medical school two years ago. She enjoys our lovely climate and may stay and make her home here. Mrs. Gregg will celebrate her 85th birthday in June.

Mr. Bonney Returns Home

Pearl Bonney returned last week from the Veteran's Hospital at Roseburg, where he had gone to undergo a thorough physical examination, and reports he found the new hospital a wonderful place.

Beautifully located in the bend of the Umpqua river, with a beautiful vista of sloping lawns, shrubbery and a wonderful background of hills the Veteran's Hospital is one of the most complete and up-to-date institutions of its kind in the United States. At present there are about 500 patients in the institution.

The main hospital building is complete and is equipped with the latest word in medical and surgical equipment. Some of the other buildings about the grounds have not been furnished as yet.

Mr. Bonney states that everyone at the hospital is very courteous and helpful to the veterans sent there for treatment, but that he saw many pitiful sights while there.

CARL HANSON TRACT LEASED TO CALIFORNIANS

Mr. and Mrs. Oscoe Fuller of Lancaster, Calif., who have been guests at the James Gillespy home have leased the Carl Hanson seven acre tract. They left for their home Wednesday and will return about April first with their furniture and be accompanied by their small son and make their home here.

Mr. Paul Throne of California has also been visiting at the Gillespy home and returned to California Sunday after his family and plans to return by the first of May and make his home in the new house he has built near Gold Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Gillespy purchased the J. T. Gladden property a number of years ago and have made their home here for a couple of years. Mrs. Gillespy says that about fifteen families from California, all friends of theirs have located here since then. We call them good boosters for our valley.

Wortman-Skyrman Nuptials Surprise Friends of Couple

Successfully keeping their plans a secret from friends Betty Moore Wortman and Harry C. Skyrman, Medford attorney, were married Wednesday afternoon by Judge Earl B. Day at 5 o'clock.

The couple had planned to be married a little later, but changed their plans. They were attended by Miss Nydah Neal and Kenneth Denman. Leaving immediately after, the couple drove to San Francisco for a few days' honeymoon expecting to return Monday.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Skyrman are well known in Medford and a large circle of friends will be interested in the announcement of their marriage which came as a complete surprise to many.

They returned to Medford Monday.

New Styles in Lamps at Cupp's

Anyone interested in lamps, even if not planning to buy at this time be sure and stop in at Cupp's Furniture store in Medford and see their big selection of lamps for all occasions.

They also have some very fine Mission and Desert lamps of the very latest styles, and many other big bargains left.

Lamps with prices to fit every purse and every choice.

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.

er. 2:30 p. m. Tuesday.

The Fisherman's Club, Wednesday 6:00 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, Supt. Aim, 100 plus.

Communion and Preaching 11:00 A. M. Subject "The Parting Words of Jesus."

Senior Endeavor 6:30 P. M. Leader, Abner Knadler, Director J. Ed. Vincent.

Evangelistic Service 7:50 P. M. Subject "Gethsemane" We want every instrument present to play in the orchestra. Come, bring your instrument and let us get organized into a real orchestra.

Prayer and Bible Study, Wednesday 7:30 P. M. Zadia Smith, Devotional leader. The Pastor will close the studies on Revelation.

Junior Endeavor, Friday 4:00 P. M. Mrs. Izetta Elde, Director.