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Musings

By an Innocent Bystander

Wonder if we can't get our new mayor to do as did "Pop" Gates back in 1919 when he was mayor of Medford. The town was suffering with ice and snow on all sidewalks just as we are now, and one night "Pop" issued a proclamation ordering everyone to clear off their walks before 10 o'clock the next morning, or he would order the city crew to do it and charge it to the property. That evening one could see many a tired business man hard at work with axes, picks and shovels. But behold, before morning a regular old "Chinook" came along and took off every bit of snow and ice in the Rogue River valley. But maybe our mayor hasn't that amount of influence with Providence.

Anyway, we are with The Oregonian, which says they won't object if we don't have any more snow for some time. And as for the cold nights, we are getting mighty tired of this eternal thawing out of frozen water pipes.

And how the wood piles do disappear these days. It's an ill wind that blows nobody good, and the wood men are sure reaping a harvest this year. But it has sure slowed business down. Everyone is sticking right by the fireside and shopping only when and if they absolutely must.

Our state solons have started work. The hopper is already beginning to fill up with new bills. Every new member seems to think he must get busy and reorganize the whole works. Of course many of the proposed measures will never get any farther than some committee's waste basket, which is just as well. But there are some things we think should have serious consideration. Among these is the proposed redistribution of the gas tax money.

61.6 per cent of the Oregon Population reside within incorporated cities, according to the 1930 census, and 38.4 per cent of the people reside in rural areas. At least two-thirds of the highway revenues originate within the cities of Oregon. The cities are asking that only a small part of the revenues which come from the tax paid on gasoline which is used only on city streets be returned to the cities for the maintenance of streets. It seems no more than fair that at least a small part of this money be allowed to go to the cities from which it originates.

We want to commend our worthy governor on the common sense of his message to the legislature. He is not going to stand for the law makers going hog-wild with the finances of the state, which he has been at such pains to get on a cash basis. More power to him, even if he is a Democrat. The old gentleman has plenty of backbone, anyway.

The rain last night sure made the streets plenty hard to travel over. We overheard both service station operators laying plans for a quick get-away in case any fool driver should hit the highway intersection, too fast and skid into their places of business. Mr. Grimes had a close call yesterday when such an accident sent a car hurtling all over the lot, narrowly missing the station building and breaking off a sign post.

The storm has been a very "unusual" one. We are told that there is 17 inches of snow at Willows, Calif., something that is so rare that there is no record of such a thing in the memory of white men. Guess we will have to move back to Alaska.

It is to be hoped that Congress will see its way to increase the appropriation for Crater Lake park this year and do it soon. The chambers of commerce of southern Oregon, the Shasta Cascade Wonderland association, the railroad company and others are doing all they can to make this a winter playground, as well as a summer one, and the park should be kept open the year round. Unless there is more money forthcoming soon, it will be impossible for the park administration to keep the snow off the roads up there. A letter to your senator and congressman won't do a bit of harm.

FATHER-SON FEED FOR BOY SCOUTS IN NEAR FUTURE

Mr. E. P. Stone was called to Medford Tuesday evening to represent Troop 40 and help make plans for the annual Father and Sons banquet of the Boy Scouts. About 440 are expected to attend. Scout tickets will be 35 cents and Scouter tickets 50 cents.

The committee will meet again to make final plans. Members from Phoenix, Jacksonville, Gold Hill and Central Point will meet with the Medford Scouts at the Medford high school. The date has not been definitely set for the banquet.

11 Million Dollar Increase Reported By U. S. Nat'l Bank

The United States National Bank, which has a direct branch in this city, reports a gain in deposits of over eleven million dollars in the past twelve months, according to official statement issued to the Comptroller of Currency as of December 31, 1936. During the same period resources increased approximately twelve and one-half million dollars, or at the rate of more than one million dollars a month. Deposits, as of above date, total \$113,912,986.26, and resources \$123,343,148.92.

Capital, surplus, undivided profits and reserves have increased \$1,122,247.12, including \$750,000 which was added to the capital funds by the issuance of new stock June 30, 1936.

An interesting comparison is shown between the United States National's statement of December 31, 1936, and December 31, 1929, at which time the bank's deposits totaled \$62,323,578.68. In other words, there has been a gain of \$51,589,407.58.

"This indicates," stated Mr. George T. Frey, manager of the Medford branch, "that despite the long drawn-out depression period, during which there was excessive unemployment and lower wages and reduced earnings, that good old-fashioned thrift was still being practiced, and that money was accruing to the credit of individuals, families and business concerns through wiser and more conservative use of their funds." Frey reports that deposits at the local branch show gratifying increases and at the same time, through greater commercial activity, there is more money in circulation, which is benefiting the community at large.

So what?--

Against the city ordinance, a bicycle was seen carrying double on the streets of Medford—a huge snow man riding on the handle bars.

Mr. E. C. Faber making a high jump when a mouse trap snapped unexpectedly.

Mrs. Mary Richardson and a friend skating on the icy street, landing on the pavement and curing a headache which had bothered for a number of days. Headache addicts please note.

All-Star Cagers win From St. Mary's

Two Central Point basketball teams invaded the St. Mary's gym in Medford Wednesday evening.

Through some misunderstanding the Central Point second string did not meet the supposed opposing team, so played 15 minutes practice with St. Mary's first team. The regular game started at 9:10 between the St. Mary's and the Central Point All-Stars.

Central Point took an early lead with a flashy finish of 68 to 52 in her favor. The line-ups were:

St. Mary Central Point
D. Sakradia (18) F.M. Simmons, 19
D. Wilson (8) F. D. Ayers, 15
B. Bigham (4) C. N. Pinkham, 19
E. Sakradia G.M. Simmons, 19
L. Sakradia (3) G. A. Ayers, 14
Subs: St. Mary, Demar and Lauffe.

Central Point All Stars are playing Dark's Grocery of Medford in a two-game series match at C. P. gym Monday night and have a promise of a game with Medford. Merchants at Medford, January 22 or 23.

Many Changes Are Taking Place In Local Business

Several changes in the business lineup along the principal street of Central Point all go to show that at least some of our citizens have faith in the town and are willing to back that faith with hard cash.

Notable among these changes is the recent purchase of the old Rostel brick block on the corner of Third and Pine streets by the Woodman lodge and W. E. Alexander. The lodge will have the entire top floor and Mr. Alexander will occupy the ground floor formerly occupied by the Damon Cafe and the Central Point Meat Market.

The Woodmen are preparing to re-build the upper floor of the building and plan to have the lodge hall on one side of the center hallway and a dining room and kitchen on the other. When complete they will have one of the finest lodge homes in this part of the county.

The Alexander hardware and implement house will have much more commodious quarters than their present building affords. The east half of the building, formerly occupied by the meat market, will be used for displaying farm machinery and implements, while the west room will be used for the hardware stock and office. New floors are to be laid and the building entirely refinished. The big windows will allow wonderful displays.

W. E. Alexander has been in business in this city for many years. He was formerly connected with the firm of Freeman & Wiley and later he and Mr. Wiley went into business for themselves. Later Mr. Wiley sold his interest to his partner, Mr. Alexander's son-in-law, Fred Hessegrave, has been assisting in the business for a number of years and handles much of the outside work, besides assisting with the bookkeeping.

As sole agents in this territory for the McCormick-Deering line of farm machinery and implements as well as a full line of builders and shelf hardware and paints and being one of the few firms in the country handling harness, this firm business covers a wide territory. Years of honest dealing, fair prices and close attention to the wants of their customers has built for them an enviable reputation and the city can well be proud that Mr. Alexander has chosen to make this large investment here.

The Damon Cafe, owned and operated by Mrs. L. Damon and her son, Ed Brown, which has occupied the Rostel corner for years, is now being moved to what is known as the old Merritt building on the north side of Pine street in the block between First and Second streets and formerly occupied by the Marine Grocery.

Mrs. Damon has also shown faith in the future of the city by purchasing this building from the Merritt estate. She has had a new roof put on the main building and is making extensive improvements. The old garage in the rear formerly occupied by Jess. Richardson and O. D. Tucker will be torn down, also several of the old buildings about the premises. When complete, Mrs. Damon will have very attractive quarters.

O. D. Tucker has moved his auto repair shop into the rear of the old dance hall between the drug store and the old city hall. Later he expects to occupy the entire structure. Jess. Richardson has moved into the small building across from Faber's formerly occupied by the Central Point Wood yard.

Pointers Win First Conference Game

The Central Point high school basketball team started its conference season with a victory last Friday night when it defeated Gold Hill by an 18 to 12 score.

The "maroon and blue" was on the short end of an 11 to 7 score at half time but rallied to pile up 11 pointers and to hold the Cement makers to one counter in the final stanza.

Homer "Stub" Myers, the Pointer's freshman forward, who was playing his first conference game for the locals, lead his team in scoring with 8 points. Walker, Gold Hill forward, was high point man with 10 tallies.

The game was rather rough at times and Grimes, Pointer forward, and Mullin, Cement-maker guard were forced to leave the game because of fouls.

In the second team encounter, the Pointers rolled up 25 points to Gold Hill's 6 in a three quarter affair. The Gold Hill grade team proved superior to the Pointer grade quint and defeated them 25 to 9.—The Central Pointer.

Skidding Car Breaks Pole at Intersection

A car driven by L. J. Amler of Medford became unmanageable at the highway intersection Tuesday and narrowly escaped causing serious damage. Mr. Amler was driving north and as he approached the intersection noticed another car approaching the crossing. Setting his brakes caused the car to skid and it turned completely around, striking the curb near the service station building and continuing on backwards across the lot along the sidewalk and striking an iron sign pole, breaking it off and demolishing the spare tire rack and cover on the car.

A small drift of snow at the edge of the curb was all that saved the car from crashing into the service station building. No one was hurt.

Golden Link Class Holds Enjoyable Party

The Golden Link Bible class held their class party at the home of Mrs. Lettie Gregory with a good attendance. Officers were elected for the coming year and "pals" were also chosen.

After the business session questions that could be answered by the name of vegetables were handed out. Another list answered by the names of nuts was tried, which made some of the ladies think they were the biggest nuts of all when the answers were read.

Delicious refreshments of chicken sandwiches, cake and cookies were served by the refreshment committee, consisting of Mesdames Lampert, Hansen and Gregory.

The February meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Higger.

Moses D. Hood, 65, Dies in Hospital

Moses D. Hood, resident one and one-half miles north of Central Point where he has spent the last 13 years and where he was well known and a highly respected citizen, passed away in a local hospital at 8:00 p. m. Saturday following a short illness.

Mr. Hood was born at Harrison, Arkansas October 18, 1872 and was aged 64. He was married in November, 1897 at Pomeroy, Wash., to Alice Thomason who survives. He united with the Church of Christ in 1901 and held membership in that church at Medford.

Besides his wife, he leaves 12 children, Violet Linder and Orville Hood of Midvale, Idaho; Lola Mercer and Melford Hood of Portland; Vera McCay and Wilma McGraw of Medford; Zora Dubbs, Grants Pass; Elton Hood, Eagle Point and Ata Kelly, Beula Walker, Wanda and Kenneth Hood of Central Point. Also 13 grandchildren six brothers and five sisters.

Mr. Hood was one of eleven children and the first one to pass away. His family is well known here and have the sympathy of the entire community in their loss.

Funeral services were conducted by Elder Frank Childers at the Conger chapel at 2:30 Wednesday. Interment was in the Central Point cemetery.

NOTICE

Owing to sickness and disagreeable weather the Past Matrons' club has postponed their January meeting and will meet at Mrs. Paul Martin's for their February Meeting.

Hospital Work by Christian Workers Shown on Screen

Pictures on the screen of some of the Evangelistic Work of Christian Endeavorers in the World's largest hospital in the General Hospital of Los Angeles County, will be shown next Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock at the "Little Red Brick Church". Showing a work in which all Christian Endeavorers might engage through various channels opened as the work progresses and the need for it is made clear.

Those who saw the pictures last Sunday night pertaining to the evangelistic work among the industrial workers in the iron and steel plants, will enjoy seeing an entirely different phase of Christian Endeavor work.

An invitation is extended to all, so come and bring your friends and neighbors.

The 11 o'clock morning hour of worship will present a continuation of the subject taken up last Lord's Day morning: "The Lord's Prayer". This is the Church's Model Prayer, and after a deep study of it, each of the sixty-six words that comprise it will no doubt produce a more profound and worshipful spirit of prayer. These services are open to everybody, at the "Little Red Brick Church" of Central Point, the Church of Friends and Friendliness.

RANDOM SHOTS

By Bill Kirk, Jr.

Very unusual weather in California just now. One Hollywood studio had to stop filming a rain scene because real rain put the artificial shower apparatus out of order.

It now develops that one of the reasons the Washington Huskies lost at Pasadena—aside from the way Pittsburgh smeared up their linemen—was that the Phelanites arrived in Pasadena five days before the game and were banqueted and feted too much. Apparently it was mush in the drawing rooms and not slush on gridiron that slowed up the coast champions.

Oregon doctors are a little upset because the poll of editors shows the scribes favor the hospital associations as against the medical societies. What do the Docs expect? Their campaign just shut off the hospital association advertising which was not a very hot move with eye eds, and that calls up the old story about the doctor who complained in connection with a birth, then the Editor who offered to mention his name as each was recorded followed the same policy in regard to deaths.

Joe Singer who always bobs up some place around the legislature is sergeant-at-arms for the Senate this trip. Anyone who ever heard Joe announce a visitor gets a pretty good idea why his name is Singer.

Another perennial legislative employe has turned out to be Elbert Bede whose Cottage Grove activities have been reduced to columnizing since he became a Portland printer. In recent sessions he had been reading clerk of the house, but since the Democrats took complete charge has moved over to the men of his own ilk in the Senate where he is again reading clerk.

Klamath Falls seems to have a toe-hold on state politics with Claude McCulloch bossing the Democrats, Art Priaulx heading the Republicans and now Harry Bolvin, speaker of the house. Some of the boys claim there were some back room arrangements between this trio over the house committee appointments.

NOT THAT KIND OF HORN

Miss Ruby Higgenbotham, teacher in the Willow Springs district, planning a musical play, inquired how many could bring some kind of small musical instrument.

A number were offered, but no horns. Grieving over this, she was wondering what she could do when little six-year-old Oris Wolfe raised her hand and said: "We have two horns, but they are both on a cow."

Mrs. Gayle Adams and Miss Wilma Vannom of the Murray Beauty shop in Medford attended the convention of the Oregon State Hair Dressers' association at the Multnomah Hotel in Portland Monday. Mrs. Marcella Bowman of Medford was elected president of the association.

MRS. A. SNIDER DIES IN CALIF. AFTER OPERATION

Mrs. Jennie White received a telegram Wednesday morning telling of the death of her only daughter, Mrs. Audrey Snider, at Watsonville, Calif. Mrs. White left last night on the train for Watsonville.

Mrs. Snider, who lived here for a number of years, had many friends who will mourn her passing. While here she took a prominent part in church and social activities, being for a time organist at the Christian church. She and Mrs. Shely sang at different times over the radio. She was a member of the Woman's Relief Corps and other organizations and was a very talented musician.

Mrs. Snider's son Bill, attended school here, graduating from the high school in 1935. He is at present attending Oregon State College at Corvallis. Receiving word of his mother's serious illness he left to be with her, but it is unknown whether he arrived there in time to see her before her death.

Mrs. Snider visited her mother, Mrs. White, this fall, but was unable to visit many friends owing to her ill health. After returning to Watsonville her health became worse and it was necessary to operate. She was too weak to survive the shock.

Mrs. White, who has taught school in the Valley for many years, is heartbroken. The American joins her many friends in heartfelt sympathy in her hour of trouble.

Local Basketball to Play Dark's Monday

The Central Point All-Star basketball team will play two games with the Dark's Grocery & Service station boys Monday evening at 7:30 at the local gym. Everyone invited, small change.

Listen in to the chamber of commerce broadcast over KMED Saturday noon. This should become a habit, as many times announcements are made that are of much interest to the people of this community.

The Churches

THE FEDERATED CHURCH
Rev. R. C. Lewis, Pastor, Phone 51
Mr. Kamberg, Supt. Sunday School
Sunday: 9:30 A.M. Bible School, everyone welcome.
11:00 A.M. Morning Worship,
6:30 P.M. Christian Endeavor, Junior and Senior Groups.
7:30 P.M. Evening Worship.
Wednesday—7:30. Family gathering, prayer and Bible study.
The weekday Bible classes have resumed their regular schedule as follows:
Tuesday—2:00, Chapter Summary. 3:00, Synthesis. 6:00, Fisherman's club supper. 6:30 Scofield Bible class. 7:30, Church Evidence.
Wednesday—8:30, Bible Doctrine class.
Thursday—7:30, Personal Evangelism. 8:30, Sunday School Methods. Everyone is welcome to these classes.
The Ladies Aid Society will meet as usual on Thursday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Clifton A. Phillips, Minister
Bible School, 10:00 A.M. Roland Hoyer, Supt.
Communion and Preaching, 11:00 A.M. Subject "The Human Side of the Church" or "Choosing Officers For 1937."
Christian Endeavor 6:30 P.M. Leader, Lola Holly, Director, J. E. Vincent.
Evangelistic Service, 7:30 P.M. Subject "Keeness and Evil Co-operating" Ruth Roberts "Tiny Tot" will sing at this service. We continue the sequel sermons in life of Christ.
We will hold our annual supper and election of officers for 1937 on Tuesday, January 19. All members urged to be present.
Prayer and Bible Study, Wed. 7:30 P.M. Devotional Leader, Eddie Smith. Mrs. Elsie Roberts will review the Book of Micah.
The young people will hold the postponed social and devotional dinner and entertainment Saturday evening in the dining room of the church.