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Musings

By an Inno- Bystander

Spring has come! Ed Farra has dug out his rake and started cleaning up the winter's accumulation of rubbish in his front yard.

It is reported that the regular spring craze for sling-shots is on among the younger set and some trouble has already arisen on account of broken windows, etc. City officials are becoming aroused and the boys are warned that there is an ordinance forbidding the use of sling-shots within the city limits. Parents are urged to assist the officials in stamping out this evil.

This writer is free to admit he used to get quite a kick out of the sport when a boy. And by the same token we also got a kick out of a rifle and later a shotgun. But we'll admit the use of any of these weapons has no place on city streets or vacant lots. Let the boys do their hunting somewhere where it is safe for others or not at all.

Farmers are rejoicing at the slowness with which the snow is melting in the foothills. The water is going into the ground and there is very little run-off. But just the same, a lot of us could stand having that snow get out of sight and the days become a bit warmer.

Well, we notice that our county is safe. We still have a "duly elected and qualified" county judge. At least so a certain former inmate of the "big house" states in a long, rambling legal paper presented in circuit court this week. We offered to bet that the first thing Fehl does when, or if, he is ever allowed to again take up his residence in Southern Oregon, will be to start suit against the county for back salary.

I do beat the Dickens how long it takes for the idea to seep through that fellow's skull that when Governor Meier declared the office vacant on account of the incumbent's conviction of a felony and consequent incarceration in the penitentiary, and appointed another man to fill the place, that said Fehl forever and eternally lost the right to claim the title of "judge." He is no more the "duly elected and qualified county judge" of this county than we are, and that's a long way off.

The city dads made short work of disposing of the pin-ball machines and punch boards when they finally got down to it. Wonder what new "get-rich-quick" scheme they'll think up now. Of all the raw, ungodly devices to separate the fool from his money yet invented by man, the pinball machine was the worst. Maybe the boys will have money enough to buy their own gas for awhile now without carrying a siphon.

Of course some of us older fellows will miss the fun of taking a punch at a candy board once in a while, but we figure we'll save enough in the end to buy all the candy we ought to eat. But guess we can bear the loss. You know, no man yet ever won in the long run in any kind of gambling. It just can't be done.

Do you remember last spring when the new "Potato Control" law was to come into effect, that this writer urged everybody to plant spuds in their back yard? Well we preached a good doctrine, but, as usual, failed to practice it. Now we are paying plenty for the lowly tubers in consequence.

We heard of a plumber over in Klamath Falls who rented a few acres of potato land, hired all work done and cleared about \$5000 therefrom. And he didn't have to quit his regular business either. Now we are wondering if everyone in the country won't plant spuds next year and so knock the bottom out of the fancy price.

Tomorrow sees the end of the 10-day period allowed our state solons to fiddle around on pay. Now they can get down to business and get going. And it is said the lobbyists are rejoicing, because free meals and free liquor means more now. The more we see of that show up north the more we are in favor of declaring a recess of about five years and let us all take a rest.

This state has too many fool laws

POINTERS STILL LEAD AS FINAL GAMES NEAR

County Class B Conference (Southern Division)

	W.	L.	Pct.
Central Point	6	0	1.000
Phoenix	4	1	.800
Talent	2	4	.333
Jacksonville	1	4	.200
Gold Hill	1	5	.167

County class B conference, southern division, basketball teams swung into the home stretch Friday night with the league-leading Central Point Pointers blasting out their sixth straight win with Jacksonville the victim, and a hard-fighting Talent high outfit moving into third place by beating Gold Hill.

At Jacksonville, the powerful Pointers hammered the Miners from their third place position into fourth by a 26-15 score. B. O'Connor, Central Point guard, scored 8 points to pace both teams.

Talent high, playing at Gold Hill before a large crowd, came from behind in a sensational fourth quarter rally to win, 25-23. Bill Glenn's three field goals in the waning minutes brought Talent their first victory. Gold Hill led until the middle of the final period.

In the only northern division battle reported Eagle Point defeated Prospect at Prospect, 29-8, with Smith scoring 14 points.

Lineup:

Central Pt. (26) Jacksonville (15): Grimes, 2 F. Graham Myers, 7 F. Lusk, 7 P. O'Connor, 4 C. Metzger B. O'Connor, 8 G. Sanden, 3 Copinger, 3 G. Forbes, 3 Substitutes: Central Point, Lawrence (2), Webster, James, Jewett, Gantenbein; Jacksonville, Johnson, White, Dennington (2); Referee Harrington.

Bert Peck Is Preparing to Move

Another of the many changes of location among the business places along our main street is that of Bert Peck's auto repair shop. Bert is this week moving out of the building next to Faber's Market and is storing his tools and equipment for the present. The building will be renovated and occupied by Mr. E. C. Faber with a stock of men's clothing and shoes.

The American is informed that Bert Peck will reopen his shop in a short time in a building to be erected in the rear of the W. E. Alexander hardware store, with a front on 3rd street. Mr. Alexander plans to tear down his present warehouse back of the city hall and rebuild it on the rear of his new property. He has rented a room in the new structure to Mr. Peck and the new room will be constructed especially to fit the needs of his business.

In the meantime Mr. Peck will continue to do welding and emergency repair work at his home. Workmen are now busy putting in shelving and fixtures in the Alexander building, formerly occupied by Damon's Cafe. New floors have been put in and an archway is being constructed connecting this with the room formerly occupied by the Lewis meat market.

Just how soon all this will be completed is not known. Weather conditions have been very unfavorable and the work consequently delayed. Now that it has turned warmer it is thought the work will be rushed to completion at an early date.

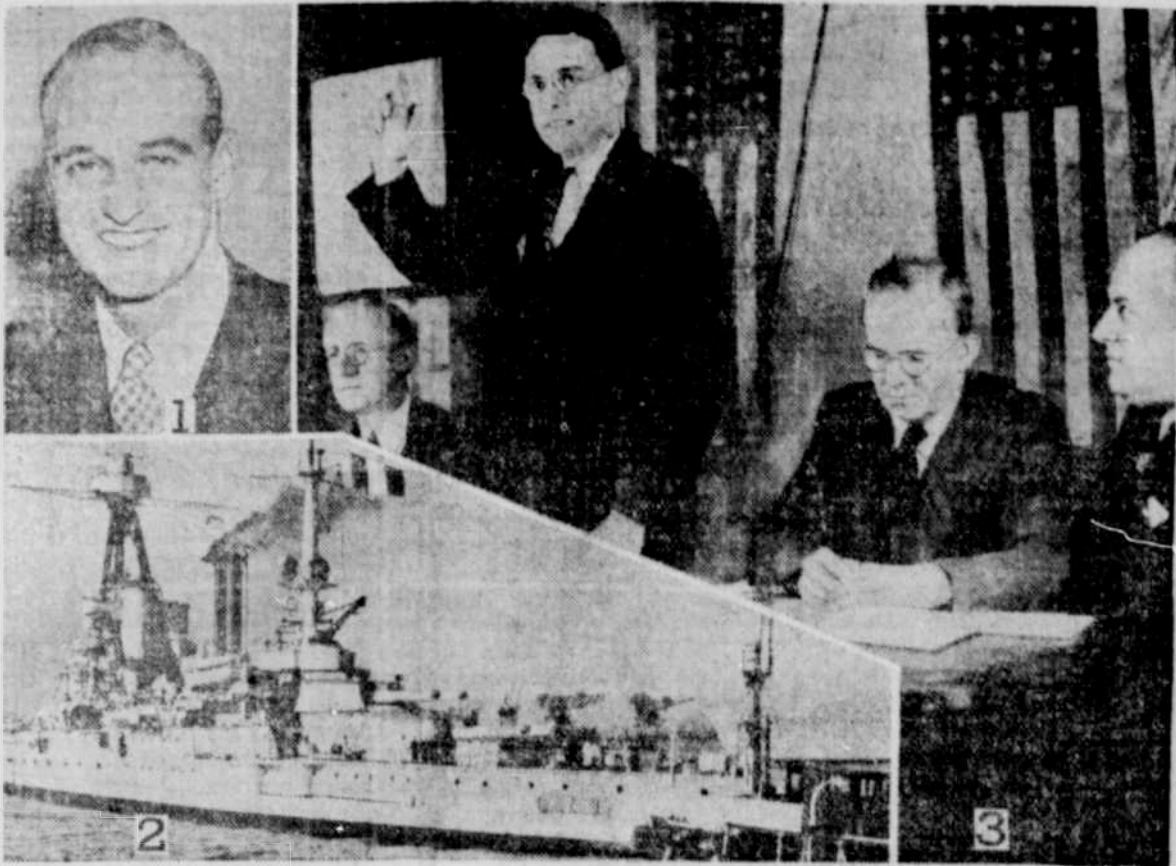
Valentine Party At Grimes Home

The two Hi school classes of the Federated church held a very enjoyable Valentine party at Mrs. L. C. Grimes home Thursday eve. Monopoly was enjoyed thru the evening then all gathered around the Valentine box and much fun was had over the Valentines.

About 25 boys and girls were present. Refreshments of cake, sandwiches and cocoa was served by Mrs. Grimes assisted by Alice Crow.

Now and the sooner we get rid of that bunch of four-flashers and high binders the better for all concerned. But as legislators go, Messrs. McAllister and Stephenson have done as well as could be expected. At least they haven't voted too wildly.

Scenes and Persons in the Current News



1—James Roosevelt, eldest son of the President, who has taken over a secretarial job in the White House. 2—French battleship of the Atlantic fleet now patrolling Spanish waters as a result of the Spanish civil war. 3—Homer Martin, president of the United Automobile Workers (standing) as he discussed strategy with other officials of the union in the automobile strike.

F. & F. Bank Is Locally Owned

The Farmers & Fruitgrowers bank of Medford is conveniently located on west Main street at Grape. It is entirely a home owned institution and has been providing the people of this territory with competent and trustworthy banking facilities for many years. Here you can consult men trained in financial affairs in regard to your various business deals, being sure you will receive sound advice.

They also handle saving accounts, all accounts being insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. The officers and directors are men who understand the banking business and the needs of this community through long years of residence and have been in close touch with the large business interest of the Valley. They will be pleased to have you consult them. Phone 883.

Market Strong With Mounting Prices

Wheat prices are back to peak as the result of heavy purchasing by Germany. Milling prices reached as high as \$1.38 1/2 with \$1.24 the minimum. Northwest offerings have been going at \$1.18 1/2 to \$1.24.

Portland wheat traffic has mounted rapidly since the strike ended. Last year saw 143 cars move in. Philippine flour orders placed in the northwest give promise more heavy movements.

Local egg markets are active with demand continuing strong. Portland storage supplies continue light but Los Angeles and other California centers have started stocking the refrigerators.

Storage butter stocks are well above last year and increasing but the market continues strong and steady.

Dressed meats continue to find good demand and the low in mutton offerings has resulted in a sizeable movement of goat meat.

Potato prices continue to soar. Bakers have been commanding \$4.25 a hundred wholesale in Portland. We can expect the usual aftermath—heavy potato planting this summer—ordinary prices as a result next fall. Turkey risers can give you some figures on this situation. Last year they did well. This year the national crop was twice that of a year ago and with local shippers cut from much of their market by the maritime strike they took real losses. The market was a full 10 cents a pound under the previous year. So that chances next year will be for a lighter turkey crop and good prices and a heavier potato output and reduced returns.

Mr. and Mrs. John Clark and little son Ralston visited Mrs. Clark's father, Mr. Webster at Roseburg Saturday and Sunday. Mrs. Webster and Lorne are planning to go to Roseburg Saturday and Mr. Webster will return home with them and visited until after Washington Birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Morrison left Wednesday for Sacramento where Mr. Morrison expect to have work.

History of Telephone Full of Human Interest

The history of the invention of the telephone is an interesting one in the light of actualities. Like all new innovations, the idea that the human voice could be transmitted over wires, was received with jeers and unbelief by many of the best minds of the country.

Following is a news item from an Eastern newspaper published in 1865, just 71 years ago:

"A man about 6 years of age, giving the name of Joshua Coppersmith, had been arrested in New York for attempting to extort funds from ignorant and superstitious people by exhibiting a device which he says will convey the human voice any distance over metallic wires so that it will be heard by the listener at the other end.

"He calls the instrument a 'telephone' which is obviously intended to imitate the word 'telegraph,' and win the confidence of those who know of the success of the latter instrument without understanding the principles on which it is based.

"Well-informed people know that it is impossible to transmit the human voice over wires as may be done with dots and dashes and signals of the Morse Code, and that were it possible to do so, the thing would be of no practical value.

"The authorities who apprehended this criminal are to be congratulated, and it is hoped that his punishment will be promptly and fitting, that it may serve as an example to other conscienceless schemers who enrich themselves at the expense of their fellow creatures."

When one looks about our country today and sees the vast network of our modern telephone system and takes note of what a blessing this has become to our people, one is amazed that such a change could have taken place in what is relatively so short a time.

Today even we who live in smaller communities or on the farm, have at our finger tips this world-wide service. Every owner of a telephone on even so small a branch of the total system as our local mutual company, may sit in his own home and communicate with friends all over the country if he so desires.

And although the people of 70 years ago believed such a device could not be of "any practical value", today we know its value is almost unlimited. There is literally thousands of ways in which the telephone can be of real service. If you haven't one, it will pay you to investigate.

Suprise Is tGiven At Booth Home

Several fifth, seventh and eighth graders gave a surprise party for Mrs. Martha Booth Tuesday evening. They presented her with two lovely cakes which she served later with sandwiches and cocoa furnished by the young folks. She also received several nice presents.

Besides the graders the other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Booth and nephew, Lee Boswell and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Lacey and little son.

Council Adopts Gambling Ordinance

At an adjourned regular meeting of the city council held Monday night the matter of the operation of pin-ball machines and other gambling devices in the city was taken up. A petition carrying more than 200 names was presented, asking that the council forbid the operation of such machines in Central Point. After some discussion an ordinance was passed forbidding the operation of pin-ball machines, punch boards, either cash or merchandise, and any and all forms of gambling devices within the city limits.

Owners of pin-ball machines and punch boards about the town were notified Tuesday morning of the action of the council and given 24 hours to remove all such devices.

It was reported that much trouble is being experienced by residents of the city through the use of sling-shots by many boys at this time. The mayor called attention to the fact that there was an ordinance in force forbidding the use of such things and urged each councilman to report to the city marshal all infractions of the law which might come to their notice. The cooperation of the parents and citizens in general is asked to put an end to this nuisance.

So what?--

When our visitor from the forest ran down the old highway by the school Monday, many of the school thought it was one of Mr. Jimpsey's goats.

A lady hurrying up to George Treichler and handing him a letter, saying "I was just going to buy a stamp for this but will just hand it to you," looking rather dumbfounded when he asked soberly if she wasn't going to give him the two cents.

Ask Roy Jones why when changing his initials, he choose his present ones.

What become of the poor ground hog? Does he know what he was missing when he hid away in his den during these sun shiny days.

A copy of The American was sent to a former resident of Central Point at Eugene and she states she'd read every word of the news and then every word of the ads and it made her so homesick that she wanted to come back and see every one.

Mr. E. R. Gleason asking his wife if her lovely tulips were paper.

JOHN ANDERSON VISITS

The American enjoyed a brief visit this week from our old friend and neighbor, John Anderson, who for many years was a successful farmer of this district and who is now employed as manager of the country estate of the Hon. Rufus Holman, state treasurer, at Molalla. John is looking well and seems to be having a grand time. Here's long life and happiness to him.

JUNIOR PLAY TO BE GIVEN ON MARCH 2 HERE

March 2 is the date set by the juniors for the presentation of their annual class play, "The Tin Hero", and the cast is working several nights a week in rehearsal.

What is more priceless in this world than a good, hearty laugh? On snap judgment, one would say, nothing. Then think how absolutely priceless two solid hours of continuous laughter would be.

If you want a sure cure for the blues, if you want to forget your cares, your debts, the worries of everyday life, be sure to witness a performance of "THE TIN HERO", to be presented at the high school auditorium on March 2 by the juniors.

Plays of this type are supposed to be funny but "The Tin Hero" upsets all precedent by being ten times as funny as the average farce comedy.

Imagine the comedy that can be wrung from the situation of a fond and adoring mother who exaggerates everything pertaining to her son. She makes mountains out of mole-hills and when her son writes her from Cannes, France that he has saved a young lady from drowning, the mother immediately circulates the report that her son is a hero and a champion swimmer. As a matter of fact, the son cannot swim a stroke, but when he returns to his home in America, he finds a hero's welcome awaiting him.

He has got to live up to this reputation, otherwise his mother's "fibbing" will be exposed. He is forced to enter a swimming contest and how he does it and what the outcome is, form the basis of one of the funniest plots ever used in a comedy. You'll roar; you'll scream; you'll be weak from laughing.

All the members of the cast have congenial parts and will be seen to excellent advantage. An excellent performance is promised.

A THOUGHT for the week.

By Archie Parker

The following is a thought for the week taken from a rare old book from my historical treasure chest.

(ONCHRIDIION)

"Written by FRANCIS QUARLES, and printed for Humphrey Moseley, the Prince's Armes, in St. Paul's Churchyard, England, 1658."

"Be careful rather of what thou dost, than of what thou hast: for what thou hast is none of thine, and will leave thee at thy death, or thou the pleasure of it, in thy sickness. But what thou dost, is thine, and will follow thee to thy grave, and plead for thee or against thee at thy resurrection."

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 Sunday. 3:00, Synthesis. 6:00, Fisherman's club supper. 6:30 Scottish Bible class. 7:30, Church Evidence.

Wednesday—8:30, Bible Doctrine class.

Thursday—7:30, Personal Evangelism. 8:30, Sunday School Method. 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 Hoover, Supt.
Communion and Preaching 11:00 A.M. Duett. Messrs. E. E. Scott and Mrs. Carl Hoover.
Christian Endeavor 6:30 P.M. Noble Brown, Leader; J. Ed Vincent, supervisor.