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Musings

By an Innocent Bystander

We shall take as our text this week the following communication from one of our readers:

Toledo, Nov. 10

Be yourself, Mr. Powell, an innocent bystander, silent if necessary but don't go away back and sit down. The republican party may be dead that doesn't prove all is well with the live one by any means. You and Col. Wood, are not the only ones who were Landontites, to tell the truth I admire the Landon family so much that I am glad they may live at home in peace.—(Name on file.)

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We want to assure this anxious party that our sudden decision to go "way back and sit down," was merely to get our breath and perhaps a bit of introspection to see if we had been really speaking out of turn in what we have been saying about the New Deal. And we also want her to know we intend to go right on taking pot shots at New Deals, Old Deals or middle-aged deals we believe not for the best interest of the country.

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The mere fact that Mr. Roosevelt is the duly elected Chief Executive of the United States does not in itself put his official acts beyond criticism. And as we think it over, we still do not agree with many of the methods adopted by the Administration. We will admit frankly we believe Mr. Roosevelt wants to be of service to mankind and to have his name go down to history as a great peace-loving president. But he did some darned poor picking in his subordinates in the last four years and we cannot agree with their idea.

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Our stand during the "recent unpleasantness" was not taken so much as a Republican and so the hereditary enemy of everything Democratic, but because we honestly believed the Administration was wrong in certain things. And we find no reason to change our mind up to date.

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F. D. R. has a wonderful opportunity to do some mighty great things in the coming years if he is big enough to grasp that opportunity. If he will do as the men did whose labors in the great "war to end war" we this week so gladly honor, and "consolidate his position" he will be making a good start. If he will just "take stock" of what has been done and go over the past four years' experiments and check what has been worthwhile and what extravagance, and put himself to the task of straightening out the kink we will feel he is really getting somewhere.

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Many of the things accomplished will be found O. K. Others not so good. Still others absolutely worthless. We hope he will get busy separating the sheep from the goats and let the country settle down to business. More power to him.

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It seems to this writer that modern organized labor has gone hog-wild. Someway we find it hard to stomach having a few arrogant laborers holding up the business of the nation as they are now doing. Thousands of dollars are being lost by people in no way connected with the controversy, because they cannot ship their laboriously raised products to market. And we feel that organized labor in general will lose more in the long run by refusing to arbitrate their differences with their employers.

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And the sooner the federal government puts its foot down on the foolishness, the better for all concerned. They did it once in the case of the railway brotherhoods and should do it now in the maritime strike. Innocent people should not be made to suffer while the matter in controversy is being settled.

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We have been asking everyone we saw the last few days to answer a simple question and to date, have no received a really practical answer. The question was: "Why is it that we have had more labor disturbances in the last three years than in the last twenty?" If you have a real answer, send it in. Not a partisan answer, for that doesn't explain it. There must be some economical reason, but we confess we haven't laid our finger on it yet.

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Say, you folks who think these

ISAACSON'S RETURN FROM TRIP EAST; COVERS 12 STATES

CCC Fire Vets Embark on New Work for Year

Returning home last week from a two months vacation in the middle west, were Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Isaacson.

Leaving Central Point August 29 enroute east, several days were spent seeing the wonders of Yellowstone National Park.

Friends and relatives were visited in Idaho, Wyoming, Nebraska, and Kansas, before arriving at their final destination in Mo. where five weeks were spent with relatives.

Many side trips were made through-out Mo., one of the most interesting being the Ozark Mountains.

The corn crop in Nebraska, Kansas and Mo. was a total failure owing to the drought of Jay and August; however eight inches of rain in September rendered fall crop conditions excellent, in Mo., and larger acreage of wheat was sown than usual. The country was quite beautiful with green fields, and autumn foliage.

One of the enjoyable objectives of the trip was the international convention of Christian Churches held at Kansas City, Oct. 12-18.

A leisurely trip home included stops in Pueblo, Colo., Santa Fe, and Albuquerque, New Mexico, with side trips to the Petrified Forest, Grand Canyon, and Bodie Dam.

The 6417 mile trip traversed twelve states, over all kinds of roads and without accident.

Damon Cafe to Move To New Quarters

The Damon Cafe have made arrangements to take over the Merritt property and expect to take possession soon.

Hilkey Wins Prize For Largest Deer

C. M. Hilkey won the \$15 prize given by Lampert's Sporting Goods store for the biggest mule-tail buck killed during the hunting season. The deer was shot at the foot of Tansey Hill in the Silver Lake district in Eastern Oregon.

Mrs. Mary J. Gleason Is Seriously Ill

The many friends of Mrs. Mary Gleason will be sorry to hear that she suffered an internal hemorrhage last Friday morning and is seriously ill at the home of her son, Mr. E. R. Gleason. Her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Gleason of Seattle and daughter, Mr. Ira Root of Soap Lake are at her bedside.

'Clerc Toggery Display Manager

Howard LeClere, efficient window decorator and salesman has been appointed display promotion manager for the Toggery, according to an announcement made Saturday by William F. Isaacs.

Eleven years experience in selling men's clothing enables Mr. LeClere to display apparel throughout the store and in the Toggery show windows to the best advantage, and to assist southern Oregon men in correct elections. An unusually complete stock of men's high class ready-to-wear and accessories for fall and winter is now available at the Toggery, outstanding ensembles being featured in the windows.

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mornings are cold. You just ought to go over east of the mountains a few miles and see some REAL cold. Brrr! We haven't got warm yet since a recent trip to Alturas, in San Joaquin California.

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After five weeks' major participation in one of the most strenuous and exacting forest fire campaigns of northwest history, fifty-eight CCC camps under forest service supervision in Oregon and Washington are swinging into the 8th half year period of CCC existence, preparing to attack less spectacular but important forest projects, according to the U. S. forest service. The last CCC contingents left the Coos-Curry County fire zone Saturday.

beetle) control and 880,000 acres for rodent control. More than 338,000 man days have been spent in actual fire fighting.

The important part played by the CCC in promoting the attractiveness of the forests from a recreational standpoint is seen in nearly 1,800 acres of public camp grounds improved at hundreds of forest recreation spots throughout the two states.

Forest recreation has been made available for out-of-state tourists as well as local communities through hundreds of camp stoves, fireplaces, shelters, cabins, tables, seat and many other improvements constructed at choice camping places. Nearly a million and a quarter fish have been stocked by the CCC in forest streams, lake and streams have been developed for fishing and flood control, and important game and wild life data obtained. Tree troopers have proved invaluable in emergencies such as fire and flood disaster in this region and in search for missing persons.

"Probably the great contribution of the CCC in Oregon and Washington with some 9,000 enrollees under forest service jurisdiction now include 30 camps in Oregon, of which 18 are national forest, 9 state and private forest, and 3 Oregon and California land grant forest; and 28 camps in Washington of which 19 are national forest, 8 state and private forest, and 1 navy.

Accomplishments chalked up by the CCC during its 3 1/2 years' existence in Oregon and Washington federal, state and private forests include much work in addition to familiar fire protective measures for which the tree troopers are widely known. They include reforestation of 755 acres of livestock range; construction of 417 miles of range fence; 124 stock bridges; 104 horse bridges and 1,244 vehicle bridges, for the most part made of prefabricated lumber, or rather wood materials. More than 459,000 acres have been covered for insect pest (mainly pine

"Probable the great contribution of the CCC in Oregon and Washington," states regional forester C. J. Buck, "has been in speeding toward completion the carefully worked out fire protection plan of the forests involving lookouts, telephone line, fire breaks, roads, trails, and other facilities for prompt action on forest fires, and in supplying the ready manpower that can be called upon for immediate service on these fires. In spite of the exceptional fire crisis of the past few weeks and its attendant losses, the national forest loss for the four seasons in which the CCC has figured has set an all time low record."

"A glance at the summary," said Buck, "shows that a truly tremendous task has been accomplished.

Without question thousand of boys have developed along with this work and have become better present and future citizens as a result."