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Musings

By an Innocent Bystander

The King is dead! Long live the King!

This week we stood beside the grave of our honored Mayor. For many a weary year "Con" Leever has guided the destinies of our town. A strong character, he impressed his will upon all with whom he came in contact and his name will go down in history as one of the leaders in every improvement the town has had.

But today he is no longer with us and his mantle has fallen upon younger shoulders. We feel sure that our new mayor will take up the burden with courage and full determination to carry on in a worthy manner. We hereby pledge ourselves to do all we can to help.

This week we sneaked off for a day and wandered up and down our old haunts in Medford trying to get a line on the political situation. But we didn't learn much. The local campaign hasn't started yet. We did hear that Bro. Hamilton has got cold feet and decided not to try for legislative honors this fall. He says he's too darned poor to travel with that gang!

Too bad, Moore. But we had learned long ago that the legislature was no place for a poor, but honest, young man. Better stick to your own trade, anyway. It's lots more fun to sit on the fence and watch the game. We stay-at-homes can hop all over the players and they have no comeback.

And Mr. Stephenson has our sympathies. He has tackled a man-sized job and will know he's been placed before the fight is over. While this campaign is rather slow in starting, we have a hunch it is going to get lively after while.

Indications are that there is going to be a strong fight made over some of the measures to be voted on this fall. Already we hear rumors of war over the Grange power bill and the dental advertising bill. Also the tax limitation bill is going to draw a lot of fire.

Just one candidate among the local tribe is so far showing any signs of life. Our lady candidate for the legislature is busy as a cat on a tin roof trying to get enough names on her petition to place her name on the ballot. We rather hope she makes it, because then we can fight her in the open. If she would only forget L. A. B. and all his works we wouldn't be surprised if she would make a fair to middlin' solon at that. They call her crazy, but then what legislator isn't?

By the way, are you beginning to wonder what has become of your summer's wages these mornings? Seems like it was just yesterday we were able to let up on carrying wood (if any) and hugging the stove. Beats all how cold it can be in the early morning and still get so darned hot by noon.

Just think, kids, only EIGHTEEN more days before school starts. Isn't life just grand? But it's a long time between rains in this country in summer. Seems like it was sometime in the dim dark past when we used to lie awake and listen to the patter of the rain on the roof. But if our guess is right, we'll be plenty sick of hearing it before it gets through once it does start.

We know one young lady in this town who is all swelled up these days. Last Sunday afternoon she was walking down the path from the Diamond Lake resort to the lake front when she met another lady whose face seemed strangely familiar. Chancing to turn her head just before they met, she bumped square into the lady and forced her off the walk. To her horror she discovered the lady to be no less than the former First Lady of the land, Mrs. Herbert Hoover, who was very gracious over the mishap. But the young lady says she will always have something to brag of—she once had the experience of knocking an ex-president's wife off the walk!

We want to offer our congratulations to Postmaster Tom Pankey on his presentation of the Masonic burial service at the funeral of W.

FUNERAL OF MAYOR IS ATTENDED BY MANY FRIENDS

The funeral of William Constant Leever, for many years one of the leading business men of Central Point and mayor of the city since 1920, was held Sunday afternoon at Perl's Funeral Home in Medford and was largely attended. The service was under charge of the Christian Science Church, of which Mr. Leever had long been a member.

Following the religious service, the body was taken charge of by the Central Point Lodge No. 135, A. F. & A. M., which attended the funeral in a body. Active pallbearers, chosen from members of the lodge were: J. O. Isaacson, E. C. Faber, W. H. Norcross, Theodore Glass, Ed Vincent, and L. Hatfield. Honorary pallbearers consisted of the following members of the city council: Floyd Ross, acting mayor; Fred Hesselgrave, Irvel D. Lewis, Ellis Clark, A. O. Myers and Water Superintendent James Cummings, who acted in place of Councilman Andre Chomel, who was ill at his home.

The service at the grave was read in a most impressive manner by Post Master H. T. Pankey, who spoke feelingly of the long and faithful service rendered to the lodge and community by the deceased. The entire ceremony put on by the local lodge was very impressive.

About 40 cars followed the hearse from Medford to the cemetery, besides a number from here who went direct to the cemetery.

The city council, at a special meeting held Monday night, passed the following resolution by an unanimous vote:

RESOLUTION OF RESPECT
City Hall, Central Point, Oregon
August 24, 1936

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God to remove from our midst and to claim to Higher Service our esteemed and honorable William Constant Leever, who for many years has been a leader in the affairs of our City and State, maintaining under all circumstances and trials, a character untarnished and a reputation above reproach, therefore

RESOLVED, That the Common Council of the City of Central Point records its profound respect for William Constant Leever and its sense of the great loss we have sustained in his passing; that we gladly bear testimony to his many virtues; and to his loyal devotion and self sacrifice for the welfare of all whom he served, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Official Body of the City of Central Point extend to his widow and members of his family our earnest sympathy and that we join with them in mourning the loss not only of the head of our Official Body, but of a loyal friend and citizen, and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution be embodied in the minutes of this meeting, and that a copy, properly signed by all those who served under our beloved Mayor, be presented to his family.

Signed
FLOYD ROSS Acting Mayor
GUY TEX Recorder
FRED HESSELGRAVE Councilman
I. D. LEWIS Councilman
ELLIS CLARK Councilman
ANDRE CHOMEL Councilman
A. O. MYERS Councilman
EDWARD JONES Treasurer
BERT HEDGPETH Marshal
JAMES CUMMINGS Water Supt.

The G. A. R. and W. R. C. are holding their annual encampment in Ashland Friday. Many of the W. R. C. ladies from here plan to attend. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wood plan to attend.

Mr. Happy Devine and Noble Robertson, prosperous looking young men, were visiting here this morning. They are interested in a mine at Stormy Gulch above Gold Hill.

C. Leever. The writer has heard that service read a good many times in past years, but never with the feeling and grace shown by Mr. Pankey

Pear Pickers on Strike for Increase In Price Per Box

Reports up to noon today indicate that a general strike among the pear pickers is likely. It was reported early this morning that pickers were striking in different orchards of the valley, but the reports were denied by the managers of several packing houses in Medford. Again at noon a report was current that a strike had been called at noon. Again this was denied by the packing houses.

However, it is certain that a large number of pickers have struck. The object of the strike is to raise the price per box from the present 40

rate to 5c. The strikers claim they cannot make a living wage at the 4c rate on account of the pears being so scattered on the trees, necessitating much moving of ladders.

A report at 2:30 this afternoon stated the S.O.S. plant was closed at noon for lack of fruit. Only a few pickers had been at work for that concern this forenoon. At the Clement orchard the picking had stopped at noon. Other orchards had only a few pickers at work. Just how general the strike is cannot be learned at press time.

John Anderson Visits in City

John Anderson spent a few days in this vicinity this week. He came down from his new home near Salem Tuesday evening of last week and was much surprised to learn of the death of two of his friends here, Harry Merriman and W. C. Leever. Mr. Anderson attended both funerals while here.

Mr. Anderson told a reporter for the American that the wheat crop on his old farm north of town was very good this year and that his pear crop was also looking very good. He stated he had never been a believer in smudging and that, while he had had light crops some years, he had never had an entire failure in the 19 years his pear trees had been in bearing. He claims it looks like a lot of waste energy and money to him to try to fight Nature.

Mr. Anderson is at present employed as manager of a farm belonging to State Treasurer Rufus Holman near Salem.

Rev. C. I. Spellman Speaks in City

Rev. Charles I. Spellman, a Christian Jew, of Los Angeles, spoke to a fair sized audience at the Federated church last night. Rev. Spellman is making a tour of the Coast in the interest of Jewish evangelistic work. He left this morning for Rogue River and points north. While waiting for the stage Mr. Spellman said he had only one criticism to offer regarding this city, and that was that no one provided a comfortable place to sit down while waiting for the stages.

The American has been urging that this be arranged in some manner for a long time and are told that a shelter will be built in the new city park back of the city hall as soon as possible. This will be a welcome convenience to the many people who travel by stage.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Throckmorton of Eagle Point accompanied Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Scott to the State and Government Fish Hatchery at Butte Falls Sunday. They report a very beautiful picnic grounds, open to the public with no charges.

City Installs New Fire Extinguishers

The city council recently made arrangements to act as agent for the sale of a hand grenade type of fire extinguisher. The grenades are made of thin glass and are about the size of a large pear. They are mounted in a nickel plated hanger to be screwed to the wall and are easily lifted out for instant use. They are filled with Red Comet fluid and are very ornamental.

Red Comet Fluid is the purest Carbon Tetra-Chloride known and is recommended by Fire Chiefs and Fire Protection experts as one of the most effective fire extinguishing liquids ever developed. All that is necessary in case of fire is to grab the grenade and throw it at the base of the fire. The glass being thin, shatters at once, and the fluid released. The fluid changes into gas almost instantly on contact with the heat and forms a powerful fire-smothering blanket which is drawn to the heart of the fire by the draft. This blanket of gas keeps the oxygen away and smothers the fire—for fire cannot live without a continuous supply of oxygen.

The fluid will not spot, stain or freeze—cannot injure health. It is ideal for electrical or motor fires as it is a non-conductor of electricity and is known as the best for gasoline and oil fires, for the gas smothers, instead of spreading the fire.

It is a well known fact that it is the first few minutes that count in fighting fires. With the aid of these grenades fire has practically no chance of getting beyond control, for before the fire gets much of a start a Red Comet goes into action, the blanket of gas is formed, the fire smothered, the embers cooled and the fire put out.

There are several types of Red Comet grenades. For some places the automatic type is best. For homes, stores, garages and store-rooms one may get either the hand grenades or the automatic type. The city has a supply of grenades on hand for sale to residents desiring real protection at low cost. The price of the hand grenades (including bracket) is \$2.00 each.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Dressler of Los Angeles are visiting relatives here and expect to locate here.

Floyd Ross Is Chosen New Mayor

In compliance with the provisions of the city charter, the council met Monday evening with Acting Mayor Floyd Ross in the chair, and unanimously appointed Councilman Floyd Ross mayor to fill the unexpired term of W. C. Leever, deceased. L. Hatfield was elected to fill the resulting vacancy on the council. Both appointments run till November, at which time a new mayor and city council will be elected. The terms of all present city officers will expire this year and a full ticket must be elected.

So far there has been little talk as to who will run for the different offices this fall. We have heard rumors that Andre Chomel will probably enter the race for mayor, and he may have a bit of opposition. Guy Tex states he expects to have opposition for the recorder's office. We hear there will be several ladies out for some of the places. Nothing definite can be learned as to who will run for councilmen.

Up-State Editor On Tour of State

Advising caution on the part of voters in acting upon any proposal that might endanger present business recovery by taking millions of dollars from the taxrolls and would provide for the issuance of millions of dollars in bonds that the general taxpayer might have to pay, Oregon Business and Investors, whose membership comprises business men from every rank, is conducting the campaign against the state power bill and hydro-electric amendment, according to Elbert Bede, Cottage Grove editor, who was here yesterday on a swing around the state.

"While we can not afford to lose the industrial advantage of cheap power developed by Uncle Sam," said Bede, "it seems to me advisable to let the federal government make its own arrangements to get that power to the places where it will be used and then let it be distributed over present distribution systems, or over distribution systems that private capital will provide or can be provided by private capital does not act."

"Under that plan, with federal and state regulation of rates, we would get the benefits of cheap power without risking the millions of dollars that the state power bill would provide, to be expended by a commission elected by popular vote. Our experience has been that we should be wary about mixing politics and economics, especially in such huge sums as would be provided by the state power bill, \$18,000,000 as a starter and \$54,000,000 in the offing.

"Voters have a job laid out for them if they interpret for themselves the gist of measures that will be on the November ballot. The tendency to vote no on what they do not understand is likely to bring about defeat of most of the measures."

Among local people picking blackberries on the Applegate recently were Mr. Roy Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Parker and family and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Craig.

Beware of Paternalism

The French Government Has taken over
The Bank of France.
If you want Liberty,
Beware of Paternalism!
Individual Initiative
Brings Progress;
Progress Brings Employment
Employment Brings Prosperity.
FARMERS AND FRUITGROWERS BANK
(Member Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation)

CITY SCHOOLS TO OPEN SEPT. 14; IMPROVEMENTS

The Central Point schools will open on September 14. Work is being hurried on a number of improvements in order to have the buildings in shape for the opening.

A new roof has been put on the high school building to replace the old, leaky one, which had never given satisfaction from the time the building was constructed. The floors in this building have been re-finished with a floor-seal which makes them have the looks and wearing quality of hard wood. The entire building has been cleaned and renovated in preparation for the new year's work.

In the grade school the plastering has been fixed and the entire building Kalsomined. All equipment has been checked over and put in the best condition possible. Everything will be in readiness for the opening day.

One of the major improvements undertaken by the school board this year is the remodeling of the gym. The old stage has been removed and bleacher seats built across the end of the building. These seats form the roof for the dressing rooms below. These rooms have been re-built throughout and also new showers for both boys and girls put in.

A new heating plant for the gym is to be installed by the first of October.

The new athletic coach employed last spring to take the place of Carl Boswell, who resigned to accept a position in the Medford schools, has decided to remain in a Salem store where he has been employed this summer. The board this week hired Kenneth Hulbert, a graduate of Albany College, to fill the position. Mr. and Mrs. Hulbert have rented the house formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Skyrman and have returned to Albany. They will return in time for the opening of school.

The school board was also called upon to fill another vacancy. The young lady given a contract last spring as teacher of music and English in the high school, resigned recently and her place has been filled by the employment of Miss Norma Zinsler, a graduate of the University of Oregon.

Mrs. Nellie Perkins and children from Missouri are visiting her brother and family, Mr. W. C. Shephard.

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. Davisson. 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 Hoyer, Supt.
Communion and Preaching 11:00 A. M. The Ladies Quartette will sing
Evening Service 8:00 P. M. Subject "What Is the Use of Preaching?"
Senior Endeavor, 7:00 P. M.
Prayer and Bible Study Wed. 7:30 P. M. Zadle Smith, Devotional Leader and Mrs. James Woods will review the Book of Esther.



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