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Musings

By an Innocent Bystander

King Winter seems to be still with us. We have been having all sorts of weather for the past few days, except rain, for which Oregon is so noted. And we sincerely hope our orchardists will win out in their battle to preserve the fruit crop.

It's a funny old world, isn't it. Every so often Mother Nature takes a slap at poor insignificant man, just to show her power is still supreme. We may think that modern science and modern methods have solved all our problems, then "up pops the devil" and away go all our plans. Nature seems to take a fiendish delight in showing up even our "Great I Am." The alphabetical bureaus may do their darndest with "planned agriculture," "planned currency" and "planned" everything else under the sun, but sooner or later something is sure to spill the beans.

They spend untold millions to clean out the river channels of the lower Mississippi Valley, so the waters can flow more easily to the sea. Then some other branch of our paternal bureaucracy spends other millions building dams across those same streams to "control" their flow. Finally, along comes an extra amount of snow somewhere and warm spring winds blow to melt that snow in a hurry, and the whole country is flooded. Hundreds of thousands of poor people are driven from their homes, everything they have on earth destroyed, and the country is called upon to feed and clothe them.

Be it far from us to belittle the work of the Red Cross, upon which falls the burden when such disasters occur, nor to begrudge the few dimes we are called upon to contribute to relieve human suffering, but it all looks so useless to us. And in the words of the prophet of old, "How long, Oh Lord, how long!" Will America not awake and bring the whole world's suffering back into the oblivion from which they came?

This paper made a public statement a couple of years ago that we would publish no more communications from Henrietta B. Martin. But we are breaking that good resolution this week. Mrs. Martin is urging all and sundry to register and vote at the coming election. So far, we say, "Amen." But in the same breath she criticizes the county clerk for not sending deputies from "here to yander" to register those who have been too lazy or negligent to attend to the matter themselves. There we rise to object.

It is our feeling that any American citizen who cares so little for the greatest privilege mankind has ever achieved as not to be willing to take the trouble to get his name on the books without sending someone all over heck to do it for him, is unworthy of consideration. Such people have no holier coming if things are not run the way they would like.

We stood in the cold, raw wind yesterday and watched with unholy glee the departure of that blasted old woodshed from our front window. The city dads have up and sold the darned lopsided eyesore, much to the satisfaction of all beauty-loving people. Now they are planning to install an oil heater for the city building and be forever done with trashy wood. That sounds mighty good to us and we heartily endorse the action of the council in the matter. Lord knows we do enough kicking and are mighty glad to have an opportunity to shout "Well done" once in a while.

Now when they get that fence up and the lawn finished, we shall have a great sigh of relief and go back to our muttons. We will have to search for new fields to conquer and let the city dads alone for at least a while.

It is hard to get up much enthusiasm for beautification contests with snow dropping down our neck. But we shall get going soon and hope to pull off as successful an affair as we did last year. The first lady to register this year is Mrs. Ira Love, who says she did not know anything about it last year. Our advice is "read the American" regularly.

OPERETTA MUCH ENJOYED BY MANY ON FRIDAY EVE

Playing before an interested and packed house Friday evening the grade school operetta "Land of Dreams Come True" was represented with much enthusiasm. The cast, being well chosen, put on a very good performance and much praise was heard from everyone present.

Much credit should be given Miss Schreiber and the grade school teachers for their splendid work which made the operetta such a success. The costumes of the many different characters were well made and looked very lovely. The mothers should be given a vote of thanks for the cooperation they gave in making these.

Plans were made to give the operetta over again this evening so more people would be enabled to see it, but due to so many little tots taking part in it and the prevalence of colds among them all it was decided not to.

Due to an oversight last week the names of those taking part in the Bluebell Chorus were left out. They were Phyllis Furry, Charlotte Richardson, Dorothy LaCasse, Virginia Long, Betty Robertson, Lois Fields, Neola Culbertson, Gloria Hall, Revonda Heath, Barbara Poutre, Dorsey Miller and Jacqueline Hall.

Dorothy Hanson, as Little Miss Muffett was also omitted from the list last week.

A. J. Milton Contracts To Handle Owen Oregon Block Fuel

A. J. Milton, proprietor of the Central Point Wood Yard, announces that he has taken a contract to handle the entire output of planer blocks of the Medford Corporation (Owen Oregon) mill. He states that he has had so much difficulty in the past to secure enough blocks to supply the demand of his customers that he decided to contract for all the blocks available at the mill.

A. J. Milton has been operating a wood and fuel business in this city for the past nine years and by his courteous service and honest dealing has built up a fine business.

In spite of the fact that much fuel is brought in and sold directly by farmers and others, Mr. Milton has built up a steadily growing business. He endeavors to handle only the best of fuel and his prices are always reasonable.

This year Mr. Milton is urging his customers to lay in a supply for next year during the summer and not take chances.

Receives Sad News

Mrs. Nancy Wilson received the sad news of the death of her son, Chester M. Wilson of Keno, owing to ill health. She was unable to attend the funeral Monday. Sister of the deceased, Mrs. Mary Richardson and brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wilson and Mrs. Sanford J. Richardson motored to Klamath Falls Monday where the funeral services were held.

The weather was fine on the trip over but they ran into a regular blizzard on the return trip. Mrs. Chester Wilson returned to Phoenix with them where she will visit friends and relatives for a while.

Now that the filings are all in we can sit back and look 'em over. And it isn't going to go so easy to pick out whom to support. There are some mighty good men in the race. But we shall have something to say later about some of them. We shall probably be bum pickers, as usual.

We hear that the County Court is having its troubles these days, trying to make head or tail out of the new relief set-up. It seems that they are continually changing the rules and regulations and the poor, tired Court can't catch up. Cheer up, fellows, it won't be long now. Only 29 weeks till election, and if the Lord is with us we'll put an eternal end to such junk.

Now that the flood situation is "well in hand" the President can come back from his fishing trip and take the credit, as usual.

Ford Assails Crop Curbing as 'Worse Than Thievery'

WAYS, Ga., March 25.—Henry Ford, proponent of correlation of industry and agriculture, yesterday described the withdrawal of fertile land from crop production as "worse than thievery."

"It's wrong," he said, "it's against nature." Financiers he charged are interested in crop curtailment to keep prices up so they can make more money.

The motor magnate expressed his views while arranging for the opening of a project near his plantation here to train young residents of this rural area, both whites and Negroes in the manual arts. The first log was sawed this afternoon.

Work shops, including a saw mill, an electrical plant, a machine shop, foundry, chemistry laboratory, wood shop, and home economics department are to be erected. A manual arts building 26 by 150 feet is proposed.

Salable articles, including parts for automobiles will be turned out and the unit will be self-sustaining, Mr. Ford said.

Mary E. Gregory, Beloved Pioneer Called to Rest

In the passing of Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Owens-Gregory the family loses a well beloved member, and the community another member of one of its old and widely known pioneer families.

After a brief illness, Mrs. Gregory passed away at her home near Central Point, at 3:09 a. m. Sunday. Had she lived until the first of May she would have been 72 years of age.

Mary Elizabeth Owens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Owens, was born at Holton, Kansas, May 10, 1864, her parents, pioneers in that then new state.

When but one year old, she crossed the plains with her parents, the family locating at Harrisburg, Oregon in 1865. There they lived until 1885 when they came to Jackson county and the Owens family settled in the lower valley.

Her marriage to Henry L. Gregory took place in 1887. The first ten years of their married life was spent in Klamath county, but in 1897 they returned to the Rogue river valley and purchased the farmstead which has been their home ever since.

To this union were born three children: Mrs. Cora True, of Ashland; Mrs. Grace Sellers, of Central Point, and Loren Gregory, who passed away in 1929.

Mrs. Gregory is survived by her husband, Henry L. Gregory, her two daughters, four grandchildren: Mrs. Mildred Cutler, Salem; Keith Gregory, Table Rock; Lucile Sellers and Eileen Sellers of Central Point.

There is one great grandchild, Gregory Cutler, son of Mrs. Mildred Cutler, Salem, Oregon.

Four sisters and three brothers also survive, with one brother, the late James Owens of Medford, recently deceased.

They are Mrs. Alice Perrin, and Mrs. Zuda Balch, Eugene, Oregon; Mrs. Lydia Brown, Dallas Oregon; Mrs. Agnes Head, Central Point; Calvin Owens, Harrisburg, Oregon; John Owens, Medford, and George Owens, Petaluma, California. Other than these, a wide circle of neighbors and friends unite with the family in mourning her loss.

Mrs. Gregory's death will be a distinct loss to the community for she was interested and active in every movement for its greater happiness and worthwhileness.

Uniting with the Baptist church when but a young girl, her life has been one of consistent Christian living.

Rev. Millard, an old friend of the family conducted the funeral services, which were Tuesday at 2:30 p. m. from the Perl funeral chapel. Interment was in the family plot in the Central Point cemetery.

Babe Smothered

REDWOOD CITY, March 31.—Bertlyn Eugene, 33-day-old baby of Mrs. Edward Bellows, smothered to death in bed clothing of its crib. The body will be sent to the family home at Central Point for funeral services.

About a mile away is Mr. Ford's Cherry Hill plantation where he and Mrs. Ford spend some time each winter. Near-by is "Richmond Bluff" where the Fords are reconstructing an old plantation house.

Using up leisure time in agricultural pursuits, in addition to providing economic security, serves to keep people out of trouble and lessens chances of war, Mr. Ford said.

"The only way to end war is to make people fear it," he added, declaring that war is controlled in this country by about 25 or 30 men.

"These men, he said, are the real 'public enemies.' He criticized some new taxes and curtailment of agricultural production as the work of what he termed the "underneath government," composed of persons interested in their own profits.

"There is only one security, and that is in plenty," Mr. Ford said. "The minute you make produce cheap, someone will make new uses for it."

Collins' Dairy One of Best in Rogue River Valley

Perhaps no part of agriculture has made such forward strides in the past few years as dairying. When we speak of dairying today we must consider the fact that it is one of the greatest assets to any community—it is one of our governments greatest sources of income—it is national in its scope and is practically the only division of our agricultural enterprises which affords the producer—the man who milks the cows—a year around income.

One of the finest and most progressive dairies in the Rogue River valley is the Collins Dairy, located a few miles north of Central Point on the Kirkland Road. Established three years ago, the dairy has grown and prospered until at the present time it is one of the best in the county.

Everything about the plant is kept scrupulously clean, as it is the policy of Mr. and Mrs. Collins not only to produce milk and cream that will pass inspection, but to turn out products that are so near the acme of perfection as modern methods and scientific care will permit. Many mothers of so-called "bottle-fed" babies highly praise the Collins product.

Nothing can take the place of pure milk as a human food. A glass of milk at ten in the morning and three in the afternoon wards off that tired feeling. It beautifies the skin and clears the complexion. School and health authorities everywhere are insisting that milk be served to school children. Serve milk at meal time and between meals, too, to the entire family.

The Collins Dairy last year purchased the milk route served by Oscar Blackford and have a herd of forty cows. This herd has been carefully tested for tuberculosis and the utmost care is taken to produce and deliver milk which is rich, pure, and wholesome.

Mr. Collins invites the public to inspect his dairy plant at any time.

"Hot Copy" to Be Given by Seniors

"Hot Copy," a comedy in three acts has finally been chosen as the senior class play.

The cast of ten characters has been carefully selected to insure the success of the comedy.

Rehearsals will begin immediately so that the play can be presented in the early part of May.

Celebrate Birthday

Mrs. Ethel Fleischer, Mrs. Mar Richardson, Mrs. Evelyn Skyrman, Miss Ruth Schreiber and Miss Pasternino gathered at the home of Miss Alice Anderson and mother, Mrs. Anderson, in honor of Miss Anderson's birthday. The honor guest received many lovely gifts and dainty refreshments were served.

Mr. Fleischer and Mr. Richardson called for their wives and got in on the cake. All report a lovely time.

Orin R. Adamson Accident Victim On Highway Job

Orin R. Adamson, 32-year-old Eagle Point man and father of four children, was crushed to death about 9:30 this morning when a runaway truck caught his body against the back of another truck, parked at road building operations in the Siskiyou mountains.

Adamson had been working for the Berke Brothers Construction company for the past two weeks, helping in the machine shop. This morning his boss, Dewey Campbell, left instructions for Adamson to repair a welding machine. Needing more tools, he had taken one of the trucks from the shed where he was working and gone to the scene of operations on the new Siskiyou highway, a mile up the mountain, and upon returning apparently failed to set the emergency brakes on the truck.

The truck presumably started to roll down hill, and according to Deputy Coroner Will Dodge of Ashland and state police, the man had made an attempt to stop the runaway machine. The effort was futile, and his body became caught on the side of the loose truck which banged into the rear end of another truck.

Adamson was well known in Central Point where he has many friends and relatives. He recently returned from Portland, where he completed a course in Diesel engineering. Funeral services were held today at the Conger chapel. Interment was in the Trail cemetery.

So what?--

Mrs. E. C. Faber alone on the Central Point Streets Wednesday night at 12 o'clock.

A certain lady remarking she would rather put her feet on the table and read a good book than to go out to dinner and Roy Jones preferring to put his feet under the table.

A mysterious deal between R. H. Moors and A. J. Milton and O. D. Tucker. The boys' better watch out or they'll get jipped.

Byrd Grigsby saying "yet, it's ice weather", instead of nice weather.

The strangest story ever told—a husband and wife here in Central Point each planting flowers and the other digging them up and moving them time after time and neither getting mad at the other.

Mrs. Bert Rostel was at the Top Notch Eats in Medford playing the marble machine.

Mrs. Webster and Ruby were at Wurts Auction Sale last Saturday.

Thada Hilton's pet dog was seen chasing a neighbor's cat.

As it was snowing hard in Medford March 31 no one wanted to advertise Easter bonnets.

Sanford Richardson almost beating a checker game. Marjorie Jones, Jimmy Green, Erma Richardson, Bill Waldon and Dorothy Powell folding papers in The American office.

One lady registering for beautification contest being almost peeved on being informed that it was no use for anyone to register for the biggest improvement as the city would outstrip them all.

Six Conventions Coming to Medford

Six conventions for Medford on June 16, 17, and 18 were announced today by the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce.

The organizations to hold their annual state meetings here, are the Grand Army of the Republic, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Women's Relief Corps, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the auxiliary of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

While these six organizations are affiliated, each holds its own convention, it was pointed out. They were persuaded to hold their meetings here through the efforts of Cole Holmes, chairman of the chamber's convention committee.

SECOND ANNUAL BEAUTIFICATION CONTEST STARTS

The Second Annual City Beautification Contest will be held in the near future. Registrations may now be made for any of the following classifications: Greatest Improvement in Property; Best Kept Premises; Best Flower Garden; Best Vegetable Garden; Neatest Back Yard; Prettiest Rose Bush; Prettiest Lilies. Special prizes will be arranged for any other classification anyone wishes to enter.

Last year the Contest went over big. It was sponsored by the local Business Men's association who were assisted by the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce. This year the entire city is back of the contest, which is conceded to have had a very beneficial effect upon the appearance of the town.

A list of prizes to be given in the different classifications will be announced soon. In addition to the regular prizes we will be glad to offer choice shrubs, roses, bulbs, etc. anyone wishes to contribute.

Much interest is already being shown in the contest and it promises to be even better than last year. It is thought that even more results will come from this effort to add to the beauty and comfort of our city. One thing which is arousing comment is the running loose of dogs about the city. The city council is urged to put an end to this nuisance at once.

Registrations may be made at the City Hall or at this office. Blanks are now being prepared for this purpose. Registration will close April 18.

It is hoped to close the Contest with a city picnic at the park as was done last year. This was one of the most enjoyable parts of last year's contest and it is hoped to have a larger attendance this year.

New Fountain Is Now Serving Best Drinks Obtainable

Our fountain is at present prepared to serve thick milk shakes, ice cream, coca cola, root beer, orange, and the following sodas: vanilla, strawberry, lemon, cherry, and chocolate. Other flavors will be added as the demand requires. Tell us your favorite drink. Our desire is to please YOU. Don't hesitate to tell us the kind of drink you prefer. We have had enough fountain experience to realize that we don't know it all and also that one customer likes a drink one way and another, another way. How do you like yours?

E. P. STONE

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.
Bible School, 10:00 A. M. Roland Hoover, Supt. Aim 200 present for Easter.
Communion and Preaching 11:00 A. M. Subject "Does Jesus Christ Still Meet the Needs of Today?"
Senior Endeavor 7:00 P. M. J. Ed Vincent Director.
Evangelistic Service 8:00 P. M. Subject "What Preceded the Resurrection."
The choir and orchestra will cooperate together in the music for this service.
Junior Endeavor, Thursday 4:00 p. m.
Come let us get the Easter Spirit. We are inviting and praying for every member to be present on Easter Sunday.