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Musings

By an Innocent Bystander

It beats all how we folks like to say "I told you so." We chanced to run across a small item this week in the Trib, stating that all departments of the county had spent less so far this year than their budget allowance. Good for them! We prophesied when the present officials were elected they would make good, and it is apparent they have.

Now if something could be done to convince the federal crowd of spendthrifts that they, too, would create a lot better feeling among us poor folks if they also endeavored to live within their incomes, it would be just dandy. But we fear they've got the habit.

Did you see the story about the PWA worker's wife who got mad because her husband's check was slow in coming and flung out, "He's just got to quit this job, and go to work!"

We are glad to welcome a new industry to our town. For a long time we have felt the need of a lumber yard here and have thought a small mill, with a planing mill attached would do well here. Now we are going to have that very thing. While we understand no sawmill will be erected at this time, the planing mill and factory is now under construction. Let's give them a glad hand and boost all we can. The more industries we can secure for our city the better and these men who have so quietly come along and purchased land and are spending real money here deserve all the support we can give them.

By the way, have you noticed there are almost no vacant houses in this town at the present time. More and more newcomers have come along and joined our great family circle. And many of them have stated they were attracted by the possibility of having a good garden, or a pretty yard, and have spoken highly of the beauty of the town. So much for our beautification work the past two years. May the good work go on.

We had just been congratulating ourselves upon the fact that so far this valley had experienced no labor troubles. But now comes a strike among the fruit packers. And what in heck possessed them to strike just now is beyond our comprehension. This is the first year for a long time that any appreciable quantity of Bartlett's have been packed. We hear that the packers were making very fair wages with them.

But is it true that the demand of the packers was just for a return to the old price of 6c a box, which was the regular price in this valley before the depression. What with one thing and another the cost of living has gone up and wages must follow.

It seems too bad that this matter had to come to such a thing as a strike with the fruit harvest on, but we are told the packers thought now when the growers had a chance to save their fruit by selling to the canners, was the most logical and simplest time to bring the matter to a head.

At first thought we felt the packers were just cutting off their noses to spite their face. But now that the matter has been amicably settled perhaps it was for the best. But maybe they figured if they did run out of cash before winter was over, some alphabetical Santa would help them out. Such, at least, seems to be the mental attitude of a lot of folks these days.

The Townsend Movement seems to be losing its strength to judge by the reports from Idaho and Arkansas. We fear the whole thing will go to pot if the leaders don't stop quarrelling and stirring up rows. Even the most rabid followers are getting tired of the demonstration. No movement can succeed without unity. If they would lay off the constant bickering and petty jealousies and would stick together to elect only those men to Congress who really favor the Plan, (if any there be) we have no doubt they would go a long way toward succeeding in having the plan put into operation. But they won't get to first base with their present methods.

RELATIVES VISIT AT ANDERS' HOME; PRAISE SCENERY

D. A. Anders and family of Seattle a cousin of C. W. Anders of the Willow Springs district and who had not seen each other for about 70 years, stopped last week for a brief visit at the Anders home. They were on their way to Los Angeles and expect to drive there by the interior route and return by the coast highway.

While here the party visited Crater and Diamond Lakes and were loud in their praises of the wonderful scenery of Southern Oregon. The Anders family formerly lived in Iowa and expressed much satisfaction at having left that country before the drought.

They were also much interested in the wonderful collection of rare stones which Mr. C. W. Anders has been collecting for many years. He does his own cutting and polishing and his collection is well known over the entire country. One of his hobbies is the cutting in two of what at a glance appears to be an ordinary rock, and discovering when the halves are polished, beautiful pictures and scenes. His latest addition is a map of the South Pole with a grave and stately Penguin in the foreground, cut from a lump of agate.

Mr. and Mrs. Anders spent three days here making trips about the valley and left early this week to continue their journey.

Democrats Plan Rally on Monday

A Democratic rally with principal state candidates as speakers will be held here next Monday night, it was announced today by J. R. Marshall, chairman of the Jackson County central committee.

Among the speakers who will address the meeting are Mayor Willis Mahoney of Klamath Falls, candidate for United States senator; Representative Walter Pierce, candidate for re-election to the national house; E. W. Kirkpatrick, candidate for congress from this district; U. S. Burt, candidate for state treasurer; Claude McCulloch, chairman of the state central committee, and Moore Hamilton and James Stevens, both Medford residents and candidates for the state assembly.

Place of the rally has been tentatively set as Democratic headquarters, 133 West Main street, but an effort is being made to procure a larger hall.

Mrs. Habicht of Central Pt. Dies

Elizabeth Viola Habicht, wife of W. F. Habicht residing on the stage road west of Central Point passed away in a local hospital at 7:40 yesterday morning.

Mrs. Habicht was born at Cayuga Indiana in 1884 and was aged 52. Mr. and Mrs. Habicht came here seven years ago. She was the oldest of 12 children and besides her husband leaves the following brothers and sisters: H. G. and Richard Kiger of Detroit; Mrs. Harold White, Mrs. Adam Bestag, Mrs. Gordon Tinder, Grace Chiesum and Roy Kiger all of Danville, Illinois and Ralph Kiger of Williamsport, Indiana.

Mrs. Habicht was a member of the Church of Christ and funeral services will be held in that church on Court street at 3:00 p. m. Sunday. Conger Funeral parlors in charge.

550 Ton Bartlett's To Portland Concern

The sale of 550 tons of Bartlett pears—the last large block remaining in the Rogue river valley—to the Star Fruit and Products company of Portland was announced today by their local representative, Court Hill. The Bartlett's were crop of the Frink orchard in the Central Point district. The price was held confidential. The prevailing canner prices are \$27.50 for No. 1 grade, and \$25 for secondary grades. The Frink crop is regarded as choice, as the pears are long and thin, making them adaptable for choice canning grades.

Fruit Packers Win Strike for 6 cents a Box for Packing

Packers from four fruit sheds in Medford, striking for a one-cent raise from the 5-cent price per box prevailing this year, quit work at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The sheds affected were Myron Root, Szobel & Day, American Fruitgrowers and Rogue River.

At the Myron Root house, 21 packers quit in a body, but thirteen of these later returned to work. The management of that plant paid the strikers off immediately.

The strike was an orderly one and there was no disturbance. At the Rogue River plant the strikers spent the afternoon sitting on the porch of the building and lounging about the grounds. A delegation from each plant met with representatives of the shippers during the afternoon. An offer on the part of the management of the different houses of an increase of half a cent—per box was refused by the strikers, who held out for the one-cent raise.

At about 7 o'clock last night word was passed that the demands of the strikers had been conceded and the striking workmen, who had been waiting all afternoon, at once returned to their jobs. It was expected that the new price of 6 cents per box would be paid in all valley packing plants starting today.

Contrary to the report published in last night's Tribune in an interview with Raymond Reter of the Pinnacle Packing Co., strikers claim the strike was called at this time instead of the rush season of late pears so they wouldn't "have the shippers over a barrel," as they now had the alternative of selling to the canners.

There is some feeling about the valley that the strike was ill-advised at this time, as the extra price will add just that much to the troubles of the growers, who have had an extremely hard year, what with late frosts, blight, worms, etc. It is argued that the growers haven't been able to get out of the red for some years and to raise the cost of packing at such a time will be an added hardship on them.

On the other hand the strikers claim the cost of living has increased 30% in the past year and they could no longer afford to work at the 5 cents a box price. They claim the cost of packed pears 30 cents a ton to the grower, while it would make a difference to them of about \$1.50 a day.

According to reports this morning all the strikers have been put back to work in all plants affected and the new price is now in effect.

Edward C. Root Passes, Aged 85

Edward Calvin Root, 85, resident of Jackson county for the past 6 years passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Maude Rhodes of Beall Lane, at 8:20 p. m. Tuesday after a week's illness. Mr. Root was born in New York state, December 25, 1850.

Although of advanced age, he enjoyed excellent health up to a week ago. Miss Eldora Bawling was united in marriage to Edward Calvin Root at Mount Pleasant, Iowa, in 1872. Mrs. Root passed away in August, 1909.

He was a man of fine, genial character, a good neighbor, with a kindly word for everyone. He leaves to mourn his departure one daughter, Mrs. Maude Rhodes of Medford, and two sons, Marion and Melvin Root, of Peoria Illinois.

Funeral services will be conducted from the Perl Funeral Home Friday afternoon at 2 p. m. Rev. Oscar G. Gibson officiating. Interment will take place in the Siskiyou Memorial park.

When planning to buy new tires be sure and call at the Jennings Tire Company on North Riverside.

Mrs. Grimes Entertains With Luncheon

Mrs. L. C. Grimes entertained with a luncheon Wednesday honoring Mrs. Ward Barnett of Detroit, Mich. Seven mothers were at the table while the nine children ate on the lawn. Swimming and visiting was enjoyed by everyone during the afternoon.

Those present were Mrs. Ward Barnett and daughter Barbara, Mrs. S. D. Hill and daughters Zoe and Iris, Mrs. H. P. Jewett and daughters, Marjorie and Lolly and son, Hal, Mrs. Ray Wyatt and Kenneth, Mrs. H. W. Davison, Mrs. W. P. Grimes and Mrs. Grimes and sons Oliver and Lewis C. II.

Mrs. Barnett left Detroit early in July and drove to Los Angeles visiting all the interesting places enroute with her son Ward, Jr. and daughter, and Father of Battle Creek. They visited in Los Angeles, then drove to Central Point where they are visiting Mrs. S. D. Hill. Mr. Barnett will fly from Detroit Sunday to join his family here to drive back with them to Detroit.

Arkel Mills returned home today from San Diego. Arkel is in the Navy now.

Mr. and Mrs. Farra Enjoy Visit From Old Time Friends

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Farra were very much pleased on the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hanby of Medford accompanied by Miss Caroline Schieber of Los Angeles for a visit. Mrs. Hanby, then Miss Campbell and Miss Schieber had an apartment in the Farra home 25 years ago and had a millinery shop in the Peart building.

After Miss Campbell and Prof. Hanby were married, Mr. Hanby built the Wallace house and they moved into it. The Millinery shop was closed. Mr. and Mrs. Hanby lived here a number of years before moving to Medford.

Miss Schieber found many changes in our city. She is house guest at the Hanby home. She is also visiting at the J. O. Isaacson home and many other old friends.

Buster Brown to Open New Dept.

The Evan's Buster Brown shoe store, one of the most attractive and up-to-date establishments in Southern Oregon, is opening a new basement department with an entrance on Sixth street. Here will be found special bargains in men's women's and children's shoes.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Evans have been in business in Medford for the past seven years. They formerly had a store on South Central avenue, opening their present store in the building formerly occupied by Wurts Gift Shop on April 25, this year. Their business has grown so rapidly that more room was required, hence the new basement department.

This basement is a large, light room painted in ivory and blue with tan floor. It is very cool and comfortable. As one enters the main store at the Central avenue entrance one finds first the hosiery department. The men's department is on the right just inside the second arch. Women's and children's departments are arranged on the left opposite the men's department. From the Sixth street entrance one may either enter the main store or go directly to the basement.

In this store may always be found a large stock of Brown Bilt shoes for all occasions, for men, women and children. One may be sure of courteous treatment and special attention to proper fitting.

Campfire Sets 14-Acre Blaze

A campfire abandoned before it was extinguished was listed by the district warden's office as the cause of a fire that burned 14 acres of manzanita brush on the Old Stage road.

The fire was discovered at 2 p. m. It was put under control at 8 o'clock after a state crew of 15 fire-fighters had battled it all afternoon. Regular equipment was used in putting the blaze out, including a truck with a water tank and pumper. No damage was done.

The fire warden's staff today was making an investigation to ascertain, if possible, who left the campfire burning.

Condition of Andre Chomel Improves

The many friends of Mr. Andre Chomel will be pleased to know that he is recovering nicely from a serious major operation performed last Friday. Drs. Green and Stearns performed the operation with Dr. Heckman watching. It is hoped Mr. Chomel will be able to return home this afternoon.

It will be a number of months before Mr. Chomel will be fully recovered. Mrs. Chomel has been with him constantly.

Mrs. Chomel's nephew, Mr. Paulois is staying at the hotel.

LINCOLN ON LABOR

"The prudent penniless beginner in the world labor for wages for awhile, saves a surplus with which to buy tools or land for himself, then labors for himself another while, and at length hires another new beginner to help him. This is the just, and generous, and prosperous system, which opens the way to all, gives hope to all, and consequent energy, and progress, and improvement of condition to all."

ABRAHAM LINCOLN

NEW PLANING MILL IS BEING BUILT IN CITY

A new planing mill and factory is being constructed on what was formerly the city camp grounds just north of the cheese factory on the east side of the highway in this city. The lumber for the buildings is being hauled from a sawmill at Azalea.

The new mill is owned by J. H. Rohl and his two sons, all experienced mill men who have been operating a mill at Azalea. About two years ago they planned to build a mill here and partly arranged for a site, but illness on the part of one of the members of the family caused their plan to be postponed.

Recently, however they purchased eleven lots from the city and have started work. Living quarters for the family are being built and the mill will be constructed at once.

The Rohls' plan to carry a stock of lumber and moldings and to operate a factory for the building of screen doors, etc. Later a box factory may be added if conditions warrant. When interviewed this week, F. A. Rohl, one of the members of the new firm stated they hoped to be able to put their lumber on the local market at such attractive prices as to keep the mill busy the year round.

Mr. and Mrs. Rohl will move to this city as soon as living quarters can be completed. The new mill and factory will be a welcome addition to the business enterprises of the city and should have the support of everyone in this section.

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 Hover Supt.

Communion and Preaching 11:00 A. M. Subject "Small Foes" Solo by Mrs. Carl Hover.

Senior C. E. 7:00 p. m. Leader, Opal Brown, Director J. Ed Vincent.

Evangelistic Service 8:00 p. m. Subject "Why Go To Church."

Prayer and Bible Study Wednesday 7:45 p. m. Devotional leader, Mrs. Carl Hover. Mrs. Edward Jones will review the Book of Nehemiah.

The Missionary Circle meeting planned to meet at Mrs. Gregory's is postponed.

Junior Endeavor Friday 2:30 P. M. Mrs. Izetta Elde, Director.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jantzer and little sons spent a week on the coast.

Safety First

Says Chief McCredie,
Don't be too speedy;
But when you drive,
For Safety Strive!
Don't be a boob, but if a boob,
To safer people don't be rude.
Look and listen, watch with care,
Watch the traffic everywhere,
Nor quarrel as to right of way,
For danger dire may be to pay,
So show the brains God gave geese,
And cause fatalities to cease;
But if you haven't any sense,
Your head is thick and dull and dense
And if with danger you would play,
Why turn and go some other way;
If but a boob, you try to spunk,
Then off the highway, stop and park!

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60 Years to Make Good for Parents



CENTENNIAL SHAFER AT CENTENNIAL—His parents named him Centennial 60 years ago, when he was born, June 6, 1876. Sixty years later Centennial Shafer bought the first ticket as the Texas Centennial Exposition opened in Dallas.